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## Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

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

# STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 9th, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 by Ted Tracy, Coordinator. There were 9 chapters in attendance with 7 of those eligible to vote. Missing the meeting this month were Central Oregon, South Coast, and Southern Oregon. Ted opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correction to last month's minutes: Correct to show that Bob Avery was absent but excused.

**Coordinator's Comments:** Ted welcomed the Board of Director's representatives from North Coast chapter.

**Correspondence:** Postcard from a new Oregon resident regarding the motorcycle handbook from the DMV. Several letters from DMV regarding the Older Driver Advisory Committee. Flyer from OMRRA for the vintage races coming up on 9/17.

Letter from R.I.T.A. describing their handicapped/disabled rider-training course.

## Officer's Reports

**Legislative Director:** Self-service gasoline is becoming a rallying point for many motorcyclists. Frank needs help gathering information on incidents whether a rider was refused to allow to pump his own gas, or if an attendant damages a bike as he attempts to fill the tank. Please contact Frank if you can help.

**BikePAC Representative:** BikePAC has produced a voter's guide, look for it at a meeting near you, or as a paid advertisement in next month's newsletter. More information on BikePAC by the Sea, Frank mentioned awards given to Lincoln County, Kurt, and Shirley for their fundraising efforts. Bear given the first annual "Bear Hug" award. Sherrie Hembree wins the "Rookie of the year" award for the number of new members she signed up at the May Awareness rally.

**Confederation of Clubs Representative:** Clark attended the recent meeting and gave a brief report.

**Education Director:** Geoff excused, Ted read a short report. Please remember the new instructor training class to be held Oct 14th at 11 am, in Junction City.

**Education Director II:** No report, not in attendance

**Membership Secretary:** Mother gave her report, and gave a quick update on the transfer of duties to Murge.

**Newsletter Editor:** No report, not in attendance

**Products:** Special limited edition Chiloquin 2000 shirts available contact Brad to get yours!

**PR Director:** Swap meet and Chiloquin flyers and press releases sent, please remember to contact Melinda for assistance for chapter press releases.

**State Run Coordinator:** Chiloquin turnout very poor this year, discussion at planning session coming up regarding planned events for next year. Swap meet needs workers, come by on Saturday evening and camp!

**State Run Coordinator II:** Kurt expressed his feelings about Chiloquin and what a great event it could be, hopes that it will continue.

**Treasurer:** Clark reports balances as of 8/31/00: Insurance Deposit: \$2,366.00; Bulk Mail, \$3,965.76; Checking, \$2,335.66; Savings, \$43,884.73.

**Chapter Auditor:** Nancy Curran has said she must resign due to personal reasons, please contact Clark if you are interested in filling this position.

**Historian:** Not present, no report

**WebPage Editor:** Not present, no report. Short discussion regarding proposed WebPage upgrades, suggestion was made to include a referral to local chapters if the ability to sign up on-line is added.

**Vice-Coordinator North:** Jim not present, excused

**Vice Coordinator South:** Bob gave a short report on his Sturgis trip

**Vice-Coordinator East:** OPEN

**Sergeant at Arms North:** Bob Earl thanked Diesel Dave for being the ONLY Chapter Sergeant at Arms who attended Chiloquin. Need everyone at the swap meet to help out!

**Sergeant at Arms South:** Bear echoed Bob's comments about the swap meet: Be There, and Help Out

**Sergeant at Arms East:** OPEN

**Sanctioning Committee:** New flyers submitted: Central Oregon Teddy Bear / Poker run, Oct 7th, approved. Salem submitted 4 flyers for Toy Run fund-raisers: 10/28, 11/8, 11/17, and 11/28, all approved. Washington County: Toy Run on 11/18, and their Ice Cycle run on 1/6/2001, approved.

**Run Committee:** Ted discussed last month's meeting, they will be meeting again soon.

## **Unfinished Business:**

**1. Nominations:** Vice-Coordinator East: None  
Sergeant at Arms East: None  
Chapter Auditor: None

**2. Planning Session:** October 21 at the VFW hall in Cottage Grove. Meals will be provided at a nominal fee by Michael and Wendy of the Willamette Valley chapter.

**3. Attorney Info:** Ted, Roger and Clark to meet with a potential attorney soon. More information to follow.

**4. Inventory List:** Ted is working on this, but slowly, due to lots of other activities. If your chapter owns any items, (excluding products), get a note describing the item and approximate worth to Ted.

**5. Fossil Museum:** Roger, Deb and Iris are working on this, more info next month

**6. WebPage update:** Ted hasn't spoken with Carol lately, will do so and have more info next month.

## **New Business:**

**1. Motion by Randy Phipps** to upgrade the printer for the Membership Secretary, as the current secretary is using a work printer, but the new one will need one of her own. Cost of the printer not to exceed \$400. Discussion about the large amount of paperwork this printer would be expected to produced, and why a good quality one would be our best buy. **Vote: 7 Aye 0 Nay**

**2. Motion by Randy Phipps** that ABATE send up to 4 people to the 2000 Oregon Transportation Safety Conference. Discussion about the contacts and networking that we gain from attending this conference. **Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay.** Randy also mentioned that we have been offered space to have a booth, to promote our Motorcycle Awareness Class.

**3. Motion by Teresa Hepker** that ABATE of Oregon, Inc. contribute \$3000 to the Motorcycle Rider's Foundation to help support the MRF in carrying out it's mission and goals on behalf of the motorcyclists of the United States. The donation would be presented at the MRF's Meeting of the Minds in Oak Brook, IL, on Sept. 22-24. This amount represents approximately \$2 per member of ABATE of Oregon. Discussion regarding amending the amount of the donation. **Vote on the amendment: rejected.**

**Vote, 6 Aye, 0 Nay**

Announcements were made and the meeting adjourned at 2:25.

**Next meeting is scheduled for October 14th, 2000 in Junction City.**

Minutes submitted by Jill Tracy, State Recording Secretary



**Remember to Vote smart  
in the upcoming elections.**

# ABATE of Oregon Coordinator's Comments for October

Hello, all

I hope life is going well for everyone. It was quite a busy summer for me. I made it to quite a few runs but there were a few I wanted to make, but couldn't.

Maybe next year, I can make it to those I missed.

ABATE of Oregon has a planning session in Cottage Grove every year. This Year it is Saturday, October 21st. Past planning sessions have been very productive. I would like to see each chapter send at least one representative. Hopefully we will be able to get our work done on Saturday so we can have fun that night at the VFW Hall. You can sleep at the hall, tent it, RV it, or (if your chapter can afford it) motel it. Or you are free to go home, at least if we get finished. Looking back at last years report should give us a good place to start. Last year, the planning session sent 10 proposals to the State Board. Of those 10, the Chapter Representatives approved and implemented six of these. They included:

1. Changes to sanctioning form
2. New chapter notebooks
3. State Auditor position created and filled
4. P.R. packets developed
5. Adding Mission Statements to PR packets and web page
6. New chapter officers are expected to attend STEAM

The four proposals that never got off the ground include:

1. Volunteer Coordinator position
2. Bylaw committee
3. Contributing editor to the Newsletter
4. Addition of chapter notebook to the WebPage

The planning session also produced 17 short and long range goals, many of which were met. Certain goals fell short of their targets; though. These are just some of the topics that we will be discussing- ways to increase membership, bylaw changes, recommendations from the newly formed run committee, state products catalog, form coalitions with other motorcycle organizations in the state and ways to increase member participation. If you can, please attend. We need your ideas and concerns if ABATE of Oregon is to grow and become more responsive to member needs. Food is provided for a nominal fee, all voices are heard, and we have a darn good time Saturday night, because it's Roger's Birthday. Keep the rubber side down,  
Ted



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# CHAPTER REPORTS

## Central Oregon

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 2:00 PM

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

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Chapter contact: Jay Swartz 541-389-6773

Greetings from C.O.C. (Central Oregon Chapter),

Long time! We're gearing up for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Teddy Bear Poker/Run, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2000. Sign in time 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, WildWind Motorcycle & Deli. 541-383-07095000. 1<sup>st</sup> stop, St. Chas. Emergency Room, Bend, 2<sup>nd</sup> stop Central Oregon District Hospital ER, Redmond, 3<sup>rd</sup> stop, Mountain View Hospital ER, Madras, LUNCH at Deschutes Crossing, 4<sup>th</sup> stop, Warm Springs EMT's, & 5<sup>th</sup> stop, Pioneer Memorial Hospital ER, Pringleville.

Last Hospital stop will determine High and Low hand winners! High hand wins \$150.00 gift certificate from WildWinds, Low hand prize to be announced. There will be a raffle for a \$50.00 gas card, and of course a 50/50 cash prize.

This is a **SOBER EVENT!** Save the party for after the work. Join us for a Camp-out celebration at Post General Store, in beautiful downtown Post, Oregon. BYOB, the store will be open, 541-477-3285 ask for Zeb or they maybe busy on their '76 Shovel, rubber maid basket. Hope to see them ride on our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Teddy Bear Poker Run. They have always been excellent hosts!

I'm trying to put together a yard sign planting party, please contact me. I am a PCP in Precinct #14. Call for more info, 541-389-6773. Elections are coming up & now is the time, come out and play or stay on the porch.

Becky Damm, our Treasurer & one of the two Ways & Means ladies has tendered her resignation. Too big a load for a few. Sound familiar? Becky has been heavily involved with the Teddy Bear Run, Casino Nights, AND Treasurer position. Becky and my wife, Totsy, brought in the bulk of our Casino Night donations the last two years in a row. Becky was a major contributor of our 1,700 bears last year. As were others, I won't mention now, this is Becky's song.

THANK YOU BECKY DAMM for all of your dedication. Not bad for a non-rider! Hope you get your Trike...(HINT-HINT)...I'll help.

You are our family's friend, we love you, our Chapter will be less without you. Now on that note, Chapter elections are scheduled for December. We look forward to new blood and new leadership, as well as new members. As always all positions are up for grabs. If you are interested, please feel free to ask. We would be more

than happy to show you the ropes!

Sgt. @ Arms Bob Hadley has expressed a desire to be our State Board Rep., thank you Bob as I believe this is a powerful & rewarding experience. I've seen the ups & downs of this Chapter's cycles. I forward to the ups!

I am overwhelmed by the capabilities of the Central Oregon Chapter. The growth is there. We are looking for a new meeting place, more publicity oriented, a good thing.

I could fill a newsletter, but it is time to go!

Adios & Del Taco,

Jay

P.S. Our meeting was good, new people & old members. A start. Read something in Thunder Press, concerning Holister '47 pissed me off! I'll get back on that, cause I got my work to do. Teddy Bear Run 9-9-2000 cancelled due to WildWind's 1<sup>st</sup> annual wide-open conflict, not a problem!

The run is now 10-7-2000. River City Chapter-see you there...

## Columbia River

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

A short report.

The summer is over and now is the time to stop playing and to get to work on the real issue-FREEDOM. The November elections will be critical to our struggle. So we need to get out there and actively support our candidates and fight against our enemies. If you don't now, don't be whining later.

Spike



## **Lincoln County**

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 7 PM

Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport

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Chapter Contact: Ralph Janes (541)265-6850

Hi!

Yeah, so I dropped the ball again. I guess my promises don't mean diddley-squat. Oh well, it ain't from a lack of trying.

Beaver Creek was quite a busy weekend, Hope everyone had a good time. We had great weather, good friends, and excellent music! Also my Mom was here from Alaska, which made my Birthday that much more enjoyable. There are so many people to thank! Our Chapter Members who worked so hard to put this together AND pull it off, all the A.B.A.T.E. Members that don't belong to our Chapter that pitched in a helping hand, and 11 the Businesses and people who donated, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

Chiloquin was a great Run! A little wet and cold at times, but if we only went to these Runs according to what the weather was going to do, we'd never go anywhere in Oregon! Here are the results for the Games:

KOW KICK	PLANK RACE
1. Lyle	1. Kurt
2. Bob Highfill	2. Paul
3. Bill Elrod	3. Trace
PING-PONG BALL	KEG RACE
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2. Greg & Leslie	2. Trace
3. Lyle & Deb	3. Kurt
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2. Greg & Leslie	2. Kurt & Shirley
3. Stan & Krissie	3. Paul & Sherri
WEINEE BITE	SLOW RACE
1. Kurt & Shirley	1. Lyle
2. Jerry & Penny	2. Jerry
3. Trace & Lisa	3. Phil
EGG TOSS	
1. Ted & Ed	
2. Trace jr & Chris	
3. Jodey & Amanda	

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STOCK	CUSTOM
1. Gary Watson	1. Deb
2. Bill Cameron	2. Dutch
3. Jerry Candoza	3. Eddie
PEOPLE'S CHOICE	RAT
1. Eddie	1. Gary W. Lechner
2. Katherine	2. Charlie
3. Marlene	3. Bricklayer

A BIG THANK YOU to our good friends from Chiloquin, Washington, Lincoln Co., and everyone else who helped put these on! We sure hope that this is not the last Chiloquin. Talk to you again in November, Happy Halloween!!!

RIDE SAFE!

