



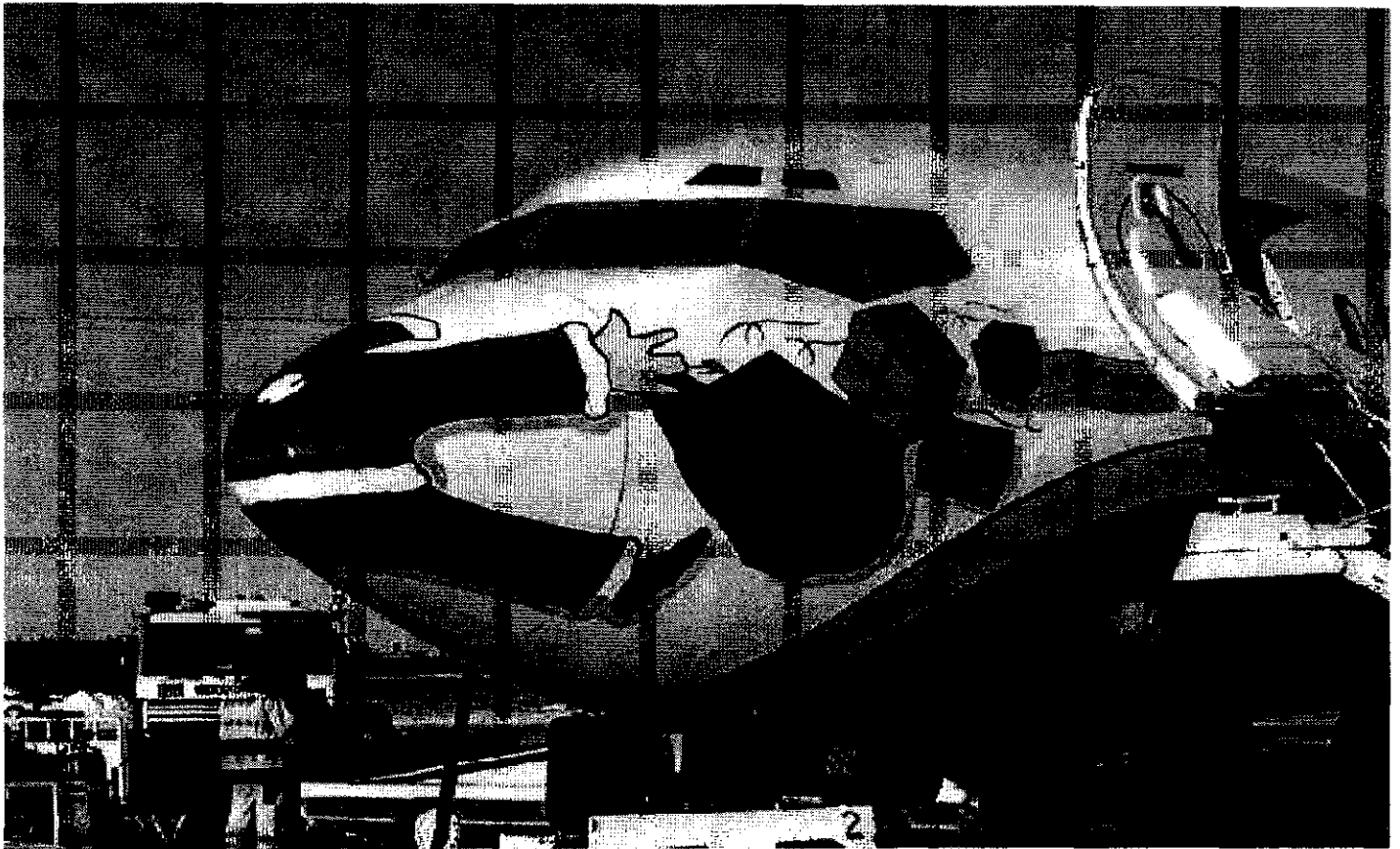
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I will keep myself informed on the affairs, problems and methods of ABATE, so as to be an intelligent and constructive member.

I will exert my influence to see that ABATE has the best possible officers and directors in term of general competence and integrity.

I will faithfully support ABATE with my patronage and encourage my friends to do so.

I will build and maintain ABATE by contributing my share of physical support, labor and capital.

I will insist that full information be provided to me on the operations and financial conditions of ABATE.

I will take pride in ABATE and use my influence to see that it assumes its fair share of community responsibilities.

I will stand by ABATE in its days of adversity and help protect it from weakness which come from prosperity.

I will always remember that ABATE is me, as well as others like me and its behaviors is a reflection of our behavior.

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Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1 st & 3 rd SUNDAY	S.E. PORTLAND	12:00 Noon, M/M Restaurant & Lounge 137 N. Main Gresham
2 nd SUNDAY	CENTRAL OREGON	2:00 PM Moose Lodge #323 3199 N. Hwy 97, Redmond
3 rd SUNDAY	SOUTH COAST	11:00 AM, Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend
	SOUTHERN OREGON	2:00 PM, Oregon's Pizza, Gold Hill
2 nd SUNDAY	COLUMBIA RIVER	12:30 PM, Pizza Perfect, 6815 NE Killingsworth, Portland
2 nd & 4 th SUNDAY	SALEM	1:00 PM, Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem
1 st & 3 rd TUESDAYS	RIVER CITY	7:00 PM, Zim's Brau Haus, 604 E 2nd St., The Dalles
2 nd & 4 th TUESDAY	WASHINGTON COUNTY	7:30 PM, Prime Time Sports Bar & Rest 4202 Pacific Av, Forest Grove
1 st & 3 rd WEDNESDAY	NORTH COAST ABATE	7:00 PM Astoria Eagles, 894 Commercial, Astoria
3 rd WEDNESDAY	N.E. PORTLAND	7:30 PM, RoundTable Pizza, 4141 NE 122 nd , Portland
3 rd THURSDAY	WILLAMETTE VALLEY	7:00 PM, Foxfire Rest 4740 Main St, Springfield, Or
1 st & 3 rd FRIDAY	LINCOLN COUNTY	7:00 PM, Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport

STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 11, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 12:17 by Ted Tracy. A gavel was presented to Ted by the SE Chapter representative, as a token of their esteem. A moment of silence was observed in special remembrance of the veterans, who have served our country, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Reading of the minutes from the October meeting was waived as they are presented in written form in the newsletter.

Coordinator's Comments: Ted welcomed Skye McKey, representing North Coast chapter. Ted discussed the current election results, noting that many of the BikePAC endorsed candidates were successful in their races.

Correspondence: Newsletters were received from many other ABATE organizations, the MRF newsletter was received.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Legislative Director: Bear not in attendance due to illness. Cherie Hembree gave an update on his condition, stating that he is scheduled for surgery this week. Ken Ray filled in a reported on the many races just completed and what that will mean for the upcoming legislative session.

ABATE's BikePAC Representative: Murge not present, not excused. Ted Tracy gave an update. "Rider's Days" are set for January 26 and February 14th. More information to follow. The December BikePAC meeting has been changed to Sunday, December 3rd at 2 pm. Elections for the open BikePAC positions will be held at that meeting.

Confederation of Clubs Representative: Meeting scheduled for tonight, Clark will have a report at the next State Board Meeting.

Education Director: Geoff not present, not excused.

Education Director II: Terry not present, excused.

Membership Director: Mother not present due to imminent arrival of Grandchild, excused.

Newsletter Editor: Gordon not present, excused.

Products: Brad announced 50/50 tickets, also scarves, and T-shirts available.

PR Director: Melinda not present, not excused.

State Run Coordinator: Roger discussed tentative swap meet dates. The spring swap meet is scheduled for 4/14, and the fall swap meet is scheduled for 9/23.

State Run Coordinator II Kurt not present, excused.

Treasurer: Clark reports balances as of 10/31: Insurance deposit: \$3,366.00; Bulk Mail, \$3,760.35; checking, \$1,948.27; savings, \$44,119.09; for a grand total of \$49,827.71. Statement from the Labor Day run was discussed, with the final total of \$1,441.34. Randy Christensen from the South Coast chapter presented a check for \$1500 to Clark, due to the success of their events in 2000.

Chapter Auditor: Nancy not present, no report, not excused.

Historian: This is one paragraph from the introduction to the History of the First Seven Years: 1975-1982 written by Teresa Hepker. It appears still appropriate to me. "The things that ABATE has done so far, were accomplished because you and people like you wrote letters, LOTS OF LETTERS, and renewed your memberships even though you hadn't seen a newsletter in months, and supported ABATE fund-raising events, and talked your friends into doing all those things, too. All in all, if the next seven years hold as much growth and enthusiasm as the last seven, the State of Oregon is in for some big changes! LET THOSE WHO RIDE, DECIDE!

WebPage Editor: Maddog not in attendance, excused.

Vice Coordinator North: no report

Vice Coordinator South: Bob Avery discussed his recent election campaign activities.

Vice Coordinator East: OPEN

Sergeant at Arms North: Bob had no report

Sergeant at Arms South: Bear ill, excused

Sergeant at Arms East: OPEN

Committee Reports

1. Sanctioning Committee: Jill presented the flyers from South Coast for the 2001: Coos River Run and the Show & Shine. A reminder that any event that requires Insurance that the chapter wishes to purchase through the State, must be submitted by the March Board of Directors meeting, along with the insurance premium.

2. Run Committee: Next meeting scheduled for November 30th.

Unfinished Business:

1. Planning Session: Ted gave a quick run-down on the planning session. Some proposals will be held until after elections are complete. Proposal to discontinue the Labor Day run was discussed. Vote from the Board to discontinue this event.

2. Attorney Information: This meeting has not been scheduled yet

3. Fossil Museum display: Deb Jones and Jim Niece will work on this, no new information.

4. State Webpage Update: Ted has not contacted Carol Frawley, will have more information next month.

5. Membership Secretary Printer: Randy Phipps says that Murge has procured a new printer with funds left over and will return those next month.

6. ODOT Conference: Randy's report will appear in the newsletter

7. OCOVA membership: a newsletter was received from this group, soliciting membership. Bob Avery will investigate and return with a report next month.

8. Washington D.C. trip: the following people have expressed an interest in going to Washington D.C. to lobby our newly elected officials: Bob Avery, Ted Tracy, Mike Farmer, Deb Jones, Joe Huff, Mel and Iris Yeager, Cherie Hembree, Barb Cooley, Hal Fletcher, Peggy Webb, and Ken Ray. Bear also had expressed interest, but will not be able to attend due to his illness. The above people will return next month with a short speech as to their reason why they should be the ones sent, and also be prepared for a question and answer session. River City chapter presented \$100 to the State Treasurer to assist in funding this trip.

New Business:

Nominations for State Officer positions for 2001:

Coordinator: Ted Tracy

Vice Coordinator North: Jim Niece

Vice Coordinator South: Bob Avery

Vice Coordinator East: no nominations

Legislative Director: Cherie Hembree

Education Director I: Geoff White

Education Director II: Terry Schaefer

Membership Secretary: Murge Gunter, Jill Tracy

Recording Secretary: Charlie Hill

Treasurer: Clark Brooker

Newsletter Editor: Gordon Hieronimus

Products: Nancy and Brad Brooker

PR Director: Melinda McCrossen? Not present to accept

State Run Coordinator: Rotten Roger

State Run Coordinator II: Kurt Speas? Not present to accept

Chapter Auditor: Carla Richesin

Historian: Iris Yeager

WebPage Editor: Maddog

Sergeant at Arms North: Bob Earl declines

Sergeant at Arms South: Tom Boyd declines

Sergeant at Arms East: no nominations

BikePAC Representative: Randy Phipps, Cherie Hembree, Deb Jones

Confederation of Clubs representative: Clark Brooker

Announcements were made and the meeting adjourned at 2:55. The next State Board meeting is scheduled for December 9th at noon in Junction City.

Minutes submitted by Jill Tracy, State Recording Secretary

COORDINATORS CORNER

Hi All:

Hope things are going okay for everyone. Life has been quite hectic around the house, but we are mostly doing things we want to be doing, so no room to bitch, even though cleaning the garage is NOT one of my favorite things to do.

At the planning session in 1997, about 25 people led by Larry Schalk hammered out our present Mission Statement. Let's take a look at it. "ABATE of Oregon promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety and liberty through community involvement and legislative action."

Motorcycle awareness: ABATE has an excellent Motorcycle Awareness Program that has been copied in other states. We have been blessed with wonderful State Education Directors, including our present one, Geoff White. The program is taught to High School students taking Driver's Education classes. They are taught why motorcyclists do some of the things we do, like move from one side of the lane to another. We know it is to be more visible or to avoid road debris, and now they know it too. Geoff and Terry Schafer regularly give instructor training classes. We can be very proud of our classes and this program deserves your support.

Education: We never stop. We are constantly educating students, the public, and particularly our elected officials.

