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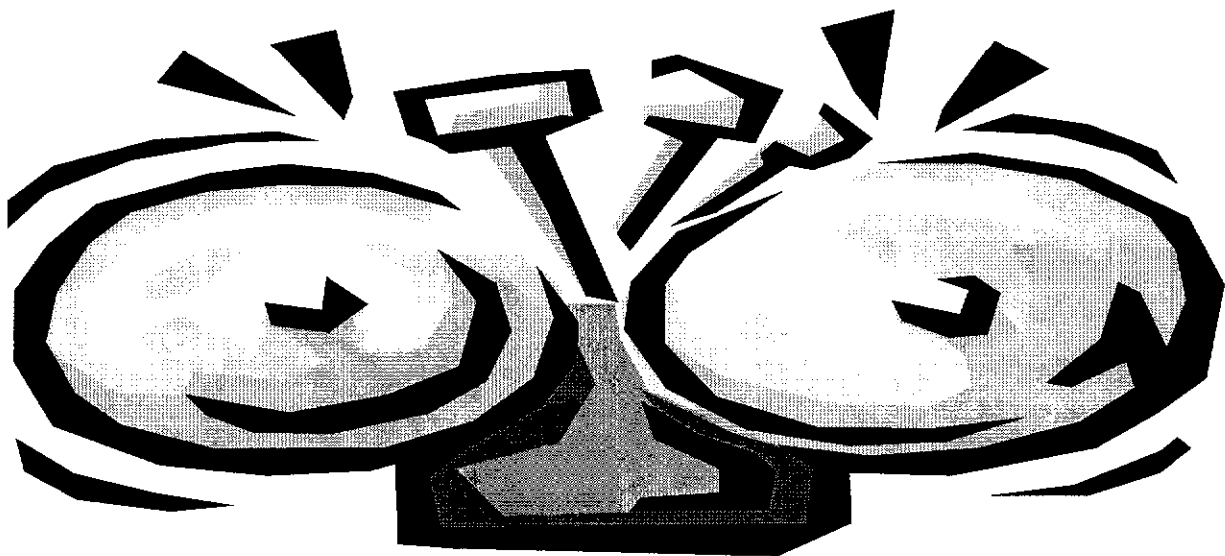


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I will stand by ABATE in its days of adversity and help protect it from weakness which come from prosperity.

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

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Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1 st & 3 rd SUNDAY	S.E. PORTLAND	12:00 Noon, The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122 nd & Division, Portland
2 nd SUNDAY	CENTRAL OREGON	2:00 PM Moose Lodge #323 3199 N. Hwy 97, Redmond
3 rd SUNDAY	SOUTH COAST	11:00 AM, Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend
	DOUGLAS COUNTY	12:00, Noon Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg
	SOUTHERN OREGON	12:00 Noon, Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill
2 nd SUNDAY	COLUMBIA RIVER	12:30 PM, Pizza Perfect, 6815 NE Killingsworth, Portland
4 th SUNDAY	SALEM	1:00 PM, Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem
1 st & 3 rd TUESDAYS	RIVER CITY	7:00 PM, Zim's Brau Haus, 604 E 2nd St., The Dalles
2 nd & 4 th TUESDAY	WASHINGTON COUNTY	7:30 PM, Silver Dollar Pizza, 6940 SW Hall (at Denny Rd.)
1 st & 3 rd WEDNESDAY	NORTH COAST ABATE	7:00 PM Astoria Eagles, 894 Commercial, Astoria
3 rd WEDNESDAY	N.E. PORTLAND	7:30 PM, RoundTable Pizza, 4141 NE 122 nd , Portland
3 rd THURSDAY	WILLAMETTE VALLEY	7:00 PM, Blarney Stone Bar&Grill, 86498 College View Rd Eugene
1 st & 3 rd FRIDAY	LINCOLN COUNTY	7:00 PM, Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport

Coordinator's Corner

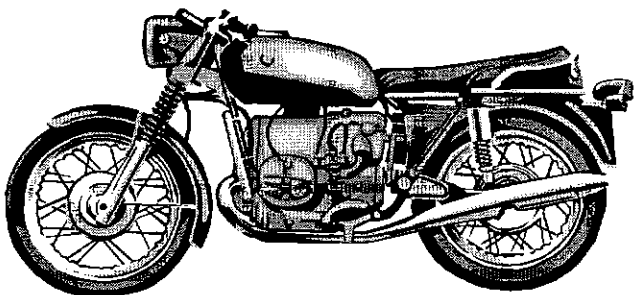
What a month! Chris, Larry, Roger and all past State Coordinators, you have my respect. (I hear you laughing, Chris!). I am thoroughly enjoying my new position but (as I was warned), it is rather time consuming. The extra phone line is quite handy, considering I have two teenagers at home. I have been trying to get to as many Chapter meetings as time allows, hope to visit your chapter soon.

Mark your calendars! The ABATE / OMRRA swap meet will be April 9th, at Portland International Raceway. ABATE of Oregon and Oregon Motorcycle Road Racing Association are putting on a day at the races. I have been to a few of OMRRA's events and they always put on an exceptional day of motorcycle racing. Your admission will get you into this Spring's largest swap meet, and grandstand seating for the best in road racing around, including sidecar racing! Grab some flyers, tell your friends and we will see you there!

The "Best of the West" is shaping up to be a great motorcycle rights conference. Produced by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, this conference is at the Holiday Inn, Airport on April 28th to the 30th. This is a fantastic hotel and the staff is looking forward to having us. As I said last month, these MRF conferences have the most entertaining and informative speakers in the nation. Please try to attend. For more information, give me a call.

I absolutely could not do this job without my fantastic bunch of State Officers. They have all been quite busy. As you are reading this, I will be at the Oregon Democratic Party State Convention. Spike, Diesel Dave, Ed Vaughn and I will be leading the charge. Our issues will be freedom of choice and civil rights protection.

Please try to remember that we need ALL motorcyclists to join ABATE. Cruisers, sportbikers riders, dirt bikers, we all need a voice in Salem. The best recruiters for ABATE are its members. When you encounter another motorcyclist, hand them a courtesy card, or a newsletter, and encourage them to get involved. Ride safe, ride free, Ted



ABATE
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Portland, Oregon 97232.

RE: Wheelchairs for Shriner's.

Dear Robert and all BIKERS,

I am sending a small donation because I am on a fixed dollar income each month, but my Grandson Matthew Morrow received a chair from Shriner's last summer just before he started school.

Matthew has CP and this chair enables him great mobility and self-confidence.

I had called the Hospital to put his name on a waiting list and within two months our hopes were realized. I thank all of you, wives, old ladies, "Uncle Bob" and every "BOB" who has helped these children.

For Robert I will ask in prayer his relief from pain of the strength to overcome the hurt in his life, this makes you a very understanding spokesperson for these children.

Thank you BIKERS, I make sure you get the praise you so deserve.

M. Smith

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Thanks to all of those who participate and help make this function a success. It is cooperation and generosity from individuals that contribute to motorcycling and the community.

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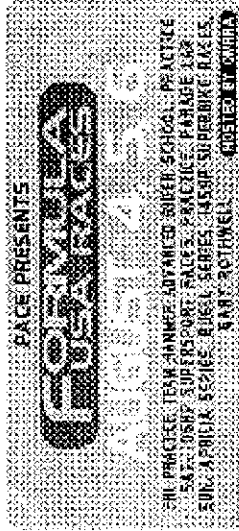
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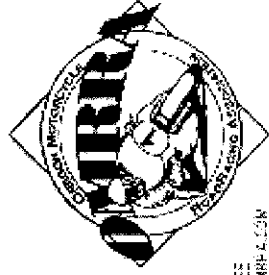
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Useless Facts

{W/ a twist}

The US standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet 8.5 inches- an exceedingly odd number.

Why was that gauge used? Because that's the way they build them in England, and English expatriates built the US railroad.

Why did the English build them like that? Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did "they" use that gauge then? Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they used for building wagons, which used that spacing.

Okay! Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing?

Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

So who built those old rutted roads? The first long distance roads in Europe (and England) were built by Imperial Rome for their legions. The roads have been used ever since.

And the ruts? Roman war chariots first made the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels and wagons. Since the chariots were made for , or by Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing.

Thus, we have the answer to the original question. The United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet 8.5 inches derives from the original specifications from the Imperial Roman war chariots.

Specifications and bureaucracies live forever. So, the next time you are handed a specification and wonder which horse's rear came up with it, you may be exactly right. Because the Imperial Roman war chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the back ends of two war-horses.

AND now, the twist to the story...

There's an interesting extension to the story about railroad gauges and horses' behinds. When we see a Space Shuttle sitting on its launch pad, there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRBs.

Thiokol makes the SRBs at their factory in Utah. The engineers who designed the SRB might have preferred to make them a bit fatter, but the SRBs had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railroad line from the factory had to run through a tunnel in the mountains. The SRBs had to fit through the tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track is about as wide as two horses behinds.

So, the major design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined by the width of a Horse's (REAR)!

Vice-Coordinator South

Bob Avery

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Well folks this is my first report so please bear with me. It is a privilege and honor to serve you. I was told by several people that I could do as much or as little with the position as I had time for, with that one big exception of Fossil! The main thing I wanted to do was pitch in and help Ted with his new responsibility. Help share the load!

ABOUT ME - Many of you know me, but for those of you that don't, here is a little to help you get to know me better. I started on motorized 2 wheels when I was around 10 or 11 building mini bikes. Got my motorcycle endorsement at 17 on a 350 Yamaha, and a couple of years later built my first Harley in my kitchen, an old Pan Head Chopper in a ridged frame. Box of parts here, frame somewhere else, and a motor and tranny from another guy! Been riding on the street whenever I could since then, with a few years off for raising kids. Nina, my wife, and I each ride our own late 80's FXR's. You'll see us at most of the ABATE rallies. We also enjoy long distance trips, such as one to Yellowstone, another to Denver for "Meeting of the Minds" last year. We are members of Cruizers for Christ, MRF, AMA, NRA, and BikePAC.

We moved here to Junction City, in 1991 from New Jersey to start a screen printing business with a life long friend. That business is now closed and the friend has past away, but we have fallen in love with Oregon. Prior to moving here I had done all kinds of things from running a mixer in a cement block plant, to business insurance, to offshore fish boats. In all of these endeavors I have always been involved, trying to give back something, whether it was the Chamber of Commerce, a trade association, various political campaigns, or more recently my church. I hope to be able to put some of that experience to work for ABATE.

CHAPTER VISITS - As Vice Coordinator South I feel it is my job to visit each of the Southern Chapters at least once during the year. This way I can see some of you and you can see me. I started this month with Lincoln County Chapter. After spending and evening with them I can see why they are always doing big things for a small (in numbers) chapter! They just plain have fun! It was great to meet the folks from the chapter and hear some of their ideas in the works. They are constantly looking for ways to promote motorcycling and ABATE in their area. One of their members, BJ, new owner of the Texaco station in Newport, is even working on having ABATE products available in his station to promote the chapter. They signed up a new member that night, because he had stopped into the station. Great idea Lincoln Chapter and BJ.

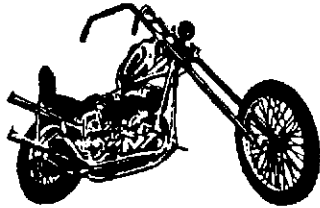
Perhaps some of our other member business owners can follow your lead! By the way, BJ, and his Texaco station are very biker friendly, so stop by if you are in the Newport area!

PRECINCT COMMITTEE PERSON - We talked about the importance of filing to run for Precinct Committee Person (PCP) in either of the major political parties. All PCP term of office, whether you were elected or appointed expire around June 9th (24 days after the primary). You should get all your people to file NOW (from Feb 1) until March 7th. If you don't make the filing date you will need to get at least 3 friends to write you in on the May primary. In the smaller counties like Lincoln where they have less than 100 PCPs in either party

electing 5 or 10 Bikers will have a major impact. It is important to be an elected PCP as those are the people that choose the county leadership; they will be the ones to set the tone for a given county's party activities. This will have direct bearing, as Frank Saxton has been saying, on whether the Parties see us a "social burden" or full citizens! Again Lincoln stepped right up and signed up one person at the meeting, another committed and several others took the paper work to talk it over with spouses or significant others. This is a great activity to do together as a couple, for those of you that are couples that is, each should sign up. You get to do the stuff together, and you get 2 votes that way? Don't be shy though, it is not limited to couples, who knows who you might meet at a political function! Go for it guys!

FOSSIL GATE - Lincoln County has also committed to work a block of time on the Gate at Fossil! This in addition to the running the bike games as they have been doing so well in the past. How about you other Chapters, time to step and commit to a block of time helping on the gate, and having a good time as a chapter activity doing it!

Looking forward to meeting more of you, as I visit Chapter meetings. Ride Free, and we'll see you in the wind!



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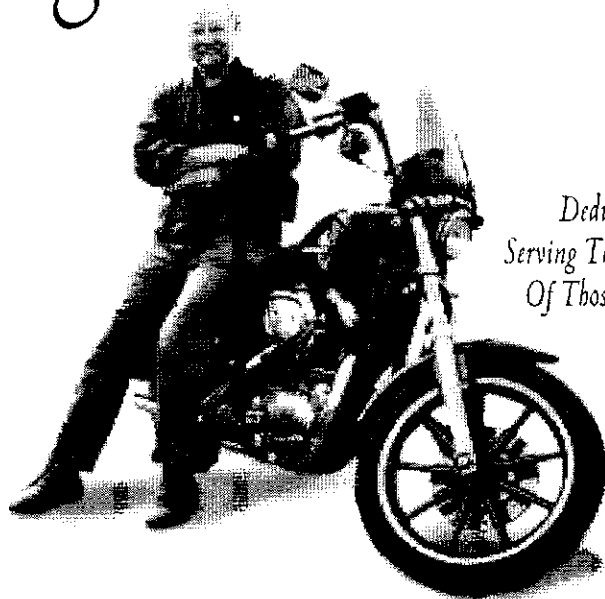
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Happy NEW Millenium from and to the Central Oregon Chapter.