SHIRLEY

## **N.E. Portland**

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:30 PM

Round Table Pizza, 4141 NE 122<sup>nd</sup>, Portland

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

Chapter Contact: Rusty Taylor 503-777-5121

Hi everyone,

I would like to start out with a big thanks to Kershaw Knife Co., for their generous donation of the multi-tool set we raffled off at the Summer Run. We made \$170.00, THANKS AGAIN! An additional thanks to Rick and Kristy from No Place Sallon and Kevin at KBR's in Sandy, Or., for their donations of door prizes. Rusty Taylor found the perfect place, if you didn't make the Summer Run this year you must make plans to go next year, it will be at the same location. Great time! Thanks to W&L concessions for showing up and making the run a "tasty" one. Rusty also wants to thank everyone that stayed to help break down and clean up, Great Job!

An additional thanks to Bob Lampheres' Beaverton Honda-Yamaha, Destination Harley and Miles Chevrolet for the generous donations for our Poker Run. Beaverton Honda-Yamaha is having an event called "Rat Dog Dual Sport" on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. If you need more info call Marty 503-620-0435. All and all Chiloquin went ok. We had a good turn out on the bike games on Saturday and Sunday. Due to our "Oregon liquid sunshine" the over all head count was down. Hope to see more folks next year.

Keep the shiny side up.

Until next time,

Baby Dawn

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## **North Coast**

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 PM  
Astoria Eagle, 894 Commercial, Astoria  
Children are Welcome

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 854, Warrenton, Or. 97146  
Chapter Contact: Joel Hackney 503-717-8794

Hello from all of us at North Coast. Well the End of the Summer Run has come and gone again. For all of you that attended, we hope that you had a great time and we thank you.

We tried and ad in the local newspaper to draw new membership to A.B.A.T.E. I will report on any progress from this ad next month. We also set the dates for our Spaghetti Feed and our Toy Run. They are the 25th of November and the 9th of December. I will try to get flyers in the November State Newsletter giving details. If you have some free time on those dates join us, both events are really fun, and the money raised goes to help the kids.

I have received some comments as to how our meetings have been held, they are positive! So if you have the time, come to a meeting and see for yourself. I also received e-mail from Frank Saxton regarding BikePAC.

If you are not a member please support them. They are our voice at the political level. They need OUR support, especially since this coming year our helmet law will again be voted on, among other laws that concern us as motorcyclist. Only in numbers can we effectively make our voice heard.

Ride safe and free!

Jeff (Panhead)

Coordinator, North Coast A.B.A.T.E.

Well, here it is the 11th and I'm sending this in, in hopes that Gordon will have time to get it in. It's summer and things are busy. BUT, I'm not trying to shirk responsibility!

The last meeting we had a great turn out and hopefully by the time you all read this EOS Run will be over and a good time had by all. Hopefully our chapter will be back in the swing again. After all, our coffers are doing well.

Maybe it's time to kick up our heels and have a chapter party like that one-year. The chapter sprang for pizza and beer. Kinda pat ourselves on the back for a good job and sticking to it. Everybody brought a surprise gift in a bag. I still have my little pigs salt and pepper shaker set!! Think about it.

Our chapter runs for next year, hope Roger or Ted and Tracy or somebody sees this, or I get a different e to e to;

10th Annual JJ's Benefit Poker Run (co-sponsor) April 28th 2001

6th Annual Round Saddle Mountain Run...June 30th 2001

End of Summer Run...September 14,15,16th?  
Toy Run...December 8th

There you have it, I'm making it brief this time,

With Frantic Trails,  
Jamye.

## **River City**

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 7:00 PM

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

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 1422, The Dalles, OR 97058

Chapter Contact: Lee Eikanas, (509) 773-5076, or Mike Farmer  
(541) 386-8744

Well, our new Recording Secretary didn't work out, so you get me again. The meeting was small and very intense. People were disturbed by Marty's resignation from Secretary after he had volunteered for it. A recent decision to not salute the flag at meetings came under fire. And a big discussion about activity and commitment highlighted the evening. Time will tell where it will all lead.

Brian

## **Salem**

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> 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)

Boo! y'all,

And ya know what's really scary? It's gettin' close to election time. (Shivers an' tingles!)

Got about another month left of candidates promising everything to everyone. As yer listening to all the pontificatin' (hot air), ya might wanta keep a couple of things in mind:

1. If a program didn't work before, doing it more ain't gonna make it work now. Ya might wanna be a little leery of politicians who want to increase the budgets and staffs of programs that ain't accomplishing their goals. The idea here is that if something don't work, don't do it more, do something else until ya find something that \*does\* work. (Kinda like what A.B.A.T.E. an' BikePAC have been doing in the legislature.) The trick is to find candidates with that kinda mind-set. Which segues nicely into:

2. We ain't getting anywhere with old minds proposing new programs -- what we need are new minds with \*no\* programs. How many more times are we gonna listen to political-types tell us that if we just implement

such-and-such program(s), everything will be wonderful? They must have a pretty dim view of us common people to think they can keep pulling that one on us. It ain't programs that cure cultural problems, it's vision. Programs is like band-aids -- slapping them on a broken bone ain't gonna fix it. Was the Industrial Revolution (which helped make motorcycles possible) the result of a program? Nah, it was a vision of what \*could\* be that carried people along, each one improving on what the last one did. What we need are more people with that kinda vision. It was people of vision who founded this experiment in quasi-democracy that we call the United States of America. Think they would have succeeded by proposing a democracy program to the English King? In case it ain't filtered through to ya yet, Rot Path's been hard at it, reading more Daniel Quinn books. Seems like the latest thing read or the latest movie seen tends to color Rot Path's views on life, the universe, everything. Kinda nice to load yer mind up with a bunch of things to think about, then head out alone on yer bike fer some back road riding to sort through it all. Take care, y'all. Don't let the cage goblins getcha, Rot Path

### **South Coast**

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:SouthCoastABATE@yahoo.com)

We here on the South Coast hope everyone had a great and safe riding season. With October here the riding season has past for a lot of us but that does not mean we are done for the year. A lot of us participate in many charitable events during the winter. Down here we host a Food Drive and Toy Run to benefit the Salvation Army. We have a great time knowing we are helping others in need.

With elections fast approaching, we plan to do our part to help our candidates with their campaigns. Some of us will go door to door while others will pound signs or make phone calls. Every little bit counts-- have you done yours' yet?

While I write this, I do not know the results of our Show-n-Shine as it has not happened yet. I do know our local charity this year will be the Belloni Ranch arts/Cultural Activity Program. We had to change our location- I hope that did not keep anyone from attending. If you want to know the big winners call Charlie at 541-888-8081.

I am employed at our local Boys & Girls Club and understand the value of a

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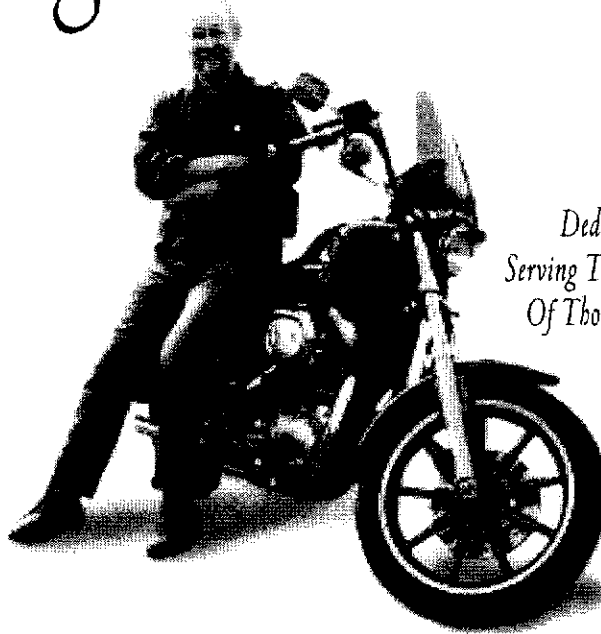
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volunteer. If you have any time, why not volunteer at your local club or another local facility where your skills or help with a particular program or child would be welcome. Volunteers are very important to a lot of organizations and they are the always looking for more.

Until next time, watch out for the bad weather and unsafe riding conditions; winter is on the way.

Karen Bauder

### **Southern Oregon**

Meets 3rd, Sunday, 2 PM

Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill

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

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

Tim Rohde 541-821-1487

The weather is getting colder, and the political campaigns are heating up! I hope everyone is taking the time to find out which candidates are Motorcycle-friendly and will allow us to make our own decisions about wearing a helmet. If and when you find such a candidate, support them with all you can! I am tired of non-riders telling me that it is "safer" to ride with a 10 lbs. helmet on my head!!! And they base this on what they have seen (or just heard about) in emergency rooms. I firmly believe that motorcyclists should be allowed to make their own decisions about their body and their safety. But, like seatbelt laws, big government wants to tell us how we should live.

I am hoping for a change. I am hoping for a repeal of the mandatory helmet law in our state. For now, I can stay active, stay aware, and be involved with candidates and issues I agree with.

Ride safe, and, get out and VOTE!!!

Sondra Magnie

Secretary, Southern Oregon Chapter

### **S.E. Portland**

Meets 1" & 3" Sundays, 12 Noon

M/M Restaurant & Lounge 137 N. Main, Gresham

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 did it. We made it over the 300 mark. We now have 317 members. We are the largest chapter in the state. With all the new members, we should be able put out a lot of effort to help change things. It's exciting to see so many of the new members getting involved. It makes me feel like my efforts over the years are paying off. With so many new people, we can lighten the load on what a lot of old timers have had to do. (But that doesn't

mean us old timers need to slow down on our progress though).

This is an election year and there are a lot of important issues you need to learn about and get involved in. One of them is BikePAC, for only \$10.00 you can become a member. They need all the financial help they can get from us. In turn, you will get more than your monies worth back in information. Frank Saxton has done a lot with BikePAC and to help us to learn about PCP's. It is an easy way to get our voice heard.

There appears to be a lot more respect for the motorcycle community since so many "bikers" have become PCP's. A lot of the politicians have learned we are not all just a bunch of party animals, but that we do mean business. We fight hard for what we believe in. AND we are not going away. We had our "All Portland Chapter Family Picnic" and it was a great success.

(Except that 95% of the participation was from the SE Chapter). Our new member, Barb Cooley headed the committee and they put together a great picnic. It was really nice to see Debbie May. We all think she needs to start coming back to the meetings. She's had a long enough break.

It would also be nice to see more of NE and Columbia River chapters at the events. We, being the biggest Chapter now, should really take some time to attend some of their meetings also. Our organization can only get stronger by banding together.

For those of you who don't know what the membership drawing is all about, I will explain. You show up at the meeting and if your name is called you win the money that is accumulated from meeting to meeting. Each time someone's name is called and they are not there, the kitty goes up \$5.00. The maximum is \$50.00. Carol Fraley lost out on \$15.00 at the last meeting. Sorry Carol.

The M & M is really being wonderful to us in their service and is really a great place to meet. Come to a meeting, meet some new people, have lunch or breakfast. (A favorite seems to be the Bloody Marys) But most of all come and help support the people who are fighting for your freedoms...

See ya...

Anna



## **Washington County**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 7:30 PM

Prime Time Sports Bar & Rest, 4202 Pacific Ave, Forest Grove

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

Chapter Contact: Ted Tracy (503) 640-5766

I would like to start off by thanking Debbie Done for accepting the nomination to the Membership Secretary position recently vacated by Shirley Christoferson. Shirley worked very hard to reach her goal of 200 members in the Chapter and was well within reaching it, but life gets in the way. Best of luck to Shirley and welcome to Debbie, who has taken up Shirley's goal and hopes to have 5 new members her first month. With the membership drawing resting at \$214.00, she will be calling members to get them into meetings so they can possibly walk out with a wad of cash. Members like Patricia Bueerman and Jacob Redding. Read Frankie's report in the September issue of the State Newsletter. I like a lot of other people used the excuse that I did not have time to help out. What excuse will I use when my land rights are taken away? When my husband can no longer hunt the grounds he has hunted for 25 years because our own Government denies him access? When my motorcycle or gear is regulated out of existence? When I can not show my nephews or their children the land I grew up on and the things we did for fun

in our youth? Well Frankie, for what it is worth, I answered your challenge and spent an hour looking for houses to pound lawn signs into actually I looked and Debbie Done pounded. It really was not all that bad and you get to see people at their very best between 9 and 11 on a Saturday morning, if you plan it right. Thank you for the reality check you sent and no the sacrifice was not as great as losing the freedom. In fact, I have some signs left and I'll call the candidate for more addresses. It is a small price to pay to have this guy on our side.

By the time this goes to print, EOS and the Vanport Swap Meet will be over. I hope that whichever event you attended (or both) you had a great time. A big thank you to all who worked both events and to everyone who attended. These are put on for you and the work that goes into them can be greater than you think. Learn more about putting these things together by volunteering to be on a committee. It really makes it more fun and interesting when you are part of the planning process. It also helps ease the burden of those who usually spend too much time putting them together because there never seems to be enough people to help sometimes.

Until next time, ride safe and watch out for the other guys.