Safety: ABATE is trying to prevent motorcycle accidents. Our "Save a life, be aware" bumper stickers are a hit. Over two thousand have been requested and are hopefully on cars and trucks all over the state. ABATE was instrumental in founding the TEAM Oregon classes, now run by the state. This program is fantastic and is run by some very dedicated people. ABATE also pursued increased funding for this program during a recent legislative session. ABATE participates in different safety conferences, including the Blue Ribbon Coalition for Motorcycle Safety.

Liberty: Freedom for adults to choose whether to wear a helmet or not, freedom to eat, sleep and ride where we want. Freedom from harassment by authorities. By being an ABATE member, you are helping to fight for those and other freedoms. Sometimes I feel politically active motorcyclists are some of the last freedom fighters left in this country.

Community Involvement: Most of the chapters produce events that raise funds for different charities. Of course, Toy Runs would lead the way for charitable fund raising, but I know there are other events too.

Legislative Action: We shine here, even if we still have to wear helmets. We start the process by helping our supporters get elected. Lawn signs, telephoning, and voting are just some of the activities we do. Then we go to the capital for Biker Days, with appointments to see our legislators. ABATE is one of the most respected organizations at the State Capital year after year. The absolute best way to pursue freedom in this State is to become a Precinct Committee Person (PCP) and become involved in your county political party. This can be

very rewarding as you get to know how the political process works. Give me a call and I will find a contact person for you. Well, how do you think we are doing on fulfilling our mission statement? I think we have a great framework in place, but there are areas that could use even more support and energy. If you haven't participated in a Biker Day event, helped support one of our friendly legislators, or joined in presenting a motorcycle awareness class, what are you waiting for? Get in there and join the fun! If you are participating, you know that ABATE of Oregon is a great group, one that I am proud to be a member of!

Ted

Vice Coordinator North Community

Information for State Representatives

You are a member of the State Board of Directors for the nonprofit corporation, ABATE of OREGON. Being that, you have certain duties and responsibilities that you should be aware of.

A Director is defined as a person who directs or controls something. It is also defined as a member of the managing board of a corporation. By agreeing to serve on the Board of Directors, you take on certain legal duties and responsibilities.

As a Director you have two duties: You must act with due care in managing the affairs of the corporation, and you must be loyal to the corporation.

Generally you should be exercising the same care in running a nonprofit corporation that you would exercise in running your own business. This means observing corporate formalities such as making sure that the corporation is properly organized with the state, is following the law, our Articles and Bylaws, maintains a separate bank account, has business records and etc. You must see that the corporation acts as a nonprofit corporation. You must actively manage the corporation. You must make reasonable decisions. You must adopt the major policies of the corporation. You must provide financial management, that being prudent financial management for the corporation. You must know the financial condition of your corporation. You must be sure that all taxes are being paid. You must protect the tax - exempt status of the corporation. There is more here, but the above will give you an idea of what is expected of you.

The duty to be loyal means that you must place the corporations interests above your own in any transaction in which the two may come into conflict. Because the organization is incorporated, someone has to be responsible for it. By law, that group is the Board of Directors.

Jim

VC North

All Motorcycle Rights Organizations are in the same boat.

But we need to remember that the vessel will only go in circles unless every oar is pulling in the same direction.

"Unity is the answer"

CHAPTER REPORTS

Central Oregon

Meets 2nd Sunday, 2:00 PM
Moose Lodge #323, 3199 N. Hwy 97, Redmond
Chapter address: P.O. Box 926, Redmond, Or. 97756
Chapter contact: Jay Swartz 541-389-6773

No report first time.

Columbia River

Meets 2nd Sunday, 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

This is our last report of the Second Millenium!! Our chapter has experienced some modest growth in membership and we are looking forward to adding even more members. More importantly, we are hoping that we will have larger turnouts for chapter meetings and greater interest in becoming active in the organization. Membership is just the first step; participation is the next.

Remember to put the Sweet Heart Dance on your calendar, February 10, 2001. It will be at the River Road House in Milwaukee once again. The owner, Andy, has been supportive of our organization and we should return that support by patronizing his business, not only at the dance but any time you are in the area and need some food and a beer; they serve great burgers there.

We are also plugging away at our project of building a memorial bench to Angie Jensen at Fossil. With luck, it will be in place Memorial Day.

The recent elections should have reminded all of us of the importance of being politically active and at least voting for your candidates. The new legislature provides us with an opportunity that should not be missed.

Finally, please consider running for a chapter office. The work of the current officers has been greatly appreciated but I am sure that none of them would mind giving someone else a chance to serve. We also have had some vacancies such as ways and means, education, public relations, and legislative that we need to fill. So get involved, folks, and help out.

SPIKE

Lincoln County

Meets the 1st & 3rd Friday, 7 PM
Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 614, Waldport, OR 97
Chapter Contact: Ralph Janes (541)265-6850

No report first time.

N.E. Portland

Meets 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

No report second time.

North Coast

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 PM
Astoria Eagle, 894 Commercial, Astoria
Children are Welcome
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 854, Warrenton, Or. 97146
Chapter Contact: Joel Hackney 503-717-8794

Hello from North Coast.

Just a short note to tell everyone about what is happening up here. Dec. 9th is our Toy Run we leave Rob's Restaurant at 10:00 A.M. so try to be there on time. If the weather is good we will have a few stops if not it will be a short ride, so hope to see everyone there. I will have a full year report on our chapter in the Jan. newsletter so stay tuned and ride safe.

Panhead

River City

Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 PM
ZIM'S BRAU HAUS, 604 E. 2nd. St., The Dalles
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 1422, The Dalles, OR 97058
Chapter Contact: Lee Eikanas, (509) 773-5076, or Mike Farmer (541) 386-8744

We had an awesome meeting in which we got nominations for all but two of our officer positions for next year. These are all volunteers. What a great bunch of people! We talked about the idea of having a first aid kit to carry on Chapter rides and French offered to donate one. Nancy Turner would have won the \$20 membership drawing if she had been there. Lee one the 50/50 again for \$7/6 and donated his part back to the Chapter. Thanks again, Lee.

You know bikers seem to like to give each other nicknames. We do it often on our Chapter rides for whatever quirky reason we find. Many of us are familiar with people in our Chapter like French, Kickstand, Billy Bob, Exgijoe or Dipstick. Bet you don't know who got the nickname "the Wheelie King" years ago. I propose some new ones, but you have to figure out who they are. "Let's Eat", "Slow Down!", "The Hammer", "Snow", "Speechless", "Blondie", "Old Faithful", "Itinerary", "Jaws", "Bulldog", "With a K", "Cousin", "Gambler". Put them together, or make up your own!

Brian



Salem

Meets 2nd & 4th Sunday, 1:00 PM

Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave NE

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

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Chapter Contact: Cherie and Cole Hembre: (541)-791-1640

Har Har Har y'all,

(Or maybe that outta be "Ho Ho Ho".)

If this rag gets to ya before the 10th, seriously consider gettin' on yer scoot and puttin' on over the Salem Chapter's annual Toy Run. (Providing we get reassurance.) We've already got quite a collection of toys and gifts for the folks at the Teen Center and Salem Outreach Shelter, so come help us give them out. (They usually have cookies and warm cider fer us at the Teen Center.) Helmets, hats, and hairpieces off to Cherie and Cole fer doing so much to get our Biker Nights going so that we can raise money for this charity event. You both are taking a lot of extra time out of your busy lives and you need to know that we appreciate your efforts on behalf of A.B.A.T.E.

In case some of ya ain't noticed yet, Salem Chapter is now meeting twice a month, the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 1300 (1:00 pm) at Pietro's Pizza at Market and Hawthorne. Twice as many chances to win that membership drawing that has gone unclaimed for oh-so-long now. (And yes, Lawrence Fredrickson and Michelle Lipchitz, your names were both drawn at October meetings, but neither of you were there to take home the \$50.) The folks who do manage to keep coming to meetings have been winning the 50-50 raffles and the Coordinator's drawings.

But aside from the pure financial incentives to attend meetings, there's a lighter atmosphere now. Folks are startin' to enjoy themselves again at our gatherings. Salem Chapter is reinventing itself. Come on down and see what's changing. Be part of it.

As usual, it's deadline day fer the monthly column an' Rot Path is down to the wire. It also happens to be the day before Veteran's Day, and governments and banks are taking the day off. (So are we still supposed to plug meters today?) Also, as usual, Rot Path is doing a lot of self-grumbling over the treatment of veterans by the people we gave part of our lives to protect.

Seems to Rot Path that non-government employers could at least show some appreciation for the sacrifices their veteran employees have made by giving off them this one day of the year.

In reading the local Salem rag, Rot Path counted six businesses that were holding "Veteran's Day" sales, but which express no thanks to veterans or made any mention of what the day is about. In other words, they exploit veterans as an excuse for an increasing their profits. What we veterans need to ask ourselves is: "Why should we give money to these stores throughout the year when they do not acknowledge our contribution to society?" Rot Path plans to write to the offending businesses and let them know that he intends to NOT shop there until they begin demonstrating respect for veterans. Rot Path has that list of stores available if anyone else wants to let them know their feelings on the subject.

One additional observation: Many businesses that now take veterans for granted used to be locally owned and operated. (Including the state newspaper.) It was only after they were acquired by large national corporations that the bottom line became more important than the olive-drab line. And writin'

about corporations, do you know that they have the same legal status as a real live human-type being? They are recognized as individuals with all the same rights as us. (But without most of the responsibilities for their actions, apparently.) That just don't seem right to Rot Path.

Enough of all this humbug talk.

The holidays are all but upon us. It's time to pause often an' take in the beauty that surrounds us, whether it be in sparkly lights and decorations or the sparkling eyes of children, excited by the possibility of magic. The thing is, we all carry children around within ourselves. After a certain age, we just don't see them any more when we look in mirrors. (An excellent reason fer avoiding shinney surfaces.) But the children are still there in us, looking out at the world, feeling the same things. Sometimes, we just need to listen to those children.

(All this explains why if ya happen to visit Rot Path's place, yer likely find a pile of Legos(tm) close at hand.)

There still seem to be folks out there who have trouble tellin' Santa Claus from Jerry Garcia, so Rot Path will add to the confusion by offering this piece that was written last year by someone near an' dear:

SANTA RAP

My name is Santa,
And this is my chanta,
We're searching 'round the world,
For GOOD boys and girls,

Be nice,

Be nice.

If you are bad,
It's a real good bet,
Instead of presents,
You'll get briquettes,

Be nice,

Be nice.

The good that you do,
Comes right back to you,
So be of good cheer,
And we'll see you this year,

Be Nice,

Be nice.

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Be good little girls an' boys now,

Rot Path

P.S. That there Gore-dun shore do right purty, don't he?

(Editor's note; OK thar Rot Path let us not BEAT AROUND THE BUSH, you and eye both no that I don't kno how to right and I shure ain't purty as ya'll.)



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

SouthCoastABATE@yahoo.com

Our food drive has come and gone, now it is time to focus on the Andy Proctor Memorial Toy Run. This Toy Run benefits the local Salvation Army who distributes toys to local families who may not be able to afford to purchase gifts for their children. There are several Toy Runs held throughout the State benefiting various children's groups this time of year. Support your local run- it is a wonderful feeling to put a smile on a child's face.

Our local Chapter also volunteers this time of year as host for one night during a Christmas light show at Shore Acres, a local botanical garden. We serve punch, hot cider, and cookies to visitors throughout the evening and patrol the grounds watching for vandalism to the display. It is a wonderful evening with a beautiful setting. If you have never visited the display, try to come this year. You will be amazed at the beauty and quantity of lights.

Election time is fast approaching, if it hasn't already happened.

Have you considered becoming more active in your Chapter? It isn't that hard and can be very rewarding. If you cannot be an officer, consider participating on a committee. Your input is always welcome and very important. Without you, there is no ABATE! Let your voice be heard, this coming year is going to be very busy.

If you plan to be out on the bike this winter, stay warm, dry, and watch out for the other guy.

Ride safe.

Karen Bauder

Southern Oregon

Meets 3rd, Sunday, 2 PM

Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill

Chapter Address: PO Box 877Phoenix, OR 97535

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First off I would like to apologize for missing last months issue. I truly thought I did it, but obviously I screwed up somewhere. I can't even blame Gordon this time.

By the time you read this, we will have elected our new officers. They will be announced in the January newsletter. Be sure to come to the meetings and meet them.

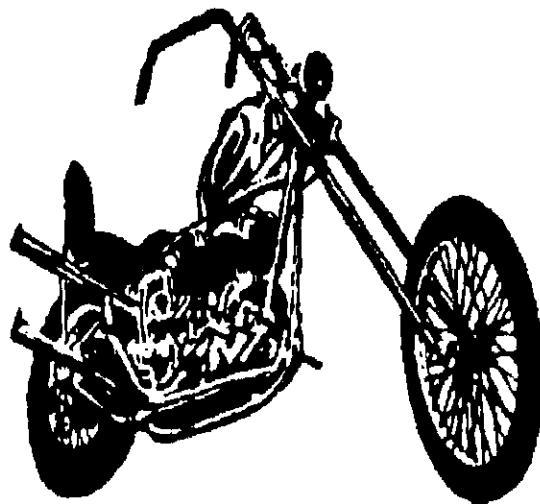
I would like to let everyone know how great it has been working side by side with such dedicated people. Our chapter has grown and has become extremely energetic. I am really proud to be a part of such a great group of people. Dedicated to the freedoms we all deserve.