This also is the C.O. Chapter newsletter! Hope everyone attended STEAM, if you didn't, you just don't know! DO YOU?

Our Chapter is looking forward to a better year. Less events than 1999, but better turn out. Depending on the sanctioning committee, our casino night will be May 6th or May 13th at Lucky's Tavern, Bend, Or. Come have a ball with us, we had a blast last year. We need to schedule a roadside cleanup, late spring or early summer.

** May 6th is the Motorcycle Awareness Rally. Please attend if you can make it. Our rights & lost freedoms will not be kept or regained by a dedicated few! On that note I will push for A May 13th Casino Night.

Again, if you haven't been to the state capitol for Biker's Days or the Awareness Rally, then you just don't FREAKIN' know, DO YOU?

I want to personally and publicly thank Chris Vieira, Kim, and Daughter along with the support team; Tina & others for their dedication to freedom fighters of motorcyclists' Rights. You're always welcome at my place. I met Chris at an ODOT seminar in Bend 4 or 5 years ago. Sight unseen, it wasn't hard picking you out from all the law enforcement, civil leaders, transportation personnel You were the guy with black leathers, more hair than me, & a big grin. That was when ABATE of Oregon, Inc. with AIM was in court battling the OSP over helmet harassment at Fossil. I remember officers coming up to us 1 on 1 & thanking us for being there at the ODOT deal. Thanks Judge Jelderks! You had to be there! Chris was...I was. If you don't get involved, if you're just at the party, if you're not there to vote, to have a voice, share ideas, and meet & work with some of the most talented people I've run across. Then you don't know! Do you???

That reminds me, we need you at our Chapter meeting. We need to hold an election. We need new fresh officers and/or a blood transfusion! As always, all positions are open. If anyone is interested, contact us, come to a meeting, & speak up. We would be glad to show you the ropes, so you don't have to reinvent the wheel.

I look forward to seeing all of you.

Gotta go,
Adios & del taco

Jay

PS I have offered my time to Hon. Rep. Tim Knopp, Senator elect Bev Clarno, Rep. Ben Westlund, & Rep. Lynn Lundquist to plant yard signs, lick envelopes, etc., etc., etc. Bev Clarno said she would be honored to have BIKERS (real people) plant yard signs as would Knopp. Haven't heard back from Ben or Lynn. Please don't let me do it by myself.

Thanks

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

Thanks to all the faithful for supporting the chapter by attending the 10th Annual Sweet Heart Dance at the River Road House on February 20th. Not only did we have all have a great time but we raised some money for the chapter and for Angie's Memorial in Fossil.

Speaking of the memorial, we are still looking for wagon wheels for the bench that we will be building as the memorial. Please give me a jingle if you run into some we can use.

Our next big chapter event is Angie's Run in June. Watch for the announcement in the newsletter and then join us. We will have a run and then the picnic.

I am hopeful that the members of the Columbia River chapter will continue to be involved in the legislative efforts to amend the helmet law and to enact a "biker anti-discrimination act" in the next session as well as electing candidates who are "biker friendly."

We can succeed only if we pull together in those efforts. The time for sitting on the sidelines and just complaining about things that affect us adversely is long past; we can change things. Dare to struggle, dare to win.

Spike

Lincoln County

Meets the 1st & 3rd Friday, 7 pm

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

Hi!

Hope we saw you at STEAM last month. I'm sure we did.

In January here in Lincoln Co. we taught 3 Motorcycle Awareness Program classes at Newport High School. There was a total of 92 students. One of our newest members, BJ has volunteered to be our Education Director. A big thank you goes out to him.

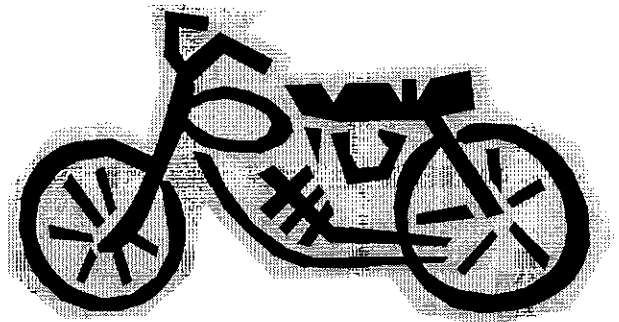
Our Anniversary Party is tentatively set for the weekend of the 18th of March at Logsdan Community Center.

The count down to spring is upon us. Only three more weeks! YEAH! Which means we'll probably be seeing more rain! Oh well, good thing it's only water!

Talk to ya next month.

Ride safe,

Shirley



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Chapter Contact: Rusty Taylor 503-777-5121

Sorry we didn't get a report in the newsletter last month. I guess it slipped through the cracks, as we don't officially have a secretary. We have been getting by with less membership turn outs at our meetings than I'd like to see and our membership count has been calling but we are hanging in there. We did get some new officers for this year but we do need a few more positions filled. PLEASE get involved. We need you, Ya You! It doesn't take that much time and you can make such a difference! There are times I want to throw in the towel on our chapter because of this slump we have been in the past few years but I know we can break out of it, so I'm hangin' in there!

Anyway, enough of the sales pitch. Here's our line up so far:

Coordinator	Marty Coon
Vice Coordinator	Rusty Taylor
Treasurer	Rusty
Legislative Rep.	Mike Friend
Chaplain	Mike
Toy Run Rep.	Mike
Membership Secretary	Tim Taylor
Ways and Means	Anna Oak' and Jim Lisac
Sgt. at Arms	Diesel Dave
State Board Rep.	Randy Phipps
Education/PR	Randy
Historian	None
Summer Run Rep.	None
Secretary	None

Looking forward to Best of the West and I hope you are too!

See you around

Marty

North Coast

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 PM
Astoria Eagle, 894 Commercial, Astoria
Children are Welcome
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 468, Seaside, OR 97138
Chapter Contact: Jeff Gee 503-861-1703

Greetings from the Great North Coast!!!

Lots of new happenings out here, seems our chapter has been undergoing some reform and with elections we now have some new and old (familiar) faces stepping up to lead us thru this new year of 2000.

Our new officers are...

Coordinator	JC
Deputy Co.	Jeff Oletske
Secretary	Betty Kelso
Treasurer	Christina Kelso
Sgt. at Arms	Dennis McCarthy
State Rep.	Chuck Jensen (and volunteer rotation)
Run Coordinator	Jamye
Historian	Amelia

We're all looking forward to better weather and the upcoming runs. Our chapters runs didn't make it into the state run calendar so to refresh everyone here goes...

JJ's 9th Annual Benefit Poker Run (chapter supported event)
Sat. April 29th
Pacific County Abate 3rd 101 Run (chapter supported event)
Sat. May 20th
N. Coast Abate 5th Annual Round Saddle Mountain Run
Sat. June 24th
End of Summer Run Sept. 15-17th (w/Wash. Co.)
North Coast Toy Run Sat. Dec. 9th

So there you have it.

The first two runs are generated across the river in Washington but I mention them as the chapter support and participation has been in long standing, both ways.

Our area is unique in that it has a river running thru it, but just as our brotherhood has no boundaries, neither does or should ABATE!!

We all work, ride and play together very well!!!

So come and join us if you can sometime.

Til next month, Happy Trails.....

Jamye

River City

Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 PM
ZIM'S BRAU HAUS, 604 E. 2nd. St., The Dalles
Chapter Address: PO Box 1422 The Dalles, OR 97058
Chapter Contact: Kevin, Membership Secy. [541] 352-7471

In a howling gale, wind driving the rain like needles of cold against our skin, Cindy and I braved the elements for our Sunday ride. Hardship meant nothing in the face of our need to ride! So, we went about 26 miles and had a really great time. Stayed warm & dry in our good clothing.

We had a good second meeting of the century tonight. We elected Teresa Hepker as our new Ways and Means Officer. We are holding at 88 Chapter members. Johnna Baker won the \$30 membership drawing and also the 50/50 at \$10. What a haul. She won the 50/50 last meeting, too!

We had a small quiet meeting with the main business of discussing plans for a group ride to Sturgis this year. Lots of our members are snowed in and can't get out for rides, so that has slowed but not stopped. Kathy Hamlick would have won the \$5 membership drawing if she had been at the meeting. Mike Farmer won the 50/50 at \$8/8 and generously donated his winnings back to the Chapter.

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)
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 13957, Salem, OR 97309
Chapter Contact: Elaine and Gary Devore (503)-581-0006
Jim Russell 503-734-3322 (h) 999-1372 (cell)

NO REPORT, SECOND TIME.



South Coast

Meets 3rd Sunday, 11 AM

Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend

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

Chapter Contact: Charlie Hill (541) 888-8081

SouthCoastABATE@yahoo.com

REPORT SUBMITTED LAST MONTH, SORRY KAREN FOR THE MESS UP LAST MONTH CAN WE STILL BE FRIENDS?

Well, here it is March already! The year got off to a quick start.

We've had a few days of riding weather and I'm sure more to come. Our Scavenger hunt/ Potluck is this month- looking forward to a good member turnout. Our Sunday rides start up again in April with our Road Captain planning some good tours. Don't forget Motorcycle Awareness Month is coming up in May.

We always celebrate with our Motorcycle Show at Pony Village Mall the second weekend in May. Of course we are always working on our run to be held in July. I hope we'll see some of you there. Ride careful this spring and don't forget to wear your green on St. Patrick's Day.

Karen McIntyre

Southern Oregon

Meets 3rd, Sunday, Noon

Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill

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

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

Roberta Great 541-857-0244

NO REPORT, SECOND TIME.

S.E. Portland

Meets 1st & 3rd Sundays, 12 Noon

The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122nd & Division, Portland

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 90233, Portland, OR 97290

Chapter Contact: Lee Austin 503-760-9015

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

Well we finally have been having some fairly nice riding days. You can hear the rumble of those motors going down the road. That wonderful sound of a motorcycle, totally in your blood and like the saying goes "If I have to explain, you wouldn't understand!"

Well, the reason I bring this up is we all have motorcycling in our blood in some way or another or you probably wouldn't even be reading this now. You all need to be really aware that this is an election year. Do you want to be able to keep riding free? Well we need your help, or should I say YOU need your help. There are a lot of things you can do. First off, start coming to the meetings. The meetings have so much information to offer. We really have some people who bring us a lot of good useful information. It's time to take advantage of the information they have to offer us. Do a little volunteering or like some of us, do a lot of volunteering. There are a large variety of things you can do to help support and maintain your own future freedoms.

Well we finally filled all of our officer positions.

Vickie Messinger is our new Treasurer, Phyllis "PeeWee" Helzer is our new Membership Secretary and Carol Fraley is our new State Rep.

SE Portland chapter is having their Anniversary Party on March 11 at the Tippy Canoe in Troutdale. The band will be Marquee and they are great. I hope to see you all there.

Fossil is approaching sooner than you think. We will be raffling off another leather jacket for the Fossil EMT's. The jacket was donated by Wendy from "Love's Leathers" and can be exchanged for the size of your choice. Tickets will be \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00.

Watch for Vickie Messinger or me (Anna) at many of the upcoming events. We have volunteered once again to sell the tickets. This year we have set our goal a lot higher because those EMT's really deserve the best from us. Call me at (503) 252-5645 or email me at harleyanna@uswest.net, if you want information on how to purchase tickets through the mail. The drawing will be held at Fossil, Sunday at noon.

We have not had any winner for the membership drawing. The last losers were Steve Miller and Nancy Baton. Since they were not there, they did not win. It will go up \$5.00 each meeting until won again. (The max is \$50.00).

I hope some of you have the time to check out the ABATE

Web pages. There are lots of legislative stuff, upcoming events, lots of pictures of past.

Washington County

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 PM

Silver Dollar Pizza, 6940 SW Hall (at Denny Rd.)

Chapter Contact: Ted Tracy (503) 640-5766

It's one of those bright winter days that lure you outside to enjoy the sun, then stuns you with freezing temperatures. I know I should be out riding, but the thought of hypothermia just does not sound appealing. My hat is off to all of you who are taking advantage of any dry sunny day this winter. Either I am out of shape (probably), or my arthritis is worse this year. I don't recall feeling so stiff last year that I could not go out for an hour or two on a nice ride through the countryside. By the time this goes to print, STEAM will be over, but for now, I am looking forward to it with a mixture of anticipation and dread. One day of riding, attending classes, and meeting people will hopefully, not be followed by three or four days of stiff aching joints. But enough whining.... The days are getting longer and the earth should start to warm.

We have had a fairly good turn out at our new meeting place, Silver Dollar Pizza on the corner of Denney Rd. and Hall Blvd. in Beaverton. We would still like to see more members. In addition to pizza, they have other items on the menu, so come early, have dinner, and spend an evening with friends and fellow riders. The weather will be fine enough that you will want to drag that bike out and ride to the meetings. Who knows? You could even walk (or ride) away with a neat door prize, or better yet, a pocket full of cash. Kepa Pessin and Loren Tower are probably kicking themselves because they did not attend meetings in January and lost out on the membership drawings.

Please don't forget to mark your calendar for the following events: Pool shoot at MaGully's Pub on March 18th (25th & Cornell, Hillsboro) ABATE swap meet on April 9th at PIR, Portland Best of the West, Portland Airport Holiday Inn, April 28-30 I hope to meet new members and old friends at any and all of these events. Until then, take care and watch out for the other guy.

Linda Wells,

WaCo Chapter Secretary

Willamette Valley

Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:00 PM

Blarney Stone Bar & Grill, 86498 College Rd. Eugene

Chapter Address: please address to:

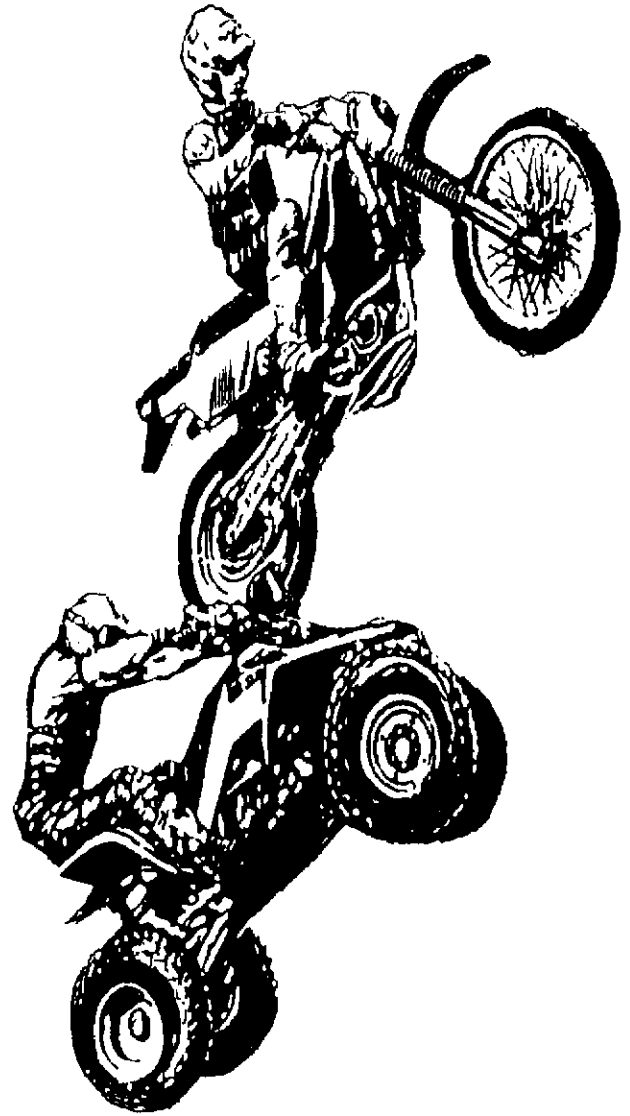
4618 Daisy St. C/O Rick Maish, Springfield, OR 97478

Chapter Contact: Michael Taylor 541-485-2352

or Rick Maish 541-746-7837

Just a quick note this month. Rick and Hal took care of things at the January meet while Wendy and I headed for points south. Seems we've got a flyer going together for the Rhody Poker Run this spring and figure it to start at Greg Coen's Motorworks on Main in Springfield. Details will be made available with the flyer and hopefully a Newsletter. Been a slow winter but there are rumblings of things to come. Would like to see a chapter run to Fossil this year, and we'll be needing another big chapter run on the same level as Cow Chips last year (without the rain this time!). There'll be plenty of things to do this year so check out the State Newsletter for runs, etc. and of course our local newsletter for our own plans when we get around to putting one out. And don't forget to show up at the meetings to get the entire inside scoop or to add your own scoop. See ya there!

Michael



A pot of gold is yours for the talking. Join the people who teach the classes that educate the "other guy" that we are on the road. Motorcycle Awareness

Program needs you

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**THEY ARE WE AND WE
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TOMORROW THEY COME
FOR US.**

Seminars determined for Women & Motorcycling Conference 2000

PICKERINGTON, Ohio - They are, by some accounts, the fastest-growing segment of motorcyclists. And they make or influence purchasing decisions on a surprisingly high percentage of new motorcycles. Who are they? Women riders. And for the second time in three years, the AMA will team up with women's motorcycling organizations to host a national conference focusing on this growing part of motorcycling.

"Growth for Both" is the theme of the 2000 Women & Motorcycling National Conference, which is designed to boost both motorcycling in general and women's participation in it. The conference will take place July 13-16 at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, a motorcycle-friendly community in the heart of Ohio's Hocking Hills region that is convenient to great roads and trails.

The conference objectives are to bring together a diverse group of women motorcyclists; to encourage women to participate in all aspects of motorcycling; to improve the public understanding of motorcycling; and to identify areas of motorcycle and aftermarket product development that will enhance motorcycling for women.

Conference features will include workshops and presentations, demo rides, a vendor area, group and self-guided rides, a street party, a bike parade, and a Saturday night program featuring a cookout and keynote speaker Karen Davidson, the creative director of general merchandise at the Harley-Davidson Motor Company.

Planned presentations include:

If It's Broke, Fix It: A skills-building presentation teaching attendees how to fix common motorcycle problems. A general session presentation by an expert panel will be followed by smaller group demonstrations at AMA headquarters Saturday.

Support Your Sport: Detailed, nuts-and-bolts information about how to effect change in government regarding motorcycling issues.

Trauma and Accident Management: What to do first, second and never when an accident occurs.

Get in Gear: Fashion and function for motorcyclists.

A Woman's Place is on the Road: How to travel alone and love it, including tips on safety, packing, routes and budgets.

Racy Women: A panel presentation and question-and-answer session by women who race motorcycles.

Growth for Both: How women and the industry can move forward by understanding one another's needs.

Careers in Motorcycling for Women: A panel presentation by women working in motorcycling.

Make Your Bike Fit You: Getting a bike is the first step in making it your bike.

In addition, a dialogue room will be set aside for interactive sessions, allowing participants to meet and talk with women of significant achievement. This room will also be used for informal gatherings of presenters and attendees.

Registration is now in progress. To sign up for the conference, or to request a brochure, call (614) 856-1900. Or write to Women & Motorcycling National Conference
13515 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, OH 43147

Fax (614) 856-1920

E-mail W&M2000@ama-cycle.org

Or log on to www.ama-cycle.org/womenc.

The Bureau of Land Management

announced that it will develop a national strategy for ensuring environmentally responsible Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use on BLM-managed public lands. Working in partnership with all interested parties and the general public, the BLM will develop the strategy to address land-management issues prompted by the growing popularity of OHV use.

BLM Acting Director Tom Fry said, "The strategy we will develop is aimed at recognizing the interests of OHV users while protecting environmentally sensitive areas on the public lands. The strategy will also enable the BLM to spend scarce funding resources on managing OHV use rather than on OHV-related litigation, protests, appeals, and Freedom of Information Act requests."

Fry added, "Our agency is developing this strategy at a time when Westerners recognize the crucial role that BLM lands play in maintaining the appeal and lifestyle of their fast-growing, fast-changing region. Now more than ever, the public is turning to BLM-managed land as the final frontier for wide open space, as an outdoor recreational playground, and as a sanctuary from the stresses of urban life. The OHV management strategy will recognize the importance of each of those values."

Henri Bisson, the BLM's Assistant Director for Planning and Renewable Resources, will lead the agency's effort in crafting the national OHV strategy. "The strategy to be developed will reflect substantial input from OHV user groups, environmental organizations, State and local agencies, and the general public," Bisson said. "Once the strategy is written, the BLM's next challenge will be to implement it. I am confident that with adequate resources and the help of our public and private partners, we can achieve our on-the-ground goals."

The BLM is developing its national strategy in response to the convergence of several factors that have made OHV use a more pressing issue in the West, where the region's rapid growth and changing demographics are affecting public land resources. OHVs and other forms of recreational transportation - sport utility vehicles, motorcycles, and mountain bikes - are more popular than ever. Much of this use is occurring on BLM-managed lands that, as a result of urban and suburban sprawl, are near by or even adjacent to numerous communities. These communities are both convenient to and affected by activities on BLM lands, adding to the complexity of the Bureau's land-management decisions.

Moreover, OHV use is taking place on land designated by the BLM as "open" to cross-country travel based on land-management plans that the Bureau drew up in the 1970s and 1980s, when OHV use was comparatively small. These land-management plans are outdated not only because of increased OHV use, but also because of the rise in the number of threatened and endangered species found on BLM lands. In fact, the number of threatened and endangered species of animals and plants on BLM lands rose from more than 50 in 1982 to nearly 300 in 1997. What's more, the BLM's budget-related resources - including the number of recreational specialists and law enforcement personnel - have not kept pace with the past decade's growth in OHV use. All of these factors, plus litigation over OHV management issues, have created the need for a national OHV management strategy.

President Clinton has signed proclamations expanding Pinnacles National Monument in California, creating the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument, the Agua Fria National

Monument in Arizona and the California Coastal National Monument. The 1,093,060 acres of expansion lands will be transferred from the Bureau of Land Management to the National Park Service and managed under the same laws and regulations that apply to the rest of the monuments. Hunting, OHV recreation and future mineral and geothermal leasing will be prohibited, and rights necessary to protect monuments will be reserved for the federal government. For the purpose of protecting the monuments, all motorized and mechanized vehicle use will be prohibited, except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes.

The Conservation and Reinvestment Act HR-701/S-25 (CARA) proposes to spend \$3 billion dollars per year on everything from land acquisition, basketball courts and Civil War battlefields. Up to \$450 million dollars per year can be used for adverse condemnation, which could endanger farmers, ranchers, wood lot owners, and in holders within federal lands.

Under a best case scenario CARA may designate new public lands and make more OHV riding areas available. While the worst case scenario CARA could designate new public lands that the federal agencies could inventory as Wilderness.

AMA's Washington representative Edward Moreland cautioned all those who recreate on public lands to monitor very closely the direction of the bill, "While I remain optimistic that this legislation may provide additional public lands for enjoyment by the OHV public, I remain skeptical about the intentions of the current President and the land agencies who will ultimately be responsible for the oversight of the newly acquired lands." He went on to say, "Anti-access organizations are working hard to ensure that we never get to see, let alone ride on, any of the newly acquired land. It is incumbent upon each and every one of us in the OHV community to offer constructive comment to the administration and the land management agencies if we expect a favorable outcome from CARA."

Sierra Club activists around the country are greeting the news with enthusiasm; "We expect this announcement to be the first in a series of initiatives to protect other special places as National Monuments. This is a great way to start off a new millennium of land protection! Combined with the potential for full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the President's initiative to protect our last wild unspoiled roadless National Forest lands, 2000 is shaping up to be an historic year for land protection!"

Total tax collections in the US are expected to be \$2,667,000,000,000 in 1999 according to US Government Accounting Office. This represents 35.4% of the country's total income. In comparison, medieval serfs paid an effective tax rate of 33.3 percent.

The US government has declined to press a case against an Oregon woman who has steadfastly refused to pay the \$5 fee to park her car while she hiked in central Idaho's Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

The decision headed off a court test of the validity of the fee demo program that is being tested across the US and has been reported on extensively by the AMA.

The woman was driving from Jackson, WY, to Bend, OR last fall when she stopped at the Iron Creek trailhead in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area to take a walk. She returned three hours later to find a ticket on her windshield for not buying a user pass. She ignored it, as well as the notice of a

\$50 fine that came three weeks later and a mid-November summons to appear in federal court in Boise on the matter.

Instead, she objected to the imposition of the parking fee in a letter to the US Attorney's office. She maintained the fee was discretionary for forest users and that her hikes were spiritual, not recreational, in nature. In her letter she pointed out that a year ago a federal judge in Los Angeles refused to uphold citations against Robert Bartsch for refusing to obtain a user pass under the demonstration program.

The judge said future citations would also be dismissed until the passes were made mandatory and not part of a demonstration or test.

Editors note: We have always maintained that riding a motorcycle is spiritual experience.

East Coast riders. There's a free pamphlet that will help smooth some of the bumps along your travels. The I-95 Corridor Coalition, a partnership including federal, state and local DOTs, Transportation Authorities, Motor Vehicle Agencies, and law enforcement from Virginia to Maine, publish an update twice a year of maps and lists of ongoing construction, state by state. This is meant to supplement highway message boards and radio news.

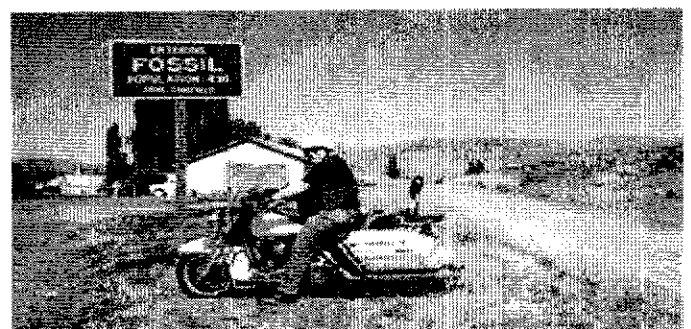
You can find the pamphlet at rest stops and welcome centers along the I-95 corridor, at I-95 Corridor Coalition, 6850 Versar Center, Suite 300, Springfield VA 22151, www.i95coalition.org or I95CC@aol.com

Motorcycling as an Olympic sport? Spectators at the Sydney 2000 Olympics could see motorcycles taking part, should a proposed indoor trials demonstration get approval.

A proposal has been put forward to the International Olympic Committee for the best trials riders in the world to demonstrate their craft at this years Olympic Games.

The Federation Internationale Motorcycliste (FIM) is paying to get the riders and their bikes to the games in hopes that it will be a popular enough attraction to include it as a medal sport in future Olympic Games.

In response to the AMA's call for a letter writing campaign, the Blue Ridge Pathfinders club wrote about 35 letters at their recent meeting. Some were to President Clinton, others to US Forest Service Chief Dombeck, the Secretary of Agriculture, Senators Jesse Helms and John Edwards and US Representative Sue Myrick. All to oppose President Clinton's roadless initiative. At the end of the meeting, they put all the envelopes in a box, drew one out, and gave the author an embroidered Blue Ridge Pathfinders sweatshirt. A little positive reinforcement works every once in a while.