Linda Wells

WaCo. Secretary

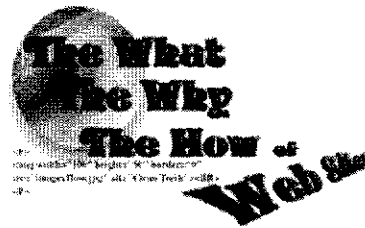
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Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:00 PM

Blarney Stone Bar & Grill, 86498 College Rd. Eugene

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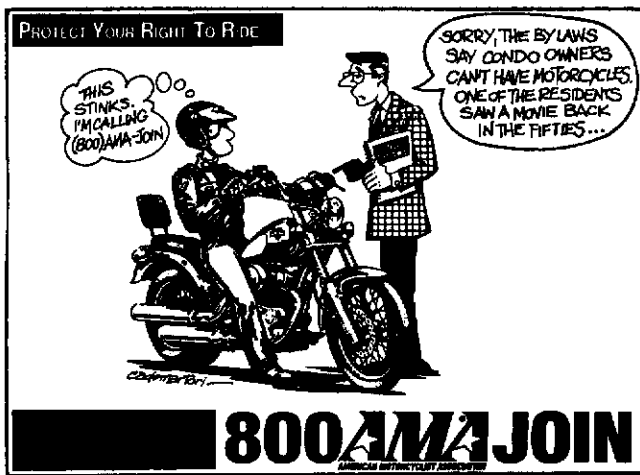
4618 Daisy St. C/O Rick Maish, Springfield, OR 97478

Chapter Contact: Michael Taylor 541-485-2352

or Rick Maish 541-746-7837

Now that I'm on the other side of knee surgery and doing that "therapy thang" to get normal again, Wendy and I are looking forward to a short jaunt to the Berkeley North event at Max's tavern on the 17th of September and riding up to the Chapter campout in Corvallis the end of September. But from what I hear, things have been happenin' in my absence. A few from the chapter got together with friends and some of the Blackjacks for a ride to Crater Lake not long before the weather turned wet. Our previous fearless leader, Russ Lax, showed up from Arizona and joined them all on the run. Sounds like it was a fun time, and a good number participated. The All Harley Drag didn't get the turnout hoped for from our chapter but the races were good. Rob pulled seventh place on his Bagger. Greg and Mo made a good effort as well.

Of course, it was also the weekend of Chiloquin's end of season for the State and, with rain on the way over, rain during and hail on the return, not too many folks showed up. I understand Rosie and Jim braved it, but I'm not sure who else. Coming up is the Berkeley North event on the Sunday of the Eugene Celebration. This year promises to have an even bigger turnout. I always look forward to this one and hope all have as good a time as usual. The Chapter Campout, put together for the WV members and guests exclusively, is happening at the end of September and is our way of saying thanks to all those who've worked hard to make our chapter what we've become in the last couple of years. Looking for a big turnout, steak dinners, biscuits and gravy for breakfast, games for the kids, bike games too, fishing, swimming, music, and just plain fun for all before the season dwindles down. Finally we're doing another Casino night at the Time Out tavern on Main in Springfield in October. Be sure to grab a flyer for the details. Show up with some good stuff to auction off and, if you play your cards right, you may go home a big winner! There were lots of great things to bid on last year and we had a ball hangin' out for the afternoon. Be sure to grab up some friends and come on down to our annual chapter fundraiser. We're still looking at the Christmas event this year. There's talk of doing a meal for the homeless at the mission. Bought, presented and served by WV chapter. We'll firm things up at the next couple of meetings. See ya there!  
Michael





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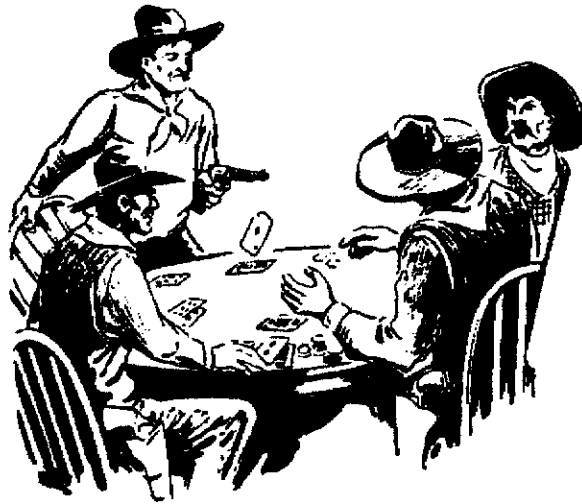
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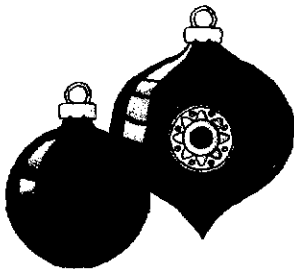
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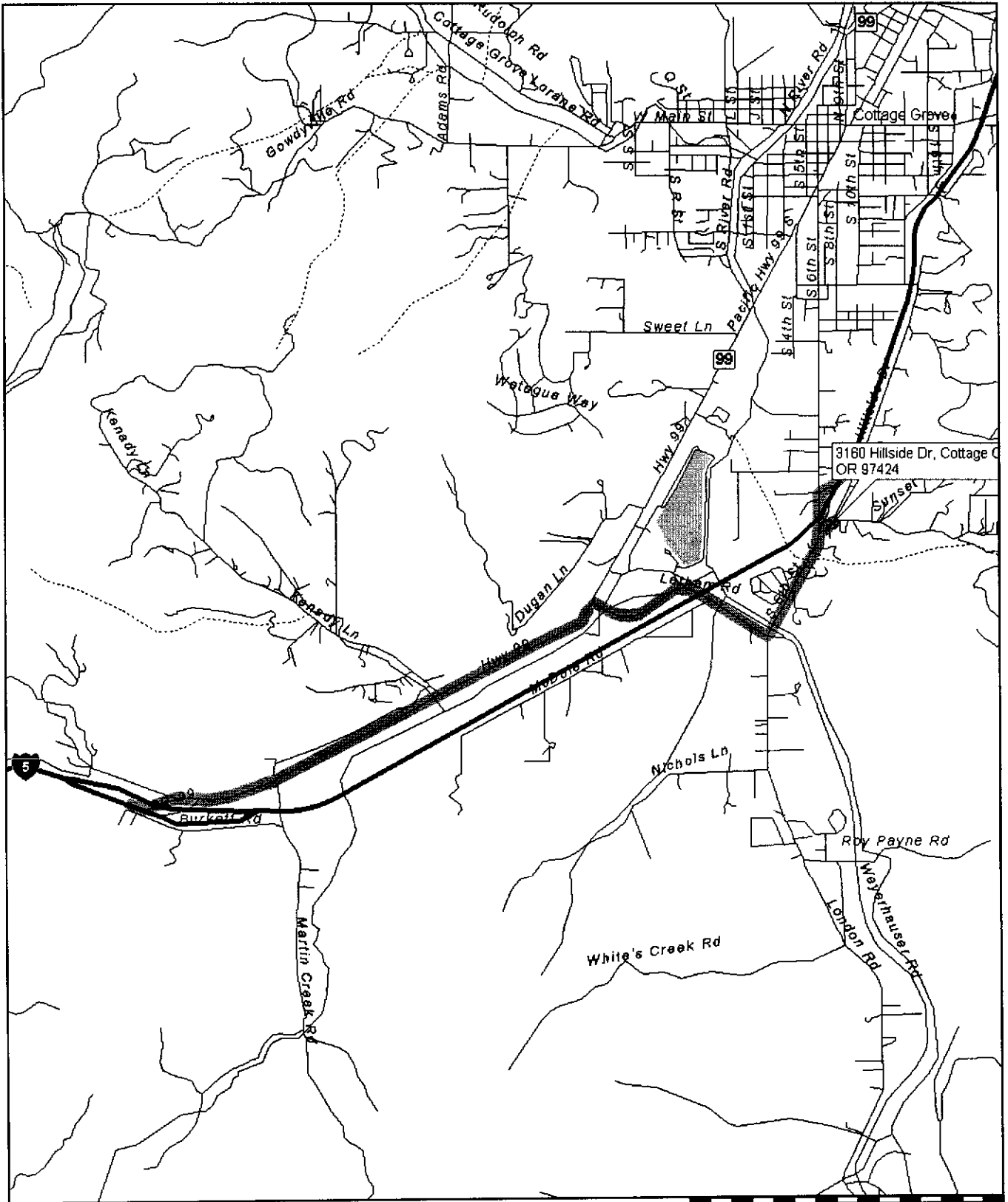
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	Albert Gore	D		
Congress 1st Dist.	<b>Charles Starr</b>	R	<b>503 642 2024</b>	Solid BikePAC supporter
	David Wu	D		
Congress 2nd Dist.	<b>Greg Walden (I)</b>	R	<b>541 387 4820</b>	Long time friend
	Walter Ponsford	D		
Congress 3rd Dist.	<b>Jeffrey Pollock</b>	R	<b>503 257 1871</b>	Very pro freedom
	Earl Blumenauer	D		
Congress 4th Dist.	<b>Peter DeFazio (I)</b>	D	<b>541 679 6814</b>	Member transportation committee
	John Lindsay	R		
Sec. State	<b>Lynn Snodgrass</b>	R	<b>503 658 4223</b>	
	<b>Bill Bradbury (I)</b>	D	<b>503 698 8334</b>	
Treasurer	<b>Jon Kvistad</b>	R	<b>503 590 3282</b>	
	Randall Edwards	D		
State Senate 2	<b>Gary George (I)</b>	R	<b>503 538 4122</b>	Helmet bill sponsor
	Terry Thompson	D		
State Senate 4	<b>Eileen Qutub (I)</b>	R	<b>503 579 3165</b>	Always votes with us
	Ryan Deckart	D		
State Senate 6	<b>Ginny Burdick (I)</b>	D		<b>Not a friend. No opponent</b>
State Senate 7	<b>Kate Brown (I)</b>	D		Turned away from us last year
State Senate 8	<b>Margaret Carter</b>	D		Not a friend.
State Senate 10	<b>Avel Gordley (I)</b>	D		Not a friend. No opponent
State Senate 11	<b>Chris Gorsek</b>	D	<b>503 665 9212</b>	voted against Team Oregon bill 1997
	John Minnis	R		
State Senate 15	<b>Roger Beyer</b>	R	<b>503 829 8646</b>	Solid Supporter
	Roger Pike	D		
State Senate 23	<b>Bill Fisher (I)</b>	R	<b>541 672 1908</b>	Solid. Member of BikePAC
	Larry Mack	D		
State Senate 24	<b>Ken Messerle</b>	R	<b>541 269 7406</b>	Solid BikePAC supporter
	Roger McCorkle	D		
State Senate 25	<b>Jason Atkinson</b>	R	<b>541 899 5918</b>	Supporter. No opponent
State Senate 27	<b>Bev Clarno</b>	R	<b>541 923 0623</b>	Solid BikePAC supporter in past
	Anne Philiben	D		
State Senate 28	<b>Ted Ferrioli (I)</b>	R	<b>541 575 1548</b>	Solid BikePAC Friend
	Vern Cook	D		
State Senate 29	<b>Bill Duncan</b>	D	<b>541 534 9007</b>	Very pro freedom
	David Nelson (I)	R		
State Senate 30	<b>Steve Harper</b>	R	<b>541 850 9587</b>	
	Debra James	D		
State Rep 1	<b>Don McDaniel</b>	L	<b>503 325 8933</b>	
	Betsy Johnson	D		
State Rep 2	<b>Diane Waldron</b>	R		
	Elaine Hopson (I)	D		
State Rep 3	<b>Bruce Starr (I)</b>	R	<b>503 320 1639</b>	Solid BikePAC supporter
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	John Scruggs	R		
State Rep 7	<b>Bill Witt (I)</b>	R	<b>503 629 5857</b>	Solid BikePAC supporter
	Mitch Greenlick	D		
State Rep 8	<b>Lisa Michaels</b>	R	<b>503 524 9027</b>	
	<b>Mark Hass</b>	D	<b>503 231 3534</b>	
State Rep 9	<b>Max Williams (I)</b>	R	<b>503 224 5858</b>	Very helpful in 1999
	Raman Velji	D		
State Rep 10	<b>Mike Smith</b>	D	<b>503 698 6519</b>	
	Jan Lee	R		
State Rep 11	<b>Joan Gardner</b>	R	<b>503 294 1517</b>	Very pro freedom
	Mary Nolan	D		
State Rep 12	<b>Jeanne Schoel</b>	R	<b>503 235 6812</b>	
	Chris Beck (I)	D		never voted with us on helmets
State Rep 13	Dan Gardner (I)	D		
State Rep 14	<b>John McEnroe</b>	L	<b>503 232 6938</b>	
	Diane Rosenbaum (I)			
State Rep 15	<b>Steve March</b>	D	<b>503 235 9708</b>	
	Scott Lutz	R		
State Rep 16	<b>Jeff Merkley (I)</b>	D	<b>503 274 7488</b>	Strong supporter and nice guy
State Rep 17	Gary Hansen (I)	D		
State Rep 18	<b>Deborah Kafoury (I)</b>	D	<b>503 281 3960</b>	Supporter. No opponent
State Rep 19	<b>Ivars Bitans</b>	R	<b>503 516 5315</b>	Anyone's better than Bowman
	Jo Ann Bowman (I)	D		
State Rep 20	<b>Karen Minnis (I)</b>	R	<b>503 666 7186</b>	Very helpful in 1999
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State Rep 21	<b>Randy Leonard (I)</b>	D	<b>503 760 9688</b>	Supporter. No opponent
State Rep 22	<b>Ed Golobay</b>	R	<b>503 661 3610</b>	
	Laurie Monnes Anderson	D		very anti-freedom
State Rep 23	<b>Kurt Schrader (I)</b>	D	<b>503 266 2432</b>	Supporter. No opponent
State Rep 24	<b>Jim Hansen</b>	R	<b>503 968 9115</b>	
State Rep 24	Richard Devlin (I)	D		
State Rep 25	<b>Carolyn Tomei</b>	D	<b>503 659 9116</b>	
	<b>Dick Jones</b>	R	<b>503 652 2998</b>	
State Rep 26	<b>Kathy Lowe (I)</b>	D	<b>503 653 9681</b>	Loves motorcycles and bikers
	Almon Ritter	R		
State Rep 27	<b>Jill Thorn</b>	D	<b>503 635 6651</b>	
	Jerry Krummel (I)	R		
State Rep 28	<b>Tootie Smith</b>	R	<b>503 632 7422</b>	
	<b>Mike Clarke</b>	D	<b>503 829 7325</b>	
State Rep 29	<b>Donna Nelson</b>	R	<b>503 472 7446</b>	
	Frank Nelson	D		
State Rep 30	<b>Dan Doyle</b>	R	<b>503 371 9625</b>	
	Colby McCormick	D		
State Rep 31	<b>Jackie Winters (I)</b>	R	<b>503 581 9114</b>	
	Lloyd Kumley	D		
State Rep 32	George Bell	D		
	Janet Carlson	R		
State Rep 33	<b>Vic Backlund (I)</b>	R	<b>503 393 5927</b>	Supporter no opponent
State Rep 34	<b>Marilyn Slizeski</b>	D	<b>541 929 6892</b>	
	Lane Shetterly (I)	R		

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State Rep 35	Kelley Wirth	D		
	Debra Ringold	R		
State Rep 36	<b>Betsy Close (I)</b>	R	<b>541 926 5418</b>	Good supporter, very pro freedom
	John Donovan	D		Good guy, but Betsy is a great friend
State Rep 37	<b>Jeff Kropf (I)</b>	R	<b>541 258 7363</b>	Carried Handlebar bill last year
	Lori Workman	D		
State Rep 38	<b>Cliff Zauner</b>	R	<b>503 982 9462</b>	
	Irv Fletcher	D		
State Rep 39	Robert Ackerman	D		
	Christopher Bevans	R		
State Rep 40	<b>William Young</b>	R	<b>541 686 8163</b>	
	Phil Barnhart	D		
State Rep 41	<b>Jeff Miller</b>	R	<b>541 484 6624</b>	Will be a good supporter
	Vicki Walker	D		She needs to go away
State Rep 42	Bill Morrisette	D		Not a friend. No opponent
State Rep 43	<b>Cedric Hayden</b>	R	<b>541 338 0582</b>	
	Francisca Johnson	D		
State Rep 44	<b>Ed Kemp</b>	R	<b>541 746 4008</b>	
	Al King	D		
State Rep 45	<b>Jeff Kruse (I)</b>	R	<b>541 670 3276</b>	Good supporter
	Charles Lee	D		
State Rep 46	<b>Susan Morgan (I)</b>	R	<b>541 874 8270</b>	Nice lady and good friend
	Earl Calhoun	D		
State Rep 47	Joanne Verger	D		
State Rep 48	<b>Wayne Krieger</b>	R	<b>541 247 7990</b>	
	Barbara Dodrill	D		
State Rep 49	<b>Carl Wilson (I)</b>	R	<b>541 476 6608</b>	Motorcyclist. Owns two bikes
	Dave Toler	Ind.		
State Rep 50	<b>Rob Patridge (I)</b>	R	<b>541 857 7223</b>	
	Barbara Davidson	D		
State Rep 51	<b>Cherryl Walker</b>	R	<b>541 862 2302</b>	Rode on and off road for years
	Lon Holston	D		
State Rep 52	<b>Jane Hunts</b>	R	<b>541 878 2374</b>	
	Alan Bates	D		
State Rep 53	Wayne Snoozy	D		
	Bill Garrard	R		
State Rep 54	<b>Tim Knopp (I)</b>	R	<b>541 312 9873</b>	Good supporter
	Ken Cooper	D		
State Rep 55	<b>Ben Westlund (I)</b>	R	<b>541 383 4444</b>	Good supporter
	Douglas Dunlap	D		
State Rep 56	<b>Patti Smith</b>	R	<b>503 695 2545</b>	
	Paul Zastrow	D		Seems to dislike motorcyclists
State Rep 57	Bob Jenson	R		Not a friend. No opponent
State Rep 58	<b>Mark Simmons</b>	R	<b>541 437 9060</b>	Supporter & maybe House Speaker
State Rep 59	<b>Greg Smith</b>	R	<b>541 676 5154</b>	
	Linda Harrington	D		
State Rep 60	<b>Tom Butler</b>	R	<b>541 889 7654</b>	Motorcyclist and solid supporter
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County Comm.	<b>Leslie Lewis</b>	R	<b>503 537 0879</b>	

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## **COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS**

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National Coalition of Motorcyclists  
(NCOM)

**REDUCED SPEED AHEAD** "A voluntary top-speed limitation, spurred by the threat of European regulation, ends the top-speed race for good", reports Aaron P. Frank in the August issue of the motorcycle industry publication **MOTORCYCLE PRODUCT NEWS**.

According to Frank, following the public release of the much anticipated Kawasaki ZX-12R, rumored to top out at 197 mph, independent testing revealed a much slower 187 mph. Meanwhile, the 2000 Suzuki Hayabusa, supposedly unchanged from '99, was 6 mph slower than the previous year's model.

Although motorcycle manufacturers have refused to officially comment on this slow-down, "it has become apparent that this year's largest-displacement superbikes have been electronically restricted to limit their top speeds. While representatives of the American branches of Kawasaki, Suzuki and Honda declined comment and deny knowledge of any restrictions, numerous sources have reported that the major Japanese and European motorcycle manufacturers have signed voluntary limits and have agreed to end the top-speed race," claims the MPN article.

Buckling under to pressure from European safetycrats who threatened to regulate top speeds, motorcycle manufacturers reportedly met and agreed to set the voluntary speed limit at 185 mph for 2001, with further reductions over the next few years leading to an eventual 155 mph limit which is currently adhered to by automobile manufacturers.

Even most motorcyclists would agree that nobody really needs a 200-mph crotch rocket, but groups like the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) have been warning American riders for years of impending European regulations aimed at harmonizing vehicle standards worldwide, and speed governors may be the "first shot" in a long battle. Stay tuned, and keep your powder dry.

**INTERNAL COMBUSTION UNDER ATTACK** It's not just bikes - all motor vehicles are becoming less politically correct. The private motor vehicle is under attack at the national level, as Vice President Al Gore is renewing his 1992 call for the phase-out of the internal combustion engine, and at the state level where a pair of California bills seek to give

local governments the right to set draconian speed limits, and on down to the local level where "Traffic Calming" (i.e. intentional obstruction of traffic) is the newest tool to pry Americans out of their cars and off their motorcycles. Gore's anti-car position is not new, but what's noteworthy is that he thinks it'll sell in the upcoming election. Bush is seen as vulnerable on environmental issues, so Gore is pushing his hatred of cars. It's hard to believe that this guy once owned a 305 Superhawk.

We think his position will hurt him, as most Americans view public transportation as they do public toilets: disgusting. And fuel cells might not be a viable option by 2017, when piston-driven vehicles would no longer be sold, if Al gets his way.

**CITY BIKE**

**MOTORCYCLE AIRBAGS ARE HERE!** From the land of the rising sun comes the latest in motorcycle safety technology, if not the most controversial, as Honda's fleet of Advanced Safety Vehicles includes a Gold Wing touring motorcycle equipped with an SRS airbag system. The Gold Wing GL1500 Interstate is equipped with a tank mounted airbag system that Honda has been developing for some years.

Theoretically, airbags for motorcycles could reduce rider-ejection speeds through airbag deployment and could lessen injuries to riders caused by contacts against other vehicles or road surfaces in accidents.

But Honda researchers caution that the motorcycle airbag system has both potential benefits as well as some adverse effects, and further research and development is needed.

**POLICE SHOOT BIKER FOR NOT WEARING A HELMET** An airbag wouldn't have saved the life of an Italian youth who was recently shot to death by police for riding his scooter without a helmet. Seventeen year old Mario Castellano was fatally shot in the back July 20th when he attempted to run a police checkpoint set up in Naples to enforce a new law mandating helmets for Italy's 9 million scooter and motorcycle riders. The young rebel refused to wear a helmet because it ruined his gelled hairdo, and he ran the checkpoint because he didn't want to be ticketed again as he had been repeatedly before the shooting for flouting the recently enacted helmet law.

The killing provoked scattered riots, calls to boycott helmets and several vigils. Upon hearing of the shooting,

friends and family of the dead biker stormed the police station, destroyed police vehicles, and came to blows with the police themselves. More than 1,500 angry mourners attended the boy's funeral.

Policeman Tommaso Leone was arrested on suspicion of homicide, and is being held without bail in a military prison. He claims the shooting was an accident, but reconstruction of the incident showed that Leone had fired at the teenager after failing to catch him. Interior Minister Enzo Bianco called the shooting unjustifiable and promised to bring the circumstances of the case to light.

Italy was the last country in Europe to pass a helmet law for scooter riders, and since March police have had problems implementing the helmet law as fashion conscious Italian youth refuse to wear them.

VIRGINIA HELMET REPEAL EFFORT UNDERWAY  
ABATE of Virginia is now in the midst of a full on fight to repeal the mandatory helmet law with the introduction and passage of a bill in the 2001 Virginia General Assembly beginning January of 2001. Sponsors are in place and Governor Jim Gilmore has stated he will sign the bill if it reaches his desk. Getting the bill out of committee has been the biggest obstacle in the past and will be the most difficult task this coming session. It is believed from past attempts that there is adequate support for passage from the members on the floor of both houses of the General Assembly.

In February a helmet law reform committee was established to mobilize the troops in the ABATE chapters. A petition drive was launched just over a month later and signatures are pouring in from around the State. The Virginia Coalition of Motorcyclists and NCOM have both pledged to support the bill. The membership is fully mobilized, preparing to work with legislators in each district to make sure they have the true facts concerning helmet use, not just the medical and insurance lobby facts. Support exists from the leading organization of law enforcement bikers, the Blue Knights.

ABATE OF VIRGINIA/MCNW

KEYSTONE STATE LAWMAKERS TO CONSIDER HANDLEBAR HEIGHT REPEAL. Today, August 10, a step forward in Motorcycling Freedom has been made in Pennsylvania where Representative Mario J. Civera Jr. has confirmed that he will sponsor legislation to repeal the current

statute, Title 75 of the Motor Vehicle Code, pertaining to handlebar height. Handlebar height restrictions limit motorcycle owners from being able to constitutionally express themselves and impairs the operator's ability to be as comfortable as possible while riding. This is a personal choice issue, not a safety issue, argue concerned PA riders.

"The Eastern Pennsylvania Confederation of Clubs and NCOM Member Groups in Pennsylvania applaud Representative Civera, and thank him for his past and future support of motorcycle issues such as this and our continuing effort to repeal the helmet law," said Rocky Gambale, Confederation Liaison and NCOM National Council member.

Restrictions on handlebar height evolved from the original laws written to use as a tool by law enforcement to selectively stop and harass bikers who chose in the 50's and 60's to wear club jackets and colors, explained Gambale.

"Our Eastern PA COC has taken the stance that Constitutional freedoms are at risk with this statute, as are the risks of being forced to ride outside the comfort zone for those riders who prefer these types of high handlebars," he added.

Handlebar height laws have been repealed or modified recently in Iowa, Arizona, Oregon, and Washington.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS

NOISE PROPOSAL TARGETS LOUD MOTORCYCLES  
If Town Councilman John Hickey gets his way, Narragansett, Rhode Island, will take on a bit of the flavor of the Old West someday soon, with police telling those with loud motorcycles to ... get out of town.

"If they're from out of town, it would be okay with me if police take them to the town line and tell them to go," Hickey said, discussing his amended motion on the July 17 council agenda aimed at controlling the roar from some motorcycles.

For residents, the penalty would be different. The motorcycles would be impounded until the mufflers were brought back to factory specifications. Hickey said the loud ones are modified to make more noise than they normally do.

"They want to show off," he said. Councilman David Crook Sr., a retired policeman, said two separate approaches by police might not be legal.

"Are we getting into selective enforcement?" He asked the council.

Councilman George Lenihan Jr. asked, "Couldn't we just cite them?"

"I don't want to fine them," Hickey said. "I want them out of here."

Town Solicitor Mark McSally said he would have to do some research "to see if we have authority to do" what Hickey suggested. The council voted 4 to 0 to ask McSally to look into the matter.

RON CASSINELLI, JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

**KAWASAKI MARKETING TO WOMEN** "The show's much better when you're sitting up front" is the campaign-marketing message that Kawasaki is using to target the women's motorcycle buyers market.

Kawasaki hopes to identify with female riders who have abandoned their roles as passengers and are taking to the road riding their own machines. In 1998, Kawasaki owner surveys revealed that women represented 32% of purchasers of 600 cc and under Kawasaki street motorcycles.

Apparently, however, Kawasaki's new ad campaign didn't go over very well in Nigeria. Read on...

**MOTORBIKE RIDERS FLOGGED FOR CARRYING WOMEN** A pair of Nigerian motorbike-taxi riders have been flogged with 20 lashes each for carrying women on the back of their bikes. An Islamic court in the northern state of Zamfara found them guilty of breaking a by-law banning women from riding on motorbike-taxis.

Authorities in the state that introduced strict Islamic Sharia law last year say

the practice is indecent.

A large crowd watched as Maniru Abdullahi and Jafaru Isah were flogged, the South African Press Association reports.

The women were not flogged because they are both married, officials said.

Since Sharia law was declared, alcohol has been banned, mixed schools have been closed and men and women are not allowed to travel together in public.

But look on the bright side, they don't have to contend with a helmet law.

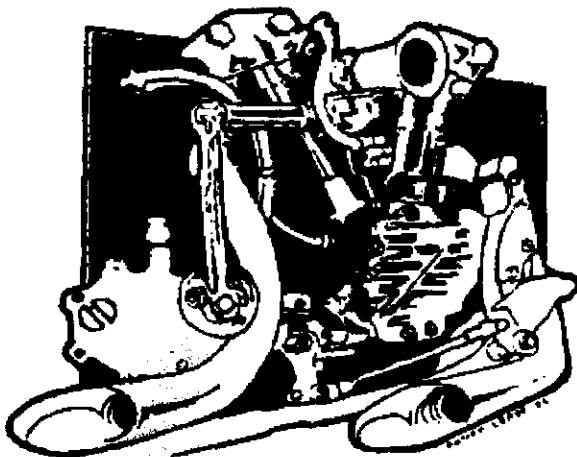
From Steve Garcia's STUFF, ABATE of California

**FIT FOR A KING** when motorcycle enthusiast King Abdullah Bin Al Hussein of Jordan visited San Francisco in June, he requested to go on a scenic ride around the Bay area. To accommodate the King, the San Francisco Police Department let him dress in a police uniform and ride one of the city's Harley-Davidson police bikes. According to the SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, King Hussein was escorted by three motorcycle officers and a member of the Secret Service, also on a borrowed SFPD motorcycle.

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH:** "If there is anything which it is the duty of the whole people to never entrust to any hands but their own - that thing is the preservation of their own liberties and institutions."

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## **GUNNY'S SACK**

PORTLAND, Oregon: By golly, justice does peek out at us now and then.

Some time ago I told you about the H-D dealer here in Portland who got shafted by the men in blue in this fair city. Seems the dealer, Latus Motors, loaned the fuzz a scooter for a sting operation and the ride got ripped off...

After the city said they wouldn't pay up for the stolen bike, saying the cop who made the deal with Latus was not AUTHORIZED, it appears they (city fathers) had second thoughts on the matter and after a year of wrangling and some bad press, they finally paid Latus Motors for their lost scoot and expenses incurred because of it. Needless to say, George Latus said he was out of the business of loaning bikes to Police. I wouldn't loan 'em a pair of old socks myself.

WINDSOR, COLORADO: The scooter craze spreading through North America's cities has hit a curb in this northern Colorado town. The cops say it's the speedy little motorized scooters that are the problem, not the old foot powered versions. Law enforcement people say folks are asking that they be banned from streets, SIDEWALKS and trails. They say people are ignoring traffic laws or are unaware there are such things that apply to these zippy little sidewalk menaces.

Skateboards and roller-blades are outlawed now and cops say these motorized scooters are just narrow skateboards with handlebars and motors.

In Vermont, riders are required to register their motorized skateboards or motorized scooters as motorcycles, have them inspected and become certified motorcycle riders. Damn! Safetycrats don't want anyone to have fun anymore. Don't know what this world is coming to.

LUXEMBOURG: Due to the high number of motorcycle accidents in this very small country (5 fatalities just in May) the Luxembourg Minister of Transport, Henri Grethen, is gonna do something about it. He started the safety campaign "Together take care of each other" with the aim of reducing the number of motorcycle accidents.

The campaign there consists of:

\*A TV spot showing how easy it is for a car driver to miss seeing a motorcycle rider because of his narrow profile.

\*A leaflet with important advice for BOTH motorcyclists and for car drivers was

produced and sent together with a letter personally addressed from the minister of transport Henri Gethen to the 14,000 motorcycle riders in Luxembourg.

\*The Police Grand-Ducale will do more speed controls, particularly in the north of the country.

Now why don't our home folks come up with something along those same lines instead of extolling the DANGERS of riding motorcycles and other such modes of transportation?

HOW ABOUT THIS JEWEL?

PATIENT MISSING FROM HOSPITAL FOUND AT PUB: A British motorcyclist who disappeared from the hospital where he was being treated for a broken spine, pelvis, arm and nose sparked a major alert until nurses discovered he was enjoying a pint at his favorite pub. His supposed friends wheeled Malcolm Storey out of Southampton General Hospital on his sick bed, put him in the back of a van and drove him to his favorite pub over the holiday.

Police were alerted when nurses realized their patient was missing but the search was called off when Mr. Storey's friends called the hospital to say they would bring him back. Now that's dedication to your daily pint. I guess broken bones have nothing to do with enjoying yer suds.

LONDON, ENGLAND: A new team of motorcycle patrols has been launched in London to relieve traffic jams and other incidents around town. Lightweight high performance bikes can cut through traffic jams and get to the source of trouble much quicker than conventional vehicles. The team will operate in central London at first.

Although they picked the bike for it's compact size, the Yamaha TDM 850's carry all the equipment that patrol teams need to fix easily-resolvable car problems right on the road.

If the pilot program works out, it could be seen throughout the city and other metropolitan areas of the country. Good idea folks. Smart use of bikes.

LINCOLN, NE: Unbeknownst to many bikers, Kawasaki has been building motorcycles in the heart of America since 1974, right in Lincoln, Nebraska. Seems they're adding a plant there that will make railroad cars, too! Maybe they can design one that will let you put your scoot on board. This for you folks that like to ship your scoot and then ride into town lookin' good.



Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corp. U.S.A. announced plans to build the \$50 million plant in Lincoln to manufacture rail and subway passenger cars. The new facility will employ up to 320 people and will be located at U.S. Highway 34 and Northwest 27th Street, just south of Kawasaki's Lincoln motorcycle plant.

They plan to produce 200 railcars a year in a huge, 430,000-square-foot plant. In a press release, Kawasaki said the "move takes place in a climate favoring re-evaluation of rail as a viable means of transportation."

THIS IS THE DUFUS AWARD WINNER THIS YEAR: Now if you're in a bike wreck, I always say, call yourself an AIM Attorney. Don't do what this clown did: Seems a biker in East Sussex, England, got in a wreck with a 68 year-old woman driving a 4-wheel drive Mitsubishi. After he rolled down the road a ways and peeled off some hide, he got in her car and drove off! He dumped the car later, must have realized how dumb he was.

Now the cops are after him for stealing a car instead of the old lady getting a citation for runnin' over him. Go figure!

BELLE PLAINE, MINN: They're BACK!

Excelsior-Henderson Motorcycle Manufacturing Company announced they have emerged from bankruptcy and that their modified plan of reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code has been confirmed.

The Company's confirmation hearing was held on August 18, 2000, and the Bankruptcy Court's order confirming the plan of reorganization was issued on the same date.

The Company's co-founders, Dan, Dave and Jennie Hanlon said, "Confirmation of the plan represents the culmination of several months work.

As we said before, we believe the proposed plan of reorganization represents the best available alternative for the Company and its creditors. This is a great initial step in rebuilding the Company." Lets hope this will give them the confidence to get busy now and build the kind of scooter we will all ride. This has been a tough fight for a great motorcycle marquee.

WOMEN IN THE MOTORCYCLE WORLD: Traci Hoffman, who started riding dirt bikes when she was 9, cruises the highways now on a chrome-laden Harley-Davidson with high handlebars and a comfortable seat. Carolyn Marshall enjoys her motorcycle so

much that she was still riding three weeks before her son was born. Susan Wevodau, who started riding nine years ago to keep her husband company, now is a nationally ranked motorcycle racer.

These gals are just the tip of the iceberg guys. Women are becoming a force to be recognized in our macho world. They are riding the same powerful machines we do and most are doing a better job of it because they don't mind taking the time to go to riding classes and seminars to do it right. It's high time we started to pay attention and took a few courses ourselves.

GUNNY AGAIN: Remember what I said about calling an AIM attorney when you have an accident. They will save you mountains of grief, and probably some dough. Remember, those insurance people you're up against have lots of their own attorneys and they aren't bashful about using them against you. And those adjusters are slicker'n you-know what. It's just plain self-preservation folks. Call nationally at: 1-(800)-ON-A-BIKE (1-800-662-2453). You can call our Oregon AIM Attorney Sam Hochberg at 1-(800)-347-1106, if it's a toll call or 224-1106 locally to Portland. Get a hold of Sam online at [SamBikeLaw@aol.com](mailto:SamBikeLaw@aol.com) or me at [AIMGunny@aol.com](mailto:AIMGunny@aol.com).

Keep the round side on the bottom.

Gunny, Oregon AIM Chief of Staff



## Proposed Land Recreation Guidelines in Colorado Unveiled

PICKERINGTON, Ohio -- The federal Bureau of Land Management has released its recommended recreation management guidelines for BLM-administered land in Colorado. The guidelines could lead to greater restrictions on off-highway vehicles (OHVs), the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) reports. The public now has until Sept. 22 to comment before final guidelines are issued.

Until local travel-management plans are in place, the proposed guidelines tell BLM officials to restrict OHV use "to prevent the unacceptable proliferation of roads and trails that have caused, or will lead to, resource damage."

The guidelines also call on land managers to put a high priority on developing local travel-management plans, and on involving the public in developing local routes and trails.

In developing the travel-management plans, the guidelines tell land managers to allow OHVs to travel only in areas that meet the criteria for an "open" designation and that meet standards for protecting the environment.

The guidelines are designed to allow a variety of recreational opportunities while preventing damage to the land, the BLM said. But the BLM also noted that it is working on a strategy to address OHV issues, which will be announced later.

To see the recommended recreation guidelines and to comment, you can log on to the BLM's Colorado website at [www.co.blm.gov](http://www.co.blm.gov) and use the electronic response form there.

You can also comment by writing to: Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Recreation Guidelines, Colorado State Office/CO 931, 2850 Youngfield St., Lakewood, CO 80215.

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Making Democracy Work for Motorcyclists. Whether you're a veteran lobbyist or just a concerned motorcyclist who wants to be

heard on Capitol Hill, the American Motorcyclist Association's (AMA) Introduction to Washington seminar is for you.

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

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

Near Garrison, NY the Franciscans of Graymoor have been providing food, shelter and a spiritual atmosphere to homeless men and recovering alcoholics since 1898 - and more recently to the hikers who pass through on the Appalachian Trail.

But now the friars are giving holy hell to the National Park Service for trying to take 18 acres of their land. "The park service thinks they can come in here, take our land and tell us it will have no effect on our ministry," complained the Reverend Arthur Johnson, minister general of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement.

The park service wants to use the land, most of it forested, as a buffer to protect the trail against any intrusion. In all, the friary of 130 priests, brothers and sisters, owns 400 acres in the vicinity of the trail.

Unable to reach agreement after 15 years of talks with the Franciscans, the park service referred the case to the Justice Department, which can invoke eminent domain, the taking of property without a landowner's permission.

The friars appealed to Senator Charles Schumer and Representative Sue Kelly, both of whom wrote to Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt to demand that eminent domain proceedings be dropped. The park service agreed to hold off, at least for a while, in hopes of reaching agreement. Father Johnson says the order has no plans to sell any of its land to developers, but he doesn't want to lose any options - and he worries the government might come back again for more. "They're like a weekend guest who claims squatter's rights on Monday morning," he said, "Who's to say that 10, 20, 30 or 50 years from now, they

won't decide they need to take more of our land to protect themselves."

Despite the fact that Al Gore fancied himself the supreme environmentalist, Clinton/Gore issued its blessing on a proposed shopping mall in a Carlstadt, NJ, wetlands area. The US Fish and Wildlife Service, which had opposed the development for years, reversed its position. Coincidentally, following that reversal, the development company's executives and their relatives gave more than \$31,000 to Gore's presidential campaign according to an Associated Press story.

The United Nations announced an international agreement, that goes into effect Aug. 25, to develop globally uniform environmental regulations for motor vehicles.

These regulations will help to uniformly provide greater environmental protection, energy efficiency, vehicle safety and pollution reduction from automobiles for countries who are members of the United Nations. Current levels of environmental protection and vehicle safety will not be compromised in order to achieve this regulatory uniformity called harmonization.

Participating nations may also collaborate in the development of new global regulations which they could propose to adopt in their respective country. Any regulation that the United States proposes to adopt would be subject to the formal United States regulatory process. The development of the Agreement was spearheaded by EPA and the Department of Transportation. The United States was the first to sign the agreement, followed by Canada, Japan, France, England, the European Union, Germany Russia and South Africa.

For more information about the "Agreement Concerning Global Technical Regulations, under the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and administered by its World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations," contact Ken Feith at 202-564-1679.

"We have written off rural America." -- US Representative Patrick Kennedy (D-RI), chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, describing the strategy consistent with the national party's emphasis on the suburban east and west coasts to win back the seats needed to regain control of Congress.

Further evidence of this strategy lies in the money requested and needed by fire fighting professionals of the Department

of Interior that was drastically cut last year (\$17 million) and again this year (\$103 million). In fact, the Clinton/Gore White House slashed the budget for the year 2001 to only \$297 million.

This money was then earmarked for the Clinton/Gore lands legacy that increased from \$15 million to \$49 million for this year and increased from \$49 million to \$60 million for next year. This money is to be used to purchase rural property to allow a new democratic administration/congress to implement further control of our land.

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Director Tom Fry announced the appointment of Elaine Marquis Brong, the BLM's Deputy Assistant Director for Renewable Resources and Planning, as the Director of the agency's new National Landscape Conservation System Office in Washington, DC.

The BLM established the National Landscape Conservation System in June to provide general policy and guidance for the management of the agency's new National Monuments, congressionally designated National Conservation Areas, Wilderness Areas, and other environmentally sensitive areas. Establishment of the system does not create new legal protections or impose any new restrictions, and units within the system will continue to be operated at the field level by BLM field managers with full public participation.

The first 300 miles the Hatfield-McCoy trails will open beginning October 2000. A total of three sections will be opened, two in Logan County near the towns of Logan and Man and one in Mingo County near Williamson. Each of these sections begins at trailhead centers which are being established.

Annual and 3-day user-permits will go on sale mid-September and can be purchased on the Hatfield-McCoy website (<http://www.hmtrails.com>), or by calling the office at 800-592-2217. Once the trail system is opened in October, permits will also be sold at the trailhead centers from 8-10 a.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings.

AMA Community Council - Essex, Suffolk & Middlesex Counties, Massachusetts presented written testimony to the Committee rewriting the Massachusetts Driver's Education Manual. In their comments they requested the Committee allow motorcyclists to have input in the development of the Course Program to include 20-30 minutes of "motorcycle

awareness" for young teenagers learning how to drive automobiles.

The AMA, through it's Community Councils, work to see that the influence of the AMA reaches into every city and county across the country. Our message will be clear: We will fight every step of the way -- from Main Street to Capitol Hill to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue -- to ensure that our rights remain intact. For more information on starting your own AMA Community Council, contact Terry Lee Cook at (614) 856-1900 or e-mail [tcook@ama-cycle.org](mailto:tcook@ama-cycle.org).

Michigan State Police recently revised the state's helmet regulations to adopt DOT-certified helmets, as those required for use in Michigan. This was in response to several successful courtroom challenges of helmet tickets presented by Bingham Farms attorney and ABATE of Michigan Board member Lawrence S. Katkowsky. At issue was whether the state police had adequately outlined which helmets are acceptable as required by law.

Following the courtroom decisions, several police jurisdictions stopped enforcing Michigan's mandatory helmet law. However, State Police believe the\* new regulations close the loophole and anticipate that all jurisdictions will resume enforcement. The new regulations can be viewed online at [HYPERLINK "http://www.msp.state.mi.us/division/tss/helmet.htm."](http://www.msp.state.mi.us/division/tss/helmet.htm)["http://www.msp.state.mi.us/division/tss/helmet.htm."](http://www.msp.state.mi.us/division/tss/helmet.htm)

California's Mammoth Bar motorcycle park near Auburn could close part time to motorcyclists for as long as 18 months as part of a settlement signed by parties to a lawsuit seeking environmental review at the park. A time-share clause between motorized and non motorized uses could take effect with time split 50-50.

The plaintiffs obtained several concessions from the state, including increased environmental scrutiny of motorcycle use in the American River Canyon and an 18-month block on proposed state spending to expand the park.

The plaintiffs, including Friends of the River and the Sierra Club, sued the state Department of Recreation and the department's off-road-vehicle division alleging that the department failed to obtain necessary environmental protection permits before allowing motorcycle use deep in the American River's middle fork canyon.

Dave Widell, deputy state parks director for the off-road division, said state

officials are optimistic that under settlement terms a task force will unite efforts by all types of recreation users to solve problems of joint use at Mammoth Bar and on surrounding lands in the Auburn State Recreation Area.

Motorcycling activists, including the AMA Community Council - El Dorado pushed successfully to include all recreation uses in the entire recreation area under increased environmental scrutiny, settlement documents show.

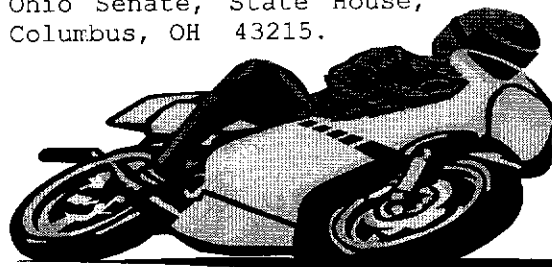
In addition, a Sacramento Superior Court judge within weeks could hear a motion to reopen the case with representatives of OHV users formally admitted to the bargaining table.

The Mammoth Bar park is unusual in that it is operated by the state on federal land. The park will become a test case for the state's ability to apply uniform regulations to state-operated cycle parks on state or federal land.

In exchange for dismissing the suit, state officials agreed that task force members would design a management study, to be completed in 18 months or sooner, on motorcycle and other off-road uses in the park. In the meantime, an interim management plan will govern use of the park.

An Ohio bill that would prohibit anyone under the age of 11 from riding as passengers on motorcycles has been introduced in the Ohio legislature. Senate Bill 323, was introduced by Senator Anthony Latell, Jr. (D-Geauga, Trumbull) on August 8 and referred to the Senate Reference Committee. The only exception for young passengers are those that are secured in a sidecar.

In general, the AMA believes that parents are best capable of determining if their children should ride as passengers. Due to its late introduction, it is unlikely that SB-323 will be considered this session. However, it can be reintroduced when the new legislative session begins in January 2001. The AMA recommends you send a short letter to the sponsor of the bill, Senator Latell, as well as to the Reference Committee Chairman, Senator Eugene Watts, to express your opposition to SB-323. Letters can be mailed to the Ohio Senate, State House, Columbus, OH 43215.



Powered Two Wheelers as a solution to improve urban mobility?

More and more Road Traffic Officials agree!

The Transport Section of the European Commission (EC) is preparing a Green Paper on Urban Mobility in order to develop policies to reduce congestion and land use. The FEMA have been asked to give the motorcyclists' perspective on the role that Powered Two Wheelers (PTWs) can play to improve mobility in European cities.

Mr Bemtgen, since in charge of drafting the paper, is using his new 50cc scooter to go to work in order to test its efficiency fighting congestion.

He is absolutely amazed at the time saved commuting every day between home and work. This is a very good sign for motorcyclists as Mr Bemtgen will be able to take a wise approach when considering the real advantages of PTWs in reducing traffic congestion and saving parking space.

Major De Neve, spokesman of the Belgian Gendarmerie, also famous for his TV programme on road safety "Contact", states that his first choice for improving traffic mobility is the motorcycle. He recently declared in the weekly magazine "Telemoustique": "The PTW is the means of transport that I advocate the most. Without exaggerating, I am saving two hours every day by using my motorcycle to go to work. Of course there are some disadvantages connected to it, such as rain or cold weather, but to avoid being stuck in traffic, the bike is the best solution. When I am riding my motorcycle and pass a traffic jam, I laugh behind my helmet thinking that these car drivers will still be stuck there for quite a while!"

A meeting between FEMA and Mr Bemtgen is planned end of September to discuss in length the approach to be taken in the Green Paper on the role that PTWs can play in urban traffic. It is very important that PTWs are properly considered in that paper and we are sure that the right approach will be taken from the beginning.

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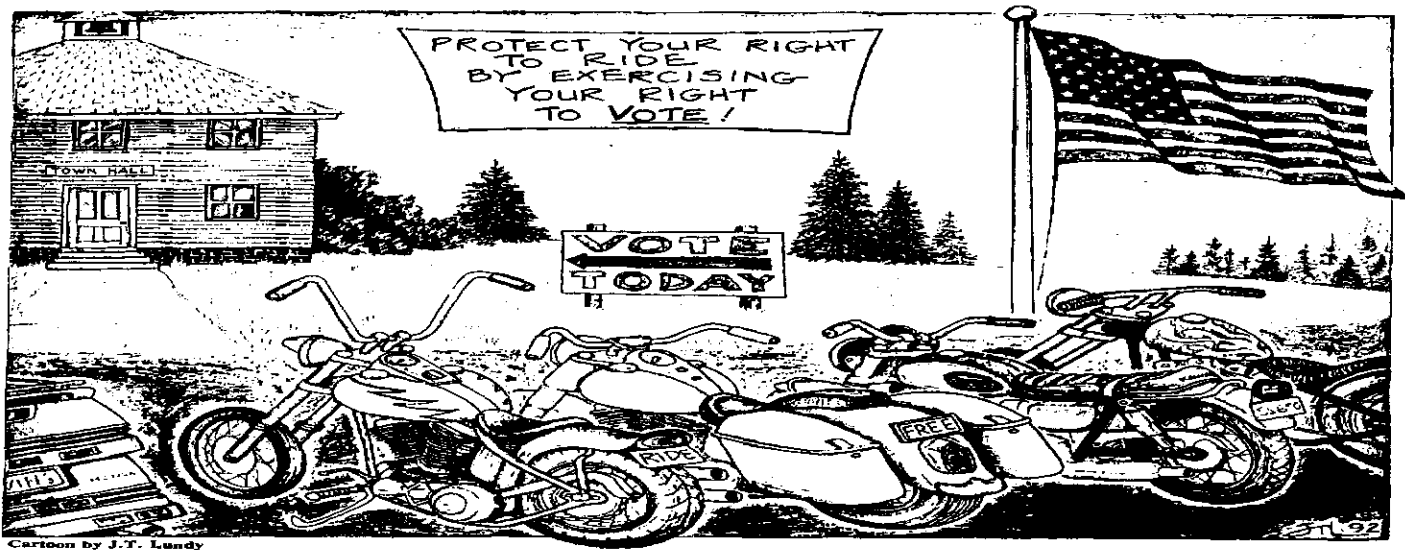
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paid to have me print it! G the Editor.

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Cartoon by J.T. Lundy

Greetings from Geoff White and Terry Schaffer,

This is the time of year that we move from one school year to the next in regards to our Motorcycle Awareness Program. The interesting topic for me is "Hey, how'd we do this year?" I have gotten all the reports from the different chapters, and tallied up the numbers (correctly, I hope). I believe that we had a very successful school year here in Oregon. Not only were the numbers impressive, but I was very pleased to see the comments and feedback from the teachers and the students that we visited.

I'm really proud to see that we have made such an impact on some of those folks out there. I do feel that this is a definite step towards protecting ourselves out there on the road. I really do like to see that the people we have shared with see our lifestyle as more than what the media has sometimes portrayed. Just think... someday it might even be difficult to live up to that "social burden" label. The more we reach out to these folks, the faster some things will change.

We hope that you had a good summer with lots of great riding. I can only say that it was my fault for not attending more events. There were sure quite a full saddlebag of things to do this year. I must find work that will allow for more time to partake in more of these opportunities. I have had a great time meeting all of you and I hope to keep these friendships alive and strong. Remember to keep careful watch out there for those people that aren't quite aware enough of our presence yet. We still have some work to do here. With all of your help, this Motorcycle Awareness thing will happen.

Educating the people around us can come in many different forms. Many times we can leave an impression that will lead to somebody making a wise decision regarding safe interaction with a motorcyclist. This way we are all educators.

Hey, Howz 'bout some numbahs? We had a year of classes that we can be proud of. There were quite a few students that I hope will "please watch for motorcycles"(the slogan that is printed on the motorcycle key fobs that we hand out in our motorcycle awareness presentations at the schools). In Oregon we had a combined total of forty-seven classes that were the lucky recipients of a visit from our friendly, knowledgeable,

certified instructors, and volunteer motorcycle enthusiasts in attendance. From those forty-seven classes we have spread our message to over 1,225 students for the 1999 / 2000 school year. As I mentioned earlier, I was equally impressed with the very enthusiastic and positive correspondence from the teaching staff of the Driver's Education programs as well as some terrific, educational, and entertaining comments from the students of each class.

I think that some of the other instructors will agree; getting home and reading the evaluations from the students can be rather entertaining, and yes, educational and helpful too. If there is anyone who wishes to find out more information about our 1999/2000 school year, please contact me and I'll happily try to get whatever tallies or information together that you would like. I can also retrieve information from past school years too, if you wish, thanks to the efficient record keeping of my predecessors. Like I said, this is a program we can all be proud of. Thank you people.

On a slightly different note, Vic Volz (Chapter Chaplain) for Southeast Portland mentions a very important point about motorcycle safety education for the motorcycle rider. Vic, always concerned for our well being, reminds us to keep a watchful eye on our own rides. Be aware of our motorcycle's "health". An unhappy bike can cause you more than mere inconvenience.

This fact has hit home with me big time. Normally, I would hear this message and say "Yeah, I check out the bike... I know my ride." and jump on and take off. However, I now must say that maybe I should not let my everyday world block out what my motorcycle might be trying to "patiently" and "politely" inform me of. I have put in quite a bit of time riding to work, motorcycle awareness classes, meetings, and events. I've ridden in some rather diverse weather conditions and put some mileage on the odometer. Sometimes I admit that I have put the poor horse away wet. (Not giving proper respect for a hardworking machine in this case). My motorcycle is not new in any way shape or form, and it has it's own little idiosyncrasies. I tend to spend more and more time on maintenance these days. I don't really mind working on this bike because it's been with me for a long time and we've kind of become pals.

However, I have had an experience that I have to say that I was not respecting my machine and its subtle little reminders that it needs attention now and then. One morning, not too long ago I was leaving for work on my motorcycle. This is following a period that I had been "riding and putting away wet" so to speak. As I pulled the bike out of the shed, "something didn't feel right" in the steering. You know, when you've ridden a bike for awhile, you know how "it's s'posed ta feel."

"I'm late for work...your just probably tired...it's just the bike getting older...it's just you getting older... I'll just check it at lunch at work"...you know the excuses, right. The "I'll check it out at lunch" seemed like the best answer for the moment. WRONG ANSWER! I hopped on and headed off to work.

As I approached a particularly congested part of my morning commute I slowed the machine down and prepared to stop. Suddenly, my triple tree, (Apparatus that attaches the front forks to the handlebar risers) releases the left riser arm, the front end executes a rather violent turn to the right, the motorcycle veers to the right, strikes the curb, almost topples completely to the pavement, and Geoff nearly soils his leathers. The following traffic has to stop abruptly to avoid hitting me, and I'm pretty sure that somewhere in that line of cars there was some spilled coffee and some misapplied makeup.

Seriously though, if that malfunction had happened two minutes later, I might not have been here preaching about motorcycle awareness. Two minutes later I would have been travelling at freeway speeds surrounded by other vehicles. The repair was simple. New bolt, washer, and a couple of minutes turning a wrench, triple tree, repairable. The lesson learned here can mean your life. "If it doesn't feel right...stop...figure it out...work will wait...keep up on the maintenance." Thanks Vic.

I was being watched over that day. We hope that you have a very pleasant fall. It's still a great riding time for me. Watch out for those wet leaves and that sneaky ice. Get in touch with the schools to see if they would like to see our show. It's a good one. Keep those reports coming on the classes.

Remember that it may be freezing cold out there, but on a bike "it's just a bit

nippy". Take care, and Spread the Awareness!

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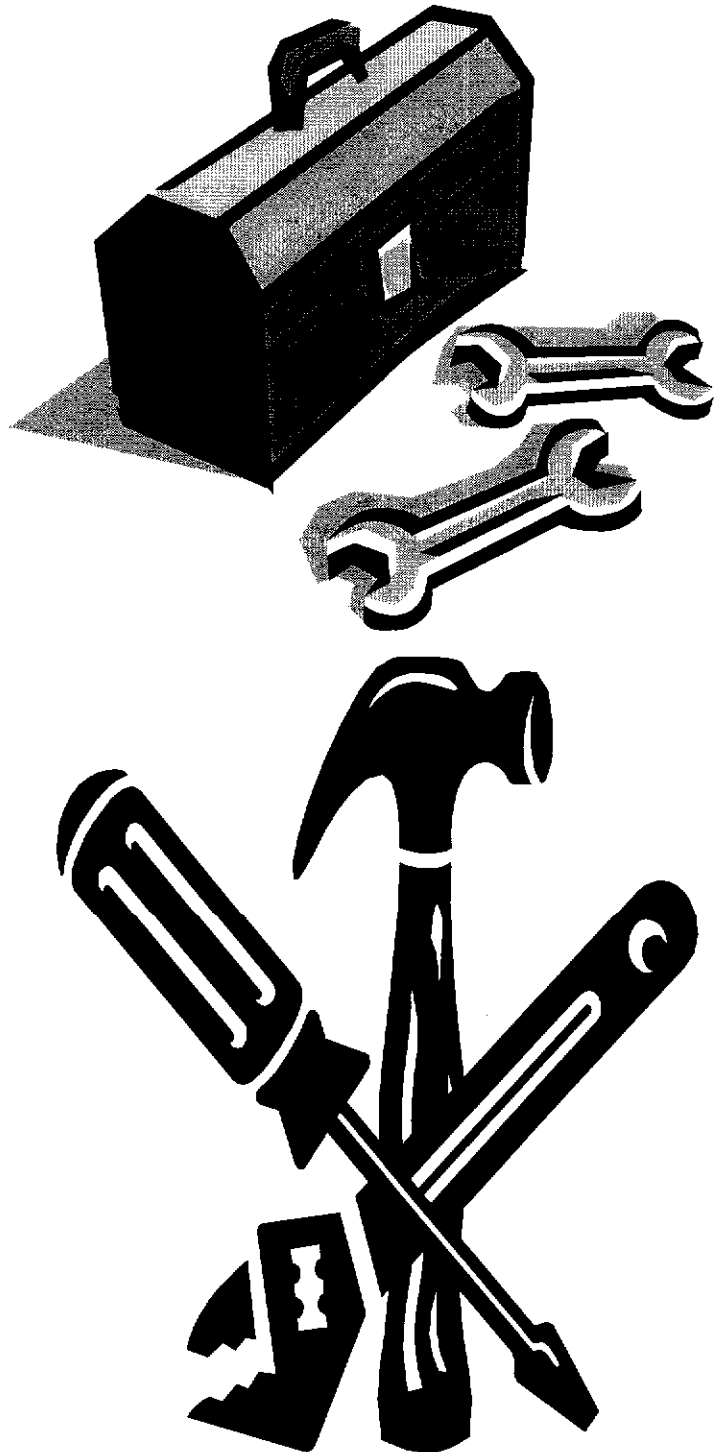
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# Legislative Director Report

Don't join ABATE and don't join BikePAC if you enjoy watching untrained station attendants pumping gasoline into your bike.

- An editorial by Frank Saxton -

It's not your imagination and it's not just your bad luck if you find yourself increasingly being refused your right to pump your own gas into your own motorcycle.

I think that Dr. Governor John A. Kitzhaber took one too many trips down the Rogue River in a rubber raft without wearing his helmet, as he likes to do. His Department of State Police, Office of the State Fire Marshall clearly has way too much money, way too many Employees and not nearly enough real work to do.

On April 11, 2000, that office sent letters to many if not all gasoline retailers in Oregon regarding ORS 480.380 (self serve gasoline). The letter specifically mentions motorcycles as one of the types that it is illegal for anyone other than "attendants" to pump gas into. Since then, "no self serve for motorcycles" signs have been popping up all over the State.

The rationale given for this letter is that the Fire Marshall receives "numerous" complaints from "concerned citizens" that gasoline is being dispensed into motorcycles by those other than "attendants". Ostensibly this reality presents a fire hazard because as we all know, Bikers are far too stupid to be able to refuel their bikes without turning themselves into crispy critters.

The letter further supports this position by stating that "it's the law" and that the law is "the will of the people".

The letter was issued by Anita Phillips, Compliance Services Manager, 503.373.1540 X 264

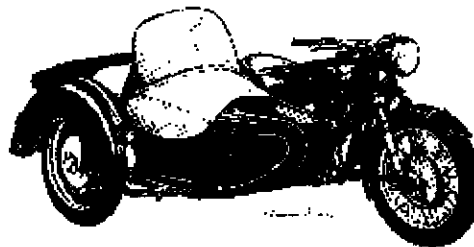
There was no mention in the letter regarding the fact that many "attendants" are minimum wage, poorly educated Employees who are probably the \*last\* people you would want to let near a hot motor with an explosive fuel. Based on some of the incredibly stupid things I have seen

"attendants" do while dispensing gasoline, I doubt that any type of training or minimum intelligence requirements exists for those who do this type of work. I don't write this with the intent of disparaging Station Owners or skilled Mechanics who often do duty on the pumps as part of their jobs. I am

talking about "Big City" 24-hour "Quickie-Mart" businesses that employ unskilled labor to pump gas into automobiles. Most of these folks have no business being near an expensive paint job with a metal tipped gasoline nozzle. For the most part, these Employees don't want to risk damaging our motorcycles either but are being forced into doing so by an out of control Government bureaucracy that long ago parked it's brain out on the sidewalk.

As you are probably aware, BikePAC has been seriously considering submitting legislation to exempt motorcycles from the self serve restriction. Whether they do or not will depend on whether they have the finances and resources to handle all of the legislative activities in mind for 2001. Read this to mean that we need to have a few people upgrading their memberships from the \$10 Associate level to \$50 MABs. Doctor Governor Kitzhaber will be paying for your MAB donation via the Oregon tax credit which seems very fitting to us since BikePAC spends so much time and money trying to defend Motorcyclists against his mean spirited insanity. You can send in your \$50 (\$100 for couples filing jointly) any time. You needn't wait until membership renewal time. Full or part time Oregon Residents will get their \$50 (or \$100) back when they file their Oregon State income tax return. Just be sure to mark your contribution for the political fund. You can get membership applications just about anywhere including the BikePAC web site at <http://www.bikepac.org>

If you have any horror stories/real life examples of why allowing non-Motorcyclist "attendants" to pump gasoline inches away from a 200+ degree motor is a bad idea, please send them along. Pictures of your fried bike, damaged paint and so on would be very helpful as would pictures of Attendants pumping gas without wearing gloves or safety glasses. I'll come up with a special bonus prize for anyone who sends in a picture of someone smoking while pumping gasoline into a motorcycle. We would also be very interested to hear about \*ANY\* cases where a Motorcyclist pumping his/her own gasoline resulted in any type of a fire or safety hazard.



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**A.B.A.T.E. OF OREGON, INC. 2001**  
**VFW HALL COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON**  
**OCTOBER 21ST, 2000**  
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Be a part of the solutions or quit complaining about the problems.

## Mumblings From The Gate

The Run Committee of ABATE of Oregon tried out a new position this past weekend at Chiloquin. It is that of "Gate Boss". In the past years, the 3 Vice-Coordinators, from the state level, have shared responsibility for running the gate at our state runs. This year, one person volunteered to take the position. And so was born an experience not to be soon forgotten.

The thought that the Run Committee had was that it might be ~~easier for people to find the one individual, who would be in~~ charge of getting the shifts set up and supervising the gate, overall.

Since I was the one who had volunteered for this, my feelings on this matter are that it does work. Granted, I spent almost 18 hours there over the three days. Per usual, there was a shortage of workers who volunteered for this, but we managed to muddle through.

I want to publicly thank the following folks for their assistance, in working one or more shifts at the gate:

Chris Vierra  
Gopher  
Rick Grant  
Cruzin' Cindy (Cruz)  
Ted and Jill Tracy  
Bill and Deb Elrood  
Georgia Smith  
Ted Boyd  
Kurt and Shirley and the others from Lincoln County Chapter

I know that I have forgotten some people since I lost the one page of sign up sheets from Friday night, and I hereby apologize if I left you off. It wasn't intentional. Same goes for my bad spelling on the names.

If you worked the gate that weekend please contact me, at the Northeast Portland Chapter PO Box so that I can include your name in a future update of the gate activities.

And to the people who worked the gate, both listed or not, **THANKS FOR HELPING** to make our event a success.

Randy Phipps  
GATE BOSS  
Chiloquin 2000

# Politics 101

By Ken Ray

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## Voting

Voting is the most basic thing we do to create our government. It is so basic and so simple we forget what a crucial part of our republic it is.

Over the last 124 years the vote, also called suffrage or the franchise, has been given to more and more people. In the early days very few of the people of the nation actually voted. This was by design. Today very few of the people vote. This is mostly by choice. We'll examine the history of voting.

Like a lot of our colonial traditions, the concept of voting came over from England. In 1430 Parliament allowed voting for the county parliamentary elections only if you owned land that generated 40 shillings a year. English laws also excluded aliens, servants, women, and anyone who was not a member of the Anglican Church. When the American colonies had occasion to vote on civic matters, they largely followed the English model they were familiar with. In New England and New York, the 40-shilling rule was followed as in England. Frequently acreage was used in lieu of the income requirement. Some New England colonies accepted an estate valued at 40 pounds or more as a substitute. In any case the requirements to be a voting member of the colony required land or business ownership. The reason for this is that even into the 1800s, voting was regarded as a privilege, not a right. It was expected that you had to prove your value to society before you were allowed to vote. Consequently citizens were jealous of this privilege and voter turnout was near 100%.

Colonial and revolutionary Americans believed that a man's economic self-sufficiency earned him membership in the community. His economic stake in society supposedly would compel him to act in the public interest. It was important to early leaders that the people casting the votes would be loyal not only to the country, but also to the economic structure.

By the end of the Revolutionary War most states had removed religious restrictions on voting. In the 1790s as the new American society began to form, many states looked to change the requirement of land ownership. The states were starting to use the concept that residency would be the determining factor for citizenship. Virtually all of them using residency set one to two years as the time required. Even with these looser citizenship requirements, more than half the adult population remained disenfranchised. Women, slaves, apprentices, indentured servants, felons and those considered mentally incompetent were excluded from voting.

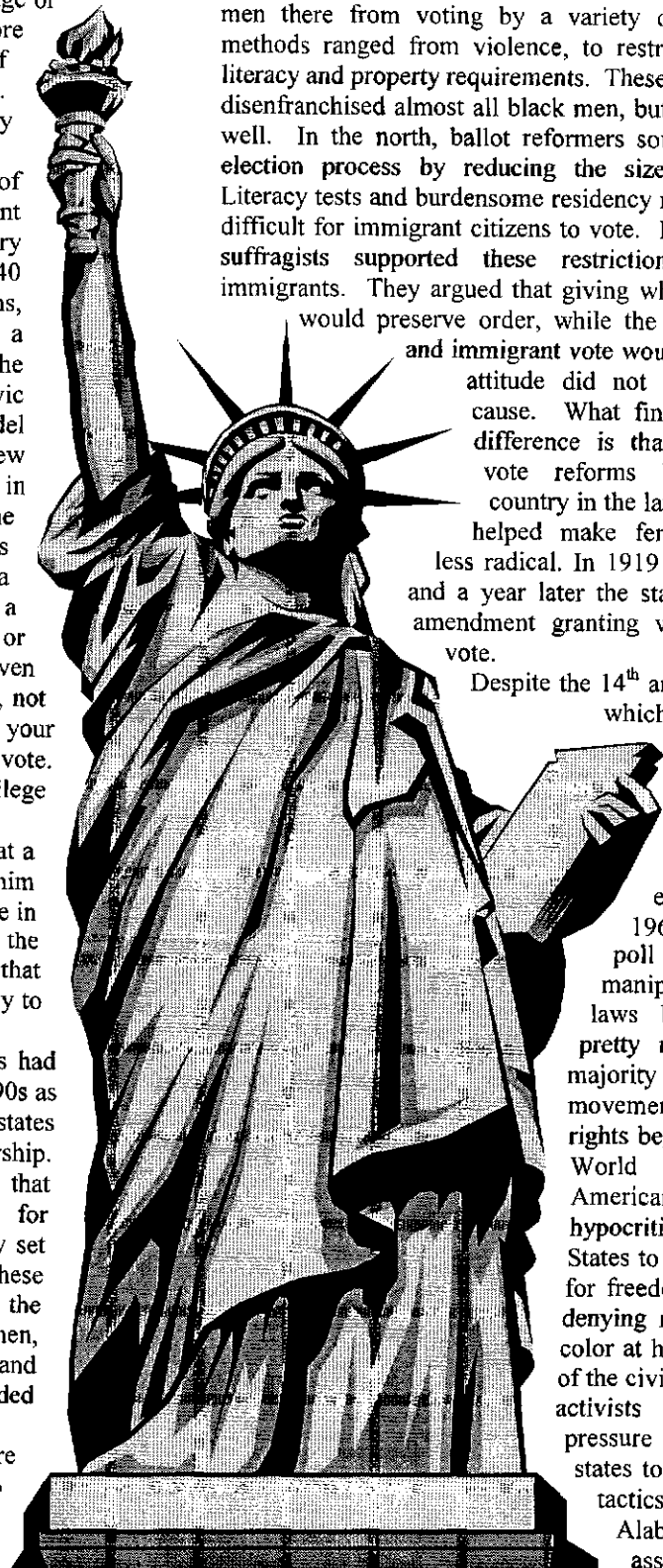
As states at the frontier were added, more democratic franchise requirements began to appear. In many western states permanent resident aliens and Indians who had given up tribal citizenship were allowed to vote. There

was also political pressure for politicians to lower citizenship requirements so they would appear to be the "Champions of Popular Democracy".

After the civil war, the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment enfranchised all men regardless of race. Women suffragists hoped to be enfranchised alongside these newly enfranchised ex-slaves, but did not prevail. This did spark a growing national move to enfranchise women that peaked in the early 1900s. In the meantime, White Democrats in the south prevented the black men there from voting by a variety of methods. These methods ranged from violence, to restrictive poll taxes, to literacy and property requirements. These restrictions not only disenfranchised almost all black men, but also poor whites as well. In the north, ballot reformers sought to "purify" the election process by reducing the size of the electorate. Literacy tests and burdensome residency requirements made it difficult for immigrant citizens to vote. Interestingly, women suffragists supported these restrictions on blacks and immigrants. They argued that giving white women the vote

would preserve order, while the "undesirable" black and immigrant vote would endanger it. This attitude did not seem to help their cause. What finally made the most difference is that many progressive vote reforms began around the country in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. This helped make female suffrage seem less radical. In 1919 Congress approved, and a year later the states ratified the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment granting women the right to vote.

Despite the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> amendments, which were supposed to provide a vote regardless of color, many minorities continued to be excluded until the 1960s. Literacy tests, poll taxes and the manipulation of election laws by local registrars pretty much excluded the majority of black adults. The movement for black voting rights began picking up after World War II. Many Americans felt it was hypocritical of the United States to claim to be fighting for freedom in Europe while denying rights to persons of color at home. After passage of the civil rights law of 1964, activists increasingly put pressure on the southern states to change their voting tactics. In March 1965, Alabama State Troopers assaulted marchers



outside of Selma, AL. The national attention put on the issue by this event forced President Lyndon Johnson to call for a comprehensive Voter's Rights Act, which he signed in 1965. To show how much the world has changed in 35 years, note that one of the most vocal opponents of the Civil Rights and Voter's Rights Acts at that time was Senator Albert Gore, Sr. Now in the year 2000, most adult citizen 18 or older can vote without restrictions. Registration to vote is easier than writing a letter, and here in Oregon you don't even have to leave your house to vote due to vote by mail. Even with the ease of participating through voting, most people don't do it. It is estimated that only about 2/3 of the people eligible to register do so. Of those only about 35-50% vote. Many people call this a poor showing and call it a crisis. Is it? In my opinion, no.

At the start of this article I talked about how most people were excluded from voting except white, male landowners. This meant that only about 20-25% of the adult population could vote. True, almost everyone who could vote did, but remember it was treated as a privilege, not a right. In today's society, about 20-35% of the people, who could vote, does vote. Even though the scope of who can vote has changed; about the same number of people make the country's decisions as 200 years ago.

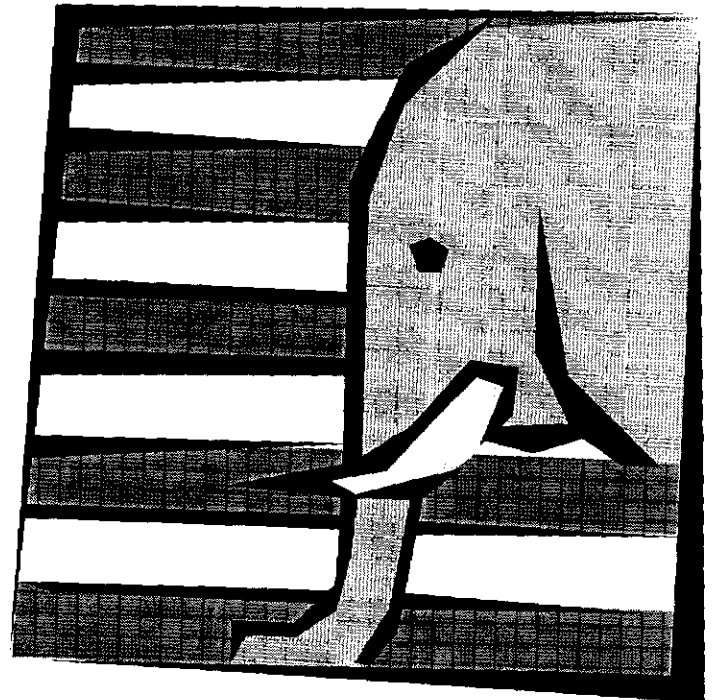
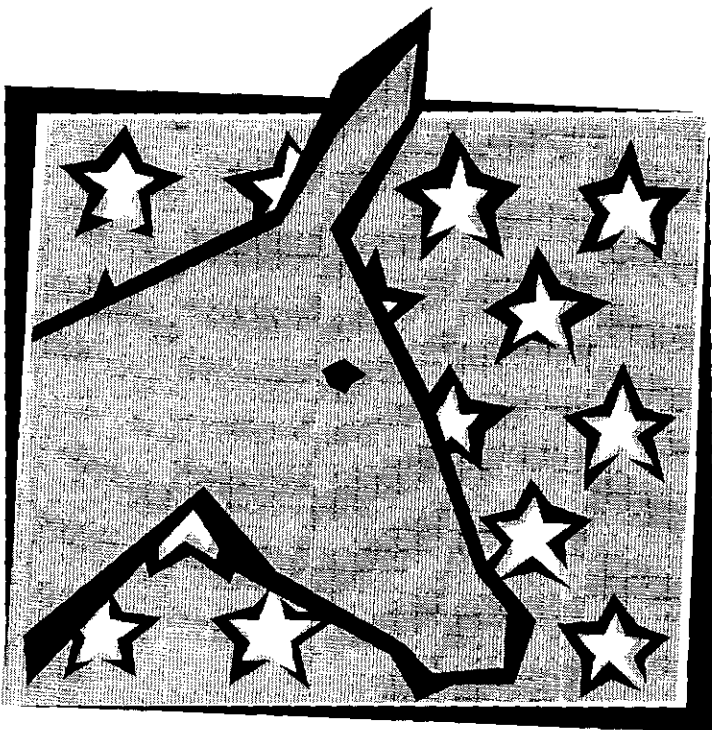
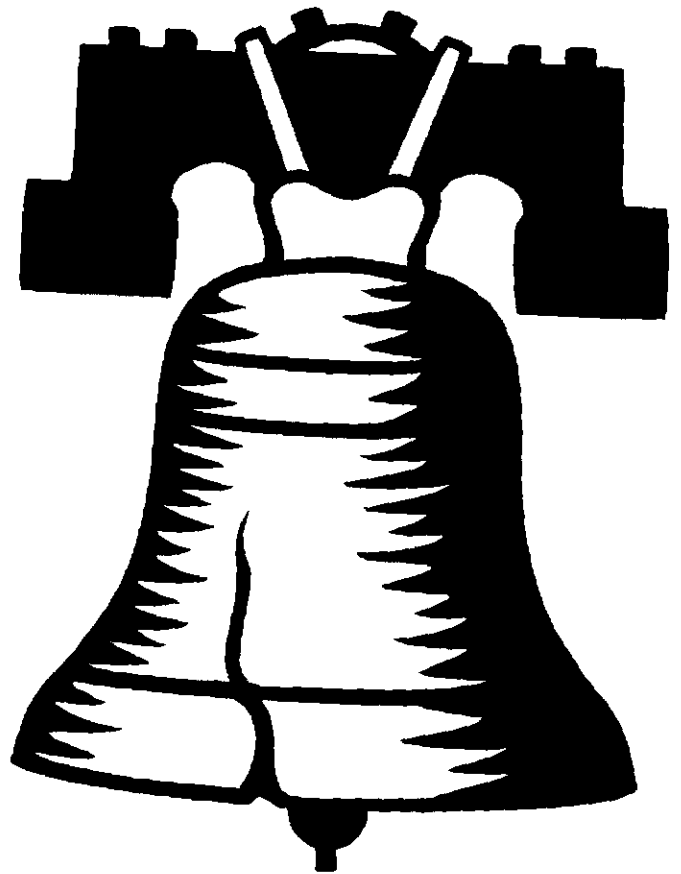
I hope that as you exercise your right to vote, you will think about the history of our vote. If more people thought of our voting rights as a privilege, instead of a right, maybe they would honor it more. In many ways it is a privilege, one most of the world does not have.

I hope that you will also use the voter's guide in this issue as a reference. It takes a lot of hard work by a lot of people to gather the information that goes in there. I hope it is useful.

Ken Ray

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**HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM**

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

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: work \_\_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_\_

**MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES? YES / NO**

**WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?**

DATE STOPPED: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ TIME STOPPED: \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ a m / pm

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ID NO: \_\_\_\_\_ POLICE AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: HELMET / OTHER (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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

CITE # \_\_\_\_\_ 1st appearance: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ am/pm

COURT LOCATION: city / county: \_\_\_\_\_

ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SAME TIME? LIST: \_\_\_\_\_

IF THERE WERE ANY CRIMINAL CHARGES (not Infractions), SPECIFY: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

If no explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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

If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH

If verbal, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?**

**Have you gone to court? NO: When is court Date? \_\_\_\_\_**

**YES : How did you plead? \_\_\_\_\_**

**If you pled guilty what was the fine? \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**If you pled NOT GUILTY, have you gone to trial? \_\_\_\_\_**

**NO : When is your court date? \_\_\_\_\_**

**YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY**

**If guilty, what was the sentence? \_\_\_\_\_**

**FINE : \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ASSESSMENT : STATE , \$ \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**CITY, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ WORK TIME LOSS HRS: \_\_\_\_\_ LOST WAGES: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Briefly describe the evidence you presented at your trial (or include a copy) \_\_\_\_\_**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**BRAND: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_**

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

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**Was helmet modified? YES NO**

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE PAID: \_\_\_\_\_

### VOTER INFORMATION:

CONGRESSIONAL \_\_\_\_\_ SENATORIAL \_\_\_\_\_ REPRESENTATIVE \_\_\_\_\_

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MEMBERSHIP NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_



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# LET'S GET READY TO VOTE!

## Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

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