I am hoping that by the time we are reading this newsletter, we will have the politicians that are dedicated to freedom voted in. The Politicians that are on our side. Ones we can work with and are proud to have represent our country.

I am stepping down as secretary and I know my replacement will do a really great job. She has already proved that. (You go Lois). I know all of the new officers, as well as the existing officers will keep fighting for US. But they will continue to need all the help they can get from the rest of the members. Don't be afraid to step in and take charge of something you think might be of importance to this organization's growth and well being.

I personally would like to see more of camaraderie with the other Portland chapters. I guess this is kind of a challenge for all of us to attend more of each other's meetings. We especially need to support each other at the benefits, poker runs and fundraisers that each chapter puts on. We are all here for the same cause and need to work at getting bigger and stronger, not only in the Portland area, but throughout the whole state. Remember "United we stand, Divided we fall"! A motto that should never be forgotten. Thank you all for allowing me to represent you, for the last two years, as your chapter secretary. I have enjoyed every minute of it.

Anna



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Finally, no more election ads and mailbox stuffers. No, wait---- there is still one very important ballot you need to cast. It's time once again to elect ABATE officers for 2001.

For those of you who are volunteering to fill positions in your chapters, thank you. For those of you considering volunteering for a vacant position, please do. You learn so much more about how ABATE operates when you become involved. Each job takes time, but how much time are you willing to give to help out? An hour or two a week really is not that much. So you don't get to watch reruns some evening, we all need help with this organization. Even if you don't volunteer for a position, you can still help out at events. There are a whole bunch of wonderful people you will get to meet as well. You might even find a new friend or two.

Please consider a position that matches your skills, talents, and time. It's sad to see someone burn out because they tried to do too much.

If you can make it and the weather cooperates, please join WaCo for their 2nd Annual Ice Cycle Run on Saturday, January 6th, 2001. Watch this newsletter for updated information. Until then, keep an eye out for the other guy!

Linda Wells,

WaCo Secretary

Willamette Valley

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Things are winding down for the Y2K and plans are coming together for next year. The chapter campout was a great success and our Christmas party is in the works now as well as this years holiday benefit which will see our chapter serving meals to about 350 families at the Eugene mission. Casino night was another great success. Good turn out and lots of fun, plus a big take for the holiday fund. We'll do two casino nights next year: Feb. 18 and Oct. 14. The Veterans Day Parade coming soon is a chance for many bikers to unite behind a worthy show of respect for all those who've served and sacrificed for our country, and Willamette Valley Chapter will be out front with the rest of them. Plans made at the State planning session have lined up next year's agenda and put Willamette Valley chapter in cahoots with South Coast and Southern Oregon to revive the old SOS run next year. If the state Board decides (as expected) that Chiloquin is a thing of the past, we hope the SOS run will be able to fill the gap. Finally, new officers are now in place for next year:

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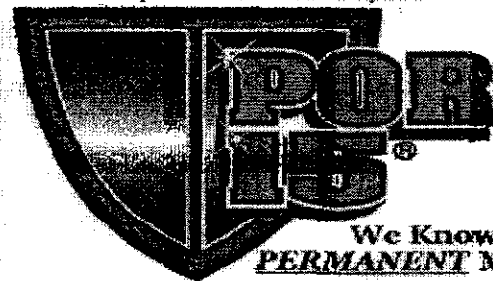
Looks like a great combination of folks come together to meet the chapter needs. Thanks to all the members for a great year and we're looking forward to another good one ahead.

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Michael



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Robert Razor named New AMA president

PICKERINGTON, Ohio -- The Board of Trustees of the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) announced today that Robert Razor has been named the Association's new president, effective Nov. 1. The announcement, made at a meeting of the AMA Board at the Association's headquarters in Pickerington, Ohio, follows the retirement of J. Scott Thornton, who had served as AMA president since November 1999.

Razor has been a member of the AMA staff for nearly 28 years, starting in January 1973 as a legislative analyst. In the early '80s, he became director of the AMA's Government Relations Department, a post subsequently titled vice president for government relations.

Razor's tenure at the AMA has included several landmark legislative victories, from the battle to stop the federal government from blackmailing states over the issue of helmet laws to AMA victories against bike bans in St. Louis; Springfield, Illinois; Brockton, Massachusetts; Chicago; and other communities nationwide. He also oversaw the AMA's effort to impose a federal ban halting health-care discrimination against motorcyclists on the part of companies and unions that provide insurance to workers. And he led the fight to protect the rights of off-highway motorcyclists to ride in appropriate areas of public lands.

In addition to his efforts in this country, Razor holds two important positions with the Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM), and the international organization representing motorcyclists. He is the president of the FIM's Road Safety Commission and is a member of the Management

Council, which guides the FIM's actions in all areas.

"In choosing Robert Razor as the AMA's president, we can draw on nearly three decades of background in dealing with the issues that confront motorcyclists," said Rick Gray, chairman of the AMA Board. "Rob brings a wealth of experience to the job of running the largest organization of motorcyclists in the world."

Razor takes over as president during a period when the AMA has experienced the most rapid growth in its 76-year history. In the past year alone, the Association has grown more than 12 percent, from 240,772 members in October 1999 to more than 270,000 members today.

"My main goal as AMA president will be to continue that growth curve," Razor said. "A bigger, more organized AMA means a stronger voice for all of America's motorcyclists."

"In addition," Razor said, "I will work to continue the growth in Association benefits, making AMA membership an even-better value than it is today."

Draft OHV Management Guidelines to be released

PICKERINGTON, Ohio -- The federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is preparing to release its draft guidelines for controlling off-highway vehicles (OHVs) on millions of acres of public land, the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) reports.

The BLM will unveil its draft national OHV management strategy by November 15 and then give the public 30 days to comment on the proposal. The plan is designed to give BLM land managers guidance on OHV management and access issues "while protecting environmentally sensitive areas on the public lands," the BLM said.

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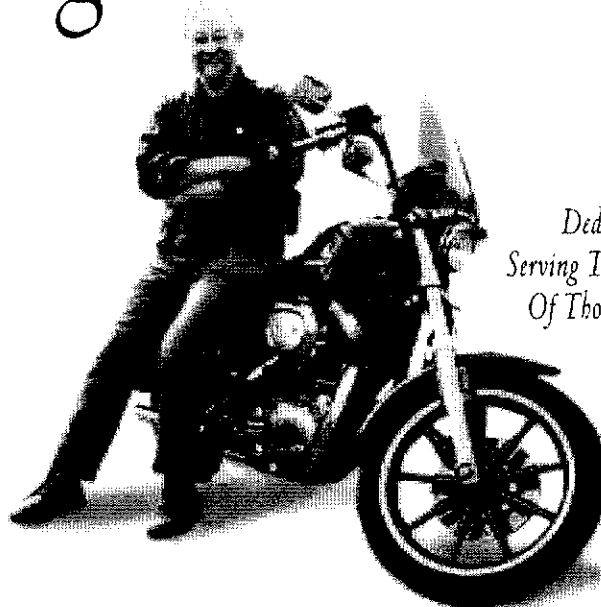
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The AMA will post a notice on its website at www.AMADirectlink.com as soon as the draft national OHV management strategy is released and the 30-day comment period begins.

The BLM, an agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior, manages 264 million acres, which is more than any other federal agency. Most of this public land is in 12 western states, including Alaska. The BLM is responsible for preserving open space by managing the public land for multiple uses, including outdoor recreation, and is responsible for conserving natural, historical, cultural and other resources on the land.

BLM shuts down California riding area

PICKERINGTON, Ohio -- In a move that has shocked off-highway vehicle (OHV) users and local government officials, the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has banned motorized recreation from 48,000 acres of the popular Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area in Southern California, the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) reports.

The closure is part of an out-of-court settlement reached in a lawsuit filed by preservationist groups, which allege the BLM violated the federal Endangered Species Act. The BLM has said that settlement negotiations continue, and further restrictions may be imposed on public uses of the vast California desert.

"This land closure is outrageous," said Royce Wood, AMA legislative affairs specialist. "It's another example of preservationists using the threat of lawsuits to shut down OHV riding areas instead of trying to accomplish their goals through any process that allows for public debate.

"We've seen this same tactic used in Kentucky and Utah in an effort to bully government officials," Wood continued. "These groups hope that federal agencies charged with administering lands for all Americans will cave in to their special-interest demands and reach an out-of-court settlement rather than face drawn-out and expensive court battles.

"What's particularly egregious about this latest action," he added, "is that it further restricts OHV use in an already-limited riding area -- the Algodones Dunes area. Over the years, federal officials have cut OHV access further and further in the California desert, and it's time for that to stop."

The BLM closed the 48,000 acres in the 150,000-acre Algodones Dunes, which includes the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area, when it signed a settlement agreement on October 20 with three groups who had filed a lawsuit seeking, among other things, protection for the Peirson's milk-vetch plant, a member of the bean and pea family.

The BLM said it plans to post closure signs by November 22, halting all motorized recreation in the area just before the Thanksgiving holiday. Up to 100,000 people typically visit the area during Thanksgiving weekend.

The BLM said the Algodones Dunes settlement "is part of the ongoing overall settlement discussions" to avoid a trial in a lawsuit filed against the BLM by the Center for Biological Diversity, the Sierra Club, and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility. Those groups filed a lawsuit in March alleging that the BLM failed to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the effects that the BLM-

administered California Desert Conservation Area Plan would have on a number of threatened and endangered species.

The BLM manages more than 9 million acres of the 25 million total acres in the California desert. The desert plan, which went into effect in 1980, and the California Desert Protection Act, passed eight years later, resulted in severe closures and restrictions on motorized recreation in the desert. They left open travel on some existing roads and ways through the desert, but confined open riding to a handful of specifically designated "intensive-use" areas, including the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area.

This 48,000-acre closure at Imperial Dunes means that more than half the land in the 150,000-acre Algodones Dunes is now closed to OHVs. Previously, a 32,240-acre parcel -- about 20 percent of the total -- was designated as the North Algodones Dunes Wilderness Area and closed to OHVs. That wilderness area was designated specifically to preserve native species, leaving other parts of the dunes open to motorized recreation.

"The California Desert Protection Act dealt a massive blow to motorized recreation," said Wood. "It closed off access to vast areas of the desert and confined open OHV recreation to less than 2 percent of the land. But even that wasn't good enough for the preservationist groups. They have clearly targeted the remaining acres open to motorized recreation with the intent of shutting down the entire desert." Also protesting the closure were Imperial Valley County supervisors, who noted that the shutdown could deliver a major blow to the area's economy. County officials estimate that recreational use of the area pumps \$54 million into the local economy per year.

In addition, county officials said this closure could pose safety risks, since it has the potential to crowd more OHV enthusiasts into a smaller area.

"The AMA encourages all OHV enthusiasts to contact BLM California State Director Mike Pool and tell him that we deserve compensation for the lost land," Wood said. "We want the BLM to find us, at minimum, an equal-sized riding area for every area we lose. We just can't afford to lose another acre."

Letters should go to: State Director Mike Pool, Bureau of Land Management, California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, RM W-1834, Sacramento, CA 95825.

*It is doubtful if anyone ever made
a success of anything who waited
around until all the conditions
were "just right" before starting.*

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News & Notes for the Politically Motivated Motorcyclists

is a monthly service compiled and edited by the AMA Government Relations Staff to keep motorcyclists informed of happenings around the world. We welcome your news & views. Please submit all material to Terry Lee Cook, Government Relations Specialist, 13515 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, OH 43147; fax 614-856-1920 or e-mail to tcCook@ama-cycle.org.

Making Democracy Work for Motorcyclists. Whether you're a veteran lobbyist or just a concerned motorcyclist who wants to be heard on Capitol Hill, the American Motorcyclist Association's (AMA) Introduction to Washington seminar is for you.

The seminar - will be held February 24 - 27, 2001 at the Phoenix Park Hotel, only two blocks from the US Capitol. There you'll learn from the experts about the issues facing motorcyclists today. And you'll learn the ins and outs of working with members of Congress and federal agencies.

The seminar registration fee is \$75 and registration deadline is January 23, 2001. Seminar materials, some meals, including a Monday evening banquet, are included. Space is limited so act quickly. For further information contact Sharon Titus at 614-856-1900 ext. 1252.

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Secretary John Oliver has announced a moratorium on construction of new ATV trails in Pennsylvania. Governor Ridge's office has informed DCNR that they have received more comments, both pro and con, on the issue of ATV access than any other issue since the governor took office in 1994.