Virginia bills being monitored by the AMA and supported by the Virginia Coalition of Motorcyclists (VCOM), ABATE of VA, Inc., GWRRA Chapters, the Richmond Hog Chapter and the Living Stones M/C for the 2000 Legislative Session include:

- HB 429 - A Bill relating to special license plates; supporters of the Motorcycle Rider Safety Training Program.
- HB 430 and SB 248: Bills to include motorcycle awareness training in driver education classes. SB 248 was passed in the Senate 35 yea - 0 no in January 2000.
- HB 432 and SB 247: Bills to allow the use of addition brake lights as approved by the Superintendent of the State Police. SB247 has passed in the Senate 35 yea - 0 no.

To express your support of these bills contact the Virginia Constituent Viewpoint Hotline at 800-889-0229. Address the bills by their numbers. You don't even have to know who your representatives are. The staff will ask you for your name, address and phone number and determine your representatives. They will then forward your vote, for or against the bills, to the correct representatives.

Kentucky Legislators meet for only 60 days every other year and 2000 is one of those years. With over 1300 bills being considered during this limited time the AMA encourages motorcyclists in the Bluegrass state to contact their legislators immediately by phone (800-372-7181), fax and/or personal visits. Contacting these people will help them prioritize the bills and will advance motorcycle related bills.

- HB236 and SB14 seek to abolish the Jefferson County Vehicle Emission Testing for motorcycles. These companion bills look to abolish testing in northern Kentucky as well as prevent expansion of similar testing requirements throughout the state.
- HB172 introduced by Representative Tom Burch would make it illegal for anyone to use a cellular phone while operating a moving vehicle by imposing a \$30 fine for violations.

Representative Johnnie L. Turner (R-Harlan) has introduced HB-231, a bill that would exempt privately owned and operated trailers used for the transportation of all-terrain vehicles (including off-highway motorcycles) from an annual registration fee. has been referred to the House Licensing and Occupations Committee. Letters of support should be sent to your own State Senator and Representative. The KMA/KBA is actively seeking legislative sponsors to support their proposal to change the minimum liability insurance requirement from a vehicle-based policy to an individual based policy. If any of your elected officials are receptive to this notion, contact the KBA/KMA or the AMA Government Relations Department with their contact information.

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Design Protection Directive:

Commission launches biggest investigation of motorcycle spare part prices ever.

As part of the compromise that ended the motorcyclist's campaign against the Design Directive, on 29 November 1999 the European Commission launched the biggest investigation of motorcycle spare part prices that has ever been conducted.

The international motorcycle manufacturers must now answer searching questions that go to the root of the prices that they charge for all external OEM motorcycle spare parts.

[Note to editors: The Design Directive grants the original manufacturer of any styled product legal protection throughout the EU against the reproduction of the design of his products and their external parts by other manufacturers (ie he can take legal action to prevent the sale of pattern copies of the product, or pattern parts).]

Said Eric Thiollier, FEMA campaign officer: 'In some EU countries, just thirteen standard OEM parts between them may cost half of the full price of the bike(#). The days of such practices are numbered.'

The Directorate General for Internal market of the European Commission is now undertaking « a consultation involving the 5 main groups concerned, with a view to obtaining a clearer picture of the economic situation regarding spare parts for cars and motorcycles, in particular body parts ». These 5 main groups are:- vehicle manufacturers - suppliers, - independent component producers, - insurance companies, - consumer organisations

FEMA is taking part in the consultation as a consumer organisation.

Eric Thiollier

(#) Currently the Recommended Retail Price (On the Road) of a Honda CBR600FX in Britain is £6395. Motor Cycle News 12 Jan 2000 has priced its standard list of 13 spare part items for the CBR600 at £3018.

FEMA - Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations

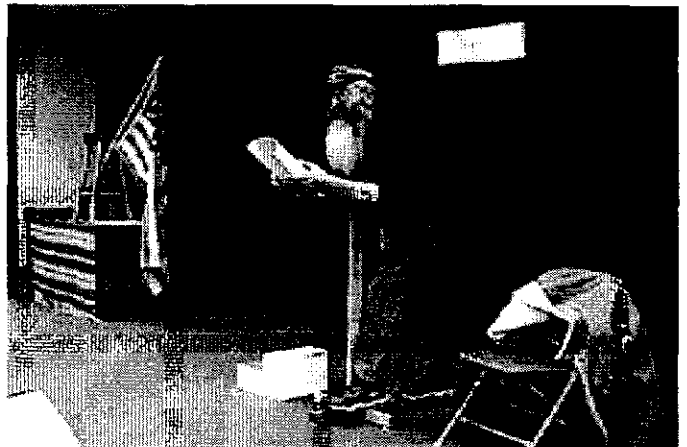
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Greetings:

About the time you read this my wife and I will have returned from our Oregon Vacation. Also hopefully, we will have returned disaster free. You know how vacations go.

For this part we must regress in time about 5 weeks. Today is Monday, your eyes are getting sleepy, (where did that come from?) February 7th, 2000 and I had just finished talking with Mark Duncan (from the Daily Courier News Paper) and he is very interested in coming and writing an article on our Motorcycle Awareness Program and the Certified Instructor Training.

You will never believe how I got to this guy. I called on who wrote an article on a motorcycle fatality and in the article stated that the rider was wearing a helmet and later in the article stated that he was killed by fatal head injuries. I thought this was unusual so I called. We had quite a conversation and he told me that no matter what is put in the paper about ABATE he immediately gets calls from the wonderful police agencies strewn here-about. It seems they are fixated on the Hollywood myths and want to know why the paper would print anything regarding cons, killers, drug addicts and so forth. I was then asked if that is what we were. I almost laughed out loud for I could hear the same attitude towards that question from Mark. I told him we were no different than most people out there. We wanted nothing more than what anyone else wants in this country. We just seem to live it to a fuller degree. We don't bother people and we do good things for the communities just as other groups do.

So. What shall we do. I say, let's get moving! Here's what I need when I get back from Oregon. I need the chapters that the locations I will state to get me a place, not a bar but a conference room type place, for about 4-6 hours and the number of people expected. The more the merrier. These are the places I would like to train in first and right away -Prescott, Flagstaff, Yuma, Phoenix. So I need the people in these areas to e-mail me, write me, phone me, or even leave messages taped to my door. NOW- NOW- NOW

We all need to make this work. Remember, whether or not you realize it, for every class you wind up teaching you have saved some brother or sister's life in the future. We are setting a precedent here in Arizona.

We are not only Freedom of Choice but we are so committed to motorcycling that we go the extra mile to insure safety on the highways for every one of us.

I also want to tell you something about our trip to Oregon before we even go. Mel Yeager, Education Director for ABATE of Oregon has asked me to be a surprise Instructor for teaching Instructors of MAP at ABATE of Oregon's S.T.E.A.M. (Seminar To Educate And Motivate). This Seminar put on by ABATE of Oregon is such a great Idea that I thought I would pass it on to everyone here in Arizona. This seminar lets everyone know how business in ABATE is run and what the responsibilities and duties of each Officer is.

I have set up this seminar many times as it is part of the Education Director's job. In this seminar each current State Officer teaches mini seminars on what their job entails and how it effects ABATE and how it makes ABATE a teamwork strategy that is often envied. This all day seminar is even more important to the State of ABATE than is the larger conferences.

Because as soon as the state has all their ducks in a row then starts sending reps to larger conferences the knowledge base

just keeps growing. Then these people become a great resource for the State ABATE to draw from. But this doesn't stop the need for the STEAM conference. As more and more younger blood is coming into our ranks we need to be sure that they understand what they are facing at the Chapter level, State Level and the Federal level. Oregon's STEAM conference is one to be highly recommended.

I think we can do better.

So I am off to see how much I remember and how much I need to brush up on. I find this request to be an Honor that I am unable to pass up. Mel and I started this program in 1992 and I have learned a lot from him.

By the way, my address and everything has not changed but here they are again anyway. Phone #(520) 443-9870, e-mail = dago@northlink.com, address - HC 68 Box 508, Kirkland, AZ 86332-9608.

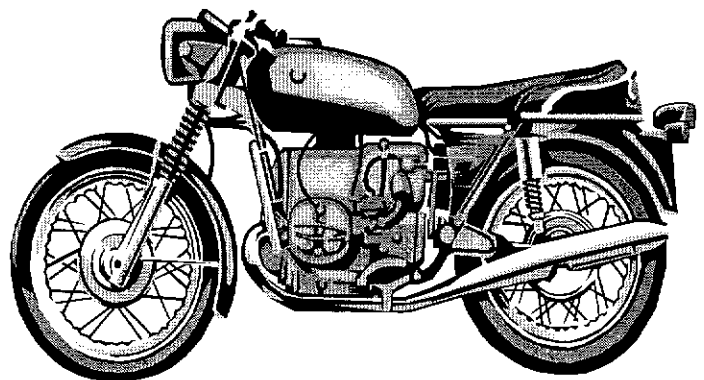
See Everyone in March,
Nic "Dago" Oliver

BROTHER SPEED MEMBER SUCCEEDS IN BALLOON FESTIVAL LAWSUIT

Phil Wagner, a member of Brother Speed Motorcycle Club, has succeeded in getting the City of Tigard to agree to no longer enforce the "no colors" practice at the Tigard Balloon Festival. In 1998 and 1999, Wagner had ordered by Tigard police officers to leave the festival unless he took off his club colors. He sued the City of Tigard in November 1999. In a document filed with the federal court in January, 2000, in response to his motion for a preliminary injunction, the Chief of Police of the Tigard Police Department, Ronald Goodplaster, stated: "I understand that certain individuals wearing Brother Speed Motorcycle Club attire were asked by police officers to remove that attire prior to entering the Tigard Balloon Festival grounds the last two years.... I have reviewed the approach historically taken at the Balloon Festival and decided that it will not be followed at this year's Balloon Festival or at any future Balloon Festival, or other public event, by any Tigard police officer."

Wagner's claims for damages and attorneys fees are still pending.

Spencer M. Neal



NCOM ANNOUNCES SILVER SPOKE AWARD WINNERS

NCOM - Every year since 1988, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) has capped off their annual NCOM Convention with the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet to honor outstanding members of the motorcycling community for their contributions to our sport and life style.

Honorees are selected for their efforts on behalf of motorcyclists in four primary areas: Government, Commerce, Media and Entertainment. Past recipients have included Malcolm Forbes (Commerce - 1988), Peter Fonda (Entertainment - 1991), U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (Government - 1993) and Lou Kimsey of Easyriders Magazine who founded ABATE (Media - 1989).

The Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award, named in memory the late California freedom fighter and NCOM Legislative Advocate, is bestowed in recognition of the tireless efforts of those staunch individuals who have given "above and beyond" for America's motorcyclists over the years. The 1999 Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to United States Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell, a prior Silver Spoke Award winner for Government in 1993, but his ongoing dedication to motorcyclists' rights has earned him this year's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Likewise, the Fred Hill International Award memorializes the British helmet law protester who died in prison because of his dedication to fighting the helmet law, is presented to a bikers' rights activist from foreign soil who has furthered our cause internationally. First awarded posthumously to Fred Hill in 1994, this year's International Award will be presented to Neil Liversidge of the Motorcycle Action Group (MAG) of the United Kingdom.

Other Silver Spoke Award winners include GOVERNMENT - Louisiana Governor Mike "Big Daddy" Foster; ENTERTAINMENT - The Fried Brothers Band; COMMERCE - Oliver Shokouh, Glendale Harley-Davidson; MEDIA - Waldo and Charity Stuart, freelance journalists;

LEGAL - Oregon A.I.M. Attorney Sam Hochberg; SPECIAL RECOGNITION - Robert "Sleepy"

Laurin, Modified Motorcycle Association (MMA) of California and Ray Hartman, tireless member of various ABATE/MMA chapters in Florida, Georgia, Pennsylvania and Arizona.

The NCOM Convention will also feature nationally and internationally known speakers, workshops and seminars, NCOM Legislative Task Force strategy meeting, anti-discrimination panel, regional meetings and Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Conference. The bi-annual International Coalition of Motorcyclists (ICOM) meeting will be held during the Convention, with representatives from other countries from around the globe sharing information and networking strategies.

The 15th Annual NCOM Convention will be held May 11-13, 2000, in San Francisco, California, at the Clarion Hotel - San Francisco Airport, 401 East Millbrae Avenue. Call (800) 223-7111 for room reservations, and mention NCOM for a special rate of \$67.00 per night for Single or Double occupancy.

Convention registration fee is \$70.00, or \$35.00 without the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet. Pre-Registration is encouraged to ensure space at the banquet. Call NCOM at (800) 525-5355 for further information.

PR Director's Report

This month's work made up for a slow month in December and it looks like February, March and April will be just as busy! I am looking for an Assistant Public Relations Director for the state. Mostly, I do the job because it is a skill I have to offer and I love being an important part of the organization; but I'd really like to find someone to help out, especially for the next two years. I am going back to school because if I do, in two years I will have a union job that will take me into retirement, with excellent benefits and pension plan. Looks like I'll be a single-parent, single-income mom for awhile longer, and it's time to do something about it, besides going deeper into debt! Please help me. Call me, write to me or email and tell me you can help ABATE out by providing the quality of service that we deserve.

This month I worked with Nancy Currin and Clark Brooker on developing the Chapter Auditor position for the state. Nancy forced us to be very clear and organized about what we wanted from her. She also had some excellent suggestions about the Financial Policies that Clark and I wrote last year.

Watching Nancy step forward to help out, Murge stepping forward to learn the Membership Secretary job this year and Kurt Spears who did what no biker has done before... he's helping Roger with the State Runs. For those of you who don't know, Kurt hails from the Lincoln County Chapter, the Universal Rulers of Runs. Do I sound bias? The media is, you know...

Speaking of the media, Rotten Roger and I have been camping out together in front of my computer for a week now. Yesterday, we finally got the Swap Meet Vendor Information Sheet, Vendor Form and Flyer finished. Not only did Roger and I put our heads together (scary thought, eh?), but Gary Newby from OMRRA worked with us every step of the way. These materials were designed by committee and they look terrific. Which leads me to my PR tip of the month. Don't ever publish or print something without getting another person's opinion. It's part of why I like working for ABATE, we never do it alone!

This month, I want to acknowledge Diesel Dave for his diligence in getting bikers directly involved in the political process in Portland. Dave's been an ABATE member, ever since I can remember, but only recently he appeared to me, like a phoenix rising from the ashes! There are several of us who show up at the same party meetings, and Spike has taken a leadership position in the party, but Dave shows up at my local chapter meetings spreading the word of political empowerment, as only he can.

As someone who stood up at a local Congressional Town Hall two years ago, stating that I was so upset with my party that I was thinking about switching affiliations, I'm in the thick of things now. It is Dave's words of encouragement and his passionate leadership within the biker community that made me walk the walk. Now he's out there talking the talk at the local community college where he's taking classes. Dave has been an outstanding public relations person for ABATE over the years, providing me with several media leads.

Every time I think of Dave, I can hear him tell me that, "showing up is 85% of life." Let's show up for Dave, and for ourselves. Democracy can't happen without you, or Dave.

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Politics 101

By Ken Ray

Legislative Director, BikePAC of Oregon

A lot of people feel that the partisan nature of politics is a fairly recent occurrence. In fact during my research for writing these columns, I found that almost every campaign nationally in history was very partisan. Other than the first election in 1789 for George Washington, all presidential campaigns involved at least two major parties. So in fact party politics has been with us for 208 years.

This month with the majority of the nation's primaries happening, I thought it would be a good time to examine the political structure of our country. We'll also look at how party politics plays a role in this structure.

In my research of the founding fathers' writings, it became very clear that one major fear they had was of pure democracy. The original structure of the country was set up as a republic with very little power in the hands of the voters. Many of our country's founders feared direct democracy as a tyranny of the majority against the minority. We in Oregon have seen that tyranny in the 1988 election forcing the helmet law on motorcyclists. Still, along with the checks and balances set forth in the Constitution on the branches of Government, there were checks and balances to the power of the people. To this day one of the remnants of this is the Electoral College to vote for president. The Electoral College is a body appointed to vote for presidents. Even today, we do not directly vote for the president. We cast our vote and then the Electoral College is supposed to meet and cast their votes accordingly. However, there is no legal requirement for them to do so. In fact in 1976, a college elector cast a vote for Ronald Reagan instead of for Gerald Ford. Going back now to the country's early days, each state got the right to decide how the Electoral College picked the president. At that time only Pennsylvania in Maryland held elections for this purpose, in all other states the legislatures chose electors who decided president based on their opinion. Until the 12th amendment in 1804 each elector cast two votes for president. The majority winner was the president; the runner-up was vice president.

In the early days the two major parties were the Federalist Party and the Republican Party. This is a different Republican Party than what exists now. The major difference between them was the Federalists wanted a strong national government, and Republicans wanted stronger state government and weak national government. With the Electoral College system, it was possible to have the President and vice-president be from two different parties. This caused a lot of dissention and hostility. There was also a fear that assassination could be a tool to cause a change in political power. So with the 12th amendment in 1804, the modern version of choosing both president and vice-president by the same vote became a fact. This shows how even by 1804, the party system had influenced public policy.

Originally the citizens voted only for the House of Representatives and their state legislators. The idea of having a bicameral, or two house Congress, originated with Benjamin Franklin. His idea was: the House of Representatives would be the people's house, chosen by the voters directly. The Senate would be the states' house, chosen by the state legislatures. This was not changed until the 17th amendment in 1913, when the people were given the right to vote directly for Senators.

Through most of the country's history, most elections were done by a caucus system. Other than the general election, people got together in town meetings in just decided who they were going to support. To this day there still exists states that use a caucus instead of a primary, Iowa being the most famous example. Here's how a caucus works:

The most basic political unit in our nation is the precinct. A precinct is a group of voters, the number determined by the legislature or the Secretary of State. In Oregon precincts were just changed from 2000 voters to 5000 voters. All across the nation precincts are the smallest possible political unit. Each individual state gets to determine how theirs are formed. In a caucus, the voters in the precinct get together in a meeting and decide who they're going to support in each political party. In other words, if there are 50 voters that meet at the actual caucus, and 30 of them are for candidate A and 20 are for candidate B, then that is how the vote is calculated for the precinct. They then elect a proportional number of delegates to go to the county level. In the example I just mentioned this would be maybe 3 delegates for A and 2 for B. Then at the county they go through the whole process again. Next is the congressional district, then the state. Finally the state elects a proportional number of delegates to the national convention. This is how the candidate is picked for the political party. Some states have an "all or nothing" rule, where the candidate who gets the majority gets all of the delegation's votes. In Oregon, and other states with primaries, the caucus system is replaced by one primary election. Each political party has their own state convention where they elect delegates to the national convention. Again this delegation may be split among the candidates or there may be the "all or nothing/ winner-takes-all" rule in place as well. In primary states the balloting is usually done at the precinct level, where every precinct has its own polling place. In Oregon, all elections are now vote by mail, and the precincts mainly exist for political party structure.

Even though it's not set forth in the Constitution, the two party system is now firmly ingrained in our electoral process. There have been occasional third parties throughout history. In fact the modern Republican Party began as an anti-slavery faction of the Whig party. But overall, the nation seems content with a two party system. And even though there is often grumbling about the two party system, it works more often than it doesn't work.

The primary or caucus dates are set by each individual state. The national elections must be on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. This is specified by the Constitution. So what actually takes place at a primary or caucus? Well, in today's system, the primaries determine who will be each party's candidate in the general election. So the primaries narrow the candidate list to one per party. In some districts where the registration heavily favors one political party, the primary may actually be the more important race. Also some local elections may be settled in the primary. In Oregon our county commissioner races, for example, are designated as non-partisan. So if a candidate gets over half the vote, he or she wins the seat. If one doesn't receive half the vote, then there is a runoff between the top two vote getters. We have generally what is called a "closed" primary in Oregon. This means, with few exceptions, those voters can only vote within their party. Some states have an "open" primary. This means that anyone can vote for any candidate. Each system has problems. A closed primary means that 3rd party or independent voters often

don't get to vote for anyone in the primary. An open primary leads to partisan games, where for example, maybe all the Republicans vote for the Democrat that is easiest to defeat so the Republican can win in the General election. So there is often not one perfect answer to how to run a primary.

As the United States has matured and moved away from its colonial roots, there has been one constant trend. That trend is to extend the vote, or franchise, to more and more people. In the first years of the nation, a voter had to be a white, male, landowner. Several court decisions and constitutional amendments made the franchise more and more accessible. The 14th amendment, 15th amendment, 17th amendment, 19th amendment, 24th amendment, and the 26th amendment all either expanded the franchise, or protected it. This moved the country more towards a pure democracy. An outgrowth of this is the states that have the initiative process. In Oregon we are used to having ballot initiatives in the general, primary and special elections. The states that were formed after the trend towards pure democracy started, have this process. These are usually western states. Most of the East Coast and central states don't have an initiative process. Initiatives usually add complexity to the primary ballot here.

In future months, I will get into the Constitution and the amendments I just mentioned plus more details of our political structure in the US. If there is something about politics that anyone wants to know more about, send me a question. I would love to have a question and answer session as a part of this column. I can be reached at 503 351 8193 or by e mail at ken@consultken.com

From The

GUNNY'S SACK

Just thought I'd mention that Sam (Sam Hochberg, Oregon A.I.M. Attorney) just got back from the West Coast Regional Conference of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) in Honolulu. Lawyers have such a hard life sometimes. There was also an Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) attorney conference there.

That's the beauty of having an A.I.M. attorney if you have an accident, by the way. You get the expertise of ALL these A.I.M. affiliated attorneys, because these guys network. Really, you get assistance from attorneys all over the country and Canada and only get charged for the services of one, and then only if he gets you some bucks. Hell of a deal. But don't get in a wreck on Sam's account! Take it from me, I've been down too, and it's no way to get money.

At the NCOM Regional, Sam says there were representatives of MRO's and Confederations from most western states. Sam gave 'em two talks there: One was about how to beat tickets for beanie helmets; the other was about the ongoing lawsuits over the "gang" designation procedure in Portland. We're getting a WHOLE lot of attention about this nationally, folks. Oregon is at the forefront again, and this time it's not about returnable bottles or spotted owls.

Happily, the Oregon Confederation of Clubs is alive and well, thanks to some very hard working people in club leadership roles. I know there are those out there that have different feelings, but they can't deny that at least we are working with all our assets for all our rights and clubs, independents, ABATE folks, and even Goldwingers and dirt riders. Unity within the

community is good for all motorcyclists, as well as the general public, and is well worth the effort. It's the one way that we all have a judicial voice that is effective. That's been proven more than once here in Oregon and will continue as long as we work together. One thing that would be very helpful would be more participation around the state from other motorcycle groups and associations and in all states, for that matter.

This effects us all and everybody should be a part of it. I'm not preach'n, just stating facts folks.

One of the things that makes it work here in Oregon is the PRO BONO (free) time that our Oregon A.I.M. attorney and his associate put in to help with some of the problems that come up, both for MRO's and Confederation work and for ALL bikers. Well sir, on to the news:

NEWS BITS'N PIECES:

SAN DIEGO, CA: Check this out if you plan to buy a new scooter anytime soon. Sure sounds good to me: PeopleFirst.com is an online auto-financing provider of this "blank check" auto lending. Now, they have added motorcycle loans to its product line. It marks the first time blank check motorcycle loans are nationally available (47 states) directly to consumers over the Internet.

You apply online at <http://www.PeopleFirst.com> and you will receive notification usually within 15 minutes, during normal business hours. Once approved, you get a no-obligation blank check to take shopping as early as the next day!

If you aren't on the net or don't have a computer, call them at: (800) 698-1789 for more info. I'm not endorsing these guys, by the way, and I don't get any kickback. I'm just saying it sounds good. Check em out for yourself.

HONG KONG: Harley gameboys? Well, Radica Games Ltd. has entered into an exclusive worldwide licensing agreement with Harley-Davidson for the rights to market H-D brand electronic handheld products.

The line, which includes an interactive game operated by toy handlebars, claims to simulate the H-D experience right down to maneuvering the curves and bumps in the road. The player will be as close to feeling like he or she is riding an H-D as one can get without actually riding one. This will hit the toy, electronics and specialty stores and high-end catalogs in 3rd quarter 2000, and is targeted to boys ages 6 and up. I could even play the game. Sounds like fun on a nasty day.

TOKYO: Honda announced that the 2000 VFR800FI Interceptor is the first production bike to meet the emission standards adopted in California for 2004. Using a closed-loop, three-way catalyzer system, it cuts emissions of carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxide significantly when compared to the previous model. I'd like to know what it does to power and fuel mileage.

PHOENIX, AZ: The Titan motorcycle company has reached an agreement with Fender Musical Instruments to produce a limited edition motorcycle-guitar set. The Strat-O-Cruiser is a custom designed 1835cc high-performance bike equipped with a Fender Stratocaster-style guitar, leather holster and Fender amp. Sales start January 20, 2000. Just don't try to play the guitar while you're riding!

SAN FRANCISCO, CA: An investment bank analyst issued an outlook on the motorcycle industry, including the trends for 2000, stating that the heavyweight motorcycle industry is enjoying astounding growth around the world, including a recorded U.S. registration growth of 25% in 1999, even though

bike registrations are down overall, even with this statistic. Hey! folks, riding is still alive believe it or not.

OKLAHOMA, OK: Ridley Motorcycle Co. has increased production of their Speedster V-Twin 3/4-scale motorcycle. The Speedster has been oversold since its debut. The bike has a 570cc "automatic" engine, generates 25 hp, and weighs in at 255 pounds. It can be seen at Daytona at Bike Week 2000. I'd like to see that up close.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN: Polaris Industries Inc. and Karts International Inc. have a three-year licensing agreement to design and distribute Polaris go-carts and mini-bikes.

Go-carts and mini-bikes, by Karts International, will be sold through Polaris dealers. Karts International will design and build variations of the Polaris go-cart and market them. The new products will be introduced in early March at the Polaris snowmobile dealer conference in Orlando, FL. The products are expected in Polaris dealerships nationwide at the end of March. These things look like fun for the whole family. I like their big twins, myself.

SYDNEY, Australia: Harley-Davidson has signed a deal with the Sydney Olympic organizing committee (SOCOG) to provide bikes for official use during this year's Games.

You'll see over 100 of its motorcycles throughout the 100-day torch relay. That's a killer 16,000 kilometer run over some of that country's roughest terrain, too. The bikes will also be at Olympic sporting events like the triathlon. Harley will also supply 154 bicycles, 60 all terrain vehicles and 15 scooters for the Sydney Games.

LONDON: Bike sales are WAY up in England, mostly from commuters switching from cars to bikes. Motorcycle sales in 1999 hit their highest level in 17 years. 152,416 motorcycles, scooters and mopeds were sold in 1999, a 27% increase over 1998. Scooter sales increased 77%. The biggest seller was the little Peugeot Speedlight. The Honda CBR600F was the highest-selling regular bike, with 4,417 purchases.

SAM'S AIM TIP O THE MONTH: Another change in Oregon law: If you're riding or driving under the influence and have a wreck after Oct. 23, 1999, you now get NO MONEY (in MOST cases all check with a lawyer) for pain and suffering! Same as the new "no insurance all no general damages" law. This can be true even if you're not charged all they can prove it in CIVIL court! Bad tort-reform stuff, if you ask me. California has a similar law on the books to deny non-economic damages if you're drunk or uninsured, regardless of who caused the accident. I've seen drunks get hurt when it wasn't their fault, and don't forget that you now become legally "drunk" after just a few beers! Well, I guess that's one more reason not to drink and ride. Keep your hide on your bones instead. Got questions? Call Sam Hochberg in Portland at (503) 224-1106, (800) 347-1106, or e-mail Sam at SamBikeLaw@aol.com. Nationwide, of course, for injury stuff contact A.I.M. at 1-(800)-ON-A-BIKE.

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



Legislative Director Report

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URGENT!!!! We need registered Democrats to be appointed as delegates and to attend the State DPO 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, Spenser 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 Countys' 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 or a Delegate 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 forum where we need to become way more visible and effective is at 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.

Also, February is the Month for filing to run to be elected to be a Precinct Committee Person (PCP). PCP appointments expire in May and you will need to file to run and get at least 3 votes (a toughie, I know...) Any unfilled PCP positions after the election will be appointed as before. However being an elected PCP vs. appointed has some perks that make the "effort" of running your little election campaign worth the effort. See your County Chair, County Elections Office or me for a filing form. You must have been a registered Democrat for 180 days prior to the Primary to run.

ABATE/Shriner's Toy Run Report

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

ABATE Mission Statement

Welcome to the first installment of the ABATE/Shriner's Toy Run Report. The idea behind this monthly report is to keep you informed on what is currently going on with the Toy Run. We intend to let you know what the current successes, problems, needs, and future events are. We realize that many of you cannot always make it to your Chapter meetings or participate in other ABATE events. For this reason we hope that advance notice of Toy Run events will help you make time available to sell tickets or tow the bike somewhere.

The 20th annual, 1999 ABATE/Shriner's Toy Run was the largest turnout yet. Over 1,500 bikes showed up for the ride. We were truly blessed with good weather and great attendance. The police and Tri-Met were very happy on how the run went. It looks like we will be back at the Tri-Met yard next year. Thousands of toys and dollars were donated to the Shriner's. Evie Keck won the bike. Rumor has it, she gave it to her son for Christmas. What a present! The real gift is what each person contributed by buying a ticket. Because of the generosity of bikers, companies, and other organizations, many thousands of dollars were raised for the purchase of wheel chairs for kids whose families cannot afford to buy a chair. Often times these chairs cost upwards of \$10,000 - much more than what most families can afford. Our contributions are a true blessing to these families.

This Toy Run does not happen by chance. There is a lot of planning and work that goes into it by too few people. Our first meeting of the year was a planning meeting and was attended by six people. I was blown away with how much preparation has to go into this Toy Run and what still needs to be completed from the 1999 Toy Run.

There should be at least three Toy Run Coordinators from each Chapter to assist with the preparations for the 2000 Toy Run. We should have a minimum of 10 active ABATE people at each meeting.

Maybe you cannot be involved with the political aspects or other events ABATE is involved in. Time is precious. We all have families and responsibilities. We all love motorcycles. We all love our lifestyle. We all want to forward the mission of ABATE in some way. Maybe there is something more that you want to do for your community -- something you can sink your teeth into and be proud of being a part of. Maybe being involved with this Toy Run is just the ticket you have been looking for.

As you know Uncle Bob Jackson passed away in December. The Toy Run meant a lot to him. He truly enjoyed seeing the kid's faces when they were presented with wheel chairs. This is what motivated Bob and Rena each weekend. They made sure the Toy Run bike got to place to place and that a great majority of the tickets were sold. With Bob gone, it will take at least six dedicated people to fill Bob and Rena's shoes. Believe me, we need more than six people. We need a minimum of thirty (30) active people to help sell tickets, tow the bike, etc.

Please contact one of us below to let us know if you are available to help. At the least we need help at events for 4-hour periods to relieve those that are there all day. If you can

work a full day, great! We need reliable people that can tow the bike to and from events. This may require your services all day. If we have enough people then we can juggle the towing to/from duties so it isn't a large burden on a single person. Keep in mind that the general public is very supportive of what we are doing. This is a high profile, positive thing that we are doing for motorcycling. The more we can raise the consciousness of the cage drivers that we share the road with them, that we are not B movie wanna bees, and we care about the community, the better off we are. But we do it for the kids and the kids only. The other stuff is by-product.

Some final news and I'll wrap up this report. The Toy Run Bike for 2000 will be a beautiful purple Harley Davidson Deuce. It will have the Twin Cam vibration-free motor. Columbia Harley Davidson will add some extra chrome and goodies to make it even more attractive. It will be one of two bikes issued of its kind so it will be rare, desirable, and will attract ticket buyers by the droves. We are pushing up the number of tickets to be sold to \$4,500 and if someone doesn't want the bike they can cash it in for a cool \$15,000.

We are raffling off a very good looking laser cut clock that Uncle Bob had made. It is one of a set of six that were made before Uncle Bob passed away. The raffle is a penny raffle of which 500 tickets will be sold. Very soon some lucky winner will be able to display this very unique clock in their home.

To sum up, remember what our mission is. Our sponsorship of the Toy Run fulfills the community involvement portion of our mission. More importantly, it fulfills an important need for the kid's at the Shriner's hospital. It gives them freedom we take for granted. Freedom is what this organization is about. Will you step up to the plate and take part in this very important project?

Please call one of us below or see your Chapter representative:

Edd & Patty Dahl	SE	771-0188
Rena Jackson	SE	657-7444
Dick Edmonds	SE	654-9498
Jimbo Hibbard & Julie Russom	Col	777-6955
Janet Straw	Col	282-4604
Gary DaShiel	Col	556-1133
Michael Friend	NE	255-5415

Ride Safe,
God be with you,
Michael Friend
NE Chapter Toy Run Coordinator
NE Chaplain
NE Legislative Director

	Total	Gain/Loss	Expired/ Transfer	Total	Total
CHAPTER	2/1/00	2/1/00	2/1/00	1/1/00	12/1/99
CENTRAL OREGON	71	0	0	71	72
COLUMBIA RIVER	90	1	0	89	92
DOUGLAS COUNTY	82	0	0	82	87
INDIAN CREEK	225	2	4	223	201
LINCOLN COUNTY	72	4	5	68	71
NE PORTLAND	98	1	0	97	102
NORTH COAST	78	0	0	78	80
RIVER CITY	87	4	1	83	83
SALEM	83	-3	3	86	86
SE PORTLAND	232	-9	9	241	244
SOUTH CENTRAL	0	0	0	0	29
SOUTH COAST	130	6	0	124	127
SOUTHERN OREGON	54	-3	3	57	59
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WILLAMETTE VALLEY	68	2	0	66	67
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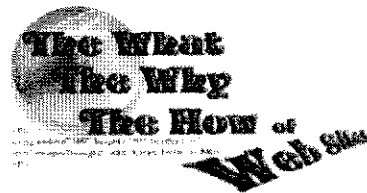
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Trophy for the largest
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Organization from Oregon

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riding the longest
distance to the
Fossil Campout

Biker Rodeo & Bike Show

at Fossil Fair Grounds
Saturday and Sunday

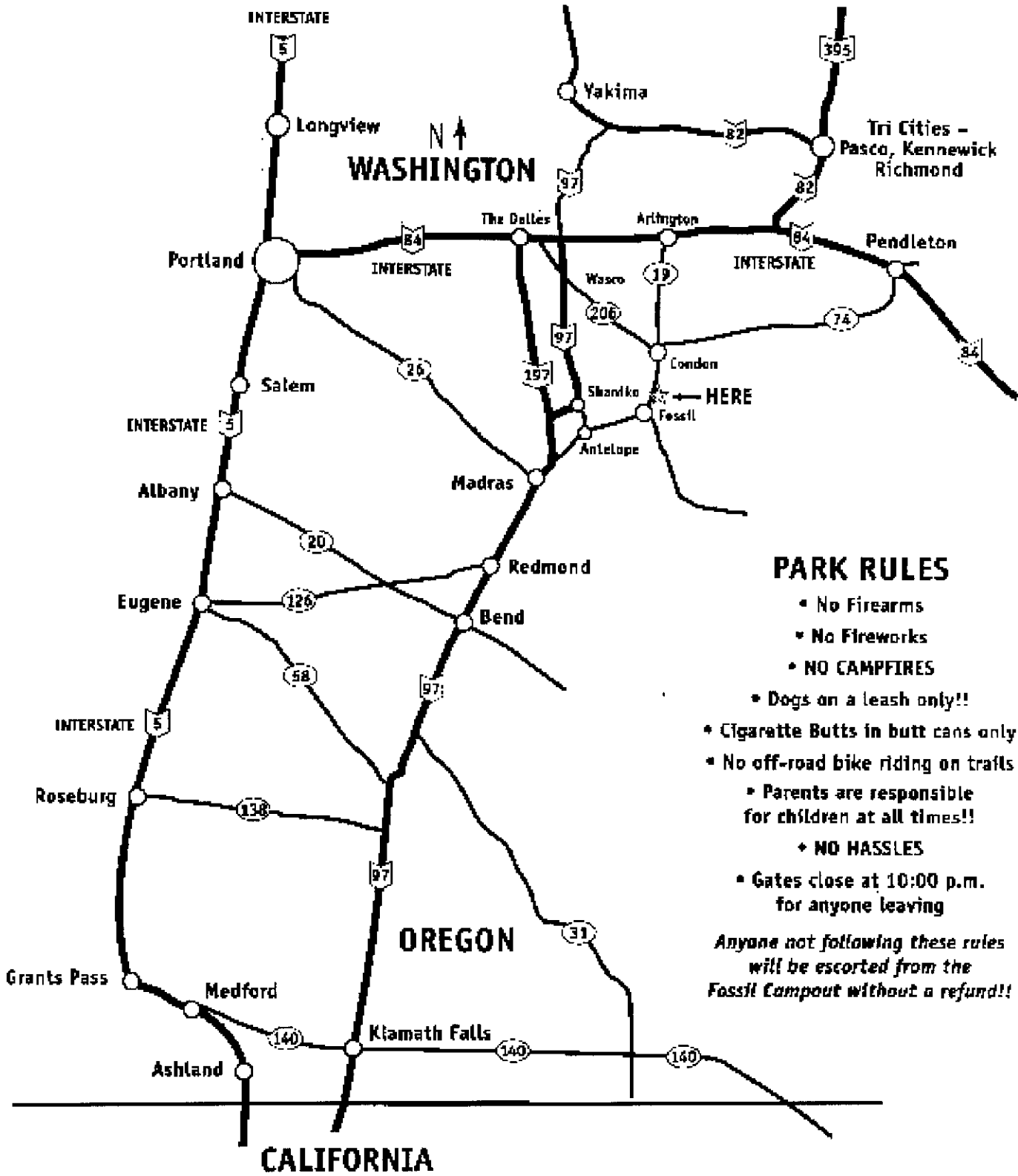
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MAP and
PARK RULES
ON REVERSE

Proceeds go to Motorcycle Rights and Education

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HOW TO GET THERE



PARK RULES


- No Firearms
- No Fireworks
- NO CAMPFIRES
- Dogs on a leash!!
- Cigarette Butts in butt cans only
- No off-road bike riding on trails
- Parents are responsible for children at all times!!
- NO HASSLES
- Gates close at 10:00 p.m. for anyone leaving

Anyone not following these rules will be escorted from the Fossil Campout without a refund!!

Over 6,000 motorcyclist rights activists have attended MRF sponsored annual regional and national workshops since 1985. These workshops provide the nuts and bolts, “user friendly” subjects and training to assist motorcyclists in defending, building, and strengthening their grass roots organizations.



Use the applications below to join and support the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and to pre-register for the BEST of the West, April 28–30, 2000 at the Holiday Inn Portland Airport.

<p>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY (All information treated confidentially.)</p> <p>Referred by _____ Date _____ MRF# _____ Exp. Date _____</p> <p>Member was given: <input type="checkbox"/> Patch <input type="checkbox"/> Year Rocker <input type="checkbox"/> Pin <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter -- What issue?</p>	It's time you did something more to protect your rights!			
	JOIN AND SUPPORT Motorcycle Riders Foundation — REGISTER, VOTE, WRITE AND RIDE!			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Individual Membership \$25.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Year Individual Membership \$65.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Sustaining Membership \$100.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Joint Membership \$40.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Year Joint Membership \$100.00 <input type="checkbox"/> New Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Member#			
	PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR INFORMATION			
	Name	Phone () -		
	Address	E-mail Address		
	City	State		Zip
	1) Have you ever been a member of the MRF? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
	2) Are you a member of a state motorcyclists' rights organization? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, name			
	3) What talents do you have that might benefit motorcyclists' rights and the MRF?			
4) Will you volunteer these talents if the MRF needs your help? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Mail with remittance to:		Motorcycle Riders Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 1808, Washington D.C. 20013-1808 (202) 546-0983 • FAX (202) 546-0986 • http://www.mrf.org		
CHARGE IT!		<input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard Card # _____	Exp. Date _____	
Signature _____		Date _____		

2000 BEST of the West Pre-Registration		
(Must be received by March 31, 2000 to receive discount – after March 31, registration fee increases \$10.00)		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00 Current MRF Member <input type="checkbox"/> \$70.00 Current MRF Member (after March 31, 2000) <input type="checkbox"/> \$70.00 Non-MRF Member <input type="checkbox"/> \$80.00 (Non-MRF Member (after March 31, 2000)		
PLEASE PRINT		
NAME _____		
ADDRESS _____		
CITY _____	STATE _____	ZIP _____
PHONE _____		
Send check or money order to: MRF, P.O. Box 1808, Washington, DC 20013-1808 before March 31, 2000. After March 31, 2000 registration fee increases \$10.00 per person (price above reflects the \$10.00 increase). For room reservations call the Holiday Inn Portland Airport at 503-256-5000.		

ATTN: Members

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

Revised: December 1998

ABATE PRODUCTS ORDER FORM - PRICE LIST

QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
YEAR PINS				
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_____	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

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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_____	ALH	ABATE Logo Hats - white on black.....	5.00	_____
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_____	AFRTS	ABATE T-shirts.....	10.00	_____
_____		Sm. _____ Med. _____ Lg. _____ X-Lg. _____		
_____	AFRTL	ABATE Sweatshirts.....	17.50-20.00	_____
_____		Sm. _____ Med. _____ Lg. _____ X-Lg. _____		
NOTE: Assorted Colors.....X-Lg. and LARGER add \$ 2.00 Chapter Logo setup				
Fee with each order (One time charge).....			9.50	
(In order to be able to obtain shirts at this price, Orders must be a minimum of 12 shirts or more.)				

QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS				
_____	ANG	Year Bars (indicate year _____ - 1982 thru 1993 available.....)	1.50	_____
_____	CLOTH	Year Bars (indicate year _____) Small 1984-1993 avail.	1.00	_____
_____	CLOTH	Year Bars (indicate year _____) Large 1984-1992 avail.	1.50	_____
_____		License Plate Frames - Cars w/Let Those Who Ride Decide.....	5.00	_____
_____		License Plate Frames - Motorcycles w/Let Those Who Ride Decide.....	5.00	_____
SUBTOTAL				_____
Shipping Charge				
UNDER \$25.00=\$5.00				
\$25.01-\$100.00=\$6.00				
T-SHIRTS = \$8.00				
SHIPPING CHARGE				_____
				TOTAL

ABATE PRODUCTS

**P.O. Box 4504
Portland, Oregon 97208
Products Director
Nancy Brooker**

PHONE: 503-232-4686 FAX 503-235-5658

PREPAID _____ DATE _____

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP CODE _____

**Please use street address
We ship UPS where ever possible.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!!

ABATE OF OREGON Inc.



A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments

BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.



PO Box 5612
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Circle Type of Membership

	Individual	Club/Group	Corporate	
Associate	\$10	General	\$50	Sponsor \$ 100
Full	\$25	Supporting	\$100	Supporting \$ 250
Couple	\$35	MAB *	\$200	MAB * \$1,000
Family	\$50			

* Member of the Advisory Board

My Voter Registration Card says

State Senate District: _____ House District: _____

Your contribution will be directed into the BikePAC General Fund, which includes the Lobbyist fund, unless you specify the following:
Put \$ _____ of my contribution into a dedicated fund that will only be used to support a candidate running for office in my legislative district.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

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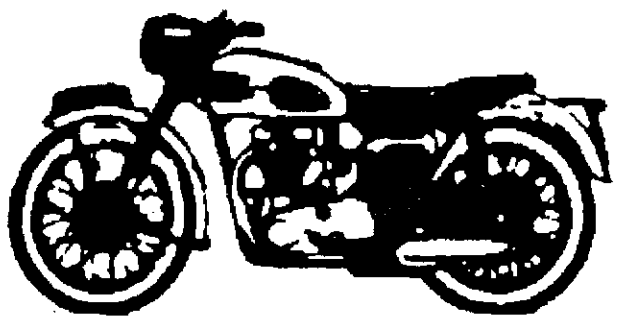
Phone _____

E-mail _____

Frank Saxton, Executive Director

(503) 297-2325

Frankie@Easyrider.com

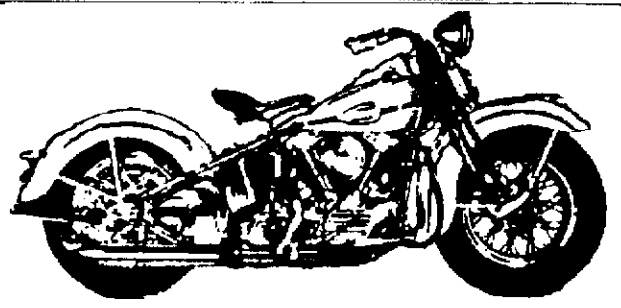


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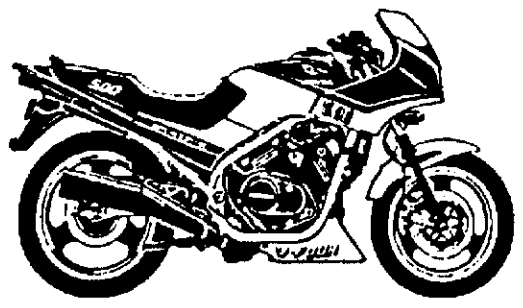
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Come on up in March for the celebration of Gr\$\$n.

We'll see YOU there. Love Wendy

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

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

<p>Room to Rent in SE Portland. \$350/mo - utilities included (cable too) -separate phone line. Attic room is bright. Shared bathroom, kitchen, basement, yard. Shower - no bath. No garage but insulated shed with room enough for a scooter. Since my daughter lives with me, screening will be rigorous. 503-231-2701. (3/00)</p>	<p>1989 FLSTC Chrome Softail S&S w/hypercharger Newly rebuilt trans w/racing gears TOO many extras to list 23k invested \$12,500.00 503-774-8993 John (3/00)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ABATE OF OREGON IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANYTHING SOLD THRU THESE ADS. THESE ARE THINGS THAT INDIVIDUALS ARE SELLING <u>NOT ABATE OF OREGON.</u> (except membership to ABATE) THE EDITOR 1/1/2000</p>
<p>1978 XLCR Sportster 12055 original miles Early model, great condition Maddog..... (503)289-8549 or 252-4842 \$11,000 or make offer (4/00)</p>	<p>FOR SALE John Deere 755 track loader, \$17,000 - delivery possible. * 1956 Chevy 4 x 4 pickup, \$1,000 * Parting out 3 Scouts, body parts mostly gone \$200 for all * Old David Bradley walk-behind garden tractor with implements, needs motor \$200 * Old chicken plucker \$75 * Stack-type chicken brooder \$20 * Antique Bicycle \$75 * Two wood stoves, \$100 and \$200 * Large chest freezer \$75. * Old style refrigerator, works well, looks bad \$25. 541-298-1317 The Dalles <tch@gorge.net> (4/00)</p>	<p>FOR SALE EPSON STYLES PHOTO QUALITY COLOR PRINTER \$100.00 BROTHER 5 - 1 FAX, LASER PRINTER, PHOTO COPIER, COPIER, PC/MAC COMPATIBLE \$175.00 DEK 14" MONITOR \$50.00 LEE AUSTIN (503)760-9015 ALL LIKE NEW CONDITION (4/00)</p>
<p>1973. 750cc BMW Motorcycle. Excellent condition both mechanically and appearance. All stock. Black w/ white pinstripe...\$2,000.00 Firm. Call Bev or Ron at (360) 425-6801 After 5:30 p.m. or weekends</p> <p style="text-align: center;">" Raffle for Fossil EMT's " Black Leather Biker Jacket. Your choice of size. Donated by Wendy from "LOVES LEATHERS". Tickets sell for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00. 100% of the proceeds go to the Fossil EMT's. If interested in purchasing tickets, contact Anna Dahl at (503) 252-5645/ email at harleyanna@USWest.net or Vickie Messinger (503) 460-0175/ email address pandamom08@AOL.com (5/00)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">97 Road King, 11,000 miles green, tons of extras, babied cream puff, \$16,500 or offer Maddog 252-4842 or 667-9566</p>	<p>Thanks goes out to all my Brothers and Sisters in ABATE and BikePAC for the care and concern during my hospital stay. I am on the mend. Thanks again, WE ARE FAMILY! Diesel Dave Also Wanted: Panhead Parts 503-255-8460 (4/00)</p>
		<p style="text-align: center;">ABATE WORKS!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>

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

We stand for freedom. That is our conviction for ourselves; that is our only commitment to others.

— John F. Kennedy

"Throughout the world people struggle in the streets for a small measure of democracy, while here, in the nation of it's birth, it has begun to die."

*— Richard Kimball, President,
Center for National Independence in Politics*

ABATE OF OREGON, INC.
SOUTH COAST CHAPTER
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR
Motorcycle Awareness Month
Pony Village Mall Display
“THE MANY FACES OF MOTORCYCLING”

DISPLAY REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline: Must be received no later than April 01, 2000

Location of Event: Pony Village Mall, 1611 Virginia Avenue, North Bend, OR
(Enter at east entrance at Fisherman's Grotto)

Dates: May 13 & 14, 2000 ****Displays Must Remain Throughout the Show****

Times: Check-in & set-up: 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday, May 12, 2000

Tear-down & Check out 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, May 14, 2000

Requirements:

- The display should reflect in some way the main theme “Motorcycle Awareness Month” with emphasis on safety.
- No one will be permitted inside the mall during closed hours.
- The mall will provide wheel & kick stand pads.
- Drip pans are required for any vehicle leaks and will be of the lightweight aluminum disposable type found in the kitchen section of grocery stores.
- No fees will be charged for displays only. The fee for any vendors selling products will be approximately \$20-\$50 for 2 days depending on how many vendors are selling.
- Spaces will be pre-assigned and private displays will be dispersed between the merchants.
- The mall will provide tables, A-frame easels, rope stanchions and carpet pads. (See application form.)
- Any tape use on mall equipment or floors **MUST be of the type that doesn't leave a sticky residue** (no scotch tape.)
- Electrical outlets are spaced approximately every 20 feet in the display areas.
- Security. Mall security personnel as well as ABATE members will be present during mall hours. Security patrol will be present outside the mall during closed hours.
- Promotion. The event will be advertised both by the mall via their reader board, their advertising publication, and by ABATE through the local media. Feel free to use your own resources.

ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL

Charlie Hill (541) 888-8081

Mary Nearpass (541) 888-9003

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**ABATE OF OREGON, INC.
SOUTH COAST CHAPTER
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR
Motorcycle Awareness Month
Pony Village Mall Display
"THE MANY FACES OF MOTORCYCLING"**

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2000

ARE YOU: Private Merchant

Name / Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Contact Person: _____

What and How Many Will You Need? (Provided by Mall)

Tables: _____ Easels: _____ Stanchion: _____ Chairs: _____

Space #Ft: _____ (Usable space approx 15' wide) Carpet Pads: _____ (3 per bike)

Will you need Electricity? Yes No (Provide your own caution tape & electrical cords)

Will you have personnel in attendance? Yes No

Will you be selling at the event? Yes No

Briefly describe the nature of your display:

Please Keep Requirement Page For Your Information.

SUBMIT THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO:

ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

South Coast Chapter

P. O. Box 4175

Coos Bay, OR 97420

Attn: Mall Display Director

ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL

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SE PORTLAND CHAPTER **19TH ANNIVERSARY** **PARTY**

WHERE: TIPPY CANOE BAR/GRILL

28242 E. HISTORIC COL. RIVER HWY TROUTDALE

WHEN: MARCH 11TH ---8:00 - 1:30

GAMES, RAFFLES, AWARDS, MUSIC BY MARQUEE

\$5:00 SINGLE \$8:00 COUPLES

CONTACT : LEE 760-9015

COME JOIN THE PARTY AND MEET NEW AND OLD FRIENDS

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A.B.A.T.E. of OREGON, Inc.
WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAPTER



Dedicated to Freedom of the Road

PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL:

POOL SHOOT

AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Saturday, March 18th 2000 at:

Maguffy's Pub

(Corner of 25th and Cornell, Hillsboro, Oregon)

Sign-in at: 11AM

Start playing at: NOON

Entry fee: \$7.00

Minors Welcome in Dining Area

LOTS OF DOOR PRIZES - 50/50 DRAWING

Bring two cans of food and get an extra door prize ticket!

*** ALL FOOD DONTATIONS GO TO THE HILLSBORO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCE CENTER ***

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL - MARK at 357-1727

FOR MEMBERSHIP INFO CALL - SHIRLEY at 259-8821

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ABATE OF OREGON, INC. WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAPTER
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2000 RUN CALENDAR

ABATE OF OREGON

MARCH 11th	SE Portland Anniversary Party	Lee 503-760-9015
March 18th	Icebreaker	503-743-4221
	Spring Opener Vanc Black Cats	503-286-5520
March 19th	Blarney Run GWRRA (A)	503-638-1026
April 2nd	Rose City M/C 250	503-641-4734
April 15th	Right turn run GWRRA (G)	503-873-4340
April 16th	Mt Scott Off Road Poker Run	503-655-0419
MAY 6th	Awareness Rally	Murge 1-503-362-9136
May 12th-14th	SOUTH COAST MALL SHOW	Charlie 541-888-8081
May 13th	Rose City M/C 500	503-641-4734
May 20th	Rhodie Poker Run	Mike 541-485-2352
May 21st	Dual sport Mt Scott Off Road Poker Run	503-655-0419
MAY 26th 27th 28th 29th	FOSSIL Campout	Rotten Roger 503-285-4329
June 3rd	Gay 90's South Coast	Charlie 541-888-8081
June 3rd -4th	Western states 1000	503-641-4734
June 10th	Starlight ride	503-774-5149
	MDA HOG Cruise in	503-281-7798
June 10th - 11th	TP Off Road Run	503-670-9060
June 17th	WaCo Poker Run	Ted Tracy 503-640-5766
June 24th	Angie's Run	Spike 1-503-282-4604
July 2nd	Jubilee ParadeSouth Coast	Charlie 541-888-8081
July 9th	Salem HOG Poker Run	503-364-3703
JULY 14th -15th -16th	Coos River Run	Charlie 541-888-8081
July 16th	Rose City HOG Poker Run	503-281-7798
July 22nd	Fun Run Poker Run	503-538-0979
July 23rd	Off Road Poker Run	503-670-9060
July 28th - 30th	21 2000(Adult ONLY Run)	503-760-9015
August 5th	Billy Bob's Fun Run LoBos M/C	503-699-9549
AUGUST 11th 12th 13th	BEAVER CREEK RUN	Kurt541-563-6526 Lincoln Co.
August 13th	Mt Scott Road Run	503-655-0419
August 18th-19th-20th	Summer Run	503-760-9015

**LINCOLN CO. CHAPTER OF
A.B.A.T.E.
18TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY
AND MARK WATTS MEMORIAL
POKER RUN**



**SATURDAY
MARCH 25, 2000**



**POKER RUN - \$5.00 A HAND
MEET AT MOBY DICKS - 10:00 AM
LEAVE PROMPTLY AT - 12 NOON
FINAL DESTINATION - LOGSDEN
COMMUNITY CENTER**

ANNIVERSARY PARTY !!!

**WHERE: LOGSDEN COMMUNITY CENTER - LOGSDEN
TIME: END OF THE POKER RUN (about 5:00 PM) TO
SUNDAY 12 NOON
\$5.00 DONATION AT THE DOOR
POTLUCK / LASAGNE DINNER
DOOR PRIZES - 50/50 DRAWING- MUSIC
LIP SYNCs ???
INDOOR CAMPING (bring your sleeping bag)
RV PARKING**

**INFO.
RALPH
265-6850
JOE
563-3711**

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Donations to go to Lincoln Co. Chapter, A.B.A.T.E. OF OREGON, INC.



STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2000

Ted Tracy, State Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 12:02. There were 11 chapters in attendance, with 9 eligible to vote. Reading of the minutes from the

January meeting was waived. Guests were introduced.

Correspondence: Ted displayed the different newsletters from other ABATE groups around the country, invited everyone to take a look. Minutes from Douglas County chapter included a letter declaring their dissolution of the chapter.

Coordinator's Comments: see page 4.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Legislative Director: State Democratic Convention coming up soon. Many delegate positions are open and available, please contact Frank if you need more information. NHTSA is lobbying States to enact / enforce helmet laws in violation of language contained in TEA21. The MRF is working to stiffen penalties for their violations.

ABATE's BikePAC Representative: Frank asked for resumes from people interested in applying for the Lobbyist positions. BikePAC social tonight at the Pizza Baron, off 122nd in Portland. Lincoln County was singled out for mention for their big contribution to BikePAC.

Membership Secretary: Mother not in attendance, Murge gave her report. Most chapters have decreased in membership, need everyone to work to recruit new members.

Newsletter Editor: Gordon not in attendance, no report.

Products: Discussion of developing a chapter flag with state-wide logo and chapter name on bottom. Clark discussed products catalog, and mentioned prices will be increasing, due to price increases from our suppliers. Ted is still working on the bumper stickers.

P.R.: Melinda not in attendance submitted a short report that Jill read.

State Run Coordinator: Roger is working hard getting things organized for Fossil. Music will be settled soon, and so posters will be out shortly. Looking for a generator to be used at the gate. Flyers out for the Spring Opener swap meet and road races. Kurt, Roger, and the run committee are working on pulling together the "run trifold". More information to follow.

Treasurer: Clark reports balances as of 1/31: Bulk Mail, \$2,561.66; Checking, \$2,530.41; Savings, \$26,668.82; for a grand total of \$31,760.89.

Historian: Iris is still asking for submissions from the 1999 events. Discussion regarding purchasing a digital camera for the Historian. Discussion about the intent of this position, whether it was to have the officer attend the many functions to record ABATE history, or was it to procure from others pictures and maintain the records. Decision was that it should be everyone's responsibility to help the Historian record information for posterity.

WebPage Editor: Not present, no report

Vice-Coordinator North: Jim attended the meeting regarding DMV instructor standards. The information presented will not affect our presentations of the MAP classes at this time. Jim will have the Bylaws update report at the March meeting.

Vice-Coordinator East: Brad had no report, apologized for missing the January meeting.

Vice-Coordinator South: Bob submitted a report for the newsletter, discussed efforts to continue to recruit Precinct Committee Persons.

Sergeant at Arms North: Bob working on the "sucking" sound, discussed the need for volunteers at the swap meet, Best of the West and Fossil and the need for volunteers.

Sergeant at Arms South: Echoed Bob's statements.

Committee Reports:

Sanctioning Committee: New Insurance forms are in. Be sure to pick up a new rate page! Events sanctioned at this meeting: Willamette Valley's Casino Night, and Poker run, Salem chapter's IceBreaker, Central Oregon's Casino Night, and Washington County's three events, Pool Shoot, Roll n' Ride and Poker run.

Old Business:

Best of the West: Planning going well, Ted discussed the walk-through of the hotel, and was impressed. The hotel will be having live music in their lounge, so we will not be hiring a band. Discussion regarding possible display of the Shriner's toy run bike.

Planning Session: Recommendations published in the February newsletter, so have not been out for 30 days. Courtesy cards available from products, will table further action until March BOD meeting

STEAM: coming up next weekend. Mel anticipates 100 people to attend, Salem Chapter will again provide lunch for a nominal price.

May Awareness Rally: Murge working on this, permits and insurance paperwork underway.

Open positions:

Education Director I: Geoff White in attendance accepts the nomination. Spoke briefly about his goals, and was installed as Education Director by acclaim.

Education Director II: Terry Schaeffer in attendance, accepts the nomination, installed in the position..

Sergeant at Arms East: no nominations. Central Oregon and River City are the only chapters in this geographical area. Brad Peterson and Mike Friend will help work on recruiting.

New Business:

Several chapters were not up-to-date with their submissions of Chapter minutes. Ted reminded everyone that they need to be submitted within 10 days of the chapter meeting to either the State's PO Box, or directly to Ted's e-mail (look in the front cover!)

Discussion regarding mail-handling procedure at the State level. Several chapters expressed difficulty getting information to the newsletter editor. Ted will try to work on a way to improve communication.

Confederation of Clubs meeting: Clark attended as the ABATE representative. Their treasury is getting low and requested that all clubs contribute. Kurt made a motion to donate \$100 to the general fund.

Announcements were made and the meeting adjourned at 2:35. The next State Board meeting is scheduled for March 11th, 2000. Minutes submitted by Jill Tracy, State Recording Secretary.

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon ROAD LIST 2000

LEGEND 1 Pickup 2 Tools/Gas 3 Garage/Shelter 4 Photo-Accident
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NAME	PHONE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Randy & Debbie	541-563-2398	X	X	X	X	X	X	Central
Gary & Vicki	541-563-3520	X	X	X	X	X	X	Coastal
John Ehmer	541-444-2445	X	X	X	X	X	X	Region
Ted & Jill Tracy	503-640-3766	X	X	X	X	X	X	Hillsboro, Or.
David Karich	503-644-3718	X	X	X	X	X	X	Beaverton area
Rotten Roger	503-285-4329	X	X	X	X	X	X	N. Portland
Howard Butts	541-534-5411	X	X	X	X	X	X	Summerville
Gunny Hutch	503-362-3767	X	X	X	X	X	X	Salem
Marge	503-362-9136	X	X	X	X	X	X	Salem
Walt Allegau	503-363-4727	X	X	X	X	X	X	Salem
Bob Avery	541-9981933	X	X	X	X	X	X	Junction City
Fast Eddie	541-673-6120	X	X	X	X	X	X	Roseburg
KD & Connie	541-673-8896	X	X	X	X	X	X	Roseburg
Bud Berlimer	541-267-2523	X	X	X	X	X	X	South Coast
Randy Christensen	541-269-2998	X	X	X	X	X	X	Coos Bay
Mary M. Nearpass	541-888-9003	X	X	X	X	X	X	South Coast
Jeff Bauder	541-756-5407	X	X	X	X	X	X	South Coast
Tom Curran	541-8882572	X	X	X	X	X	X	South Coast
John Guernsey	541-756-6317	X	X	X	X	X	X	Charleston
Steve & Marian	541-247-4135	X	X	X	X	X	X	North Bend
Charlie Hill	541-888-8081	X	X	X	X	X	X	Gold Beach
Gordon E. Dunn Jr.	541-267-9256	X	X	X	X	X	X	South Coast
Kelly Kinkade	541-267-5579	X	X	X	X	X	X	Coos Bay/N. Bend
Jack Stevens	541-267-4978	X	X	X	X	X	X	South Coast
Tom Hazzard	541-267-3072	X	X	X	X	X	X	South Coast
Ab Zaffarano	541-888-3490	X	X	X	X	X	X	Coos Bay/North Bend
Tom & Sandi	541-479-8635	X	X	X	X	X	X	South Coast
Joe	541-855-7521	X	X	X	X	X	X	Southern Oregon
Tom & Sheri	541-779-1885	X	X	X	X	X	X	Jackson County
Dan	541-734-2539	X	X	X	X	X	X	Jackson County
Frank	541-474-3309	X	X	X	X	X	X	Jackson County
Don Brown	541-851-8424	X	X	X	X	X	X	Josephine County
Don Dees	541-851-8424	X	X	X	X	X	X	Klamath Falls
Deby Beekman	541-882-4738	X	X	X	X	X	X	Klamath Falls
Gordon & MayBeth	503-674-7500	X	X	X	X	X	X	Klamath Falls
Brian Sauncy	541-296-8669	X	X	X	X	X	X	Gresham/Sandy
Mike & Delese	541-386-8744	X	X	X	X	X	X	The Dalles
Tim Kuechmann	541-308-6006	X	X	X	X	X	X	Hood River
Mike & Sue Moran	541-298-4053	X	X	X	X	X	X	Hood River
Kevin Chapman	541-352-1036	X	X	X	X	X	X	The Dalles
Phil DeRose	541-296-3866	X	X	X	X	X	X	Hood River
Brian Stovall	541-298-1317	X	X	X	X	X	X	The Dalles
Brad & Peggy Peterson	541-447-6158	X	X	X	X	X	X	The Dalles
Gary & Stacy McGriff	541-447-7425	X	X	X	X	X	X	Prineville
Kati Deltner	541-546-3029	X	X	X	X	X	X	Prineville
Edward Miller	541-923-2542	X	X	X	X	X	X	Culver
Loren Larson	541-548-7563	X	X	X	X	X	X	Redmond
Jay & Totsy Swartz	541-389-6773	X	X	X	X	X	X	Redmond
Brian & Sherri Wingard	541-389-8431	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Bill Foster	541-847-6238	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Phil	509-698-4330	X	X	X	X	X	X	Monroe
								Selah, Wa.

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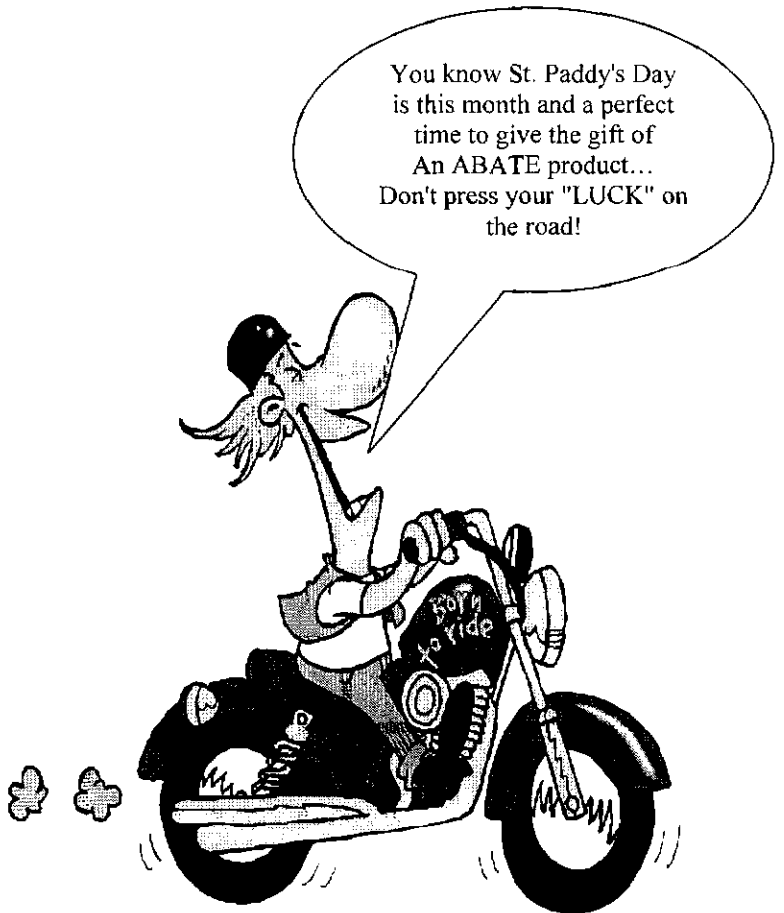
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Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1 st & 3 rd SUNDAY	S.E. PORTLAND	12:00 Noon, The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122nd & Division, Portland
1 st SUNDAY	LINCOLN COUNTY	11:00 AM, Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport
2 nd SUNDAY	CENTRAL OREGON	2:00 PM Moose Lodge #323 3199 N. Hwy 97, Redmond
3 rd SUNDAY	SOUTH COAST	11:00 AM, Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend
	SOUTHERN OREGON	12:00 Noon, Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill
2 nd & 4 th SUNDAYS	COLUMBIA RIVER	12:30 PM, Pizza Perfect, 6815 NE Killingsworth, Portland
4 th SUNDAYS	SALEM	1:00 PM, Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem
1 st & 3 rd TUESDAYS	RIVER CITY	7:30 PM, Zim's Brau Haus, 604 E 2nd St., The Dalles
2 nd & 4 th TUESDAY	WASHINGTON COUNTY	7:30 PM, Silver Dollar Pizza, 6940SWHall (at DennyRd)Beaverton
1 st & 3 rd WEDNESDAY	NORTH COAST ABATE	7:00 PM Astoria Eagles, 894 Commercial, Astoria
	N.E. PORTLAND	7:30 PM, RoundTable Pizza, 4141 NE 122 nd , Portland
2 nd WEDNESDAY	KLAMATH COUNTY	6:30 PM, Old Town Pizza Co., 722 Main St., Klamath Falls
3 rd THURSDAY	WILLAMETTE VALLEY	7:00 PM, Blarney Stone Bar & Grill, 86498 College Rd., Eugene
1 st FRIDAY	LINCOLN COUNTY	11:00 AM, Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport