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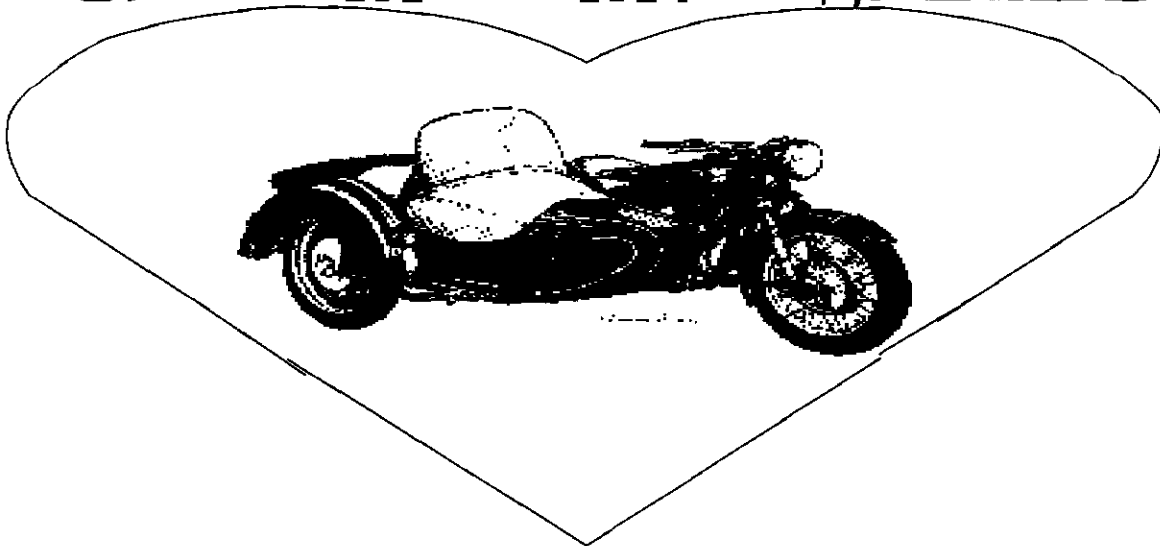
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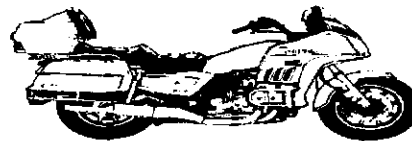
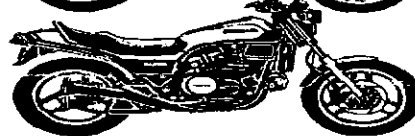
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11:00 AM, Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend

12:00, Noon Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg

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1:00 PM, Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem

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COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Hi Everyone. Hope the New Year is going smoothly for all of you. Let me introduce myself. My name is Ted Tracy. I started riding on a mini-trail 50 back in 1968. I bought a RD350 in '72. I had various other bikes until I bought a basket shovel in '83. Sold that in '93 and now have 51,000 miles on my '94 Fatboy.

My wife, Jill rides a '97 FLHT, and has over 33,000 miles already! My son, Teddy who is 16, rides a Kawasaki Ninja 500 and my daughter Beth, 15, rides a horse named Harley! By no means am I or Jill "Harley Snobs". She would die for a Honda ST1100, and I would love to have a Ducati!

I've been involved with WaCo for about 6 years and was Chapter Coordinator for the last 3 years.

This year's State Officer's are excited and ready to roll. New on Board include Bob Avery as Vice-Coordinator South, Nancy Curran in the new position of State Chapter Auditor, and Bear, Sergeant at Arms South. Kurt Speas has signed on as Run Coordinator II and he is dedicated to helping Roger with some fresh energy. It is turning out to be quite handy having the State Recording Secretary living with me!

The Planning session last October produced many good ideas and we are focused on making sure these ideas are carried out.

In April, ABATE of Oregon is hosting "Best of the West, 2000". This is the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Western Regional Conference. Nowhere will you find more informative and entertaining speakers. If you can possibly make this conference, it will be time well spent. It is really a gas to learn and socialize with motorcyclists from other States.

We all have a lot of work ahead of us making sure our supporters get elected. We also need to work together to keep our chapters strong and moving in the right direction. Please attend your chapter events and lend a hand. Please feel free to call me anytime with your concerns or ideas.

This month's STEAM is looking to be one of the best yet. This seminar is FREE and a great way to spend a rainy winter day. Hope to see you there.

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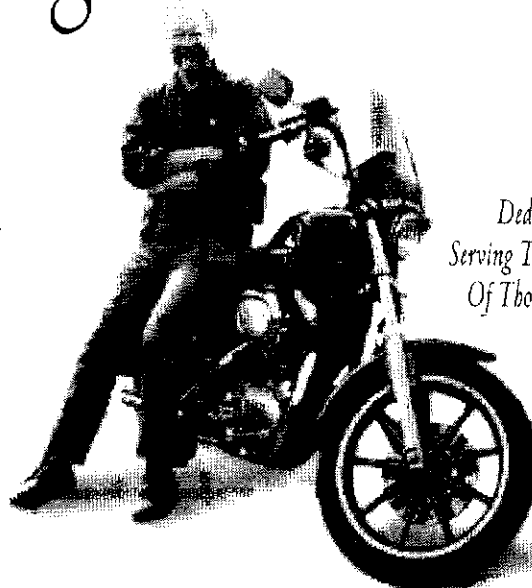
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Central Oregon

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Chapter address: P.O. Box 926, Redmond, Or. 97756
Chapter contact: Jay Swartz 541-389-6773

NO REPORT, SECOND TIME THIS DECADE.

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

The main item of news for us is the chapter election:

Coordinator	Spike
Secretary	Janet
Treasurer	Angie
State board representative	Art
Membership secretary	Beth
1 st Sgt at Arms	Nick
2d Sgt at Arms	Aaron
Historian	Steve
Ways and means	open
Legislative	Spike Neal

I want to welcome the new officers, especially those who have not served before, Art and Nick; I know that they are going to do great jobs for us. I also want to thank the out-going officers for all of their good work, Janet (state board rep), Julie (secretary), Annie (ways and means), Karen (newsletter) and Bob (Sgt. at arms). As you can see, Janet has agreed, after some arm-twisting from me, to be secretary again.

We are also hosting our 10th Annual Sweet Heart's Dance at the River Road House on February 12th. Please join us for fun.

Finally, we are still looking for two wagon wheels that we're going to use to build Angie Jensen's Memorial Bench in Fossil. Any leads would be greatly appreciated. At the Sweet Heart Dance we will be having a 50-50 drawing to benefit the construction of that memorial.

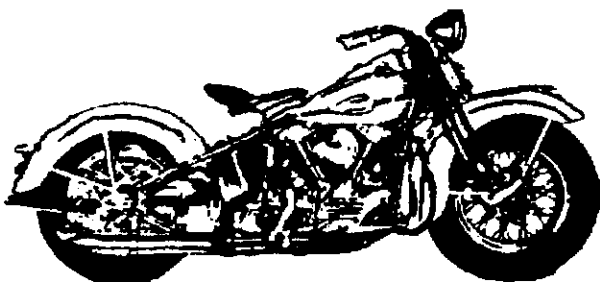
Spike

Douglas County

Meets 3rd Sunday at 12:00 AM

Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 61, Roseburg, OR 97470
Chapter Contact: Connie 541-440-3079
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NO REPORT, SECOND TIME THIS DECADE.



Lincoln County

Meets the 1st & 3rd Friday, 7pm

Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 614, Waldport, OR 97
Chapter Contact: Ralph Janes @ (541)265-6850

HI!

It was a beautiful sunny day on December 19th when we set out to deliver presents to our adopted families. What a wonderful, warm feeling comes with the gift of giving. One of the youngest children is deaf, and with her smiling face and sign language, expressed her Love for Santa. One of our other families has a daughter that is legally blind. Along with presents Santa gave her, her first ride on a Harley. Cruising the Bay front, they honked the horn, smiled, and waved at everyone! Another Christmas has come and gone. We are starting out our New Year with some new members. Chris & Juanita, B.J. & Shelly and their children Josh and Shelleah. Welcome aboard!

As I promised, here is a list of our Officers for the Year 2000,

Coordinator	Ralph Janes
Vice-Coordinator	Joe Huff
Secretary	Shirley Huff
Treasurer	Ruth Trombetta
State Rep.	Kurt Speas
Membership Secretary	Darla Rekow
Legislative Officer	Big Bear
Education Director	Open
Srgt at Arms	Charlie Lowther
Ways and Means	Janey Cutshall
Public Relations	Wanda Janes
Historian	Janey Cutshall
Chapter Newsletter Editor	Wanda Janes

A Big Thank You to everyone who signed-up for another year, and to those who stepped-up where needed.

On a sad note, we have said a heartfelt farewell to our Education Director and friend Mark Watts. We Love him, and we will miss him.

Life is very precious, please be kind to the people around you!

RIDE SAFE!

SHIRLEY

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, FIRST TIME THIS DECADE.

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: Jeff Gee 503-861-1703

NO REPORT, SECOND TIME THIS DECADE.

River City

Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 PM
ZIM'S BRAU HAUS, 604 E. 2nd. St., The Dalles
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 1103, The Dalles, OR 97058
Chapter Contact: Kevin, Membership Secy. [541] 352-7471

It was a cold dark rainy night in the River Cities. People gathered at the appointed time and place to perform their rituals of membership in the River City Chapter of ABATE. Our new Coordinator, Lee, led the festivities.

We got our new Chapter shirts and they look great! Plans were begun for STEAM, BEST of the West, Fossil and Sturgis. We had a ride and party last Saturday, the 1st day of the century. Johnna Baker won the 50/50 drawing and got \$9. Diana Greenfield missed the \$25 membership prize by missing the meeting. Brian

Salem

Meets 4th Sunday, 1:00 PM
Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave NE
(Call 503-581-3138 or 503-581-8637 for information)
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Chapter Contact: Elaine and Gary Devore (503)-581-0006
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NO REPORT, FIRST TIME THIS DECADE.

South Coast

Meets 3rd Sunday, 11 AM
Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend
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Chapter Contact: Charlie Hill (541) 888-8081
SouthCoastABATE@yahoo.com

NO REPORT, FIRST TIME THIS DECADE.

Southern Oregon

Meets 3rd, Sunday, Noon
Oregon's Pizza, Gold Hill
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Chapter Contact: Tom Orsini (541)-479-8635
Roberta Great 541-857-0244

NO REPORT, FIRST TIME THIS DECADE.



S.E. Portland

Meets 1st & 3rd Sundays, 12 Noon
The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122nd & Division, Portland
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Chapter Contact: Lee Austin 503-760-9015
FAX 503-760-9013 E-Mail la44@qcsn.com

I don't think there has been much riding going on and I bet a lot of you are hibernating after all the holidays. There are some good party's coming up in the area and I hope to you see some of you at them.

SE Portland chapter is having there Anniversary Party and it is March 11 at the Tippy Canoe in Troutdale. Who knows, maybe someone might organize another good game of Broomstick pool. I'm sure I can be defeated quite easily from coming in first place last year. (Actually it was my partner did all the fancy shooting.) Columbia River is having their Sweetheart dance. This is your chance to bring a sweetheart, find a sweetheart or just be a sweetheart, but go because it's a lot of fun

I don't have much to say in the way of politics this time, as I have not been able to attend the last few meeting. That nasty bug that was going around hit our house hard.

We still need either a secretary or a treasurer; I would like to take over treasurer if any one is interested in doing the secretary job. It's easy, especially if you have a computer. I can put the stuff on a floppy for you.

I am going to repeat what I said in the last newsletter, it's time to concentrate on this New Year. It's a very important year because it is an election year. Time for you to gear up and get ready to do a LOT of volunteering. Passing out literature, putting up signs and educating people on whom would be the best candidates to vote for. One of the reasons most people join this organization. Stephen Baton won \$5.00 for being at the last meeting in December when his name was drawn. The pot went back to \$5.00 and Steve Miller's name was drawn at the Jan 2nd meeting. Since he was not there, he did not win. It will go up \$5.00 each meeting until won again. (The max is \$50.00).

See you at some of the upcoming parties and hopefully at more of the meetings.

Anna

South Central Chapter

Meets 2nd Wednesday 6:30 P.M.
Old Town Pizza Company, 722 Main St., Klamath Falls
Chapter Address 231 Division St. Klamath Falls, Or. 97601
Chapter contact: Pat Poage 541-851-8249
or Judy LaMay 541-882-5431

NO REPORT, SECOND TIME THIS DECADE.



Washington County

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

Miller's Homestead Restaurant, 640 SE 10th St., Hillsboro

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

Chapter Contact: Ted Tracy (503) 640-5766

Happy New Year and glad we made it through Y2K! New officers are listed below, along with information from the last meeting in 1999:

Coordinator:	Bill "Bricklayer" Gabrielsen
Vice-Coordinator:	Wild Bill Ballard
Treasurer I:	Carla Richesin
Treasurer II:	Marci Letourneau
Chapter Secretary:	Linda Wells
Legislative Director:	OPEN
State Board Representative:	Deb Jones
Sergeant at Arms I:	Brian Reding
Sergeant at Arms II:	Rick Stocker
Public Relations Director:	Bobbi DeSantis
Membership Secretary	Shirley Cristoferson
Education Director:	Brett Letourneau
Ways and Means:	Luke Stocker
Historian:	Mike Pierce
Chapter Products	Thunder
Newsletter/Wepage Editor	Paul Cristoferson
Run Coordinator I:	Mark Pratt
Run Coordinator II:	Titan Dave Hallquist

A motion was made at the last meeting to continue to meet at the Silver Dollar Pizza on the corner of Hall Blvd and Denney Rd. So, until further notice, this will be home. Ted did don the pink tutu but refused to wear the tights and leotard (probably better for everyone that he didn't!) We had a membership drawing to give away the pot and drew names until someone won. Losers were Dave Smalley, Ian Ballard, Burt Darnielle and Gary Wendling. Marion Bishop won a pocket full of cash.

We also had our IceCycle Run on January 2, 2000, with 27 bikes making it to the Log Cabin on Hwy 6. Other attendees opted to drive because of the weather, but it was reported that everyone had a good time. Judy Pratt won the \$500 Beaverton Honda gift certificate.

Until the snow stops falling, take care and watch out for the other guy - even if you're in a car or truck!

Linda Wells

Willamette Valley

Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:00 PM

The Blarney Stone 86495 College View Rd., Eugene, Or.

Chapter Address: please address to:

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

Chapter Contact: Michael Taylor 541-485-2352
or Rick Maish 541-746-7837

Hello again on the other side of Y2K! Sorry I missed last months report but the holidays took too big a bite of my time. I'm sure ya'll know how THAT is! Notice the meeting place change above. The Blarney Stone is where the old Roadhouse used to be, just a block or two north of Doyles Harley Davidson off I-5. We actually had our first meet there in December following an update newsletter put out by our esteemed editor and other contributors. Unfortunately the name and ownership changed and our reservation was dropped to make room for their open house!! This caused a little problem with where to seat and meet an almost record crowd of ABATE

members. But it turned out to be a great "dinner" meet with Irish folk music as a backdrop and ended up with bag-pipes and Irish dance for those who hung around after the meeting. Hope it eventually satisfies a majority of the membership's needs. Show up, check it out, and let us know.

Not a lot to report this time of the year. If you got a newsletter you know the new officers. Only real changes are a split off of the secretary position to add Dawn Stetina-Ferren as the new Membership secretary. Rick, who's stayin' on as Chapter secretary is helping her figure out the details (I hope!?). And the State Rep. is now Gene Ball (who will be assisted by several others as back up). Also, Bob Avery has accepted his "nomination in abstensia" to the Legislative Rep. position he's held all along. It's a great line-up and I'm looking forward to an even more exciting and eventful year ahead.

Don't forget the May 6 Biker Days rally in Salem at the Capital. Let's see if we can muster up 2000 bikers for the event and really be heard. It's a great chance to visit your State Reps and ask for their support. If your interested in doing a STEAM work shop on February 19, it may not be too late to reserve a spot. Call me or better yet call Mel, the State Education director (see his number in the front of the State Newsletter).

We've also set up our Rhody Festival Poker Run this year for Saturday 5/20 and another Casino Night on 10/15. Mark your calendars and watch for flyers when the time draws near. And, of course, there'll be plenty of rides, overnights and other stuff as the weather begins to improve.

Suppose I could mention that STEVE COEN missed the 30\$ drawing at the December meet.....too bad. With the huge turn out, I was sure we'd have a winner. That makes it 40\$ for January. could be a great way for someone to start out the new year!

See ya all at the Blarney Stone next time around!

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Michael



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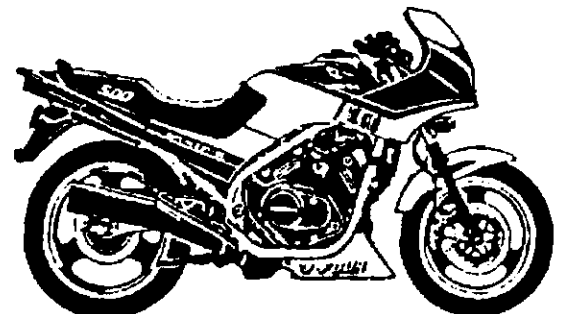
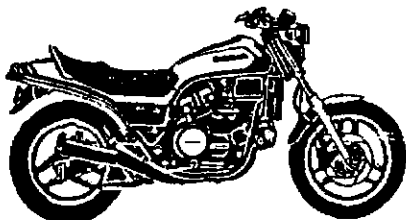
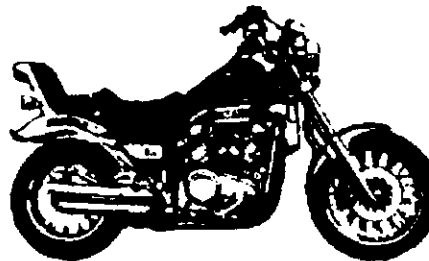
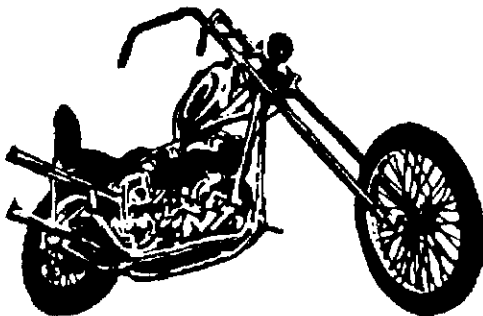
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SOUTH COAST	57	-2	2	59	67	68	66	65	
SOUTHERN OREGON	143	-3	4	146	144	149	155	158	
WASHINGTON COUNTY	66	-1	2	67	69	63	66	66	
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What do you have to sell?



News & Notes for the Politically Motivated Motorcyclist

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 and views. Please submit all material to Terry Lee Cook, Government Relations Specialist / State Program Development, 13515 Yarmouth Dr., Pickerington, OH 43147; fax 614-856-1920 or e-mail to tcook@ama-cycle.org.

Preservationists have launched a new attack on the motorcyclists and other users of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) of US Forest Service land -- a move that could ultimately shut down motorized trails nationwide, the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) reports.

A coalition of more than 90 preservation groups, led by The Wilderness Society and the Wildlands Center for Preventing Roads, announced Dec. 7 it would file a formal rulemaking petition with the US Forest Service to put strict controls on motorized vehicles in forest land. The petition would trigger a formal process that requires the Forest Service to respond.

The petition is the latest in a series of assaults on off-highway motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and other OHV use of public land. On October 13, President Clinton launched an initiative that could ban OHVs from as much as 80 million acres of forest land nationwide. Two weeks later, radical preservationists in Utah filed a federal lawsuit seeking to shut down 10 million acres of land controlled by the federal Bureau of Land Management.

"This latest action is part of an orchestrated effort by radical preservationists to bypass Congress and fast-track their agenda related to public land," Rasor said. "They prefer lawsuits and federal rulemaking over public discussion, debate and decision-making in Congress to accomplish their goals."

This new petition calls on the Forest Service to:

- Allow motorized vehicles on federal, state and county roads and on other routes only after environmental impact studies are done and a posting made that OHVs are allowed.
- Allow OHV use to continue, or begin, only after the Forest Service proves that the use won't "harm the ecological integrity of the national forests or the enjoyment of the forests by other recreationists." To do this, the petition calls for all current OHV use on forest roads and trails to be reevaluated within three years. If the reassessment isn't completed within three years, the OHV use would be prohibited until the reassessment is finished.
- Ban the use of motorized vehicles on forest land unless there is enough money, and a plan in place, to monitor the use. Also, no new motorized routes would be created until all existing routes have undergone environmental impact studies and monitoring plans have been approved.
- Conduct environmental assessments under the National Environmental Policy Act when designating travel routes for motorized vehicles, building or upgrading OHV routes and facilities, or when issuing special-use permits, among other things.
- Ban the use of motorized vehicles on forest land that is being considered for a "wilderness" designation, or that has wilderness qualities, such as "roadless" land. "Wilderness" is a federal land designation that bars most activities,

including commercial activities, OHV use and mountain bikes. "Roadless" is another federal land designation. But motorized trails are allowed on "roadless" land. In fact, most of the forest trails used by off-highway motorcyclists and ATV riders are in these areas.

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) Intro to Washington seminar is for you.

At the seminar - set for Feb. 26 - 29, 2000 at the Phoenix Park Hotel two blocks from the US Capitol - 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 the registration deadline is Feb. 11. Seminar materials, some meals, including a Monday evening banquet, are included. Space is limited so act quickly. For further information contact Tracey Powell at (614) 856-1900 ext. 1248.

ABATE of Niagara, NY recently published a letter from one of its members that happened to be a police officer. In the letter he tells of riding his motorcycle with his partner when off duty. They stopped at a new restaurant and were asked to leave by the owner who said "Look, we just opened up here, and we don't need your types scaring off the customers. Now leave." So they left without argument.

Three weeks later they happened to be on a routine traffic stop and discovered that the very same proprietor was their violator. After explaining to the owner that he was now facing the evil bikers he had thrown out they issued him a ticket for speeding, one for objects hanging from his mirror and a ticket for not having his license plate properly secured.

AMA District III (Eastern New York State) has created a Political Action Committee (PAC). The action was taken at the District's Sanction meeting, held in Cobleskill, New York on December 4th.

According to District President Larry Schwartz, forming a PAC has been under consideration for almost a year. Schwartz said "AMA members have got to have a mechanism to more efficiently influence state and local legislators to work for issues that are in the interests of all motorcyclists." He added that "for too long our voices have been unheard at the legislature because we haven't had the wherewithal either in people or resources to make that happen." Schwartz went on to say the tide is turning in New York State because motorcyclists are making a concerted effort to lobby at the legislature in Albany. The District decided to provide one thousand dollars and the Road Division provided another three hundred dollars for administration the PAC.

Schwartz said he was very happy that the two divisions have cooperated in creating this useful tool.

Idaho Attorney General Al Lance has filed a lawsuit against the Forest Service for not giving the state enough time to comment on the roadless plan. President Bill Clinton wants to end all road development in 40-Million acres of national forest lands. About eight-Million of those acres are in Idaho. Lance and Governor Dirk Kempthorne say the 60 days they were given to study the wilderness plan and its impact on the state were not enough. The lawsuit seeks more time for public hearings.

Oregon motorcyclists recently noticed that texture placed on joints of five Interstate 5 bridges during an overlay project a year ago had become slick. It was brought to ODOT's attention that a couple of motorcyclists had lost control on the joints, which run down the middle of the center lane on each bridge.

District crews reacted quickly by posting "Slippery when wet" signs with flags, that day. When ODOT staff contacted a contractor and received a bid in the \$10,000 range to fix the slick spots, they decided to take matters into their own hands. They utilized the Region 2 bridge and maintenance crew. That crew fixed all five bridges in one night at a cost of less than \$2,000. Bridge and maintenance crews will keep an eye on the joints and can fix them in a day if further problems develop.

Missouri Representative Don Lograsso (R-Blue Springs) has filed HB1258 in the Missouri House of Representatives. This bill is identical to the helmet law modification bill filed by Representative Lograsso last year and, if passed and signed into law, would return freedom of choice to motorcyclists over the age of 21 in the state of Missouri. This bill is a companion to SB610 introduced earlier this month by Senator Danny Staples (D-Eminence) and Senator Ronnie DePasco (D-Kansas City). HB 1258 and SB 610 have the exact same wording and are identical to the legislation that was vetoed by Governor Mel Carnahan last year.

The European Union (EU) is again considering the introduction of a roadworthiness testing (RWT) system for bikes. This was the subject of a technical committee meeting held by a section of the Transport of the European Commission (EC) in December 1999.

Safety and control on exhaust emissions and noise are the reasons that the EC is using to justify the introduction of a RWT for bikes. The uniform motorcycle construction standards on the EU level makes it even more appropriate, the EC says.

Federation of European Motorcyclist Associations (FEMA) was present at the meeting and stated its opposition to a European RWT system for bikes. FEMA noted that RWT is not cost-effective due to the small market that motorcycles represent and the disproportionate costs, which would be incurred for a negligible effect. RWT will not solve the problem of noisy exhausts, which can be easily replaced by original ones just to pass the test. Regarding emissions, the new limits have just been implemented six months ago. Moreover, 8 countries out of the 15 EU Member States do not have a RWT system and, where it exists, the systems take totally different approaches (e.g. MOT in United Kingdom & TUV in Germany).

The proposal could follow a report from Committee of International Testing Authorities (CITA) which will look into the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of such a measure.

FEMA is questioning CITA's impartiality. CITA represents testing authorities and would indubitably encourage the introduction of a system which will increase their level of activity. A number of its representatives already spoke in favor of introducing a RWT for bikes. The EC is waiting for the CITA report before considering further this proposal. Member Governments also have to take a position on this matter.

Brussels' best-known motorcyclist departed on the 20th of December on a round the world charity motorcycle ride. Simon Milward, who has been General Secretary of European motorcyclists' lobby group Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (FEMA), in Brussels since 1992, is raising funds for medical aid. He will cover 100,000km, 70 countries, and take about 18 months. He is visiting Spain and Portugal before taking a boat from Marseilles to Tunis on 1/1/2000 before heading to the Middle East, India and China.

The eye-catching Millennium motorcycle has been specially built in the UK by John Tee to withstand the rigors of such a journey. The 'Overlander' has a car-sized fuel tank, 49-liter side boxes and many donated specialist parts. It has been fitted with the European Commission's 'Tracker' system so that Simon's real-time position and route can be tracked from www.millennium-ride.com.

Milward invites everyone to be a part of this 100,000km epic. In return for a minimum donation, individuals will receive a badge and email updates. Contributors can choose to support Medecins Sans Frontieres (emergency medical aid in war zones) and/or Riders for Health (cheap reliable motorcycle medical deliveries in Gambia).

American Motorcyclist Association Vice President of Government Relations and FIM's Road Safety Commission President Robert Rasor states, "Both the AMA and FIM are delighted to have sponsored Milward on this journey. We encourage other motorcyclists to add their support."

Who hasn't experienced the sense of helpless frustration that arises when you can't get a live person on the phone, only a recording? Now there is a law against it - at least at a few federal agencies.

The Associated Press reports the new law was the work of Representative Ralph Regula (R-OH), chairman of the House Appropriations Committee's interior subcommittee - who apparently got caught in the voice mail loop too many times.

Buried in the fine print of the massive federal budget bill signed by President Clinton in November is a paragraph forbidding the Interior Department and related agencies from turning on their telephone answering machines during "core business hours" - except for emergencies - unless they give callers an option for promptly reaching a human being.

Among those agencies are the National Park Service, the US Forest Service, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Energy Information Administration, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Indian Health Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the Smithsonian Institution.

Nepal has banned the import of motor vehicles not meeting Euro I emission standards to try to curb pollution in the Himalayan kingdom, a junior minister said on Friday. "We will import only those vehicles which meet Euro I emission standards," said Bhakta Bahadur Balayar, minister for population and environment.

In a separate directive, Balayar said vehicles owned by the government, public corporations and diplomatic missions should install emission control devices by February 19.

In August, Nepal banned the import of two-stroke motorcycles and forced polluting three-wheeler auto-rickshaws off the streets of Kathmandu, the capital of the Himalayan kingdom. "The level of air pollution has come down since then," Balayar said.

Land Agency Creating Plan to Control Off-Highway Vehicles

PICKERINGTON, Ohio -- In an apparent effort to head off more lawsuits by environmentalists, the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced it will develop a national strategy to manage off-highway vehicle (OHV) use on BLM land, the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) reports.

Creating a national OHV strategy will involve working with motorized recreation groups, environmental organizations and state and local governments, the BLM said. No schedule of meetings or timetable for completing the plan have been set.

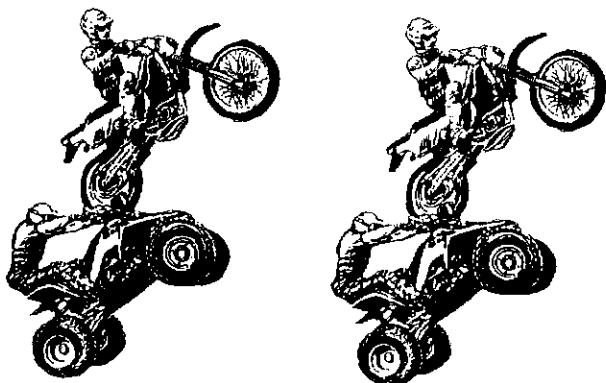
"This is a major policy initiative that has a significant impact on OHV use on BLM land," said Sean Maher, AMA legislative affairs specialist.

"It's critical that motorcyclists are involved in forming this strategy, and we've contacted the BLM to ensure that the AMA is at the table to represent motorcyclists' interests."

BLM Acting Director Tom Fry said this week that the strategy will recognize the interests of OHV users while protecting environmentally sensitive areas. The plan "will also enable BLM to spend scarce funding resources on managing OHV use rather than on OHV-related litigation, protests, appeals, and Freedom of Information Act requests," he said.

In October, a coalition of environmental groups filed a federal lawsuit seeking to ban OHVs from 10 million acres of land controlled by BLM in Utah. The coalition alleged the federal agency failed to protect the Utah land from OHV use.

If opponents of recreation are successful in Utah, millions of additional BLM acres could be shut down throughout the West through similar lawsuits. The BLM manages 264 million acres, more than any other federal agency, with most of that land in 12 Western states, including Alaska.



FREEDOM OF CHOICE FOR ALL OREGONIANS

Whereas: The Oregon Democratic Party observes a platform supporting personal responsibility and the freedom of choice of all Oregonians and acknowledges that Motorcyclists are no less capable of making informed decisions about safety options than any other Citizen

Whereas: Denying freedom to any minority weakens democracy as a whole

Whereas: The Democratic Party of Oregon rejects the prejudicial stereotyping that Citizens in a free society who choose to engage in a legal sport, hobby or activity can be so-called "social burdens"

Whereas: There has never been an unbiased, impartial or scientific study done that proves that forcing adult citizens to wear motorcycle helmets provides any benefits to the Rider or to society as a whole.

Resolved: That the Oregon Democratic Party adopts the platform opposing mandatory motorcycle helmet laws for adults.

If you believe this, then you need to do your part to get "Society" to believe it.

Support our legislative objective to get the following resolution included into the Democrat Party of Oregon platform. Register to vote. Become a PCP. Attend your Party's Central Committee meetings. Attend your County's platform and resolution meeting. Attend the Democrat Party State platform and resolution meeting. You do *NOT* have to be a PCP to attend, only to vote.



ANOTHER CLUB MEMBER FILES CIVIL RIGHTS CASE

Robert Challis, a member of the Brother Speed Motorcycle Club, has filed a lawsuit in federal district court on January 7, 2000, against the mayor of the City of Portland, the city itself, a police officer named Gunderson, and numerous other as-yet-identified police officers. His lawsuit arises out of the failed effort to designate him as a "criminal gang affiliate" based solely on his membership in the club as well as other generalized "intelligence" gathering by the police including the collection of motorcycle license numbers as recently occurred in October outside of the Jolly Inn. His claims are based upon a state statute, ORS 181.575, that limits such intelligence gathering as well as the first amendment to the United States Constitution. He seeks damages as well as injunctive and declaratory relief pursuant to 42 USC 1983. He is represented by ABATE member, Spencer Neal, who now also represents two other club members on slightly different claims involving their right to wear their club colors without penalty.

The Highway Authority after compensated two Norwegian motorcyclists accidents on slippery bridge.

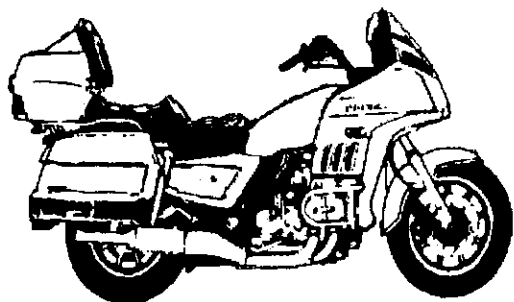
The local highway authorities undertake full responsibility after the two motorcyclists both overturned on the extremely slippery road surface on a small bridge in Sykkylven in the western part of Norway this summer.

Roadwork had been going on, and the bridge was prepared to be paved with tarmac. Even though the bridge was as slippery as ice, no warning sign had been put up.

Jan Atle Vangen was the first to overturn, and by mere chance a freelance TV photographer came by and filmed the wreck of Vangens motorcycle. While filming the wreck another motorcyclist came over the bridge, and also overturned! The photographer got this on tape, and the footage was sent on national television the same night.

After seeing the footage the local Highway Authorities undertook the whole responsibility, and said "this was an extreme situation", and that they should have put up a sign to warn off motorists about the surface on the bridge.

One of the unlucky motorcyclists said after the accident that there was so little friction on the bridge that even though he skidded several meters. There were hardly any scratches on his rubber rain suit.



From the GUNNY'S SACK

A NEW YEARS VICTORY here in Oregon. Sam Hochberg, our A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) attorney, and the new A.I.M. criminal defense attorney (Aid to Incarcerated Motorcyclists), Pat Birmingham, both went to Salem this last month and spanked the police. The cops handed out mass tickets to a group of patch holders and others. Here's what went down:

Last May, the Salem P. D. stopped about 60 bikes, because they THOUGHT that the last dozen or so in the pack went through a red light. But, the cops never could identify WHO supposedly ran the light, so they just cited EVERYONE for failing to yield the right of way to an emergency vehicle -- which was just the cops following them 4 or 5 car lengths back, with their overhead lights on. Most of those cited were from the Gypsy Jokers M.C.; one was from the Flying 15 and one from the Christian Crusaders. The pack was road blocked at the exit they were taking for a run. I Somehow, the cops seemed to know their exit.

Sam 'n Pat had 29 of the bikers' tickets and represented them in court.

The cases were tried one after another. The bikers in most of the pack never saw the cop lights. The results of the trial: 27 acquitted by Judge Gruber, in Salem Municipal Court. The judge said that there had to be some particularized suspicion, and the police could identify no one in particular. Judge Gruber rides a Goldwing.

NEWS BITS'N PIECES:

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN: HARLEY OUT-SELLING HONDA IN 1999? Harley-Davidson is out-selling Honda in U.S. motorcycle sales and taking back the lead that the Japanese manufacturers have dominated since the 1960's. In 1999, Harley will claim 26% of all motorcycles sold in the United States, while Honda lags behind slightly at 25%.

Guess H-D's tired of playing catch-up. It really helps when you put a really good product out for sale, and they have done just that. Now all we need is shorter waiting periods for new scoots when they're ordered.

A SPECIAL "Company": Thanks to "Crash," from Ohio, for this e-mail: Can you imagine working at the following company?

It has about 500 employees with these statistics:

- 29 have been accused of spousal abuse;
 - 7 have been arrested for fraud;
 - 19 have been accused of writing bad checks;
 - 117 have bankrupted at least two businesses;
 - 3 have been arrested for assault;
 - 71 cannot get a credit card due to bad credit;
 - 14 have been arrested on drug-related charges;
 - 8 have been arrested for shoplifting;
 - 21 are current defendants in lawsuits;
- and, In 1998 alone, 84 were stopped for drunk driving.

Can you guess which organization this is? Give up? It's the 535 members of your United States Congress! The same group that perpetually cranks out hundreds of new laws designed to keep the rest of us in line. Sad isn't it? Our lawmakers, are law-breakers!!! Of course, there are lots of GOOD, well-intentioned legislators out there, but this kind of news is very disturbing. All this because voters don't PAY ATTENTION. Scares hell out of me.

SEDONA, AZ: After the last NCOM conference in Phoenix, our Oregon A.I.M. Attorney Sam Hochberg went wandering around the state. The guy needs a vacation now and then. Seems he stumbled into a really unusual kind of bike shop: It's called "HEMP & HAWG," and it's down in that beautiful red rock country up north of Phoenix. This shop sells hemp clothing, pipes, papers, magazines, motor oil, custom bike parts and bikes! Sounds like it's right outta the sixties.

WOODCLIFF LAKE, N.J.: BMW of North America, Inc., posted record sales of 10,088 units in 1999 – the most BMW motorcycles EVER sold in one year for the U.S. market – an increase of nearly 30 percent over record year-end sales figures for 1998. People do love their beemers!

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA: The auto plant "PROTON" hopes to achieve a zero accident rate by offering a MOTORCYCLE SAFETY program for it's employees, and has cut the accident rate for their workers dramatically! How about them apples! How many American companies would do such a thing?! Asia leads us again, eh?

URUMQI, WESTERN CHINA: A Chinese adventurer has successfully completed the first solo motorcycle crossing of the dried bed of the Aiding Lake, which is China's lowest point. The Aiding Lake, which means "Moonlight Lake" in Uygurian, sits 154 meters below sea level with an area of 22 square kilometers. Cui Di crossed the lake's dried-up bed north to south. The crossing coincided with the last sunset of the century.

BEIJING: One place in China celebrated the new millennium with bikes: In Chongqing, the youngest municipality in southwest China, they welcomed the arrival of the year 2000 with a motorcycle rally at dawn! People holding torches bearing the numbers "1999" ran in front, followed by 2,000 motorcycles and 2,000 long distance runners!

NASHVILLE: Tennessee Titans safety Marcus Robertson needed 150 stitches to close facial cuts he got in a motorcycle accident recently, according to the newspaper, "The Tennessean." Robertson lost control of the bike and fell off as it slid, and lost his helmet on impact, OOOOPS!

Coach Jeff Fisher confirmed Robertson had suffered "numerous abrasions to his face" and may need plastic surgery. Most of us aren't that famous, so we aren't talked about when we fall off our scoots, but let one celebrity crash and it's all over the headlines.

GANG DESIGNATION, Round Two: The case against the Portland, Oregon P.D. has been re-filed by Bobbay Challis, a member of Brother Speed M.C, for naming him as a member of a "Criminal Gang." The first suit was filed on behalf of the club, at the request of the Oregon Confederation of Clubs, but the cop tried to use it to dig up irrelevant info on the club and was dropped. This second suit is JUST Bobbay as an individual, so they have no excuse to try to dig into club affairs. "Magoo," of the Westside Portland Chapter of Brother Speed filed against the City of Tigard, for refusing to allow club members into a public festival, as previously reported. Both cases are now with Spencer "Spike" Neal. Spike's also got the claim against Keizer, for tossing a Gypsy Jokers member from a public building just for wearing his patch, and a case where the cops in Eugene roused a member of the Free Souls M.C. and took pictures of his girlfriend's tattoos! Sam's A.I.M. office is helping out, too. Go get 'em, guys!

SAM'S A.I.M. TIP 'O THE MONTH: Sam's specialty, of course, like all A.I.M. Attorneys around the country, is personal injury, and bike cases in particular. He says injured bikers often make ONE big mistake: They don't SNIVEL enough!

Sam says if you've gone down (or in a car wreck for that matter), make sure you tell the doctor ALL that ails you. It's just reporting FACTS, it's NOT whining. Then, the doc will put it in his chart, and maybe help you get well. Y'also gotta GO to the sawbones or the physical therapist or the chiropractor when they TELL you to. If ya don't, it's a lot harder for your lawyer to get a fair buck for ya later. Any questions about injury claims?

Call your Aid to Injured Motorcyclists attorney nationally at 1-800-ON-A-BIKE for a free consultation and evaluation of your case. Sam Hochberg's here in Portland at 503-224-1106 for you Oregon riders.

GUNNY AGAIN: I'm ready for a sweet ride to San Francisco in early May to the 15th Annual NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists) Convention. It's gonna be a whopper! Northwest bikers are hereby invited to ride down with me. Get a hold of me by leaving a message at Sam's office, or e-mail at AIMGunny@aol.com. Sam, by the way, is always on that net, and he can be found at SamBikeLaw@aol.com.

Keep the round side on the bottom,
Gunny, Oregon A.I.M. Chief of Staff

Legislative Director's Report Frank Saxton

Happy New Millennium everyone! Glad to see that the Planet didn't self-destruct.

Chapter Reps: Please get the names and e-mail addresses of your new Legislative Directors to me ASAP. Also, if you would be so kind as to pass around a sign up sheet at your next meeting of people wanting to be on my Legislative info e-mail list, I would appreciate that very much.

Last Month, we heard about the so-called "Global Harmonization" plan to implement tiered motorcycle licensing. Under this scheme, Riders would have to be around 25 years old, pass a variety of tests and have many years of on road experience riding smaller motorcycles before they would be allowed to ride bikes such as Harley Davidsons or the 900+ cc sports bikes. These directives are already a fact of life in Europe. The only things being discussed are the actual requirement details for moving up to the various levels. Like the earlier noise, horsepower, so-called "anti-tampering" and other Euro directives, the fact that this strategy is going to be implemented is pretty much a done deal. We can expect to see DMV directives and/or legislation implementing plans like this in the USA before long.

This Month, word of a plan to perform Road Worthiness Testing (RWT) is the latest directive to come out of Europe. RWT is basically a "safety inspection" for motorcycles. Now before you say that checking to make sure people aren't riding on bald tires is a good idea, listen up. Motorcycle inspections have been a fact of life in most East of the Mississippi States for as long as I can remember and they have nothing to do with making sure that you aren't riding around with a burned out tail

light. Motor vehicle inspections are about making sure that all of the equipment your motorcycle was manufactured with is still installed and operational. Is it legal to ride a bike with only one rear view mirror in Oregon? Yes. But if RWT goes into effect, if your bike was manufactured with 2 mirrors, you'll need two mirrors to pass. And what about our victory removing handlebar height limits? Lost. You will find yourself arguing with the "Inspector" every year (every 6 Months in some States). You'll come to loathe the annual ritual of re-installing your stock mufflers, speedometer, mirrors, horn, directional signals and whatever else you've customized on your bike. The RMT directive is extremely anti-chopper and anti custom bike. They will also check your VIN numbers and if either the number on the frame or the number on the registration is smudged or incorrect, you won't be riding. It will take you Months to get your paperwork straightened out. Some states use the frame VIN number and some use the motor serial number. Move from a State that uses one to a State that uses the other and you'll get a whole new perspective on Government bureaucracy.

RWT is done by "approved" motorcycle Dealerships. The Dealer has no incentive whatever to pass you and every motivation to flunk you. Fail, and the Dealer will get to write up a nice, fat work order to make your bike legal again... which is why motorcycle Dealerships love this program. At \$15 to \$25 or more per inspection, it can also get expensive, especially if you own several bikes. Think DEQ lines are long? Imagine waiting behind your local Harley Davidson Dealer's regular maintenance service Customers to get your bike inspected. Inspections can take anywhere from 15 to 20 minutes, and that's if there is nothing wrong. Your reward will be a huge (the Cops will need to be able to see it), reflective sticker, usually stuck onto your forks. Won't that enhance the look of your bike....

So, you're probably thinking, "yeah, I have a few things on my bike that won't pass... but I have been going to the same shop for years. They'll pass 'em". Wrong. State Inspectors regularly go around with illegal bikes trying to find shops that will pass them. Pass a bike that should flunk and you'll lose your certification. Believe me, it won't be long before the only places where you can get inspected are those that are going to pull every nit-picky bitch they can on you to get you to part with some of your hard earned money.

Noise limits are a bad idea. Horsepower limits are a bad idea. Graduated licensing is a bad idea. Roadworthiness testing is a bad idea. Motorcyclists in Oregon doing absolutely nothing to defend against this stuff are a bad idea. Are you a PCP yet? Being part of the political system that is going to lay this crap on us is about the only way to stop it from happening. We *will* be on the defensive as soon as "*pick your favorite Government person who doesn't like Motorcyclists*" hears about this and thinks it would be a swell idea for Oregon. We can either be strong and be prepared to fight this stuff, or we can just let them do it to us like we let them railroad in the bull-stuff mandatory helmet law that we've been fighting for the past 12 years. What will it be, folks?

FUNNY BREAK

If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42 pound boy wearing pound puppy underwear and a Superman cape.

It is strong enough, however, to spread paint on all four walls of a 20 by 20-foot room.

When you hear the toilet flush and the words, "Uh-oh," it's already too late.

Brake fluid mixed with Clorox makes smoke, and lots of it.

A six year old can start a fire with a flint rock even though a 36 year old man says they can only do it in the movies.

If you use a waterbed as home plate while wearing baseball shoes it does not leak - it explodes.

A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2000 sq foot house 4 inches deep.

LEGOS will pass through the digestive tract of a four year old.... Super glue is forever.

McGyver can teach us many things we don't want to know.

No matter how much Jell-O you put in a swimming pool you still can't walk on water.

Pool filters do not like Jell-O.

Crayons do not remain solid when stored on a car's dashboard on a hot summer day.

Never leave a toddler, a furry animal and a pair of scissors alone in the same room.

VCR's do not eject peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, even though TV commercials show they do.

Always look in the oven before you turn it on. {that darn hamster!}

Small pets and microwaves are a bad combinations.

You should never take a goldfish for a walk; even on a leash.

The fire department in Roseville has at least a 5 minute response time.

The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earth worms dizzy..

It will however make cats dizzy.

Cats throw up twice their body weight when dizzy.

Hi Erma:

This perfectly delightful note is being sent on paper I made myself to tell you what I have been up to. Since it snowed last night, I got up early and made a sled with old barn wood and a glue gun. I hand painted it in gold leaf, got out my loom, and made a blanket in peaches and mauves. Then to make the sled complete, I made a horse to pull it, from some DNA that I had just sitting around in my craft room.

By then, it was time to start making the place mats and napkins for my 20 breakfast guests. I'm serving the old standard Stewart twelve-course breakfast, but I'll let you in on a little secret: I don't have time to make the tables and chairs this morning, so I used the ones I had on hand.

Before I moved the table into the dining room, I decided to add just a touch of the holidays. So I repainted the room in pinks and stenciled gold stars on the ceiling. Then, while the homemade bread was rising, I took antique candle molds and made the dishes (exactly the same shade of pink) to use for breakfast. These were made from Hungarian clay, which you can get at any Hungarian craft store.

Well, I must run. I need to finish the buttonholes on the dress I'm wearing for breakfast. I'll get out the sled and drive this note

to the post office as soon as the glue dries on the envelope I'll be making.

Hope my breakfast guests don't stay too long. I have 40,000 cranberries to string - with bay leaves - before my speaking engagement at noon. It's a good thing.

Love,
Martha Stewart

P.S. When I made the ribbon for this typewriter, I used 1/8-inch gold gauze. I soaked the gauze in a mixture of white grapes and blackberries which I grew, picked, and crushed last week just for fun.

Response from Erma:

Dear Martha:

I'm writing this on the back of an old shopping list, pay no attention to the coffee and jelly stains. I'm 20 minutes late getting my daughter up for school, packing a lunch with one hand, on the phone with the dog pound, seems old Ruff needs bailing out again.

Burnt my arm on the curling iron when I was trying to make those cute curly fries, how DO they do that? Still can't find the scissors to cut out some snowflakes, tried using an old disposable razor . . . trashed the tablecloth.

Tried that cranberry thing, frozen cranberries mushed up after I defrosted them in the microwave. Oh, and don't use Fruity Pebbles as a substitute in that Rice Krispie snowball recipe, unless you happen to like a disgusting shade that resembles puke!

The Smoke alarm is going off, talk to ya later.

Love, Erma

Back to serious

Well, all through the week I was excited, yet maintained my composure, and tried to expand on what I had accomplished already. Thursday was rapidly approaching and I was looking forward to riding down to the Augusta Lutheran Church to deliver toys for a group of less fortunate Hispanic children.

How this all came about was through our friend, Mike Hess, from the PIIAC in Vera Katz' office downtown. A couple of weeks ago Mike contacted us concerning some friends of his wife and him. These were some underprivileged families that were putting together a Mexican fiesta at the church on 14th and Knott. Mike was wondering since we have done so much work with the Shriners Toy Run, whether we could put together some toys for the kids. Lee put out a feeler over e-mail to the people of Southeast Chapter of ABATE to check out the response. T and her new hubby said they would be interested to the tune of \$50 and a couple of other people said they would also if there was enough interest. After some discussion at the Dec 5th meeting we decided to undertake the project as a personal thing and not an ABATE function. I started the donation with \$20 and asked for matching funds which I immediately got from four other people, whom included Chuck Sherman, Larry Porter, Steve Baton, and Geoff White. Lee decided to put in his 50/50 share and we were rolling. After getting home, I promptly called some friends and generated another \$60, which led into e-mailing everyone letting them know others could be counted on. Dick Edmonds received

another \$40 and bought toys with it. My daughter approached the people in her office at the Multnomah County Courthouse, and collected \$20 and toys. I contacted my employer, R&H Construction, and the main office put flyers in all of the paychecks, which generated quite the bundle of items.

Friday the 10th was the day to shop and Karen Plaster helped out by joining T and her hubby Just, Mary and myself. We shopped at Fred Meyer, where Karen works, and was able to get a 20% discount. On that little foray, we spent \$298. In all, I believe we collected over \$500 worth of toys.

Thursday the 16th arrived and of course it was raining. The diehards that rode down included myself, Lee, Dick, Brent, Steve B, Dago and Marion, Bill and Judy, and my daughter Katie and wife Mary, who drove behind us with a full load of toys in the trunk and backseat, followed by Jim N. We met Melinda and Katrina, Rotten Roger, Vic and Bernice, his friend Koko and wife Tiki, T and Just, Chuck, Rena Jackson, and Geoff at the church. Several trainee firemen volunteered and donated toys as well. There was plenty of grits and grub, south of the border style, and plenty of smiling faces.

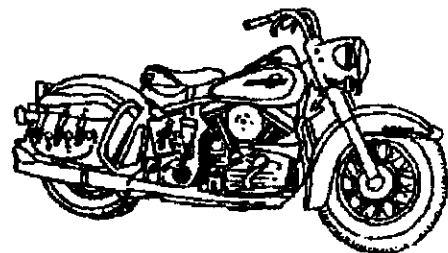
All in all, I think everyone left with an understanding of what Christmas is all about, and what we can do when we join together to make something happen. I had a great time and a wonderful feeling afterwards. Thanks to everyone who attended and all who donated. A very special thanks to Amy Hill from R&H Construction who helped me generate the donation of toys we had.

Merry Christmas to all,
Kerry "Maddog" Trotter

ANOTHER CLUB MEMBER SUES TO WEAR COLORS

A member of the Gypsy Jokers, Mike Kondash, has filed a federal lawsuit against the City of Keizer and Lt. Mark Miranda for violating his first amendment right to freedom of expression. At a neighborhood association meeting/potluck in July, Tattoo Mike, was kicked out of the Keizer city hall where the meeting was being held. Miranda gave him the choice of taking off his colors or leaving; Mike left rather than dishonor his club.

Kondash seeks damages from the defendants pursuant to 42 USC 1983, a federal civil rights statute. Spencer Neal represents him. Neal also represents Phil "Magoo" Wagner, a Brother Speed member, who had been kicked out of the Tigard Balloon Festival for wearing his colors. Wagner is scheduled for a preliminary injunction hearing in federal district court on February 7 at 1:30 p.m.



Politics 101

By Ken Ray

Legislative Director, BikePAC of Oregon

Lately it's become popular to call into question the motivations of our founding fathers. In the past few years you have seen a lot in the media about Thomas Jefferson and how he wasn't really a great man. This is known as revisionist history. That's where you go back and change history to fit today's standards. Thomas Jefferson, in my opinion, was a great man and he created a lasting document that is the foundation of our country, The Declaration of Independence.

In June 1776 the Continental Congress chose a committee of five people to draft the Declaration of Independence. Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Roger Sherman, Robert Livingston, and Thomas Jefferson were the committee. Jefferson was chosen to write the document, Benjamin Franklin edited it. But 90 percent of it is the original creation of Thomas Jefferson. It's impossible to appreciate the Declaration of Independence without knowing something about Thomas Jefferson. At the time he wrote the Declaration of Independence he was 33 years old. Thomas Jefferson was a lawyer, teacher, musician, architect, inventor, geographer, scientist, agriculturist, and philosopher. A slave owner himself, he almost slipped in a line that would have freed slaves as part of the Declaration of Independence. He was distrustful of large government and standing armies. Yet when he was president he acted by himself to purchase the Louisiana Territory without getting approval from Congress. He also set forth the plans that would create the permanent US Army. He was a man of amazing contradictions. When he wrote the Declaration of Independence, it was the first time that King George of England had ever been officially criticized. Just the concept of anyone directly criticizing the King was revolutionary.

The first four (long) sentences of The Declaration of Independence are the most powerful:

"In Congress, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America,

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with one another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. - We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. - That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, - That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

Whew!! That is a mouthful. And my grammar checker is telling me those are run-on sentences. However, it is crucial to understand that piece of The Declaration of Independence. These words form several concepts that are the foundation of

our country. If you skimmed over the previous paragraph from The Declaration of Independence, then please go back and reread it carefully. You will see that we motorcyclists are one of the few groups that still hold true to these concepts today.

Let's look at some of these phrases. "Separate and equal."- This originally meant that the United States had just as much right to exist as a separate nation as did Mother England. Later this phrase had become such a common concept that it was twisted into a justification for legal segregation of black Americans.

"All men are created equal."- It is important to note that in the writing style of the day, "men" meant humankind. The concept that all are created equal is the root of our constitutional government. All are equal under the law. I know it doesn't always happen that way, but we are the first country to codify that all are equal under the law. We still are closer to that ideal than anywhere else in the world. Also note that "created equal" means we all have equal opportunity. It does not mean we are entitled to equal results.

"Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."- The Declaration of Independence is where that phrase came from. Also, we have the right to pursue happiness. It does not mean government is required to provide it. Again, the means of achieving are left up to the individual.

"Governments...derive their just powers from the consent of the governed."- Wow Another powerful phrase. We are the ones who provide the consent for what government does. In today's USA this means we can influence government either directly, by voting, indirectly, by influencing public policy, or by inaction, where we don't speak up and government does what it does without anyone trying to stop it.

Jefferson envisioned a country of enlightened citizens, who took an active part in their governance. Where citizens left their farms to serve in the people's house now called Congress. Where government would have its power checked by an activist citizenry who provided their consent. Although it hasn't exactly worked out that way, a lot of times it's because the citizens haven't done their part.

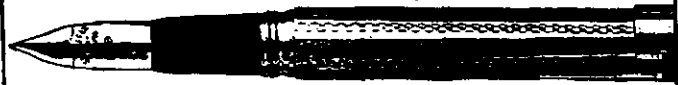
We as motorcyclists come closer to Jefferson's ideal than most of the US citizens do because of our political activity. So stay proud. And read The Declaration of Independence in full. It will remind you of why we do what we do.

Oh and finally the last sentence of The Declaration of Independence:

"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

Can any of us who call ourselves Americans pledge any less?"

**THERE'S NOTHING MIGHTIER
THAN THE SWORD.
EXCEPT MAYBE, A PEN.**



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

PR Director's Report

Other than having fun at the Shriner's Toy Run, I was not very busy last month. As a friend, I attended Uncle Bob's Memorial, and as a Chapter member, I attended the Fiesta with my daughter, Katrina. Mad Dog wrote a terrific article about Fiesta for the ABATE newsletter and I hope everyone takes time to read about it. Not only was Fiesta a wonderful PR opportunity, but it was fun too! Being an active member of a chapter is really important and I hope that if you haven't been to a meeting lately, you'll give it a try.

Clark and I did get together to work on the Chapter Auditor job description. I also checked out a new web site that wanted to link to our state home page. On my list of things to do for this month will be talking to Gordon about the Contributing Editor job description brought up at the retreat (and up for a vote today). The other big item is STEAM. I have been talking to both Brenda and Ted about my ideas for doing something new for this year.

I'd like to welcome Ted Tracy as the new State Coordinator. It was inspirational talking to him on the phone the other night. I was calling him with a problem and he responded to my concerns with opportunities and optimism. It lifted my spirits up and encouraged me. This will be a banner year for ABATE, even though I will deeply miss Chris and Tina. "We have but to get it together, now."

This month I'd like to acknowledge our Washington County Chapter. If you haven't heard, they won the contest for the chapter with the most PCP representatives. Frankie has been the Legislative Director and I suspect it would be difficult to NOT understand how important it is that we get involved in our political parties. Ken Ray hails from this chapter. Ken's always been active, but this last year, he was key in the grassroots lobbying effort for motorcycle riders in this state. Paul and Ed have been attending ABATE and Bike PAC functions this year. The newest star on the horizon is BikePAC endorsed, Wendy Houge, a Washington County ABATE member running for the State Representative position in her district. Outstanding!

How much more active can a chapter be? Well, there's Ted and Jill Tracy.

Jill and Ted have been active members of their chapter and the state organization. I bonded with them at a planning retreat and my relationship with them is one that I value because they have proven to be good friends.

The TNT family volunteers many hours to ABATE and other civic organizations, like 4-H. Jill won my admiration when she rode to Meeting of the Minds on her scooter this year, but then she comes back to tell me she put in a 700 mile day! Way to go, Jill.

I've heard that attendance at the Washington County Chapter meetings has increased this last year. I wish Bricklayer and all of the new officers, the best of luck as we steal Ted away. Ted told me that Bill is doing a great job of getting new and enthused officers into place. Speaking of chapter officers... My favorite chapter PR effort this last year was when Washington County, Carla (I think), sent pictures of their Toy Run out the same day of the event, using email. Way to go, Washington County.

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COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

ELECTIONS 2000 Y2K has come and gone, and since the world didn't melt down or freeze up, it's now time to turn our attention toward the November 2000 elections and start thinking about who's going to lead us into the new millennium. As the 20th Century comes to a close, the past decade has been a successful one for motorcyclists, with numerous victories in Congress including the repeal of the federal helmet mandates, passing federal protections against insurance discrimination, assurances from Congress that motorcycles will be taken into consideration during the future development of Intelligent Transportation System technology, and guarantees against motorcycle bans on public roads.

Following the repeal of the national helmet law came renewed efforts within the states to ride free, and Arkansas became the first state in the nineties to repeal their helmet law in 1997; followed closely by Texas, Kentucky and, most recently, Louisiana in 1999. Many states have become pro-active in other areas, such as Minnesota passing the first-ever biker anti-discrimination law; Virginia and Illinois passing laws against motorcycle road bans; and Arizona, Iowa, Oregon and Washington repealing or modifying their state's handlebar height laws (long used as harassment tools by law enforcement). But the only way to accomplish pro-biker law is to elect biker-friendly politicians, and in order to do that we have to not only VOTE for them, but also work in their campaigns to help get them elected to office.

As U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell once said, "After you're elected, everybody wants to be your friend. But you always remember the people who helped to put you there."

NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS (NCOM)

BOY ARRESTED DURING HELMET SPAT

A 9-year-old boy was handcuffed by a Palm Beach County, Florida, sheriff's deputy who spotted him riding his bicycle without a helmet after giving him a warning to wear one. Sheriff's officials say the incident, which was caught on videotape by a private investigator working on an unrelated case, does not warrant an internal investigation and are backing the deputy.

According to an ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP) article dated January 5, 2000, the bicycle officer told the boy once to walk his bike home and get a helmet, which is required by state law, but later spotted the child still riding without the required headgear. The boy made a U-turn and sped away with the officer in pursuit on his bike. After the sheriff caught him, the boy attempted to run away again on foot, so he handcuffed him.

The video shows the deputy searching through the boy's backpack and pockets while the handcuffed child sits on the cement. The boy is also pushed down on the ground twice as he tries to stand.

The boy, who was not arrested, was given two \$24 tickets -- and a free helmet.

His mother wants the sheriff's officials to say the situation was handled poorly. "All of this didn't have to happen for one helmet," she said.

An attorney representing the child said the officer's actions violated the boy's rights. "You don't get to handcuff someone and push them to the ground for a civil infraction," he said.

DOCTOR HEAL THYSELF For years we've heard the medical community claim that motorcyclists riding without

helmets are a huge public burden to taxpayers because of medical costs, but now the truth comes out in a front-page article in USA Today entitled, "Medical Mistakes 8th Top Killer." The November 30, 1999, article claims that medical errors kill more people in the United States than traffic accidents, breast cancer or AIDS, and between 44,000 to 98,000 American die each year from medical mistakes – making this the eighth leading cause of death, and resulting in costs of over \$8.8 billion a year!

So, remember these figures from the Institute of Medicine next time your sawbones starts talking about how much it costs to treat a fractured skull.

And show 'em the following, based on these statistics:

Number of physicians in the U.S. - 700,000

Accidental deaths caused/year - 98,000

Accidental deaths/per Doctor - 0.14

Number of motorcycles in the U.S. - 4,000,000

Accidental deaths/year - 2,000

Accidental deaths per bike - 0.0005

Therefore, doctors are approximately 280 times more dangerous than motorcycles!

NCOM NEWS & NOTES

MOTORCYCLE USAGE PROMOTED BY LONDON BUSINESS LEADERS

To reduce pollution and traffic congestion, the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry is urging the government to encourage the use of motorcycles in London. Cited were studies in other countries that showed motorcycles were successful in both areas.

Incentives such as more parking spaces for motorcycles and scooters were suggested by the Chamber. In the capital area, 15,000 people commute via motorcycle, yet have available only 2200 parking places designated specifically for motorcycles.

FROM THE INTERNET

UNSAFE AT ANY SPEED An electronic speed regulator that uses satellite signals to stop cars from breaking the speed limit could soon become mandatory on British vehicles, and the controversial speed control devices could be required to be fitted on all cars within the next few years.

Considering that technological advances can now achieve hands-free driving, and telematics (Intelligent Transportation Systems - ITS) are the wave of the driving future, it's a good thing that Congress passed legislation to ensure that motorcycles are considered in such "intelligent" technology so that your neighbor's SMART car won't run over your dumb motorcycle! It's also a good thing that motorcycle representatives from the ranks of rider groups from about 20 countries, motorcycle manufacturers and other industry reps, and national motorcycle rights organizations at the recent FIM (Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme) Public Policy Conference in Mulhouse, France, unanimously adopted a resolution "to oppose compulsory fitment to privately owned vehicles of any device designed to arbitrarily remove control from the driver to remote operation."

Although current technology doesn't apply to motorcycles, it's never too early to start thinking ahead!

CAMBODIA PEDICABS FACE EXTINCTION

Heng Sok's thin and muscular legs have propelled him through tough times for nearly 20 years. A 65-year-old farmer from eastern Cambodia, where poor soil and unpredictable rain keep rice yields low, Sok works as a pedicab driver in the Cambodian

capital for a few months each year to earn extra money while his crop ripens at home.

It's an annual migration made by thousands of rural Cambodians who provide cheap, rustic transportation to city-dwellers. But pedicabs - known as cyclos - could face extinction from motorized, three-wheeled taxi carts that hit the streets of Phnom Penh a few months ago.

"It is no longer easy. There are too many cyclos and motorbike taxis on the street already. And now comes a new type of transport," Sok, the father of 12 children, says while a group of cyclo drivers gather in a patch of shade for a noontime snooze.

Cyclos and bicycles were the standard mode of transportation in Cambodia until the late 1980s, when cheap motorbikes began pouring in from neighboring countries. Motorbikes also serve as taxis, but their limited cargo capacity left a niche for the cyclos, which can amble with heavy loads along the curbs of the capital's potholed streets, shuttling shoppers and goods to and from bustling markets.

Automobiles are also commonplace now that Cambodia is well on the road to recovery from the nihilism of the Khmer Rouge years and a more standard communist regime that followed, but the vast majority of Phnom Penh's 1 million residents still can't afford the \$1,000 plus price of a used Toyota.

The slick new taxi carts, however, are quickly settling into the cyclos' niche. At \$700 new, the Chinese-made trikes are being snapped up by ambitious motorcycle taxi drivers eager to exploit new markets.

But the taxis are too expensive for the farmers, who rent cyclos at a daily rate of 53 cents.

"I'm afraid we may soon be out of business because of those three-wheeled taxis," says cyclo driver Kang Cheat, also a rural transplant.

"They are powered by an engine, while we rely on our muscles." All that muscle power earns only about \$2.60 a day, with half of that going for food and renting the cyclo.

Some, however, believe it is too soon to ring the death knell of the cyclo, which will likely remain a favorite of Western tourists wanting an Asian-style stroll down Phnom Penh's scenic river front.

Kang Cheat is taking no chances. Before his midday nap he pulls a battered text book from his pocket and quietly begins to read – the 23-year-old orphan has begun attending English classes for one hour a day in hopes a new language skill will lead to greener pastures.

"Driving a cyclo is not a steady job," he explains. "It's a tough life."

BY KER MUNTHIT (AP)

THE MUENCH SHALL RISE AGAIN

The Muench Mammut motorcycle prototype is due to be unveiled in mid-February 2000 and is based on the Mammut motorcycle developed in 1966. According to an INTERNET article from Germany, it will cost around 170,000 marks (approx. \$90,000+), and is powered by a transverse, in-line four-stroke DOHC engine with 2000cc and 260 horsepower. Production will be strictly limited to an edition of just 250, all of which will only be produced to order against a down payment. Previous riders of the old Muench motorcycle included the late Malcolm Forbes.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: "Fred Hill was and English dispatch rider (read motorcyclist) during WWII. During this time he never wore a helmet. Continuing the ride

after the war, he felt betrayed when England instituted a helmet law, after all he had fought for freedom. Protesting the law by refusing to wear one, he was arrested and ticketed time after time. He was sentenced to a total of 31 prison sentences, the last one being a death sentence as he died of a heart attack in London's notorious Pentonville prison while serving a two month sentence for not wearing a helmet and refusing to pay the fines.

"I related this story to a friend and was asked, 'What did he accomplish?'. To my astonishment, I didn't hesitate for some reason and the answer popped right into what I sometimes call a mind. I said he accomplished what most people only dream of. He stood up for what he believed in and damn the consequences. What higher aspirations could a person have? He didn't repeal the helmet law, but I'm sure his courage was an inspiration to others to continue the fight.

"Fred Hill was a biker. He and thousands like him around the world fight every day for what they believe in - Freedom."

JIM NEILSON, CHAIRMAN, CONNECTICUT
MOTORCYCLE RIDERS ASSOCIATION (CMRA)
AND THAT'S ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS!

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

I have been getting a lot of phone calls and email telling me how much I will be missed as State Membership Secretary. Hold on there, the reports of my immediate retirement are not true. I am going into semi-retirement.

Murge Gunter from the Salem Chapter told me a long time ago that she was going to school and when she graduated would take over as State Membership Secretary. That time is almost here. This coming year we will be splitting responsibilities and Murge will be assuming more and more of the day to day duties of the position. She will be running for Membership Secretary in 2001.

During the year 2000 you can look forward to the M Team, Mother and Murge. It's not time to say good by yet. I'll still be doing Membership Secretary stuff, including correcting my misspellings and unintentional sex changes for a few months yet.

Ride Free,
Mother

I would like to say a big thank you to every one in A.B.A.T.E. for their prayers, and their support during Uncle Bob's illness. He was very proud to be a member of A.B.A.T.E. and to be on the Toy Run Committee. He was able to see this years run on video and was very happy to see how well it went. So Thanks to all of you, Happy New Year

Ride Safe
Rena Jackson

Not Just A Word

C. J. Fraley

Freedom isn't just a word. It is a knowing. Like knowing the difference between owning a motorcycle and being a biker.

We make a lot of noise about helmet laws, loss of our freedom and gun control and what people just don't seem to get is that it is more than that. Those things are symptoms. The disease is a nation of people who absolutely refuse to take responsibility for their own lives.

Ask yourselves about all the "convnienences" that are supposed to make our lives better. Think about the implications of caller ID, friend to friend long distance packages and a court system that is choked by lawsuits with fools who set up ladders in the mud and then sue because the ladder tips over. What are we - as a nation - becoming?

We want to know who is calling before we pick up the phone? We want the right to sue when we are so stupid that we can improve the gene pool by electing to remain childless?

How can we expect people who need warning labels on their meat market steaks to understand why we want to ride free? How can we expect people who are afraid to pick up the phone - and have given the phone company permission to record the numbers of all their incoming calls - to understand what freedom is? How can we expect people that are frozen into their narrow little lives - as afraid of living as they are of dying - to understand that it is possible to live any other way?

The answer to our helmet problem is much greater than getting one guy or the other to back us... though that would be the fastest.

I believe the answer is to understand our enemy - and the enemy isn't just the lawmakers in Salem. Our enemy is a people - a nation - that is being choked by its apathy and fear. Our enemy has traded canine fangs and eagles talons for a place in the protected herd with illusions of safety.

Many of these people see us as living lives they only dream of - even though we have mortgages, broken hearts, responsible jobs and lives - just like them. They are envious of our courage. Because they lack the courage to change their lives they try to erase any threat to the illusion they have created for themselves. They will try to erase us. They will have to eliminate our courage and our willingness to fight for our freedom and rights or they will not be able to continue to believe that the herd is a better place to be.

When we stop hanging at the fringe with our canine teeth... when we come screeching from the tree tops with our talons bared... when we are ready to face the "real" enemy - apathy - that is when we will be able to ride free. And I, for one, am not going to be erased. I am registering to vote, I'm getting involved and I am going to fight.

Watch out for my teeth. Beware my talons.



ATTN: Members

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

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ABATE PRODUCTS ORDER FORM - PRICE LIST

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

ABATE PINS

_____	ALAN	ABATE Anniversary Pin.....	4.00	_____
_____	ALPIG	ABATE Logo Pin - gold.....	5.00	_____
_____	ALPIS	ABATE Logo Pin - silver.....	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIS	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, silver.....	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIG	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, gold.....	5.00	_____
_____	AWP	ABATE Wing Pin - silver.....	5.00	_____
_____	AWPG	ABATE Wing Pin - gold.....	5.00	_____
_____	ASP	ABATE Supporter Pin.....	4.00	_____
_____	AUWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing Pin - 5 color.....	4.00	_____
_____	ALOP	ABATE Oval Logo Pin - black/gold.....	4.00	_____
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_____	ACWP	ABATE Uplifted wing-5 color on White.....	4.00	_____
_____	MUG	ABATE Logo on Mug.....	5.00	_____
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NOTE: Assorted Colors.....X-Lg. and LARGER add \$2.00 Chapter Logo setup				
		Fee with each order (One time charge).....	9.50	
(In order to be able to obtain shirts at this price, Orders must be a minimum of 12 shirts or more.)				

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STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 8th, 2000

Ted Tracy, State Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 12:04. There were 10 chapters in attendance with all eligible to vote. Reading of the minutes from the December 1999 meeting was waived.

Coordinator's Comments: Ted welcomed everyone, then read a letter from Judy LaMay, describing the disbanding of the South Central Oregon (formerly Klamath County) Chapter. Ted talked about the importance of being a freedom fighter and that means that everyone needs to work together to promote ABATE as an organization and to support their chapter. Ted has also secured a toll-free phone number. 1-877-55ABATE (1-877-552-2283), or 615-3101 if calling from the Portland area.

Correspondence: Confederation of clubs minutes, several letters from the DMV regarding administrative rule changes. First letter regarding rate increases for truckers. Second letter informing us of meeting to set standards for driver's training classes. Jim Niece will attend to represent our interests as to the Motorcycle Awareness Classes.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Legislative Director: Frank presented a draft of the "Freedom of Choice" plank we are going to try to have added to the Democratic Party Platform. This means everyone needs to attend the Democratic Party meetings. If 3 counties accept the plank, then it automatically becomes part of the State platform. This plank is an important part of our planning for the next legislative session, because recent history has shown the Democratic Party to be less than helpful to our cause. Frank would like all interested people with e-mail to get their e-mail addresses to him, so that they can be kept updated. Sign up at your chapter meeting, or e-mail Frank your address at Frankie@Easyrider.com. Discussion regarding global harmonization developments includes the roadworthiness testing, and graduated licenses.

ABATE's BikePAC Representative: Several paid positions open, including Lobbyist and Lobbyist Intern positions for the next legislative session. If you are interested, please forward your resume to Frank at BikePAC, PO Box 5612, Salem, OR 97304. Other positions available include the Membership Sales jobs open to anyone. Contact Frank for further information. A new BikePAC product was introduced, an embroidered eagle emblem on a black baseball cap. Contact Jill Tracy at 640-5766 or tntfam@europa.com for more information regarding available BikePAC products.

Education Director: Brenda Trainer-Huber has resigned. Ted read her letter. This position is now available. Contact Ted Tracy if you are interested.

Education Director II: OPEN

Membership Secretary: I have been getting a lot of phone calls and e-mail telling me how much I will be missed as State Membership Secretary. Hold on there, the reports of my immediate retirement are not true. I am going into semi-retirement. Murge Gunter from the Salem Chapter told me a long time ago that she was going to school and when she graduated would take over as State Membership Secretary. That time is almost here. This coming year we will be splitting responsibilities and Murge will be assuming more and more of the day to day duties of the position. She will be running for Membership Secretary in 2001. During the year 2000 you can look forward to the M Team, Mother and Murge. It's not time to say goodbye yet. I'll still be doing Membership Secretary stuff, including correcting my misspellings and unintentional sex changes for a few months yet.

Newsletter Editor: Not present, no report.

Products: Roger still working on the bike-size ABATE flag.

State Run Coordinator: Fossil moving along well, Roger is developing a new poster, without the Budweiser logo on the border. They should be printed soon. Need everyone's help in getting the word and posters out. Discussion regarding a potential swap meet collaboration with OMRRA at PIR.

State Run Coordinator II: Kurt discussed the event trifold, an idea that originated at the planning session 2 years ago. If you are aware of a business or have an idea for the trifold, please contact Kurt.

Treasurer: Clark reports balances as of 12/31/99: Bulk mail, \$2,561.66; Checking, \$2,249.93; Savings, \$31,590.55; for a grand total of \$36,402.14. Please remember that Clark doesn't receive the monthly chapter reports any longer. All Chapter treasury reports are to be directed to Nancy Curran, State Chapter Auditor. You can mail them to her at PO Box 5468, Charleston, OR 97420. E-mail is curran@harborside.com. If you need to talk to her via phone, the number is (541)-888-2572. Clark and Melinda have developed a job description for that position, after review it will be distributed at a State Board Meeting.

Historian: I still find the supply of historical items for 1999 to be quite small. We had a busy, difficult year, so did not manage to attend most functions. If you have a picture or two to contribute, please do...and thank you. I look forward to Mel and I organizing and indexing our history records, making its use more convenient, therefore, hopefully, more used. Keep riding, keep smiling, although perhaps not at the same moment.

WebPage editor: Not present, Maddog has updated the WebPage to include the new officers and their phone numbers.

Vice-Coordinator North: Jim discussed his work on the Bylaws with Spike, invited comments. He will have a full presentation at the next State Board Meeting.

Vice-Coordinator East: Not present, no report

Vice-Coordinator South: OPEN

Sergeant at Arms North: Bob discussed his Fossil plans, noted that with only 2 State Sergeant at Arms. He will need lots of help.

Sergeant at Arms South: Bear was not present, no report
Sergeant at Arms East: OPEN

Committee Reports

1. **Sanctioning Committee:** No report, no new items submitted

Unfinished Business

1. **Planning Session Minutes:** Ted reviewed the 10 proposals, assigned Jill to work on sanctioning form. Clark will develop an annual report regarding the annual Insurance premiums. Looking for a person to fill the "Volunteer Coordinator" position. Ted will investigate the cost of rubber stamp with the mission statement.
2. **Best of the West:** Brenda has resigned as chairperson. Ted and Jill will assume this job. Ted to work with Melinda on getting the flyer out to surrounding states. Ted challenged each chapter to send 10 members to the conference. Discussion regarding coffee service. Mentioned CMA possibly assuming this job. Jill will investigate. Van shuttle if not provided by the hotel, will be managed by officers who have access to a van.
3. **STEAM:** New updated class schedule with new offerings. Don't miss this! February 19th, CHEMEKETA Community College, Salem. Salem Chapter has arranged for at-cost breakfast and lunch.
4. **May Awareness Rally:** Murge has things well underway. Debra Jones of Washington County volunteered to work with Murge. Please help get the word out, help make this event a success.

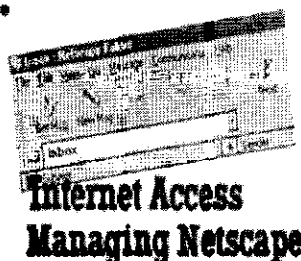
New Business

1. **Confederation of Clubs:** Meeting tonight. Chris Vieira will not be able to attend, volunteers? Jim Niece and Clark Brooker will attend.
2. **Nominations for open positions:** Education Director: Geoff White. Not present to accept. Lee Austin will contact. Education Director II: No nominations Vice Coordinator South: Bob Avery nominated, accepts. Appointed to position Sergeant at Arms East: No nominations.

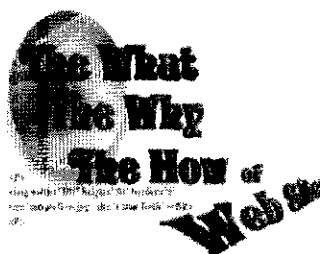
Announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned at 2:35. The next meeting is scheduled for February 12th, in Junction City. Minutes submitted by Jill Tracy, State Recording Secretary

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ABATE of Oregon, Planning Session Minutes

October 16 & 17, 1999

Workgroups:

Membership/ Communication issues:

- a. Chapter Notebook
- b. Increase Membership
- c. Retain current members
- d. Lobbying handbook
- e. Survey membership
- f. Information flow to members via Newsletter
- g. Revise renewal form

Events/Fundraising

1. Event trifolds
2. Too many runs
3. Sanctioning
4. Fundraising
5. Run Committee
6. Insurance

Treasury

1. Annual report - Officer guidelines
2. Life membership
3. STEAM & Chapter Treasurers
4. Division of duties

Corporate Health

1. Leadership Burnout
2. Develop Coalitions
3. Use of Committees
4. Expanded officer positions
5. Vision
6. Bylaw and Rules of Operations review

Workgroup report: Events / Fundraising

1. Events trifolds. Run Committee to be formed with Kurt Speas to chair. Will work to develop trifold concept and consider other fundraising ideas.
2. Too many runs: Encourage chapters to produce runs together, coordinate dates with other motorcycling groups.
3. Sanctioning: PROPOSAL TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS Recommend addition to sanctioning form describing conditions when the 30 day deadline could be waived.

Workgroup report: Treasury

1. Annual report - Officer guidelines: PROPOSAL TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS Recommend addition to Treasurer's job description of annual report to Board of Directors regarding annual Insurance premiums.
2. Life Membership: Discussion to increase rates, decision to make no changes at this time.
3. STEAM Treasury class: PROPOSAL TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS: All Chapter Treasurers are expected to attend the STEAM conference and Treasury class.
4. Division of Treasurer duties: PROPOSAL TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS: That the Treasurer's job be divided into two parts. State Treasurer to maintain the books of the State organization and create position of State Auditor to maintain / collect Chapter treasury records.

Workgroup report: Membership

1. Membership, increase new and retain current: PROPOSAL TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Develop a "PR" packet including courtesy cards, member handbooks, trifolds and newsletters.
2. Chapter Notebook: to make the information more available to all members, PROPOSAL TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS: post chapter notebook pages on the website and print in newsletter
3. Lobbying handbook: recommend name change to "Becoming an effective citizen" to help broaden appeal. Randy Phipps agrees to assemble information and develop this concept.

4. **Modify renewal form:** Recommend adding space for e-mail address, add options for other donations, add survey information.
5. **Discussion of "Volunteer coordinator"** to assist placing volunteers in jobs, and coordinating recognition of volunteers. **PROPOSAL TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** that this position be created and filled.
6. **Mission Statement: PROPOSAL TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Update member handbook to add Mission Statement and web address. Include in PR Packet a rubber stamp with the mission statement so that it can be added to current materials.

Workgroup: Corporate Health report:

1. **Leadership Burnout:** Discussion regarding the training / shadowing of new officers and old. **PROPOSAL TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Recommend dividing duties of the Newsletter Editor into two parts, managing Editor and Contributing Editor. Melinda will work with Gordon to develop job descriptions for both positions.
2. **Develop coalitions:** Discussion regarding developing a Liaison officer to other groups and clubs. No proposal at this time.
3. **Review Bylaws and Rules of Operation: PROPOSAL TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Form a committee to review and recommend any changes as necessary. Spencer Neal and Jim Niece volunteer to be on this committee

SHORT RANGE GOALS

- * Job descriptions of new officers
- * 1,000 riders at May Awareness Rally
- * Fill all chapter and State officer positions
- * Produce a memorable Best of the West, expand BOTW committee
- * increase membership
- * Effective and well-attended STEAM Conference
- * Produce State Products catalog
- * PR Packets including rubber stamp with mission statement
- * Produce Events Trifold
- * Chapter notebook available at Board of Directors meetings
- * Renewal form modifications
- * Increase member participation
- * Commitment to work on history of ABATE of Oregon (Melinda, Murge, Sherry & Clark)

Long Range Goals

- * Increase funding base to be able to consider hiring permanent employees
- * Increase membership
- * Increase participation by younger members
- * Study ABATE and other SMRO's to utilize their success

Minutes submitted by Jill Tracy, State Recording Secretary

Thanks to all those who took the time to show up at the planning session. Also please note that this is the official printing of this. If you have anything to say about what is written, please address those at your Chapter meeting, (for Indian Creek Members call State Coordinator). If you were not a member present at the meeting than you basically have given others the power in which to run your organization the way they see fit.

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Gordon (Editor)



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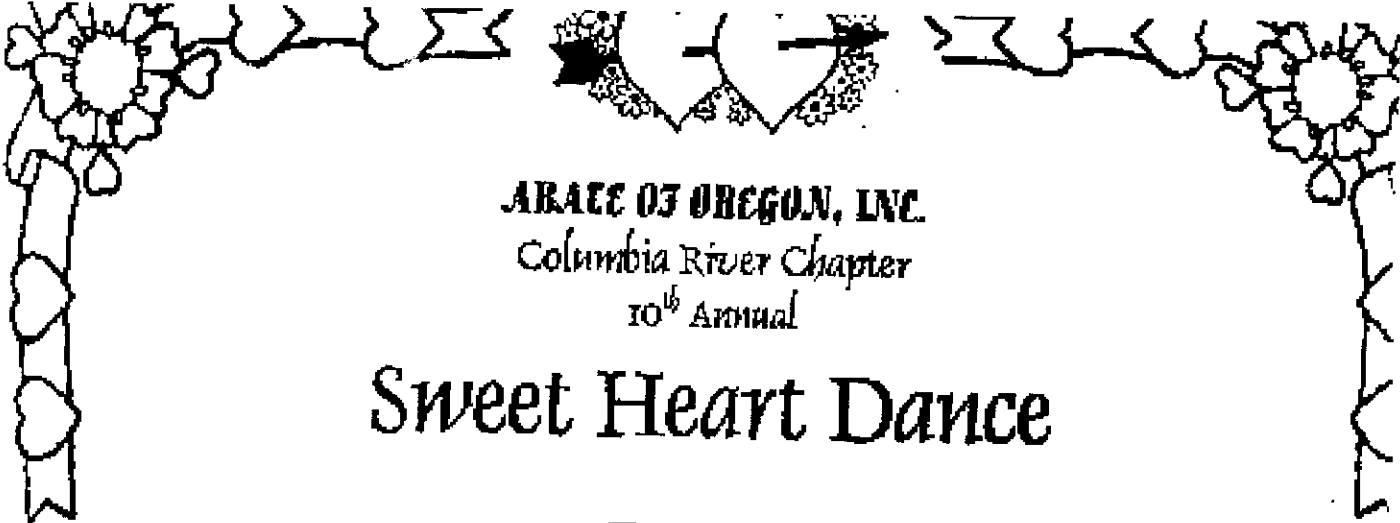
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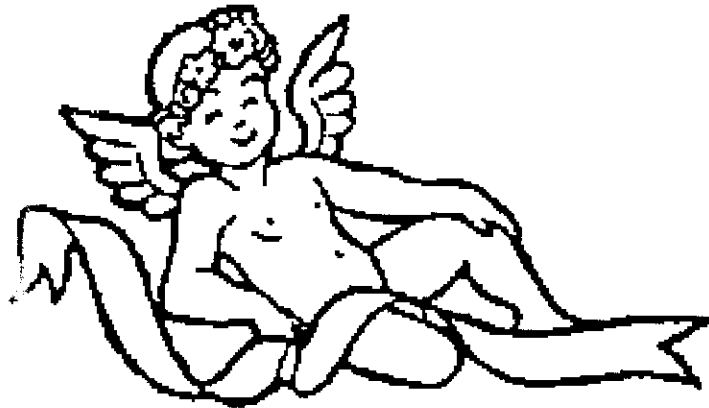
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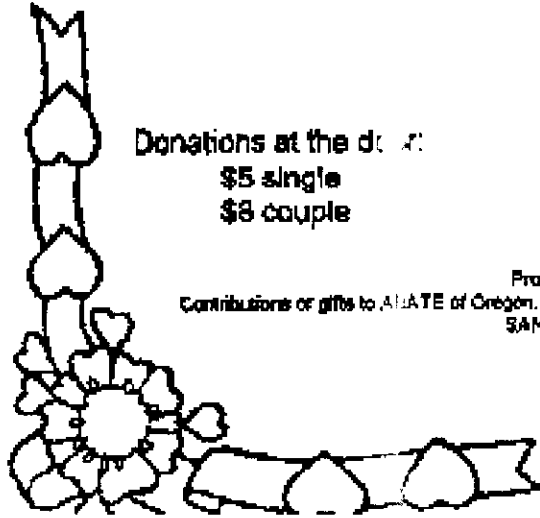
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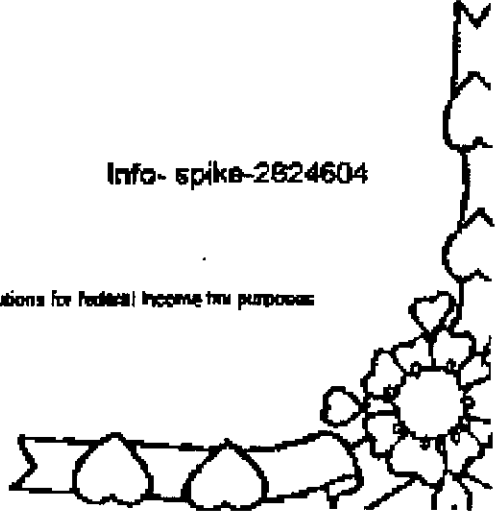
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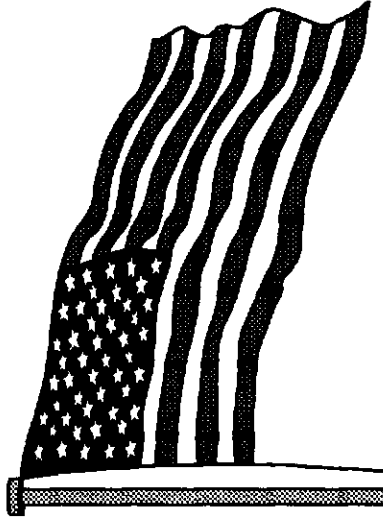
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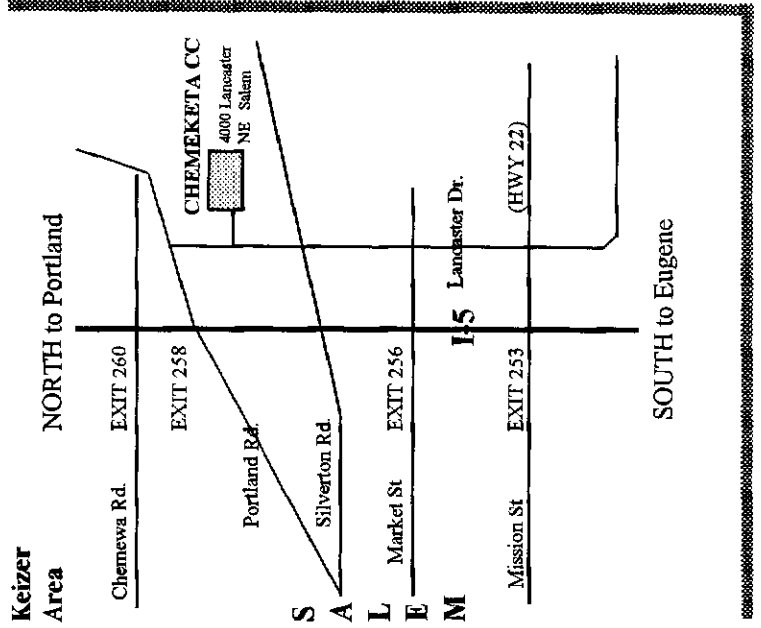


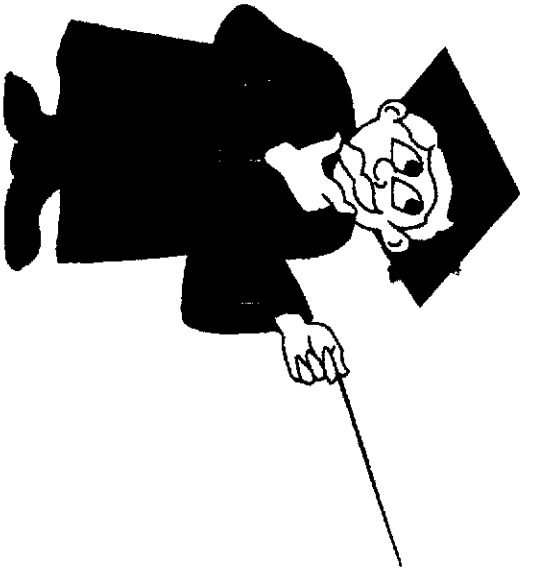
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AGENDA

Room 116

09:00—1045 Opening Program
 Welcome—Mel Yeager, Brenda Huber
 Remarks—ABATE Coordinator,
 ABATE History—Lrs Yeager, Teresa Hopker
 Election Information—Frank Saxton
 Guest Speaker—State Rep. Jeff Kropp, Dist 37

WORKSHOP SESSION 1

11:00—12:30
 Plans/Sanctioning procedure—Roger Hendricks
 Managing finances—Clark Brooker, Nancy Curran
 Public Image—Melinda McCrossen
 Political Activism/Campaign Involvement—Ken
 Ray, Frank Saxton

Room 116
 Room 118
 Room 119
 Room 120

12:30—1:00—LUNCH
 At cost—by Salem Chapter of ABATE

WORKSHOP SESSION 2

1:00—2:30
 Precheck Committee Person—Frank Saxton
 OPEN

Room 116
 Room 118

Public Image/Public relations—Melinda McCrossen,
 Jill Tracy, Teresa Hopker
 Building Political Relationships—Ken Ray, Brian
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Room 119
 Room 120

WORKSHOP SESSION 3

2:45—4:00
 Runa/Sanctioning procedure—Roger Hendricks,
 Secretariat & computer skills—Lrs Gleson, Nancy
 Curran, Jill Tracy
 Fundraising—Roger Hendricks
 Wrecks—Your rights & responsibilities
 Sam Hooberg, Attorney

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 Room 120

CLOSING SESSION

4:00—CLOSING
 Program critique and questions and answers
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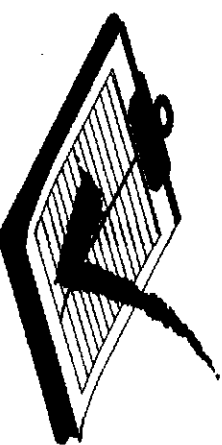
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ACTION GUIDE

BikePAC of Oregon PAC00019

We need registered Democrats to be appointed as delegates and to attend the State DPO (Democrat Party of Oregon) Convention.

On March 3,4,5, the Democrat Party of Oregon will be holding it's State Convention in Eugene. Among the many things that will be discussed is a freedom of choice for all Oregonians (mandatory helmet law repeal) legislative agenda item. Thanks to Geoff White, Spencer "Spike" Neal and "Diesel Dave" Ganslein, this position was endorsed by the Multnomah County DPO at their recent county convention. If we can get affirmation by just 2 more counties, a vote at the State convention is guaranteed.

The next step is to get as many Motorcyclists as we can to be appointed Delegates to the State Convention so that they can vote in favor of our initiative. Unlike in the Republican Party, where Delegate positions are almost impossible to obtain, the Demos are begging to get people to sign up. All you need to do is be a registered Democrat, make your wishes known at the next central committee meeting and you are pretty much automatically appointed. If you can't make your County's meeting, many Counties have voted to allow the County Chair to accept/approve applications by phone.

But don't delay! Like all good things, there is a time limit so if you want to go and if you want to be able to vote, you need to make your intentions known.

You do not have to be a registered Democrat to attend. I think that it would do many of us a lot of good to attend these kinds of meeting now and then so that we can get a better understanding of how our political system works at the party level. Although we have a keen understanding of legislative matters and are very effective there, the Legislature is only half the story. The other are where we need to become way more visible and effective is that the political party grass roots.

The Convention is being held at the Valley Inn in Eugene and they have a big rate reduction for Demos who are staying there for the convention. This is the same weekend as the Dorchester Convention so if you are a Republican, there's something for you to do too.

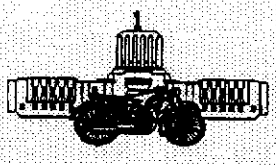
I will be putting out more information on this in the next week or two. The BikePAC social (location TBD) Saturday Feb 12th at 7:30 will include a strategy huddle to talk about what will be happening at the convention, what we can expect, protocols and so on.

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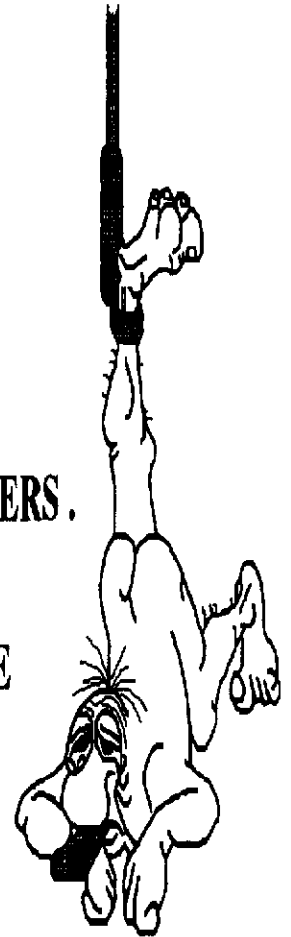
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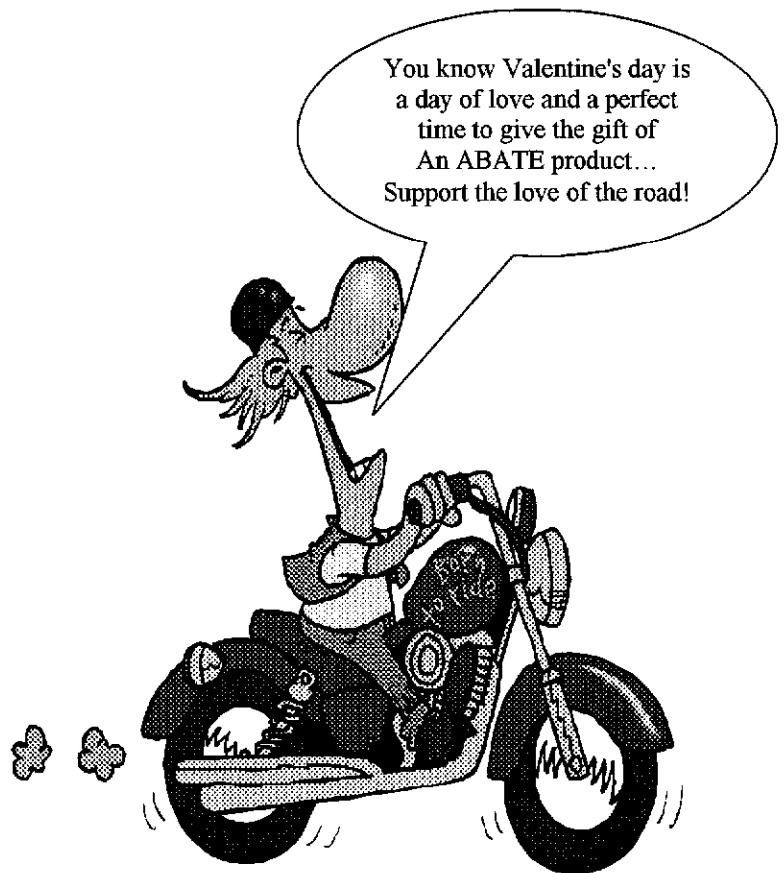
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2 nd SUNDAY	CENTRAL OREGON	2:00 PM <i>Moose Lodge #323 3199 N. Hwy 97, Redmond</i>
3 rd SUNDAY	SOUTH COAST	11:00 AM, <i>Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend</i>
	DOUGLAS COUNTY	12:00, Noon <i>Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg</i>
	SOUTHERN OREGON	12:00 Noon, <i>Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill</i>
2 nd SUNDAY	COLUMBIA RIVER	12:30 PM, <i>Pizza Perfect, 6815 NE Killingsworth, Portland</i>
4 th SUNDAY	SALEM	1:00 PM, <i>Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem</i>
1 st & 3 rd TUESDAYS	RIVER CITY	7:00 PM, <i>Zim's Brau Haus, 604 E 2nd St., The Dalles</i>
2 nd & 4 th TUESDAY	WASHINGTON COUNTY	7:30 PM, <i>Silver Dollar Pizza 6940 SW Hall (& Denny)</i>
1 st & 3 rd WEDNESDAY	NORTH COAST ABATE	7:00 PM <i>Astoria Eagles, 894 Commercial, Astoria</i>
3 rd WEDNESDAY	N.E. PORTLAND	7:30 PM, <i>RoundTable Pizza, 4141 NE 122nd, Portland</i>
3 rd THURSDAY	WILLAMETTE VALLEY	7:00 PM, <i>Izzy's Pizza 1930 Mohawk Blvd., Springfield</i>
1 st & 3 rd FRIDAY	LINCOLN COUNTY	7:00 PM, <i>Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport</i>