Sierra Club volunteer Richard Martin has undertaken a survey of state forest managers and solicited comments and photographs to not only keep this moratorium but to permanently ban ATVs from all public land in Pennsylvania. Comments like;

"ATVs are probably the most intrusive problem that we face in managing our state forest lands" from the Kittanning State Forest manager, and;

"Illegal ATV entry onto the State Forest is evident on almost every block of lands" from the Delaware State Forest manager aren't helping the OHV access issue.

Sierra Club volunteers are being encouraged to document, with descriptions, times, dates and photographs, all damage and illegal ATV activities throughout this period to encourage DCNR to close public land to OHV access.

If you observe anyone trying to gain illegal access or riding irresponsibly, you should remind them that they are jeopardizing access for all OHV recreation.

Meanwhile you need to provide brief, polite and concise comments, both written and oral, to the DCNR and Governor Ridge's office. Let them know that there is a specific need for responsible motorized recreation in the state. This is your chance to be proactive in protecting your right to ride! If they do not hear from riders then they will not know of your feelings on motorized recreation until the gates go up, then it is to late.

**No matter what you ride,
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AMA's Political Action Committee (AMPAC) supported US Senators Jon Kyl (R-AZ), Richard Lugar (R-IN), Olympia Snowe (R-ME), Trent Lott (R-MS), Conrad Burns (R-MT), Kent Conrad (D-ND), Rick Santorum (R-PA), Jim Jeffords (R-VT), and Craig Thomas (R-WY) all won their bids for reelection.

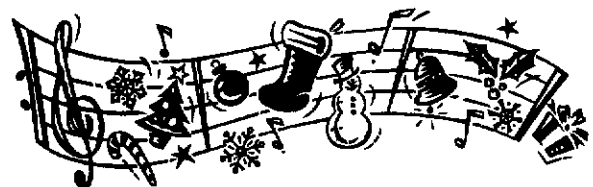
George Allen (R-VA) defeated incumbent Senator Charles Robb who was the focus of criticism from the AMA, Motorcycle Riders Foundation and several motorcycling activists and organizations for fear mongering ads which likened motorcyclists to gun toting criminals.

Senate hopefuls not winning their bid but supported by AMPAC include; Rick Lazio (R-NY), John Ashcroft (R-MO), Rod Grams (R-MN), William Roth (R-DE), Spencer Abraham (R-MI),

US House of Representative candidates supported AMPAC that won their respective races include; Don Young (R-AK), John Shadegg (R-AZ-4), John Doolittle (R-CA-4), Richard Pombo (R-CA-11), Gary Condit (D-CA-18), George Radanovich (R-CA-19), Joe Baca (D-CA-42), Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA-45), Christopher Cox (R-CA-47), Bob Schaeffer (R-CO-4), Adam Putnam (R-FL-12), Jim Nussle (R-IA-2), Leonard L. Boswell (D-IA-3), Butch Otter (R-ID-1), Philip Crane (R-IL-8), Mark Kirk (R-IL-10), Gerald Weller (R-IL-11), Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert (R-IL-14), Tim Johnson (R-IL-15), Donald Manzullo (R-IL-16), Lane Evans (D-IL-17), Ray LaHood (R-IL-18), John Shimkus (R-IL-20), Mark Souder (R-IN-4), Anne Northup (R-KY-3), Billy Tauzin (R-LA-3), Chris John (D-LA-7), Bill Luther (D-MN-6), Collin Peterson (D-MN-7), Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD-6), James Barcia (D-MI-5), John Dingell (D-MI-16), Sam Graves (R-MO-6), Roy Blunt (R-MO-7), Dennis Rehberg (R-MT), Walter Jones (R-NC-3), Howard Coble (R-NC-6), Lee Terry (R-NE-2), Frank Pallone (D-NJ-6), Mike Ferguson (R-NJ-7), Felix Grucci (R-NY-1), John Sweeney (R-NY-22), Steve Chabot (R-OH-1), Michael Oxley (R-OH-4), David Hobson (R-OH-7), Marcy Kaptur (D-OH-9), Pat Tiberi (R-OH-12), Sherrod Brown (D-OH-13), Thomas Sawyer (D-OH-14), Ralph Regula (R-OH-16), James Traficant (D-OH-17), Bob Ney (R-OH-18), Steven LaTourette (R-OH-19), Steve Largent (R-OK-1), J.C. Watts (R-OK-4), Frank Lucas (R-OK-6), Melissa Hart (R-PA-4), Don Sherwood (R-PA-10), John Thune (R-SD), John Duncan (R-TN-2), Kevin Brady (R-TX-8), Martin Frost (D-TX-24), Richard Armeay (R-TX-26), James Hansen (R-UT-1), George Nethercutt (R-WA-5), Paul Ryan (R-WI-1), Ron Kind (D-WI-3), Thomas Petri (R-WI-6), Mark Green (R-WI-8), James Sensenbrenner (R-WI-9), Barbara Cubin (R-WY), and Nick Joe Rahall (D-WV-3).

Unsuccessful candidates supported by AMPAC include; James Cunneen (R-CA-15), Bill Morrow (R-CA-48), Brian Bilbray (R-CA-49), Joan Johnson (R-NY-2), and John Sharpless (R-WI-2).

This gives AMPAC a 90% victory rate.



California's "Veterans License Plates for Motorcycles" (AB 1515) has been signed into law by Governor Davis. The introduction, lobbying and passage of AB 1515 is largely due to the effort of one dedicated veteran and AMA member Ron "Trash" Haley. When asked if all this was worth the trouble Haley replied "Huh, what trouble?"

Washington motorcyclists have a new voice in Washington's state capitol, Olympia, with the advent of a statewide rider's rights organization led by veterans of the motorcyclist's rights movement.

On September 30, 2000 motorcyclists formed the Washington Road Riders Association (WRRRA) to galvanize riders in impacting state and federal lawmakers on issues of importance to motorcyclists.

The goal of the WRRRA is to build a strong broad base of riders engaged in the legislative process. The WRRRA intends to be a member supported organization and anticipates working with all riding groups and organizations in the state, in addition to national motorcycle organizations, to promote a proactive legislative agenda.

Muncie, Indiana City Council was expected to vote recently on an ordinance to restrict excessive noise. Included in the proposed ordinance, though designed to curb blaring car stereos, were provisions that would have made it illegal to "modify" vehicle exhaust in any way.

Between council meetings ABATE of Indiana Delaware County Director and AMA member Rob Mardis organized a team of motorcyclists to collect constituent signatures on a petition opposing this element of the proposal. Mardis and his team collected 1,164 signatures and got the attention of the city council which voted unanimously to exempt the words "modified" and "motorcycle mufflers" from the suggested regulation.

Congratulations to the activists for positively impacting this proposal.

National Park Service officials are asking all park superintendents to devise a plan for limiting noise in national parks and protecting the "soundscape," or the natural sounds unique to each area. "All of a sudden, places that look the same as 100 to 200 years ago don't sound like they did," said Wes Henry of the NPS, who is leading a federal effort to restore quiet to parks.

Helicopters, airplanes, off-road vehicles, snowmobiles, and car alarms can all destroy the peace and tranquility that many park visitors seek. Over the past year, the NPS has restricted or banned snowmobiles and personal watercraft in some parks and national seashores, in part because of the noise they make.

Your vote counts! One vote was the distinction for ratification of Texas (1845), California (1850), Oregon (1859), Washington (1889) and Idaho (1890) becoming states.

The United Way through its support of Earth Share is directly and indirectly funding environmental extremist organizations like the Sierra Club, EarthIsland (BlueWater Network) and other extremist groups trying to close down our motorcycle, ATV, Snowmobile, OHV trails and waterways. Contact your local United Way office to see if they are contributing to keeping you off of public land.

West Virginia Governor Cecil Underwood has directed administrators at the Division of Motor Vehicles to find a way to keep the motorcycle safety program running. The members of the Motorcycle Safety and Education Committee have been looking for ways to keep the program going, but the DMV announced earlier that the program was shut down due to lack of funding.

The program currently relies on two taxes and a student fee. The \$50 student fee brings in about \$30,000 a year. A \$4 motorcycle safety tax on motorcycle registrations brings in \$37,000. A one-time \$5 tax on the motorcycle endorsement added to a driver's license initially brought the program a windfall of \$300,000, but it has dwindled to about \$5,000 a year. Overall, the program receives about \$71,000 a year from motorcycle taxes but requires over \$110,000 a year to operate.

US Congress has received a study on improving access to outdoor recreation for people with disabilities from Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

The report states that all terrain vehicles are not necessary for people with disabilities to visit public lands, rather alternative means for people with disabilities to visit natural areas is necessary.

This is but one of many recommendations for how federal land management agencies can improve access to outdoor recreation for 54 million Americans who have disabilities. Mandated by federal law, the report was conducted by the nonprofit organization Minneapolis-based Wilderness Inquiry. Recognizing the importance of this issue, the US Congress passed Public Law 105-359. The law required the National Park Service, the US Forest Service, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Bureau of Land Management to determine ways to improve access for the 54 million Americans who have a disabling condition that could limit their outdoor activity if sites, facilities, trails and agency policies do not integrate considerations for accessibility.

"Unfortunately, there are many misperceptions about the issue of access to public lands for people with disabilities. Because of other political issues involving the use of federal lands, too much emphasis has been focused on 'red herring' issues such as Off Road Vehicle use, and not enough attention has been paid to basic visitor rights, like being able to use the bathroom. The bottom line is that people with disabilities should be afforded the same rights and privileges as anyone else--no more, no less," states Greg Lais, Executive Director of Wilderness Inquiry, primary author of the report.

Renyoldsburg, Ohio AMA Community Council leader Tom Cowher has been appointed by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to the Recreation Grants Review Committee.

The Recreation Grants Review Committee decides who is allocated funding under the ODNR grants process which includes state funding for recreational trails.

The American Motorcyclist Association is a 270,000-member nonprofit 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 www.AMADirectlink.com.

New protective device for crash barriers.

A new concept to protect motorcyclists from the risk of colliding against crash barriers has been developed in Spain. It consists of a net set under the rail and preventing a body from sliding under it. An additional piece of protection exists to cover the sharp edges of the crash barrier post.

The company Toldos Aragon, which developed this device, mentions other possible advantages such as preventing crossing of small animals, reducing the effect of lateral wind, and, through the white color chosen for the net, offers a better road visibility, which can be further improved by incorporating reflective devices into the net.

FEMA welcomes this new initiative to reduce the dangers caused by crash barriers to motorcycle riders. This is seen as another positive follow-up of the work FEMA has undertaken about crash barriers & motorcyclists (fully detailed on the Internet at: <http://www.nmcu.org/forskning/index.html>).

Ten different devices or methods now exist to reduce risk to bikers from crash barriers, whether as prototype, or in some cases widely used throughout France and Germany, namely. These will be presented by FEMA, as well as other conclusions from its report on crash barriers and motorcyclists, at the International Motorcycle Safety Conference that will take place beginning of march 2001 in Orlando (Florida).

Conspicuity of Powered Two Wheelers (PTW)

The European Commission (EC) intends to initiate a research project on the conspicuity of PTWs. This was the subject of a preliminary meeting held on 12th October 2000 and organized by ACEM (European Motorcycle Manufacturers' Association). FEMA was present, other participants included experts from a number of research authorities, and institutes with motorcycle safety interests.

The outline of this project will be to identify what makes motorcycles less conspicuous and how they can be overlooked. When the causes been identified, potential devices or measures will be proposed and their effects measured with a methodology developed in the same project. The feasibility of implementing such measures will then be assessed in terms of acceptance by the market, reliability, and costs. The final step will be to verify the cost-effectiveness of the proposed solutions and assess introduction schemes.

"Whilst FEMA is prepared to continue to cooperate in the project, we question the wisdom of it being conducted in isolation from the subject of daytime running lights for all vehicles and without considering the interests of other vulnerable road users (cyclists and pedestrians)", said Bob Tomlins, Acting General Secretary. "We have to be careful that this initiative isn't hijacked by those safety nuts that would have us all riding around in florescent clothing with flashing lights on our helmets."

Submissions to run the project will be entered by the EC within three months. The Industry is foreseen to play a lead role in it and research institutes are also invited to participate.

Motorcycle trailers: Spain to the Court

The European Commission (EC) has decided to bring Spain before the Court of Justice because it considers that the absolute ban which that country has imposed on motorcycles towing trailers is an unjustifiable barrier to the free movement of goods and persons between Member States.

The EC, while sharing the Spanish authorities' concern for road safety, which was cited as justification for the ban, considers that road safety can be achieved by measures that are less trade-restrictive. For example, other Member States impose maximum speed limits on motorcycles with trailers or set maximum trailer dimensions or weight limits on the load which the trailers may carry.

FEMA's note: "After Danemark, where the "trailer" ban was lifted in June 1998 thanks to the efforts of FEMA and action from the European Union, Spain is the only country imposing this ban to motorcyclists, Spanish or foreigners. This causes a lot of problems for many touring motorcyclists with trailers who are travelling between southern countries, all which allow trailer use."

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From The

GUNNY'S SACK

Good News from the UK!! Due to diligent work on the part of MAG (Motorcycle Action Group), motorcycles are now recognized as part of the solution to traffic congestion, not part of the problem!! They will not be charged a toll (their "congestion charge") to enter central London. The logic of MAG's campaign to promote motorcycles to combat pollution and congestion took hold in Britain. Good news indeed for our brothers and sisters in that part of the world. Time for the REST of the world to take note!

CUSTOM CHROME has instituted a Virtual Showroom on the Internet featuring Interactive 3D. Customers can look at parts from all angles and decide if they want to buy them without driving across town and maybe not being satisfied and coming home empty handed. Now you can look first and THEN drive across town. Neat stuff, huh?

LAS VEGAS: We all remember hearing about that stunning motorcycle show the Guggenheim Museum put together last year. Well, now they plan to build on the Vegas Strip in two places. The Guggenheim Las Vegas and the Hermitage Guggenheim Museum will be built by the prize-winning architect Rem Koolhaas in the Venetian Resort-Hotel-Casino. The gallery's inaugural exhibition will be "The Art of the Motorcycle" that opened at the Guggenheim Museum in New York in 1998, and received lots of kudos from the motorcycling community including a Silver Spoke Award for Arts from the National Coalition of Motorcyclists. Hey, this is cool. Like a lot of you, I didn't catch the original, so now we've got another chance, and an excuse to go to Vegas!

CHINA again: This time, well, it's "electrifying." They've got these "Jumping Antelope" brand of electric bikes that are going to be a big hit all over Asia real soon.

The "Jumping Antelopes" brand of electrically operated motorcycles are built by the Suzhou Little Antelope electrically operated Motorcycle Co Ltd. in Jiangsu province. The bike has been chartered as the Anti-Pollution Vehicle in the 21st Century by the Ministry of Foreign Trade & Economic Cooperation. What's more, over 1,800 Jumping Antelope Brand electrically operated motorcycles have been exported to America, Italy, and Thailand.

Well, here's a cool toy for Christmas for the kids -- or maybe even some grown-ups! Cool name, too. I guess good old-fashioned capitalism and bikes are a good mix in China!

BOMBAY, INDIA: Bajaj Auto, India's largest two and-three-wheeler maker is likely to post lower net profits in first six months of 2001 due to a more than 25 percent drop in their scooter sales. The figure is 5.6 percent down over 2.48 billion rupees a year earlier. Analysts said Bajaj had been hit by a shift in buyers' taste from small Vespa-type scooters to motorcycles and small cars. I guess motorcycle is still the best way to get around this country. The popular and bigger Royal Enfield (used to be a British bike, way back when) is being sold here in the U.S. now and I'm sure that had an effect too.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.: The Florida insurance industry is renewing a call to force bikers to strap on helmets after the deaths of five people during Biketoberfest this year (four people died last year according to Doc Reichenbach, President of ABATE of Florida and chairman of the board of NCOM, and attendance at this year's event was much higher because it was lid-free). The AAA, and health and safety organizations fought hard during last spring's session of the Florida Legislature trying to block the helmet repeal for riders 21 and over that allows bikers older than 21 to ride without helmets, as long as they carry \$10,000 in medical insurance.

The industry lost that legislative battle, conceding defeat only after Florida Governor Jeb Bush signed the new helmet bill into law last June.

This is more proof the helmet fight isn't over anywhere we manage to win folks. They will come back at us with any excuse they can find. We need to be responsible riders or we will never win this battle. And when there are deaths of unhelmeted riders, we need to look REAL close at the stats and circumstances.

EDMONTON, QUEBEC: Edmonton Oilers tough guy Georges Laraque's latest hit was a costly one. While driving his \$100,000 BMW he smacked a motorcyclist as he pulled into the Edmonton Sun's offices for a photo shoot. "It's not a good day at all," the beefy Laraque said as he poked his sneaker at the dangling front bumper on his sparkling silver Beamer moments after the wreck.

The papers there said that the biker, whose bike suffered a little damage, was treated for "very minor scrapes" at the Grey Nuns hospital and released. No charges were filed. Hey, anytime you go down, it isn't minor in my book.

TOKYO: Well here's a brand new use for a motorcycle: According to the Kyodo news service, some biker in Japan figured a way to rig a little spycam in a ladies room and broadcast it through a radio system on his motorcycle!

Must be a new option for Honda in 2001, eh? I gotta say the cops weren't impressed and they arrested the guy.

SPAIN: A new concept to protect motorcyclists from hitting guardrails - or worse yet, those "cheese grater" wire barriers - has been developed in this country. It's a net that's set under the rail and prevents a body from sliding under it. An additional piece of protection covers the sharp edges of the crash barrier post. There may be other advantages to the idea such as preventing small animals from scooting out onto the road suddenly in front of traffic, and maybe reducing the effect of lateral wind. They also picked a white color for the net, for better road visibility in bad weather. They're also talking about adding reflective devices into the net. This is just one example of safety engineering that really counts, and ISN'T an imposition on our personal rights. Could it be that highway engineers are beginning to realize scooter people are citizens too? Seems so in Spain, anyway.

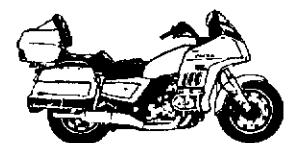
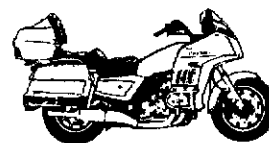
AL GORE THE BIKER: Well, by the time you read this, the shouting SHOULD be all over on that tight election, but for everyone who thought Al Gore was just a big stiff guy, turns out the guy useta RIDE! In a speech in the Midwest in October, Gore claimed he piled FOUR PEOPLE on his bike, for a double-date in college!! Said he didn't get caught, and told his audience "don't try that at home."

GUNNY again: If you or someone you care about should be involved in an accident folks, do yourself a favor and get in touch with the network of AIM attorneys across the country for honest help and straight talk when you need it most. It never costs you money just to talk. And if you don't have your AID TO INJURED MOTORCYCLIST (AIM) CARD in your pocket, get in touch with me and I'll make sure you have one. They are FREE for the asking. Call AIM at 1-800-531-2424 for a card, or to locate an AIM attorney in your state. AIM is also on the net, at www.aimncom.com. Watch for some changes on that website in the coming months too, by the way. If you have ANY questions about LAW and BIKES, Sam is always willing to talk. Call Sam's office here in Oregon at 503/224-1106 or toll free at 1-800-224-1106.

Sam and I also like to talk to groups about the AIM program and if Sam talks to your group you get some free legal advice. Call us or let us know your needs on the internet. Sam is (SamBikeLaw@aol.com) and I am (AimGunny@aol.com). Remember these attorneys all ride so they are aware of what our world is.

And speaking of wrecks, just a wee reminder folks, we all know winter is upon us and we need to remember the hazards we can run into. I had some experience last winter with BLACK ICE that was NOT fun. Remember you CAN'T SEE IT. Things just look wet but they are frozen and you will be upside down before you realize what's happening. Fortunately, I was driving my pick-up and there was a lot of room in front of me when a guy came across the road at us spinning like a toy top

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



COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

By BILL BISH, National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

DID BIKERS ELECT THE PRESIDENT? As we go to press, our Nation and the World still await the final pronouncement of who's going to be America's 43rd President in one of the closest elections in history, and we're going to go out on a limb and project George W. Bush as our next Commander-In-Chief...and furthermore, it was bikers who put him in the Oval Office!

Bikers' rights activists and motorcycle organizations from coast to coast supported and campaigned for George W because of his signing of the Texas helmet law repeal bill, his stated opposition to federal land closures to off road riders, and his brother Jeb's recent signing of Florida's helmet repeal. Which brings us to the point: In the winner-take-all Florida sweepstakes, at press time Bush has won the Florida presidential vote and their critical 25 Electoral College votes by around 300 votes out of almost 6 million ballots cast statewide! Between ABATE of Florida and the Confederations of Clubs of Florida, more than 10,000 bikers backed Bush and could certainly be credited with pushing the razor thin margin into W's favor...that's "W" for WIN.

James "Doc" Reichenbach II, President and Lobbyist for ABATE of Florida, has been an outspoken advocate of Bush's campaign and ABATE supported his presidential bid.

"The Bush Brothers set two states free," said Doc, who also serves as chairman of the board for the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), "and bikers across America went to the polls and voted for our friends.

The idea that the whole election could come down to a few hundred votes in Florida is testimony to the fact that every vote counts; and bikers DO VOTE!"

"It's nice to have friends in high places," said Sputnik, Chairman of the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association and member of the NCOM Legislative Task Force, who campaigned extensively for the now former Texas Governor whose signature allowed Freedom of Choice for responsible adult motorcyclists. "I'm sure that President Bush will do as much for our nation's bikers as Governor Bush did for Texas bikers."

Barring the unforeseen, or further legal wranglings, or undiscovered uncounted votes, George W. Bush will take the helm as one of the most motorcycle-friendly leaders since President Ronald Reagan helped save Harley-Davidson from bankruptcy.

Of course if we're wrong about the outcome, we'll call Al Gore and retract our projection...yeah, right.

NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS (NCOM)

FEDS FUNDING SAFETY PROGRAMS the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION has announced the award of state and community highway safety grants totaling \$147.9 million to all states and Indian Nations to "support planning to identify highway safety problems and to set goals and performance measures for highway safety improvement."

The grant funds, authorized by Section 402 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, provide start-up funding for new programs, give new direction and support to existing programs and fund evaluations to determine

progress in improving safety in areas such as motorcycle safety, occupant protection, alcohol and other drug countermeasures, police traffic services, emergency medical services, traffic records, pedestrian and bicycle safety, speed control, and roadway safety. "This long-standing program continues to fund new ideas and local approaches to safety," said U.S. Secretary of Transportation Rodney E. Slater.

GEMINI DRIVERS MOST DANGEROUS British astrological research identifies accident-prone Geminis as the country's most dangerous drivers. According to ABBEY NATIONAL MOTOR INSURANCE, which surveyed 500 car drivers between the ages of 17 and 65, people born between May 22 and June 21 account for one fifth of the accidents on Britain's roads.

Next in the accident rate list are Aquarians, who account for 18% of all UK road crashes, while the safest sign appears to be the cautious Cancerians who notch up only 1% of British smashes.

Sagittarians, adventurous and frank, send out rather mixed signals, being guilty of 12.5% of crashes.

ACTRESS LAUREN HUTTON RECOVERING FROM MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT Actress and model Lauren Hutton was recently released from the hospital after being treated for multiple leg fractures, scrapes and bruises following a motorcycle crash October 21st during a group ride with other celebrities in southern Nevada.

Hutton, 55, best known for the signature gap between her front teeth, was considered one of the first supermodels after appearing on the cover of Vogue a record 25 times in the 60's and 70's.

She was injured when her motorcycle ran off the roadway for unknown reasons and crashed near Lake Mead Recreation Area. She had told reporters before the ride that she was riding motorcycles before she bought her first car.

"I love the feeling of being a naked egg atop that throbbing steel," she said. "You feel vulnerable but so alive."

The 100-mile ride, which included actors Dennis Hopper and Jeremy Irons, was held in conjunction with an announcement by the Guggenheim Museum to open next year with masterpieces from their "Art of the Motorcycle" exhibit at The Venetian resort on the Las Vegas Strip.

The Guggenheim Motorcycle Club, to which Hutton belongs, was born out of the success of the exhibit in New York.

FREEDOM OF "DRESS" Motorcyclist Ian Lamont of Scotland shipped his Harley Springer to South Dakota for the annual Black Hills Classic in Sturgis. Lamont sported what he billed as the 21st century version of Scottish clan fashion; a black imitation leather Kilt.

For the uninitiated, dozens of "clans" or medieval families have individual plaid tartan designs, which are used for kilts. After being outlawed in the 18th century, clan kilts, the ancient equivalent of club colors, reappeared legally in the 20th century.

Lamont did admit the quasi-leather kilt doesn't provide a great deal of protection in the event of an accident, but he adds, "It's a fashion statement...and I'm proud to be a Scot." Lamont declined to answer if he sports boxers, briefs, or anything else under his kilt.

WYOMING CENTRAL ABATE, ROADSKILL

A REAL CROTCH-ROCKET A 24 mph go-ped which has had a jet engine fitted to it can now out perform a Ferrari by doing 200mph, but it can't be driven on the country's roads. British mechanic Lee Dennick has turned his machine into a mobile missile but a recent ban on go-peds being driven on England's roads isn't the only reason why he can't take it out. It also trails a three-foot shaft of flame behind it! The \$700 scooters are normally fitted with 23cc gas engines but Lee contacted Microjet Engineering of Haverhill, Suffolk, for an "upgrade" which came in the shape of a jet turbine with an after-burner - at cost of \$7,000. Lee, 27, from Harrow, Middlesex, has so far only dared to ride it at 30 mph. He said: "The performance is mind blowing. I don't think I will be brave enough to go 200 mph - maybe 70mph. I live at home with my parents so I can afford to spend my money on silly things like this." Microjet engineering which usually makes jet engines for the RAF, said they had to lengthen the scooter by a foot to make it long enough to take the engine. Lee will use his scooter on private tracks and hopes to show it off at the races.

Last week judges ruled that go-ped riders needed driving licenses and insurance to use them on public roads - in effect a ban because it is impossible to get insurance.

From STEVE GARCIA'S "STUFF", ABATE OF CALIFORNIA

INDIA BANS OLDER VEHICLES The government of New Delhi, India has decided to ban the driving of commercial transport vehicles older than 12 years and two-wheelers (motorcycles) older than 15 years. It follows an earlier Supreme Court directive that removes buses older than eight years old and auto-rickshaws more than ten years old. Affirming his government's intention to control vehicular pollution, Transport Minister Parvez Hashmi added that a similar "end of life" restriction on private cars will soon follow.

VIETNAM TRAFFIC BECOMING MORE DEADLY Riding on two wheels in Vietnam's chaotic traffic is an adventure that too often ends in death or serious injury. The number of accidents and fatalities has more than tripled over the past decade. People have taken advantage of rising living standards in one of the world's poorest countries to upgrade from bicycles to low-powered motorbikes - but riders flout traffic rules and shun helmets.

With police escorting his motorcade during a three-day visit that starts late Thursday, November 16, President Clinton will get a first-hand view of the wild streets of Hanoi. But he will help promote a campaign encouraging helmet use, part of a pet project by U.S. Ambassador Pete Peterson.

On the first Safe Kids Day on Monday, November 13, UNICEF handed out about 1,400 helmets to children at Hanoi's Nguyen Du elementary school. Getting young people to use them in the heat and humidity has been a challenge. A new law requiring helmets on some major roads appears to have had little impact. Violators get only warnings from police.

Surviving Vietnam's roads requires a good horn, good brakes - and lots of good luck.

About 95 percent of the traffic is on two wheels, dominated by small motorbikes that are perfect to putt along at under 35 mph and roll up onto the sidewalk to park.

At least a few motorbikes or bicycles run every stoplight. People make left turns from the far right and vice versa. Youths weave dangerously through congestion, missing other vehicles by fractions of an inch. Many motorbikes have no mirrors, a favored target of thieves.

In 1990, 6,110 accidents with 2,268 deaths and 4,956 injuries were reported. Last year, Vietnam reported 21,538 accidents with 7,095 deaths and 21,538 injuries.

The government estimates Vietnam's 78 million people have 6 million motorbikes, with half a million more each year and few taken out of service.

The country has about 400,000 cars.

By PAUL ALEXANDER, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP)
CANADIAN POLICE CRACK DOWN ON STREET RACING Motorcycle street racing at night in Ottawa's Heron Park district has led this city's Transport Committee to recommend grooving the pavement to create "rumble strips," which it's hoped will make the roads unnavigable by street racers. The grooved pavement would be tested on a different road and evaluated by police motorcyclists to determine whether the approach is safe enough to use.

CYCLE CANADA

JAPANESE POLICE TRY "AUTOMATIC MOTORCYCLE CATCHER" Faced with rising crime, Japanese police are turning to technology, as police in the southern prefecture of Fukuoka this month revealed their latest gizmo: an automatic motorcycle catcher.

Motorcycle gangs called bosozoku are the bane of Japanese police. These irreverent youths race recklessly through the streets with an unmuffled roar that disturbs the country's vaunted peace and quiet.

Arriving like Wile E. Coyote's latest package from Acme, the Motorcycle Arresting Device (that's MAD, if you missed it) is supposed to let police win this running cat-and-mouse game.

Other departments try to lure the cyclists to a roadblock and drop a net on them. But Fukuoka is trying a new approach with the purchase of 30 of the devices at \$630 apiece.

The strategy is to get the motorcyclists to drive down one of several routes on which police have planted a series of MAD metallic boxes, which lie flat and look like metal plates on the pavement.

As a motorcycle races over a plate, the lid flips up after the front wheel has passed. That exposes an adhesive, which sticks to the motorcycle's rear tire. The adhesive is attached to a wire, which is hooked to a rope that is drawn onto the axle. That snarls the wheel and halts the forward progress of the bike--theoretically in a gradual manner so the rider is not thrown off. "There's a lot of public outcry to catch these bikers," said Norio Kita, head of the biker gang task force of the Fukuoka police. "We want to catch them, but we can't injure them. Maybe a slight injury is permissible, but if it led to a fatal injury, we'd be very concerned."

In practice, the devices slowed the bikes so smoothly the riders simply got off and fled. "Nobody was hurt," Kita said. "When we did it in September, we caught one suspect and nine motorcycles." The other riders, he said, "ran away like spiders."

The devices have turned out to be pretty labor intensive. Police have to corral the bikers, quickly lay down the contraptions, and then chase the fleeing riders. But police are not deterred--they say the four cyclists they have caught in

four months of using MAD have fingered other gang members.

And then there was the time the motorcyclists spotted the MAD plates and swerved at the last minute. The pursuing police car was not so agile: Its front wheels were snarled when the car screeched over the MAD plates.

Chalk it up as a great idea gone awry.

By DOUG STRUCK

WASHINGTON POST FOREIGN SERVICE

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"The ground of Liberty is to be gained by inches and we must be contented to secure what we can get from time to time and eternally press forward for what is yet to get."

THOMAS JEFFERSON

Greetings from Geoff White and Terry Schaffer,

I would like to begin with a special thank you to the people who attended our training and certification workshop in October. I apologize for the little slip up on the open classroom matter. Thank you for your patience and enthusiasm in the program. I'll be a bit more careful in the future regarding correspondence with the folks in charge of the facility. I was very thrilled with the turnout. This shows me that the Motorcycle Awareness Program will keep growing and expanding though the years. I feel very proud to be able to point out the public that we are reaching out to students all around the state of Oregon, and that our program will be a key factor in reducing the collisions, injuries, and fatalities involving automobile truck operators and motorcyclists. I know that I've probably stated this like a "broken record", but I'd like to mention it for all the new Instructors and members, "thanks to the efforts of our instructors there will be a few more people that will remember to watch for motorcyclists."

Undoubtedly, this will save someone's life someday. Think about it...there aren't all that many things that can stake that claim and still be kind of fun at the same time. It sure has made me feel pretty good. I hope that all of you that get involved with this program will get that feeling also.

Please join me in welcoming the following new certified instructors to the program. We will have a strong instructor crew in our Southern Oregon Chapter with these new members. Nora Rohde, Tim Rohde, Barbara Vincent, Michael Vincent, and Tom Boyd all became certified instructors on October 14th. Thank you Southern Oregon Chapter. Mike Farmer will get some help in River City Chapter from Lynne Kadlec and Greg Kadlec who were also certified on October 14th. Thank you to all who are now certified instructors. Good luck on getting into the Driver's Education classes in your areas. Please call me if there is anything I can help with getting started (Geoff White 503-670-5641, e-mail geoff.white@compaq.com) I said in my last report that I would carry on with a feature that Mel Yeager had shared with you as an interesting and entertaining segment in his monthly education reports. At the end of each classroom presentation we have

the students fill out an evaluation sheet to let us know what they thought of our gig. I will share with you some of that feedback we receive from the young people in these Driver's Education classes. I'll take a few from various classes to give a good cross - sectional view of our work in the different areas.

(Linn Benton Community College...Mel and Iris Yeager)

"I learned more safety rules to watch for motorcycles."

(Beaverton High School...Judd Whitcher, Linda Wells, Bob / Untall, Geoff White)

"Lots of info / Video too"

(Linn Benson Community College...Mel and Iris Yeager)

"The way they told me a little history / The demonstrations"

(Sandy Union High School...Judd Whitcher, Pat Ryan, Geoff White)

"I liked the way the involve the class with the presentation."

"I want Judd's bike!" "Need a new movie" (rather common comment, our video is good, but a bit old) "Your energy is great." "Give Motorcycle rides" (in the things to improve section) Sorry, I don't think that we'd ever get away with that one.

(Westview High School...Jud Whitcher, Linda Wells, Patricia Bueerman, Geoff White)

"You people have real jobs."

(David Douglas High School...Bill Cameron, Geoff White)

"You guys were spirty and enthusiastic." "You kept my attention, good information"

I had the honor of attending the Oregon Department of Transportation's annual conference with Cherie Hembre and Randy Phipps on October 18th, 19th, and 20th in Newport Oregon. The three-day event gave me an opportunity to perform two very worthwhile functions. I was able to attend various classes and seminars involving safety and requirements on our roads here in Oregon.

There were also sessions involving various services and functions to help promote our programs within the state. The three days were packed with informative discussions along with individual information booths for some of the programs that are offered to the citizens of the state. The conference is held to present the agendas and programs that will be addressed in the state throughout the year. Legislative topics are covered along with the concerns of various safety and regulating organizations. There was a wealth of knowledge and valuable information offered at each workshop. I will submit a report of my three days at this event.

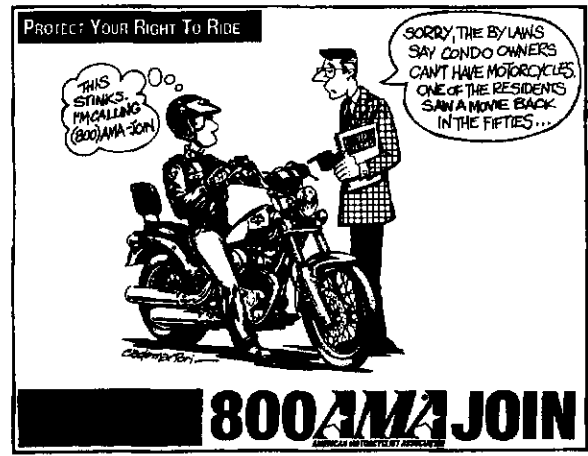
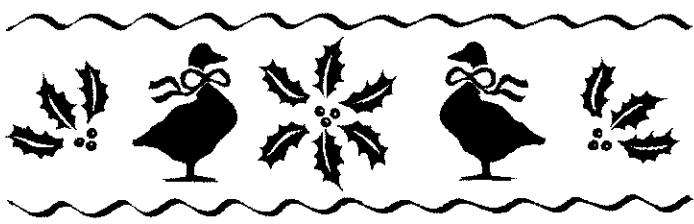
The second function that we were able to perform at this event was I believe one of the most important services that we can offer to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon. We were very proud to be able to showcase our Motorcycle Awareness Program to the conference in the form of an info booth in the exhibitor's hall. We had a rather well organized looking display of our service as it is offered to the schools and the public. Our video on motorcycle / automobile interaction was playing to catch the eye of the casual passer - by. In the booth we had information about our program including testimonials, mission statements, fact sheets, presentation structure descriptions, and letters of recommendation from various satisfied recipients. There was a board with the pictures of many of our certified instructors. I hope to get pictures of every instructor for this display in the future. We gave out our famous "Please watch for motorcycles" key fobs to many people who stopped by to

check out our display. We manned the booth between each session and answered many questions on many different topics regarding Motorcycle Awareness, Motorcycling, Safety, and A.B.A.T.E. in general. I feel that this exposure to the people at this conference was one of the best ideas that we have had. I feel that we have gained some excellent public relations ground with this effort. I do believe that the majority of the people that we talked to came away with a general respect and positive opinion of our program and organization. I would like to see this become a regular annual function for our Motorcycle Awareness Program representatives. It can only get better here. Thank you for allowing me to participate in this function.

Here is what our tally of classes looks like so far for this school year. Thank you to all the people that have participated in the program. Linda Shamie, Terry Schaffer, and Geoff White of S.E. Portland presented to one class at Sandy Union High School on September 26th. to twenty-six students. Bill Cameron and Geoff White of S.E. Portland presented to one class at David Douglas High School on October 3rd. to thirty-five students. Judd Whitcher, Linda Wells, Patricia Bueerman, And Geoff White of S.E. Portland and Washington County presented to one class at Westview High School on October 9th. to twenty-nine students. Iris Yeager, Mel Yeager, and Cherie Hembre of Salem presented to one class at Linn Benton Community College on October 11th. to twenty-six students. Judd Whitcher, Linda Wells, Bob ("Untall"), and Geoff White of S.E. Portland and Washington County presented to one class at Beaverton High School on October 11th. to thirty-one students. Judd Whitcher, Pat Ryan, and Geoff White of S.E. Portland presented to one class at Sandy Union High School on October 16th. to twenty-five students. Linda Wells, Jud Whitcher, and Geoff White of Washington County and S.E. Portland presented to one class at Sunset High School on October 17th. to nineteen students. Judd Whitcher and Geoff White of S.E. Portland presented to one class at Reynolds High School on November 1st. to twenty-two students. Whew!

From Terry Schaffer and Geoff White, we hope you and your families have a very warm and pleasant holiday season. I hope that there is a little something special in store for you this year. Remember, if you're going out for a ride, protect yourself from the chill. Those digits don't work too quickly when they get real cold. Maybe give a little more distance from your bike to the vehicle ahead. Enjoy the motorcycling functions that are offered at this time of the year.

Toy Runs are a great reason to get out and ride. See ya'll soon. "Over the river and through the woods".....Hey that sounds like a good ride! Spread the Awareness.
 Geoff White (Education Director I)
 Terry Schaffer (Education Director II)



Politics 101

By Ken Ray

Legislative Director, BikePAC of Oregon

Direct Citizen Involvement

It is time to start thinking about the 2001 legislative session. In less than a month from when you read this, we will be once again battling for liberty and justice in Salem.

America has a proud tradition of direct citizen involvement. All you have to do to appreciate our system is to listen to our comrades in Europe try to fight their bureaucracy. They have no direct process where typical citizens can have their voices heard. They have no process where typical citizens can influence the outcome. In the United States typical citizens can and do make a difference all the time.

I don't mean to imply that motorcyclists are typical. Far from it. We are, I believe, far more patriotic and conscientious Americans than the everyday citizen is. Our battles in Salem and Washington DC have given us an appreciation and respect for our republican form of government. We make sure our voices are heard. And yes we make a difference.

In January the legislature convenes for the 2001 session. The opening day is January 8th. I hope you go to the capitol if you have the opportunity. It is a great time to meet your legislators and congratulate them on their position. Believe me they worked hard to get there and they really do sacrifice a lot to serve. I am hopeful that most of you got to know your legislator elect during the campaign. If so you are well on the way to making our political agenda easier. If you weren't able to meet them during the campaigns, then please come to the "Rider's day's" at the Capitol. The first one is Friday, January 19th. I can't stress enough how important these are. We have done them for 6 years now and they are the biggest reason that we have for our success in Salem. If you aren't familiar with the legislature or don't even know who your legislator is, please come. We will get you a map or directions and even go with you to your legislator's office if you wish. It really means a lot that you take a day off work and show up to meet them. They almost always listen to you when you come to them. If you don't know what to say we will provide you with materials to help you.

This is important because without direct citizen involvement, our whole government breaks down. We have to keep the heat on the legislators opposing us and support the ones that are for us. We have to show we care.

This column is supposed to be about the basics of government. Well the most basic thing is being involved. To keep government under control and working for us requires some attention. Picture government as a small child. If you want the child to behave, you can't pay attention to it "every-so-often". Governments, like children, require constant vigilance and correction. We do this correction by writing letters, calling and e-mail, and showing up.

Please mark January 19th on your calendar. I hope you will show up. We have done so much with a few of you.

Imagine what we could do with all of you.

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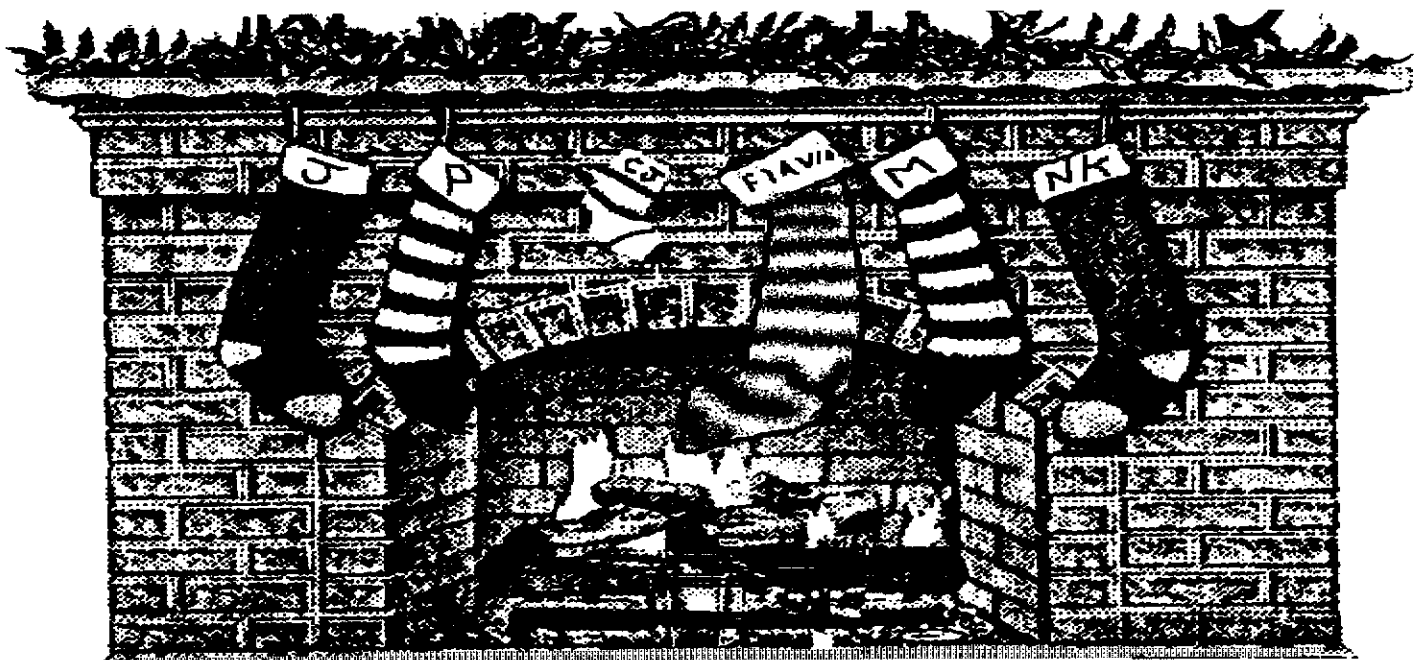
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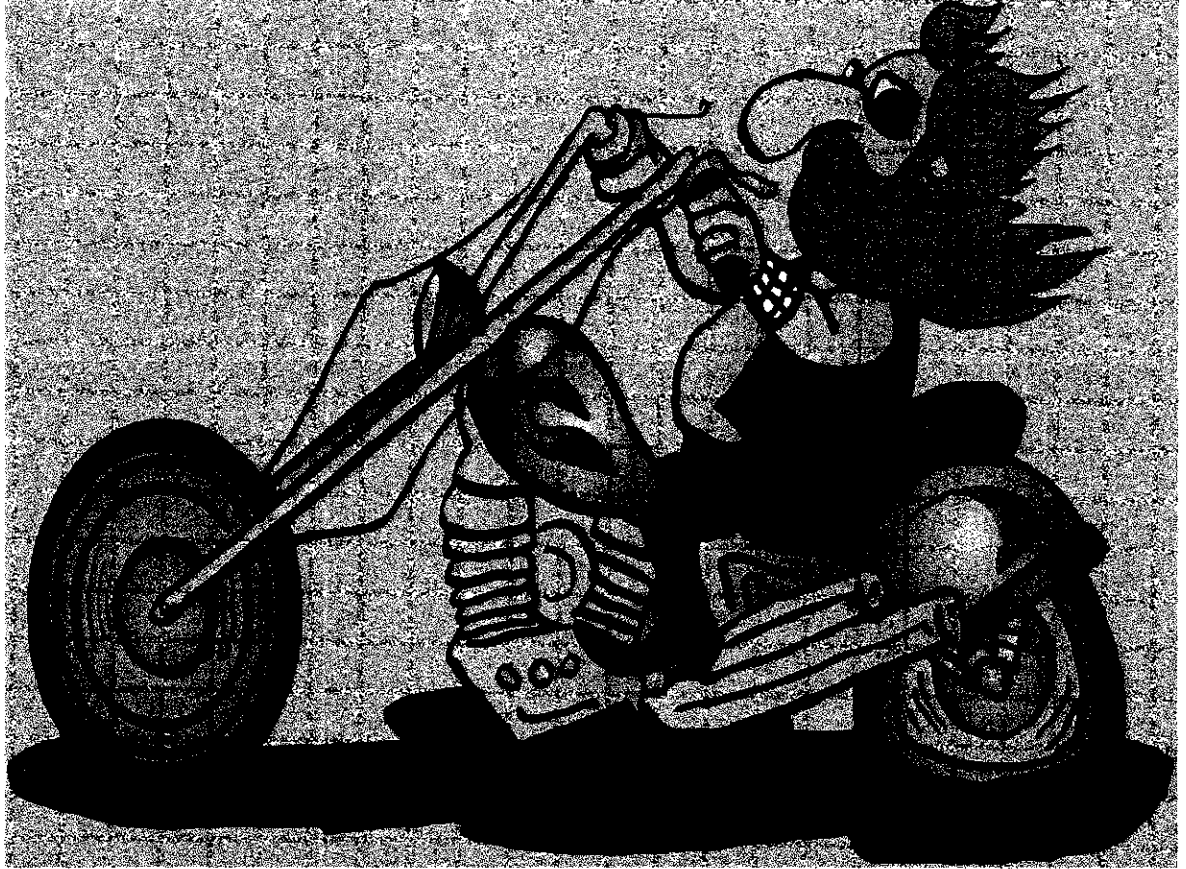
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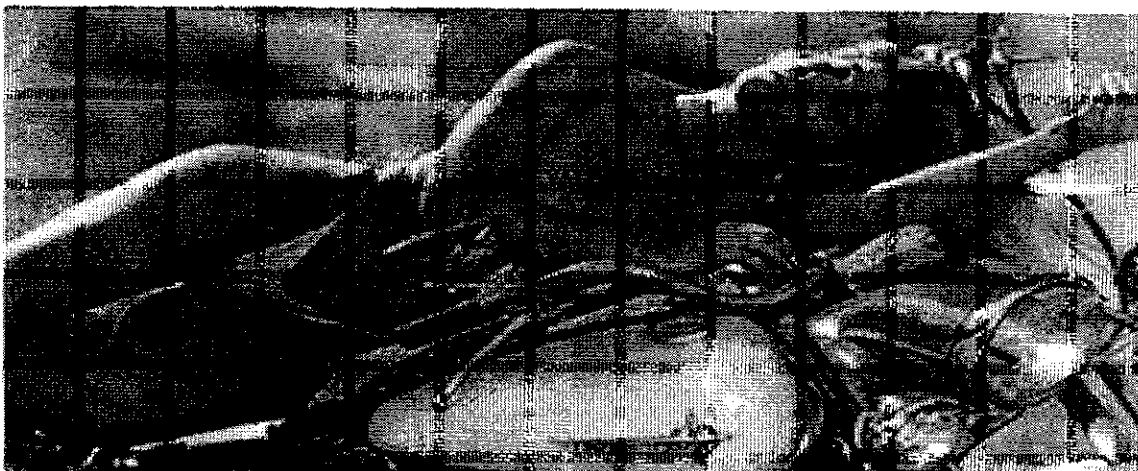
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Well rats, summers over and so are all the runs. We had a lot of good ones again this year and I only had one bad one. Not the run, just the road trip. I left Toilet Bowl about 6 pm Thursday night headed to Chiloquin. After crossing the bridge at Biggs, I noticed that the bike's rearend was acting a little funny. I thought it might have been a combination of the speed and trailer. Yea, right. You all know what it was. The old flat tire rapidly coming on. Fortunately I was only 1 mile out of Wasco and I made it into town. If you've never been to Wasco at 8:30 on a Thursday night, don't get worried. There is one business open, the café/lounge. I can't remember the name for sure, I think it's the Purple Goose, whatever, the people there are GREAT! I explained what was going on and asked if I could setup my trailer in their parking lot. No problem they said and the True Value Hardware store across the street can fix the flat when they open in the morning. Hey, things are looking up already. After a good meal in the café, a little BS'ing with the locals and a good night's sleep I'm off to the True Value store. OH Oh, bad news, too big of a hole thanks to a steel wedge from the bridge repair work. But wait, good news, the GREAT folks at True Value put their heads together, and to make a long story short, my bike, trailer, and myself were delivered to the service department door of Bears & Roses Harley in Bend. A couple of hours later I'm on the road again. Anybody out there ever bust a rear drive belt on a bagger? Yep, Sunday night after leaving the casino. If you've been to many runs you know the way that most of the people are that also go. Thanks to Kurt and the Lincoln County chapter we got the bike back to the run and from there Tim, Rotten Roger, Clark and other good people, the bike and trailer got back to Portland and thanks to Bob I got to a rental car in Bend to get me home. All's well that ends well they say, but it's the people that make it happen.

Thanks

Phil in Toilet Bowl

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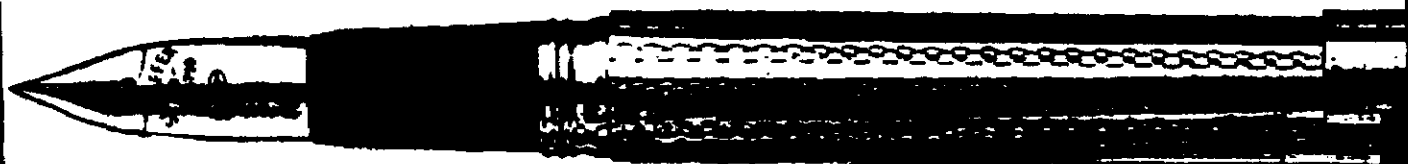


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ODOT/ACTS 2000 Transportation Conference

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

First of all let me thank **A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.** and all its members for sending myself and two others to the conference organized by the **Alliance for Community Traffic Safety (ACTS)** and sponsored by the **Transportation Safety Division of the Oregon Department of Transportation Conference**. It was held this year in Newport, Oregon, with the break sponsors being: Fuddy Duddy Fudge of Depoe Bay (read good candy), 3M Corporation (read stripes on the road and shoulder, plus new signs in new bright colors on the side of the road), and Redflex Traffic Systems (read red-light cameras to currently catch folks in Portland, Beaverton, and Eugene, running red lights. Possibly coming to your town. You decide, good or bad. Myself, I won't comment.)

Now, as Paul Harvey would say, the rest of the story. Again, A.B.A.T.E.s' Board of Directors, in their effort to keep an eye on their (our) legislators this year, sent three people to the "ACTS 2000 Oregon Transportation Safety Conference."

Cherie Hembree (Salem), **Geoffrey White** (SE Portland) and **Randy Phipps** (NE Portland) attended this year's conference and were treated to an assortment of subjects relating to traffic safety. Some made sense, and then again...?

No travelogue this year about the ride down, I did that last year. Arriving at the hotel, we were informed at the desk that we couldn't check in until around 4 P.M. and it was 10:30 A.M. at the time we got there. . However, since **A.B.A.T.E.** had been offered a display table for use during the conference, it made it easier to just unload our **Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP)** information and our video tape which is used in the classroom, with our students. We also had newsletters, some info from **AIM (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists, thanks Sam and Gunny)** such as calendars with a map of "Free States" listed on the back and the card with the blank sketch of various intersections to assist in accident reports for our brothers and sisters if they should be in need. I hope the only need would be to document some other dummy's need, without our having to participate. We also had photos of assorted instructors who present our class to the schools, etc. Such as the "**Cute Couple**", hopefully you know they are, if not, ask **Mel or Iris**.

Judd, Deb, and others were also displayed. While we were setting the table up, Cherie got there and after we got the table set up, the three of us went and checked in and got our packets for the conference. Since we were pre-registered, they had name badges and all that happy stuff, already waiting on us. Kinda like any other convention, to include our very own, Best of the West. Those who have attended this kind of thing know what I mean.

The first session was the "**Welcome and Opening Remarks**" during which they spent about 15 minutes telling us who was sponsoring and supporting the conference and then we went into the **Legislative Forum**, this was where they discussed laws that had been passed in the last legislative session and what they wanted to do for (to?) us in the upcoming session.

Their description from the brochure reads as follows:

"Join over a hundred transportation safety advocates and professionals as they discuss upcoming legislative concepts.

This is your opportunity to be heard and to network with others to explore legislative efforts to increase safety on our roadways.

It could have been nice to have a hundred people there, but it was more like 45 or 50. Most of the subjects brought out, were redundant and really didn't apply to us as motorcyclists, however, **LOOK OUT** for a new regulation change (read law) attacking "**Non-DOT**" (their phrase, not mine). This was described to me as a "novelty" helmet, which sounds very much like the type that Gordon and others enjoy, mostly they are called "**Beenies**". If the state can modify this law, what do you want to bet that they can try to delete the "definition law" entirely, like we did the handlebar restriction last session? Think about it. Do we want to go back to the pre-**HB3422**, 1995 bullroar? I think not!

Remember, once we give up a right or a portion of the law that directly effects us and no other part of the motoring public, how long will it take to get that right back? Still got your lid on???

After that meet adjourned, they had their own ACTS Annual meeting and dinner was on your own. This was time we used to run down to Gary and Vicki's home at Beavercreek to borrow a TV/VCR, since the one we had scheduled, didn't arrive when it was supposed to. Don't ask, I ain't tellin'. But I am thanking them for the loan of the equipment. Thanks guys!!!

At 7:30 P.M. there was supposed to be a meeting of the **Governors Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety**, however, due to a lack of a quorum, it turned into an informational gathering and informal discussion of motorcycling issues. After that gathering adjourned, can't call it a meeting, without a quorum. However, Stan Porter did let loose of the fact that they are trying to raise the number of instructors for Team Oregon, from 90 to around 150, in this next year.

Most of the folks who were there adjourned to a few gatherings, in their rooms, and since no one bothered to extend an invitation, we retired to the bar, where we met some of the other folks who were attending and spent the rest of the evening talking and sharing ideas with them, until around 11 when the place closed. After that, everyone went our separate ways to go to bed in order to start the conference in the morning.

Thursday, Oct 19, 2000

Woke up and went down for a Continental type breakfast and then started in on the classes.

The first classes presented were: Equipment Laws and Enforcement, New Guidelines for School Area Safety, Building and Maintaining Child Safety Seat Coalitions, and the one I attended was titled; "**Alternative Sentencing: How it Works and What it Can Do for Your Community**". Their description is as follows:

Alternative sentencing programs are handled differently in each community. Learn how different judges and courts handle it. Find out why you may want such a program and the steps required for implementing alternative sentencing, issues such as logistics, content, qualifications, and evaluations will be presented. Sample materials will be available.

This was taught by a woman from the Eugene area who works with the courts down there with alternative sentencing for both

adults and juveniles. Things such as additional driver training, diversion classes for drunk/impaired drivers of all ages, and anger management for those who get into the "Road Rage" mode. Somewhat interesting, but not all that applicable to motorcycling, unless you get caught up in that can of worms. Somewhat interesting, but nothing exciting.

The second class session included Understanding DRE (Drug Recognition and Evaluation), New Technology: A Key to Truck Safety and Productivity, Traffic Safety Committees that Work for Communities, and I attended a **Tour in Newport of Traffic Engineering Site** which was described as follows:

This presentation walks you through project identification, development, administration, and evaluation of a project on US Highway 101 and Olive Street. The focus is the use of engineering related safety fixes. Next, a van trip to the project site will allow for greater familiarity and understanding of the solutions applied to the finished project.

This class included a discussion on how traffic flow changes are engineered and brought about and then a tour of an actual site where the community had gotten in helping get the roadway reshaped. For those of you who have been going to Newport, or live there, you will remember how awkward it was to get onto the coast highway, coming from Corvallis on Hwy. 34. They talked about the land deals to rearrange the right of way to lay the new road and how they worked to straighten out the two offset road which run east/west across the highway. We took a ride to this intersection and had the opportunity to watch the traffic flow and see how easy/difficult it would be for tractor-trailers and tourists to maneuver this intersection. Interesting, if you are into this kind of thing.

Then we had lunch and had Grace Crunican, Director, Oregon Department of Transportation, as the guest speaker. She carried on about how much progress ODOT had made in the last year with all the construction going on across the state, such as the I-5/ Hwy 217 interchange being upgraded, the tunnels on both Hwy 30 and the coast highway. Somewhat interesting if you like patting yourself on the back.

Then back to class. The first session was MIP (Minor In Possession), Approaches to the Teen Driver, Child Safety Seat

Resource Center: Strategies for the Future, and **Traffic Calming and Community Relations.**

This one was described as:

Traffic calming devise solutions are sought by citizens and engineers, but the community response can itself require calming. This workshop will explore how two very different communities are implementing traffic calming fixes, and how they deal with issues of community relations.

When A.B.A.T.E. first started attending these conferences, one of the classes covered this subject and the fact that the Fed DOT was giving Oregon money to study different ways to break up traffic patterns and presumably help reduce **Road Rage** which was the subject of several ordinances in exotic places such as Gresham. We warned you about things such as "roundabouts", extra planters places in the roadway, speed bumps which are just enough to interrupt traffic flow, but not to impede safety vehicles (fire trucks, police, ambulance, etc.). Portland has had some of these for awhile and some of these are new. If you go north on N.E. 39th you will run into one at the crossover of Glisan St. has one with a statue in the middle of it as does several intersections downtown. These supposedly allow the traffic flow to break and gives a "calming" (?) effect to the traffic flow.

Could have fooled me, since I have seen several vehicles make a mad dash across the intersection or get really ticked when they get stuck waiting to get moving into the road after stopping at one of these "calming" devices. Guess I'm just not "engineer" enough to figure it out. Oh, well. The last workshops of the day were: Traffic Law Enforcement for the Future, No Zone Demonstration, Community Traffic Safety: Facilitated Issues Session, and **New Traffic Signal Technology.**

This one is described as follows:

Come hear a panel of four managers and engineers discuss a variety of traffic signal technologies. Topics include improving pedestrian safety and mobility, a curve-warning beacon activated by speeding vehicles, and the effectiveness of variable message signs. This workshop will highlight both effective systems and those that haven't worked as well as originally hoped. (Sorry. Got to continue this next month.)



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OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

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

If no explain: _____

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

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

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

If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH

If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

YES : How did you plead? _____

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

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

NO : When is your court date? _____

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

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

Label permanently fastened inside? YES NO

Was helmet modified? YES NO

If modified describe: _____

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ CHAPTER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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

NAME: _____ NAME: _____

NAME: _____ NAME: _____

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

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____ TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS: _____ DATE PAID: _____

VOTER INFORMATION:

CONGRESSIONAL _____

SENATORIAL _____

REPRESENTATIVE _____

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

YOUR CANCELLED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER RECEIPT IS YOUR PROOF OF PAYMENT

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

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

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Attention Membership**

NAME _____

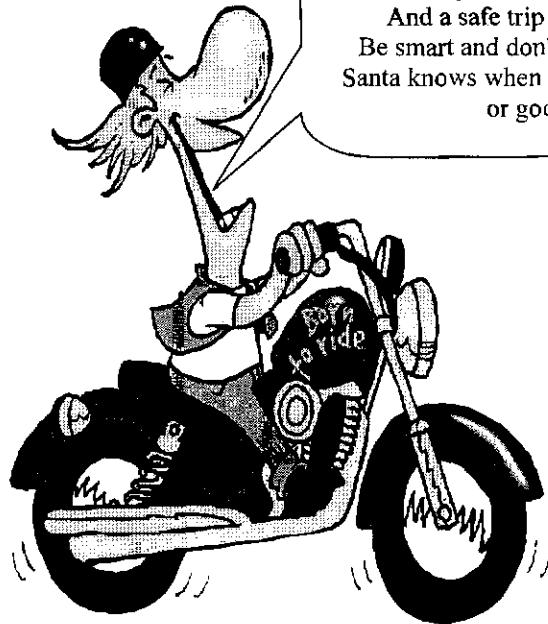
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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER _____

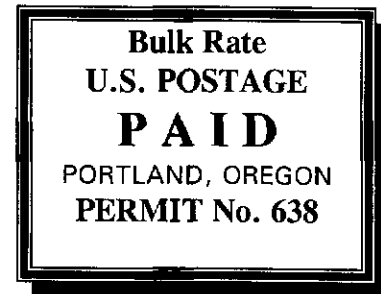
SIGNATURE _____

We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas,
And a safe trip back home!
Be smart and don't ride unsobber.
Santa knows when you've been bad
or good!



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



**TIMELY DELIVERY REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL**

**Take a moment.
Now give it all ya got!**

Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1 st & 3 rd SUNDAY	S.E. PORTLAND	12:00 Noon, M/M Restaurant & Lounge 137 N. Main Gresham
2 nd SUNDAY	CENTRAL OREGON	2:00 PM Moose Lodge #323 3199 N. Hwy 97, Redmond
3 rd SUNDAY	SOUTH COAST	11:00 AM, Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend
	SOUTHERN OREGON	2:00 PM, Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill
2 nd SUNDAY	COLUMBIA RIVER	12:30 PM, Pizza Perfect, 6815 NE Killingsworth, Portland
2 nd & 4 th SUNDAY	SALEM	1:00 PM, Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem
1 st & 3 rd TUESDAYS	RIVER CITY	7:00 PM, Zim's Brau Haus, 604 E 2nd St., The Dalles
2 nd & 4 th TUESDAY	WASHINGTON COUNTY	7:30 PM, PrimeTimeSportsBar & Rest, 4202 Pacific Av, Forest Grove
1 st & 3 rd WEDNESDAY	NORTH COAST ABATE	7:00 PM Astoria Eagles, 894 Commercial, Astoria
3 rd WEDNESDAY	N.E. PORTLAND	7:30 PM, RoundTable Pizza, 4141 NE 122 nd , Portland
3 rd THURSDAY	WILLAMETTE VALLEY	7:00 PM, Foxfire Restaurant 4740 Main St., Springfield
1 st & 3 rd FRIDAY	LINCOLN COUNTY	7:00 PM, Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport