



JANUARY 1993 NEWSLETTER — edited by Donna Adkins, N.E. Portland Chapter

Greetings to all Members;

I have been State Coordinator for five years and have had the opportunity to work with very dedicated freedom fighters.

Through hard work and dedication our organization has grown. I felt very lucky because of all of you standing behind me giving me the support I needed and the encouragement to go on. I would really like for the same support to go to our new State Coordinator, Rich Benson. Given the opportunity, he is going to do us right. Our lines of communication have always been good and I extend my help where ever needed.

I would like to thank some super people that made my position easier. Donna Adkins for all the very long hours and hard, hard work that made our newsletter one of the very best. Mother, who has watched me make good decisions and some maybe not so good, but she never criticized or judged me harshly. Joy, who worked with me to understand the finances. Our organization needed money and with only \$600 in the bank in 1987 and bills coming we had to work hard and we were able to raise our account to \$20,000. Angie, for accepting office when we needed it the most and for accepting my direction with a smile.

If I could name everyone that has had an impact in my position I would not have very much room for other news in this newsletter, but I hope that in some small way I was able to show my appreciation to all of you.

I thank you all and my best wishes to Rich and to all the new state officers and the old officers that stayed on for the new year.

To all of the past officers that served while I was in office, I thank you all. I will stay on as State Run Coordinator in the new year.

**Thank you,
Happy New Year,
Rotten Roger**

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FROM THE VICE-COORDINATOR SOUTH

Greetings! My name is Dennis Deaton. As your newly elected State Vice Coordinator, South Position, I want to say thanks for the opportunity to serve.

My wife Catherine and I live just north of Canyonville. I have been riding motorcycles for 30 of my 41 years, starting with a Vespa 250 scooter in 1962. Riding is important to me. The idea of big business and government teamed up in an effort to keep me from riding really irritate me (notice the lack of colorful metaphors). Because of this "irritation" I have become involved in ABATE.

I believe that ABATE of Oregon has a future and WE (the ABATE membership) are it. As the Vice Coordinator - South, I hope to play a positive part in that future. The new year will be bringing many new challenges and changes. If you have input or ideas, call me. I intend to give the Southern Chapters much needed representation on the board.

ABATE of Oregon has grown in scope and membership dramatically in the last few years. One man has put his own life on hold for years to make this happen. He had a lot of help, but he was the driving force that made it happen. Yes, I am talking about Rotten Roger. As the Fossil Run has gotten so big, and the Fall Bash promises to grow, he has a full time job putting these events together as State Run Coordinator. I salute Roger for his leadership in the past, and for his guidance and vision into the future. Thanks!!

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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 1992

Meeting held at the Angus Inn in Eugene, Oregon. The meeting was called to order at 12:07 by Roger Hendricks with a moment of silence for one of our brothers.

Roll call was taken with the following chapters represented:

Columbia River-1	Douglas County-2
Jackson County-2	Josephine County-2
Lane County-2	Lincoln County-2
NE Portland-2	Salem-2
SE Portland-2	Washington County-2
Yamhill County-2	

Minutes of the November 14, 1992 meeting were accepted.

During correspondence Roger handed out special awards for achievement and involvement in the political forum to Jim Rhodes, Kraig Markusen and Steve Jenks.

REPORTS:

Rich (PR) discussed the toy run tape and gave time and dates that it will be shown on Paragon and TCI cable networks. He advises getting as much footage and as many cameras as possible when you do filming so you can have more footage to choose from. It was also brought up that money donated to our organization is not tax deductible.

Roger talked of the Fossil Run and the Fall Bash. The dates are May 28-31 and October 15-17 in '93.

Mel discussed the classes they held and the state reps each got a copy of the letter from the Stayton High School Driver Ed teacher. Please see that it gets read and possibly copied. In January he will be contacting chapters and start putting on seminars.

During legislation it was suggested that we write letters to the Democratic Convention to see if we can influence them on their choice to fill the "Hill Senatorial Seat". Brian will have a report for us from the "Ohio" AMA meeting. It was also mentioned that we need to remember our children are active members and that ABATE is a good way to show them that one person can make a difference. Blayne brought up an incident that happened with a school newsletter in which his daughter had to face a lot of opposition in getting the right to have things printed in their newsletter. She found that the democratic procedures and the strength to fight for her rights can be a tool to win with. We all appreciate that she has learned about some of this from ABATE activity in politics.

Carolyn (membership) reported 1357 members at 12/1/92.

Angie has the Fall Bash T's marked down to \$10, all sizes except (xxxl) and they are long sleeve. She also has new courtesy cards.

Kraig has a few Road to Fossil T's left (\$10) and a lot of coloring books were given to the hospital.

Larry (historian) brought the books and received pictures from SE of the Shriners Toy Run. Be sure you put information on the back of any pictures you donate so we can figure out who is who 30 years from now.

Joy (treasurer) reports a grand total of 16,756.58 thru 11/12/92. Checking has 2289.13, savings has 14,067.55 and P.O. fund has 399.90. She gave packets out for the new treasurers but she needs their name, address and phone number.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tri-fold: will be available in January.

Accounting: meeting will be held after the board meeting today.

Blood drive: no input back yet

Run Calendar '93: We still need dates.

NEW BUSINESS:

After discussion of our Fossil event, Roger is accepting suggestions for name changes to choose from (rather than 'RUN' because so many confuse it with foot running when it is advertised over the air).

Insurance was brought up. One of our southern events had an incident come up at one of their contests and it involved an injury that could have been avoided. Be sure you have good security at your night time events and be sure you touch bases with Joy to make sure your event is properly covered.

A letter was read from the Mid Columbia Health Foundation requesting donations. It told of their services in a six county area and of their pamphlet which prints the names of all organizations who donate. A motion was made and passed to donate \$125.00. to them.

Gordon told us of a new chapter being formed. They will be a straight chapter meaning that when they ride or drive they will not be under the influence of any drugs or alcohol. One meeting will be business and one will be social. We will be looking forward to meeting them and wish them a good start.

Rich discussed a 'statewide' May Awareness Rally with all chapters participating (this will need to be discussed at chapter levels), with a possibility of uniting with other non-ABATE groups and meeting with Governor Roberts in Salem with possible bike show and family pot-luck. This was only discussion, nothing has been made definite.

As we got ready for elections of officers, it was brought up that according to our bylaws we had to wait till January of 93 to vote. After much discussion, a motion was made and passed "to vote today as planned following the bylaws, then we take the Rules of Operation and the By-Laws to the attorney" and make sure they do not contradict each other. A "By-Laws Committee" was formed and then we had elections. *Committee members are Edd Dahl, Dennis Deaton, Captain, Angie, Larry Burrows, Mike De Camp, Milt Carvell, Ann Bahrs and Georgia.*

The following are your new officers:

- State Coordinator - Rich Benson
- Vice-Coordinator North - Ray Best
- Vice-Coordinator South - Dennis Deaton
- Secretary - Ann Bahrs
- Treasurer - Joy Hoover
- Membership Secretary - Carolyn Meerzo
- Legislative Director - Edd Dahl
- Education Director - Mel Yeager
- Sgt-At-Arms South - Honda Bob (Skolaski)
- Newsletter Editor - Gordon Hieronimus
- Products Director - Angie Jensen
- Public Relations Director - Rich Benson
- State Run Coordinator - Roger Hendricks
- Historian - Larry Burrows
- Ways & Means Director - Frank Way

We still need someone for Sgt-at-Arms North. Please check with your chapters for a volunteer!!!

A LIST OF OFFICERS NAMES ARE NEEDED BY THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (Putting it in the newsletter does not count!) Also - Mel Yeager needs a list of chapter education directors, Rich Benson needs a list of chapter PR officers and Joy Hoover needs the names of the chapter treasurers. New officers need to be contacted so please provide a contact number so current information can be given to them.

Lois Gleason
Secretary

Congratulations to all new officers and thanks to all of the officers and people who worked so hard for motorcyclists this past year. It has been a pleasure being your secretary this last year because it gave me the opportunity to get to meet so many of you and put a face to your name. Out of office does not mean out of motorcycling so I will be looking forward to seeing you at some of this next years events. A special thanks to rich and vicki I. For taking notes for me when I could not make it to the meetings. Ride safe and keep fighting to protect your right to ride the motorcycle of your choice - Lois Gleason

Motorcycling, as other sports, is coming under increasing fire from the insurance industry, government agencies and a well-meaning but misinformed public.

Needed now more than ever. Join BikePAC.

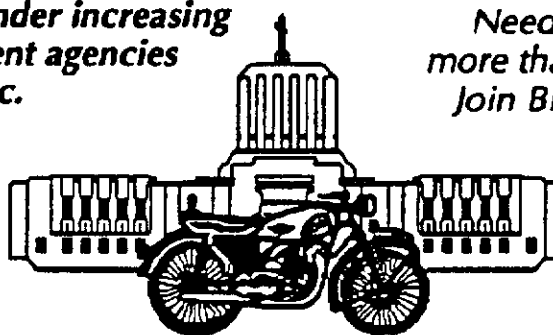
The voice of an individual is small, and easily ignored - but many individuals joining together in political action can generate a voice that is big enough to be heard.

BikePAC of Oregon is the only political action committee that represents motorcycling interests in Oregon, dedicated to enhancing the sport of motorcycling through responsible legislation and safety, education and public awareness programs.

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CHAPTER REPORTS

COLUMBIA RIVER

Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays, 12:00 noon
Cactus Club & Diner, 8131 N. Denver, Portland
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 11817, Portland, OR 97211
Chapter Contact: Angie, 285-4329

Hi out there!

First of all I apologize for not having a letter last month. I'm not going to give excuses, just know that when I say I've been very busy that's the truth. Now our Chapter is working towards our Sweetheart Dance coming up February 13.

We have been so busy working on the sale of the Bike Raffle Tickets for the Toy Run. I'm so proud of our Chapter. They all got busy and sold almost \$4,000 worth of tickets and we worked on this as a Chapter and tried to involve ourselves as much as possible. Lots of help at the first two Toy Run Benefits. Deryle Waters, our Membership Secretary did up some very nice signs and sold lots of tickets. He and his helpers Pam Wise, Phil Johnson, Ricke & Debbie Jones, Brandon, Motorcycle Mark and Lila, Terry Coronas, our Coordinator, Craig Jensen, Tim Youngman ... all of you hard working wonderful people. Grimm with help to the video that is going to be out. Melinda and Elizabeth. He also sold tickets at the Run. We have been busy and thanks to all of you Columbia River Chapter members.

But all the other help that went in to make Toy Run '92 a success - N.E. Chapter, especially Steve & Annie McConnell, Dale & Judy Jenks, Sarge - Toy Run Coordinator - you did a darn good job. Gordon, Pat, Vicki Messenger, gosh I forget all that helped, but you know who you are. S.E. Chapter, Rich & Elizabeth, Ed & Patti Dahl, again my memory does not work very good on names ... Lee, George & Mary Alice, a lot of wonderful caring people. Give yourselves a pat on the back. You all deserve it.

All the people that joined us either at the benefits on the Toy Run itself just makes this big knot in my throat happen all over again.

The Cactus Club & Brother Speed M/C Club put on the spaghetti feeds and they were wonderful. Filled our empty cold bellies full of warmth. Taking a little bit of joy to the Recovery Center helped the cold weather feel warmer also. A big, big THANKS to you all. I'm sure I can speak from all of the Toy Run Committee members.

Happy, happy Holidays,
Adios, Angie

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Meets 3rd Sunday at 11:00 am
Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg
(Contact Ed Halkyard at 673-6120 for information)
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 61, Roseburg, OR 97470
Chapter Contact: Joy Hoover

Hello Fellow Motorcycle Enthusiasts.

This will be my last report to you. We have had elections and we have a new secretary. Lewis and I are going on vacation, not

from ABATE just the officer part.

Camp Easter Seals - Our work party has been cancelled. New work party set for April. When date confirmed will report to you.

Toy Run - Date set for December 13th at 10:30 am. Will be meeting at Oregon Tool in Roseburg. Oregon Tool is located on Stephen's Street. Stops for Run will be Rice Hill, Sutherlin, Winston, Mrytle Creek, Canyonville. Run will conclude at Headstart classroom in Canyonville. You are welcome to join us.

Rides to Polling Place - Three members of D.C. ABATE offered rides to folks in need in our area. This was advertised on our local TV Station. Not a lot of response but the response we did receive was great. We plan on doing this again for upcoming elections. Also, we plan on having information ready for people who may need it.

Lana Little - Our young member's collected \$64.08 last month for the Lana Little fund. Will continue to collect funds. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Lana. Take care.

Windy Creek - Date is set for July 31st and August 1st. We hope that moving the date earlier in the year will beat the fire danger. We want to apologize for all the hassles and confusion anyone had this year. Next year we plan on having camping ready in case this happens again. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Beannie Helmet - Our pass the hat went to the Hochberg fund. We could make a real difference for all of us. We could use support by all Chapters.

Veteran's Day - Ed Halkyard went to the Wall. The participation of Motorcycle Enthusiasts was very touching. This was a very heart warming experience for all who were involved.

Elected Officers:

Coordinator - Chris "Jekyl" Viera
Vice-Coordinator - Open
Secretary - Rhonda Leach
Newsletter Editor - Rhonda Leach
Treasurer - Cherie Theall
Membership Secretary - Sherri Bailey
State Rep. 1 - Dennis Deaton
State Rep. 2 - Mike Pyle
Alt. State Rep. 1 - Leta Pyle
Alt. State Rep. 2 - Remainder of Chapter
Sgt.-At-Arms 1 - John "Hekyl" Wood
Sgt.-At-Arms 2 - Bob Guse
Education/Legislative Director - Tom Halley
Public Relations/Historian - Bev Godfrey
Co-Public Relations/Historian - Carolyn Tucker
Spiritual Leaders - Don & Becky Garino

As you see we have a lot of new faces and some die hards. We also have had a desire to add spiritual leaders to our Chapter. Don & Becky Garino are members of the Christ Disciples. We

feel very honored to have these two wonderful people in our organization. They have married Lewis and I in August. At Windy Creek they renewed Jack & Rhonda Leach's wedding vows and gave Sunday morning service.

WE are looking forward to a very successful year here at Douglas County ABATE. I will miss talking with you. It's been a real joy and a great experience for me. Thanks for putting up with me.

LATE Information ... Our Toy Run December 13 was great! We had 55 bikes show up and had lots of participation from non-ABATE riders. We covered the hundred mile route in about four hours. It was cold but the sunshine made it a fun ride. A record amount of toys were collected for the local HeadStart program kids.

Cindy says that work on the Family Carnival, scheduled for the last weekend in April, is progressing. This is to be an event for our children. All chapters will receive an invitation to participate. More on this later.

Yours truly,
Retiring D.C. ABATE Secretary
The Raw RAC!
(Ha Ha Rotten Roger)

JACKSON COUNTY

Meets 1st & 3rd Sundays, 11 am
Triple Tree Restaurant, 4999 Highway 234
(at the intersection of 234 and Antioch Road) Central Point
(Call Frank at 535-6537 or Chris at 776-9824)
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 1184, Medford, OR 97501
Chapter Contact: Marv Eastman at 826-6690,
Blayne Brissson at 826-6316 or Mike DeCamp at 826-5219

We held our 8th Annual Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner at the Enid Rankin Senior Citizens Center in Medford. Over 315 Seniors were provided turkey dinner with all the trimmings, again free of charge to all. A lot of the food was donated. Jackson County picked up the tab for the rest.

December 5th was our 12th Annual Toy Run. This year it was in conjunction with Medford Moose Lodge #178. It was a roaring success. A lot of time went into it from a lot of people. Both of these events took a lot of time. There are many special thanks to go out.

We've had our elections and have a new board. All are looking forward to the new year.

There have been a lot of people and organizations that have assisted Jackson County. I would like to list a few:

Medford City Police
Enid Rankin Senior Citizens Center
Albertson's Grocery Store
U-Haul Rental Center
KBOY Radio
U.S. Forestry Service
Triple Tree Restaurant
Angelos Pizza - Phoenix
Medford Moose Lodge #178

THANK YOU ALL!

JOSEPHINE COUNTY

Meets 1st and 3rd Sundays at 4 pm
Fun Time Pizza Place, Rogue River Hwy.
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 2031, Grants Pass, OR 97526
Chapter Contact: Sheree, 471-1642

Greetings from our still surviving Chapter!

We held officer elections November 15th and our new board is as follows:

Coordinator - Ron Kyler "head meat head"
Vice-Coordinator - Bud Nelson
Treasurer - Mary Friesen (our biggest asset)
Secretary - Jerilyn Fish
Public Relations Director - Jerilyn Fish
Assistant Public Relations Director - Tawneh Morgan
Legislative Director - Jerry Morgan
Sgt.-At-Arms - Ken Isaacs & Tony Brown
Education Director - Terry VonMeller
Membership Secretary - Sheree Morgan
Historian - Sheree Morgan
State Reps. - Pappy Garrison & Kathy Garrison
Artistic Director - Jon Peterman
Roving Officer - Frank Newlin

We will continue our regular community service activities throughout '93 and have outlined annual events we intend to keep up as in the past. Our events calendar is as follows:

Jan. '93 - Polar Bear Poker Run (date to be announced)
July 23, 24 & 25 - S.O.S. Run
Sept. 17, 18 & 19 - Last Chance Run
Dec. '93 - Annual Christmas Family Project

We will hold other Poker Runs, charitable fund raisers and Casino Nights to be announced during the year.

We're working on donations and gifts for our Christmas Family now. We are having a Casino Night Dec. 19th at Cody's Tavern from 7 pm - midnight, with the usual auction, miscellaneous items auction and a chili feed.

Immediately afterwards, we're into our mittens and the Polar Bear Poker Run sometime in January.

Sheree and I wanted to thank our Chapter for nominating us for achievement awards. State sent us each a nice plaque commending us for our hard work. A reminder to the rest of you, a little appreciation goes a long way. I'm ready for another year of service to the cause - that appreciation shown by my fellow members had a lot to do with it. Thanks again.

Ride safe and sane this holiday season. Don't drink and ride, call a bro! Friends who care are aware!

Jerilyn

Chapters should establish contact with their area Legislators as soon as possible. It is not out of order to send them a congratulations for winning their race for office. Names and addresses are included in this issue of the Newsletter.

LANE COUNTY

Meets 1st Sunday 7:00 pm and 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm
Abby's Pizza, 1976 Echo Hollow Road, Eugene
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 23325, Eugene, OR 97402
Chapter Contact: Bob Hevle, 461-0873

No report. Fourth time.

WANTED!

**MEN & WOMEN WHO ARE INTERESTED IN
THE FUTURE OF MOTORCYCLING.
SIGN UP WITH A.B.A.T.E. OF OREGON TODAY!
SEE APPLICATION ON INSIDE BACK COVER.**

LINCOLN COUNTY

Meets 1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:30 pm
Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 665, Newport, OR 97365
Chapter Contact: Vicki Lechner, 563-3520

Hi!

Well, things are looking up for Lincoln County. We had our annual Mrs. Santa's Toy Run and Auction. We all had a really great time being escorted through town by the local police force, lights flashing and all. We sure got the attention of the local people. Mrs. Santa who is in her late 70's even got in on the ride. Thanks to American Bear and his trike she made the ride safely and really enjoyed it. Her only complaint was that her nose got cold!! Since Mrs. Santa is a member of our chapter and reads her newsletter religiously I would like to say "Thank you Dorothy, you're one hell of a woman!" We had the best Toy Run yet. Thanks to all the people who worked so hard to make things happen we raised \$1,850 for Mrs. Santa to buy toys for the kids of Lincoln County.

Also we had elections of officers for 1993. I'd like to wish them all good luck in their new positions and thank them for the tranfusion that our Chapter needed and they'll provide. New officers are as follows:

Coordinator - Gary Lechner
Vice - Coordinator - American Bear
Secretary - Debbie Fryman
Treasurer - Vicky Lechner
Membership Secretary - Kila Nuveha
Education Director - Rich Rau
Legislative Director - American Bear
Historian - Bridget Dalton
Ways & Means - Skippy
Sgt.-At-Arms #1 - Dennis
Sgt.-At-Arms #2 - Roach
Public Relations - Brenda Chancellor & J.R. Quarles
State Representative - Lee Fouts

Since this is the last newsletter that I will write as secretary I'd like to say it's been fun but I'm glad it's over cause it's really hard to think of things to say, especially when you're feeling a little burnt out. It's time now to renew the spirit and get on with the quest for legalized personal freedoms.

Keep warm,
Brenda

NORTH COAST ABATE

Meets 1st Sunday, 12 Noon
Pizza Harbor, Seaside
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 468, Seaside, OR 97138
Chapter Contact: Don Smack, 738-7156

Hi Everybody.

We had our Toy Run December 6th. There will be a lot of happy children come Christmas. Thank you, to all the donations and all the participants. Missed everybody that couldn't make it. Hope to see you there next year.

That's all till next time,
Cathy

N.E. PORTLAND

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 pm
Round Table Pizza, 4141 N.E. 122nd, Portland
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 5792, Portland, OR 97228
Chapter Contact: Pat Gleason, 775-4593

1992 what a year lets look back and see what happened:

Elections took affect and then our officers turned around to find the year had ended. May Awareness rally better than the year before. Poker run we had was enjoyed by a few good people.

July Fourth found us at Crazy Steve's and then there was the Summer Run. Another event was "PACO'S"run and that was as always a good time had by most. The Fall weather was a releaf from the hot wonderful dry Summer days. The NCOM convention, Fall Bash, the Toy Run parties and last but not least the Toy Run itself; by the way Lonnie at the U.S.Post Office I personally hope your rides on the "93" Low Rider Anniversary Special scooter does for you what we try to do for the Shriner's kids. Once again elections are taken over the main view and good luck and much support goes to our chapter's new officers. Let's all keep one thing in mind for the year of 1993 and that should be to keep the Government under our control by writing and calling those duly elected officials so that they can do what is best for the people, of the people and by the people, sound familiar???

Well this is that time most of you look forward to my signing off, so with that in mind I wish the best to all in the upcoming year and that all your dreams are reachable so that they may be achieved with less strain on your systems so more effort can be put towards freedom fighting.

Ride safe and keep the rubber side down
Your Brother in the Wind
GORDON

**LEGISLATORS ARE PEOPLE;
NOT MINDREADERS!**

RIVERGATE

Meets 1st Sundays, 1:00 pm
St. Johns Pietro's, 3011 N. Lombard, Portland
Chapters Address: 4847 N. Lombard, Portland, OR 97203
Chapter Contact: Terry, 286-3139

No report. First time.

SALEM

Meets 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:00 pm
Locomotion Pizza, 4500 S. Commercial
(Call 581-3138 or 362-1891 for Information)
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 13957, Salem, OR 97309
Chapter Contact: Dave Beck, 581-3138

Congratulations to Ray Best for being elected Vice Coordinator for the State Board.

Later Days,
Tracy

SOUTH COAST

Meets 2nd Sunday, 11 am
Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 222, Lakeside, OR 97449
Chapter Contact: Tony & Vikki Haines, 759-4961

Hello once again.

Guess the last report wasn't the last after all. But this one really is!

Our Anniversary Party was a great success thanks to Larry and Crickette. You did a fine job.

We had our new Officer's elections on the 4th. Out of 150+ members we had 43 members that actually voted. And you wonder why you're wearing a helmet on your head? Anyway, out of the members who actually give a damn this is the result of your votes:

- Coordinator - Jeff McGlehey
- Vice - Coordinator - Perry Miller
- Sgt.-At-Arms - Dave Beck
- Secretary - Bonnie Prewitt
- Membership Secretary - Janet Balger
- Treasurer - Jeff McGlehey
- Public Relations Director - Jinx Magby
- Education Director - Nic Oliver
- Historian - Perry Miller
- Quarter Master - Russ Hathaway
- Legislative Director - Mel Yeager
- State Reps. - Ray Best & Gerald Goss

Hope I didn't forget any of you. Anyway, congratulations to all our new officers.

Well, by now all the Toy Runs are over. Hope all were successes.

No report. Third time.

S.E. PORTLAND

Meets 1st & 3rd Sundays, 12 Noon
The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122nd & Division, Portland
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 66582, Portland, OR 97290
Chapter Contact: Edd Dahl, 771-0188

No report. First time.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8:00 pm
Little Italy Pizza, Cornelius
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 830, Cornelius, OR 97113
Chapter Contact: Dave, 648-4103 or Bill, 681-9200

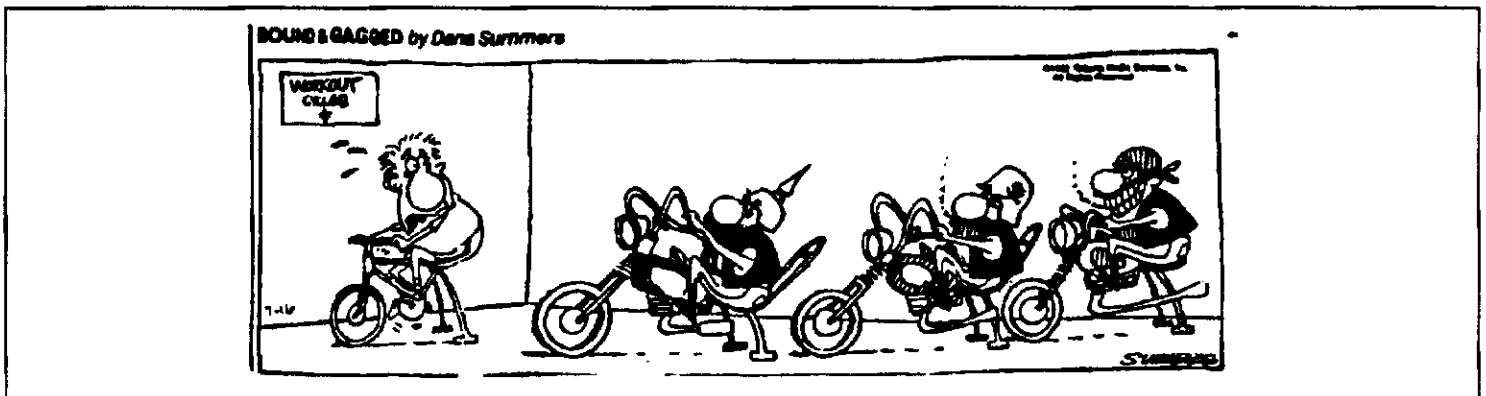
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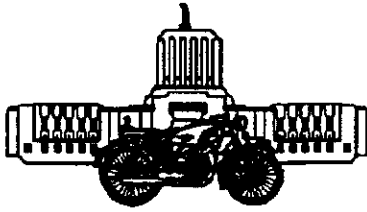
YAMHILL COUNTY

Meets 2nd Sunday, 3:00 pm
Cheese's Pizza, Lafayette
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 1179, McMinnville, OR 97128
Chapter Contact: Kraig, 876-5135

No report. First time.

Remember to save the previous issues of the Newsletter. We may not be able to print everything we want to and will have to refer you back you past Newsletters for the information.





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BikePAC ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 1992

Meeting was called to order at 9:50 am at Linn-Benton Community College, Albany by Jack Fassel, acting chair at the request of Executive Director Brian Stovall, who was attending an AMA-hosted legislative strategy meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Present were Butch Harbaugh, Steve Benson, Robert J. Swan, Mel & Sharon Yeager, Tammy Blakeslee, Rod Baker, Rich Benson, Roger Hendricks, Bob & Julie Ingram, Howell Blackman, and Teresa Hepker. Minutes were approved as published.

Membership report: 217 "official" member households as of Dec. 1; 71% of those are not current (about 150) - that translates to \$1,500 lost income due to non-renewals. Newsletter have been going out with "time to renew" stamps.

Bob Ingram pointed out that the AMO board meeting is the 2nd Friday each month, and their newsletter goes out the following Tuesday. Usually the BikePAC minutes don't arrive in time to publish in a timely manner. Jack noted that since the BikePAC meeting is usually the second Sunday of the month, our minutes are usually not ready to go into the mail until Wednesday or Thursday, and will miss that deadline. Bob said that the Central Oregon AMO people feel the info we are sending is not useful enough to maintain membership. (Or they are not getting the information.) Jack checked the mailing list and confirmed that minutes are going to Eastern Oregon PO Box and Albany PO Box.

Bob asked what is being done to get other organizations to participate in BikePAC meetings? HOG and Trinity Road Riders have begun to participate and our newest Advisory Board member is from Salem HOG; Dist 28 AMA looking at coming back in as part of District reorganization plans, with 14 clubs; information requests have been received this month from GWRRA, S.OR. HOG, and the Blue Knights as a result of contacts made at the TEAM Oregon annual awards dinner.

Membership problems consist mostly of keeping old people on board, and getting new ones to join. We need membership dues in order to be able to publish and mail minutes and news, and fund legislative activities.

Bob I.: What is BikePAC doing to expand field of members and get useful info to members:

Jack: We published and mailed the Voter's Guide to help

motorcyclists learn more about the candidates and let people know what BikePAC is. The minutes of every BikePAC meeting are mailed to our entire membership list regardless of whether they are current with their dues. We are seeking support from other groups and will provide speakers to any group that wants them. Rod intends to contact Free Souls, other clubs, to see if they can contribute anything to the whole project.

Many people think that because AMO and ABATE are part of BikePAC, that they don't need to join as individuals. Several ideas were discussed to try to attract these people, such as a Legislative Contribution program, where a donation of a certain amount gets the person a pin, and give BikePAC their name and address so we can contact them when needed - but it isn't a membership per se. Another idea, have a contest between different groups/chapters for 100% membership = free year's membership for the group or some other recognition.

Jack: We want to use the legislative ideas to get groups together and involve the friends we have in the legislature in an open discussion of the helmet law. The State Responsibility Act proposal could provide a chance to get the debate going.

Butch: The riders need to provide us with feedback as well as expecting us to get the info to them. If they aren't getting the info or aren't getting the right info, please let us know. We want to respond. Bob I., Jack and Butch will work on getting a presentation together for the Eastern Oregon AMO people. Bob thinks that with enough advance time, a number of the smaller groups in that area will participate.

Roger: ABATE is starting a clean and sober chapter in Washington County, maybe the 5th Chapter, Alky Angels, etc., who don't attend other ABATE meetings will participate in that.

LEGISLATIVE GOALS

FEDERAL - Summary of the meeting Brian attended yesterday in Columbus: About 50 people from 17 states attended. After some background information was presented and discussed, these goals were set:

1. Pursue the ISTECA technical corrections bill that we worked on last year. This would delay enactment of the penalties for states not having helmet/seat belt laws.
2. Resubmit last year's bill (Rep. Snowe/Sen. Durenburger)

to repeal the federal helmet requirement completely.

3. Monitor NHTSA's rulemaking about the penalties contained in ISTEA. The rulemaking process is not public, but after the rules are published there will be a short comment period. It isn't known whether the Bush administration will try to get most of this work done or whether they will pass the whole job on to the Clinton folks. There could be a delay as long as six months, which could be good or bad. It might keep states from jumping into new legislation because they want to know the rules first, or it could push them into passing wholesale seat belt and helmet laws just to be sure they cover all the bases.

OREGON

1. State Responsibility Act - This would require the state to test and certify helmets offered for sale in the state, and publish a list periodically to inform consumers; require that the lab and the testing be set up inside Oregon's borders and be open for public inspection; and contain the provision that, if testing isn't started within a certain time period, the helmet law would be void. Thanks to Jack, a draft of the bill and its supporting data are finished and will be sent to our member groups and some friendly legislators for comment before it is submitted to the legislature.
2. Moped Operator Endorsement/Testing - Rich contacted police agencies on the coast (where mopeds are rented to the public) who said that while they would prefer to see stricter licensing for moped operators, they have no supporting data to back it up. Many moped accidents go unreported (low property damage) and it is thought that the businesses that rent the mopeds to customers, tend to pay medical costs on moped related injuries rather than turn in an insurance claim. Businesses have testified against this bill before, claiming it will cost them money through lost rental fees, and that carries weight with the lawmakers. It was suggested we consult again with the Governor's Advisory Committee before deciding whether to go ahead on this one.
3. Helmet Use Exemptions - Roger has mailed letters to groups asking for comment but has received no replies. This idea isn't expected to be very successful unless we can dig up some support from some affected individuals (medical, religious, etc.).
4. Insurance Oversight Commission - The idea behind this is to give the consumer greater protection in the insurance market by establishing a committee with some regulatory powers. The group agreed that this is an important issue, but not ready to go to the legislature as a bill. We will enlist the help of our lobbyist to look for other groups who may be interested in the same idea, gaining support and greater knowledge of what is needed. The idea can be pursued some time down the road.

LOBBYIST -

An agreement has been reached with ABATE, through negotiation with their attorney, for funding of the lobbyist's

contract. ABATE will provide a grant in the amount of \$5,000, which can be used only to pay for the lobbyist's fees. A draft of the contract was presented at this meeting, and it is expected to be signed soon, so Don Lawson can go to work no later than the end of December. The contract can be used to set up similar arrangements with other 501(c)4 groups such as AMO. There was some discussion about the tax rules that restrict these groups' "political activities." According to ABATE's attorney, "political activity" means "influencing the public to vote a certain way on a candidate or a ballot measure." Lobbying is not a political activity in this sense, so ABATE can spend as much as it wants on lobbying. BikePAC is required to fully document all expenditures and give an accounting back to ABATE at the end of the session, showing that the money was spent the way it was meant to be spent.

FUND RAISING -

ABATE will be organizing a motorcycle safety/awareness rally at the state capitol on May 1. It was agreed by the group to move the proposed AMA-sponsored BikePAC fund raiser to May 1 also, especially since there appears to be a conflict developing with the date formerly proposed. A number of other ideas were raised which will be investigated for inclusion. Contact persons: Butch, Roger, Rich and Mel. Involvement of other groups in planning/conducting these activities is vital. Emphasis is on safety and awareness!

CORRESPONDENCE WITH STATE POLICE REGARDING "ILLEGAL HELMET" MEMO -

State Police Superintendent Madsen replied to Sam Hochberg's letter, and agreed that due to inaccuracies in the memo, the memo would be withdrawn. The NHTSA video aimed at training police officers to recognize approved/unapproved helmets, is now available. Ask Stan Porter if you can check one out, or contact Brian Stovall to view a copy.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am

NEXT MEETINGS:

Sunday, Jan. 10, 1993 - noon,
Main Street Pizza, West Linn

Sunday, Feb. 7, 1993 - noon,
Main Street Pizza, West Linn



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1993 A.B.A.T.E. OF OREGON, INC. RUN CALENDAR

RUN DATE	EVENT	CHAPTER(s)	CONTACT & NUMBER	
February 13	Valentine Sweetheart Dance	Columbia River		
March 20	Spring Opener Poker Run	State	Angie Jensen	285-4329
April 24 & 25	1st Annual Family Run	Douglas County	Cindy Maley	
May 9	Poker Run	BikePAC	Pat Gleason	775-4593
May 28, 29, 30 & 31	Fossil Campout	State	Roger	285-4329
June 26 & 27	Run To The Sun	Columbia River		
July 16, 17 & 18	S.O.S. Run	Jackson County	Mike De Camp Blayne Brisson	826-5219 826-6316
July 24 & 25	Beaver Creek Run	Lincoln County	Vickie & Gary	563-3520
July 31 & Aug 1	Windy Creek	Douglas County	Chris Vienrd	498-2412
August 7 & 8	Fox Creek Run	Salem	Jeff McGheley	585-8636
August 21, 22 & 23	Summer Run	N.E. & S.E. Portland		
August 28 & 29	Coo's River Run	South Coast	Tony Patrick Erm	759-4961 267-0838
September 4, 5 & 6	Labor Day Run	Lane County	Bob Hevle	461-0873
September 17, 18, 19	Washington Fall Bash	Washington State	Norm	1-206-834-3091
September 25 & 26	Tri County Run	North Coast, Washington County & Yamhill County	Don Smack	738-7156
October 15, 16 & 17	Last Bash	State	Roger	285-4329
November 20	Toy Run	Washington County	Paul Taylor	693-0938
December 4	Shriner's Toy Run	Portland Chapters	Sarge	639-0873
December 18	Willamina Tree Of Giving	Yamhill County	Kraig Markusen	876-5135
December 19	Christmas Toy Run	Salem	Jeff McGheley	585-8636

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**WE STILL NEED INFORMATION FOR THE RUN CALENDAR. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR
STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND HAVE THEM TAKE THE INFORMATION TO THE NEXT
BOARD MEETING.**

Reprinted from October 19, 1992
Maryville Daily Forum and December 1992
Freedom of Road Riders, Inc. of Missouri Newsletter
**TWO DIFFERENT VIEWS OF THE
SAME FREEDOM**

Two events took place Sunday, showing the diversity of the freedoms in the United States and the dedication of different groups to preserve those freedoms.

The Air Force Air Command Band performed at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, sponsored by the Northwest Missouri State University Department of Music and the *Maryville Daily Forum*.

These talented musicians performed for an audience of hundreds, including families of two of the members of the group, Sgt. John Yates of Mound City and a Northwest graduate and Sgt. Sharon Johnson of Sydney, Iowa.

The patriotic finale of the show was a highlight for many in the audience and brought out some strong feelings, along with the encouraging words of the conductor, Cpt. Frank J. Grzych, Commander.

The music and the dedication of the musicians brought out thoughts of what the soldiers of the past have fought for and the ideals for which the United States stands.

Those ideas of freedom to express ones ideas and live life as one wishes were also expressed down the street in a very different light.

The Freedom of the Road Riders, Local 26 held a Poker Run, starting and ending at Maryville's Sonic Drive-In. They also have a fund raiser planned for the Toys For Tots organization coming up Nov. 1.

Just the thought of a Harley Davidson on the highway brings out thoughts of the ultimate freedom of the open road.

The pictures of the two events were very different, but their underlying theme is very much the same. In the United States people have fought to have the right to live without someone or group dictating what is acceptable.

At the Air Force Command concert, the commander and conductor reminded the audience that as we strive to improve our nation, we should remember that we live in the greatest nation on earth.

The same types of reminders come from the visions of the local bikers with their American flags both on their bikes and bandannas.

The Air Force Air Command Band represents a group that have been dedicated to the preservation of freedom in the United States since its inception. The Freedom of the Road Riders Local 26 represent one of the many ways to express that freedom.

Freedom isn't always in the same form, but the ideas are the

same. That desire and demand caused the formation of this country and keeps it going strong in the toughest of times, along with the best. *END*

Reprinted from November/December 1992
Harley Women Magazine
**HOMELESS MOTORCYCLISTS IN
SOUTH FLORIDA**
Bikers Hit Hard By Andrew

Many motorcyclists are among the thousands of victims of hurricane Andrew in south Florida. One group of about 50 homeless men, women and children are camped out near "ground zero" at the Blarney Stone, a tavern in Homestead. They are trying to survive the best they can.

One of these motorcyclists recently called us on a cellular telephone to say that they were making it okay. They have sufficient food, clothing, and other necessities at the present time, thanks largely to support from other riders. However, they are concerned that in the months ahead, people may forget about them. They have lost their homes and will be living in tents for an indefinite period of time.

Other motorcyclists can lift this group's spirits by simply sending them a note of encouragement or a "hang in there" greeting card. And please, remember to add them to your Christmas card list. Their address is:

ABATE of Dade County
C/O The Blarney Stone
14108 SW 288 St.
Homestead, FL 33033

"Unsolicited supplies should NOT be sent. Clubs that can sponsor fund raising events, or otherwise assist with the relief effort for these and other riders, are asked to coordinate with:

Jay Carlson (President)
ABATE of Florida/Southeast Chapter
P.O. Box 4943
Hollywood, FL 33033
(407) 738-4914

Checks should be made payable to "ABATE of Florida/SE Chapter," with the notation "Dade Co. Chapter Relief," and mailed to him. **Note:** Jay is also the new statewide president of ABATE of Florida.

Thanks for your support.
Jack Sands.

REMEMBER
If you have an article you think other people would enjoy reading, you must include the name of the publication, the date of the publication and the author's name. If this information is not

IT'S WAR ON MOTORCYCLISTS and dollars are our ammunition!

No one likes to hear about paying out money. Somehow we all manage to part with a lot of it tho'. Either by purchasing material items or services or by donations and gifts. Sometimes it's for excess food or entertainment purposes that the dollars go slipping by. We learn from an early age that we must manage money to have enough go 'round to get those things we need or want.

The author of this article lives in the real world and has the same bombardment of outlets to where the money might go. I know it's tough and money is dear these days, but all I'm suggesting you do is examine your priorities. Look at where the excess of your money is spent. What can you afford to give up to make sure you have enough for your MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS FUND?

Yes, it is about motorcycles. You can't brush off thoughts of riding concerns relating to our rights and freedoms because the weather is nasty. ABATE must survive the storms of winter to be strong in the spring, the MRF operating 'eye on Washington' must survive a motorcycling public overdrawn on holiday spending.

I hate money, I hate writing about it, but it does make me boil to think people waste it when it can provide fuel for the fires of our RIGHTS groups. I love motorcycles, I love riding and I won't let that freedom slip between my fingers. Membership in ABATE, MRF and the AMA, if you like, is physical evidence that you care about your motorcycle rights. It is renewal of your faith that these organizations do make a difference to all who ride. Don't let personal discrepancies cloud the fact that you as a member of the motorcycling community must continue to make a stand on the issues along a united front. Do not grab the brakes on a train going full speed ahead toward hope. A non-descript bystander does not lay tracks for tomorrow. Joining is the least we can do and is necessary to our survival. When you hand over your application you're saying, "I put trust in the future of motorcycles because my brothers and sisters are sticking together on the principles of the lifestyle we believe in." It's a grand feeling of security when the wheels of our rights groups are turning smoothly.

If you've been saving up for a rainy day; this is your rainy day. Motorcycling is in the limelight of political graft and corruption, and is facing a downpour of grief from the state and national governments. Get those moldy dollars out of your wallet and sign up/renew today! Let's strengthen our position against the war on motorcycles.

Kathy Introne
Union/Middlesex

Those who reap the blessings of
freedom must undergo the fatigue of
supporting it.

WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET Safety Report by Troll

Almost everything that we do is governed by what we see, or what we hear, smell, taste or feel. We process information and act on what we process. There is a system that we can use while riding to help us process information faster, and more accurately. What we see, and what we don't see, are what we get.

The Smith System is a way to organize and process vital information at the high rate of speed needed when riding or driving. The system is composed of three parts. First is *search*. Anytime you are operating a vehicle, you must look as far ahead and to each side as well as to the rear as far as is possible. Ideally, you should search your environment constantly, and try to see as far ahead as a point it would take twelve seconds to reach. This allows you to see things that might cause you problems before they are too close to do anything about. Don't just see the problem, identify it at the same time. For example, the car that pulls over at the curb and stops will probably have the driver's door open about the time you get there.

The next part of the process is called *predict*. Will that car door pose a problem for you if it opens into traffic? Is the pile of wet leaves in the corner going to cause you grief? Does the guy with the cellular phone stuck in his ear even know that you are there? Predict!

The last part of the system is called *act*. Do something - slow, stop, swerve, or do a combination of the three, or perhaps speed up and change your path of travel. Do something! Studies indicate more than sixty percent of those who crash do nothing to avoid the crash. Make the most of your options by using all the time and distance that you can get. What you see (or don't see) is what you get! *END*



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SEAT BELTS KILL BUCKLED-UP DRIVERS 70 PERCENT MORE LIKELY TO DIE

by Alexandra Paul
Medical Reporter

Seat belts - Mandatory by law - cause more deaths and injuries than they prevent, concludes a Manitoba study now under federal scrutiny.

"The fewest fatalities we ever had was in the year before seat belts were made law - it was down to 73," said author and University of Winnipeg philosophy professor Elliot Levine.

"Since the (Manitoba) seat belt law in 1984, it has been over 100 fatalities a year, and by 1989 it reached 127," Levine said.

Levine, who co-authored the study with statistician and mathematics professor Alexandra Basilevsky, said a buckled-up driver is 70 percent more likely to die in a daytime collision with another car than is someone who forgets the belt.

"And if we look at the injury side, it turns out you are two times more likely to be injured if you are belted in the daytime if you are driving a car, a light truck, or a van," Levine said.

That ratio is based on hospital stays totaling 470 for belted drivers compared to 189 for unbelted drivers.

The three-year study is based on 2,715 drivers from 1982-88 who were injured and matched up with Manitoba Health Service Commission hospital records.

Seat belts result in more injuries to specific parts of the body, the study says:

- 2.9 percent more to the spine,
- 2.8 percent more to the chest and pelvis,
- 2.3 percent more to the head.

The study also analyzes 804 autopsy reports of drivers from 1982-89.

Levine said belts are hazardous because the forces of a crash hit you harder when you are pinned in one spot.

Bouncing around randomly results in less serious injuries, he said.

The findings have rocked the auto world of North America.

Manitoba's seat belt laws will stay in place pending results of a review but it's an awkward fit, a Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation official said.

"To be perfectly honest, MPIC is stuck right in the middle," said Traffic Safety and Loss Prevention Manager Don Halbert.

The province is awaiting a verdict on the study's validity from federal transportation authorities who set road safety standards.

A Transport Canada official in charge of reviewing the Manitoba study said Levine's work runs counter to massive national and international evidence that seat belts save lives.

"We certainly won't support the suggestion that people are at increased risk from seat belts, that's for sure," said Terry Burch, Director of federal traffic safety standards and research.

Burch said he will put the study's methodology and conclusion under intense scrutiny over the next month.

Levine said he presented the study last week in Washington, D.C., at a conference of the Transportation and Research Board of the U.S. National Academy of Science.

"The chief of General Motors research (another conference delegate) would have loved to have nailed me, but he had to back off from any suggestions that my methods weren't airtight," Levine said.

Levine said his study is different because it asks a basic question that other studies don't: Do seat belts ever hurt drivers?

"If my methods can't be denied, it is unquestionably the case that seat belts are bad," Levine said.

Other studies are based on whether seat belts save lives, he said.

Levine said the findings are particularly disturbing because they signal the existence of basic flaws in research.

"We have a dilemma in society - we absolutely need technology but we are unable to monitor technology that could destroy us."

"This is a piece of technology that has been used over the world for a quarter of a century and it's only now that a falsification study has been presented," Levine said. *END*

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WHY SHOULD I RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP?

by Donna Adkins

I here that question often. Although the membership dues are low, it's not just pocket change to most of us. That same money could buy dinner for the family, a pair of riding gloves, a piece of chrome something or other for the ol' bike, or a pair of nice riding goggles. A better question might be why is it better to spend my money on an ABATE membership?

I can't tell you how best to spend your money, but I can try and help you find the reasons why your investment in ABATE might be a wise or helpful one for you.

For me ABATE of Oregon has opened my eyes to the political arena. An area I was totally numb to before joining ABATE. I didn't even exercise my right to vote until joining ABATE of Oregon. I was registered, but I really believed it didn't make a difference if I voted or not. Since joining, I have been flooded with information on why it is important to vote and what issues are threatening my freedom of choice, not just in motorcycling, but in other areas.

Another reason I joined is one I think many of us share, and that is to be able to associate with other bikers around the state at different runs and events. Knowing that we all share a common sport, a common cause and a common goal. Being involved in the different charity events and political rallies.

Something else to think about is the friendships cultivated over the time as a member of ABATE. These are people that you and I may never have become friends with had we met them in other circumstances. Members come from all walks of life and ride all different kinds of bikes. They have varied beliefs, morals, and family values. Yet because of the one common bond of riding we all come together, become friends and share our life. We even have had members meet their future wives and husbands and shared in this wondrous event.

But there are even more benefits that a lot of us learn to take for granted right away. Discounts at some of the shops across the state, receiving the ABATE Newsletter, the opportunity to get involved with the events you are most interested in, the opportunity to be heard as one great voice, and supporting motorcycle safety education instead of mandated legislation.

ABATE doesn't require anything more from it's members than paying their annual fee. But like any other organization, the more you put into the more you personally get out of it. We aren't required to wear funny hats (helmets?), or uniforms (black leather?), or meet any attendance quotas, or even own a motorcycle. All ABATE wants is for you to be interested in riding and share that interest with others that ride. Once you are involved, volunteering for some becomes second nature.

I know when I become a member, it wasn't even six months and I was doing the Ways & Means position for the N.E. Portland Chapter. Then in June of 1989 I took over the Newsletter. From the minute I went to that first meeting, I was already feeling there must be a place in this organization for me. I know I can do good

here and make a difference.

Maybe some of you will feel that way, maybe not. Either way, remember that there are no requirements, just your membership fees. As you decide whether to renew your membership, reflect on what I have mentioned here. Remember the Freedom Of Choice issues won and lost in the past year and the issues coming up for 1993, but most importantly, remember what ABATE has meant to you. *END*

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERSHIP

Belonging to an organization carries with it certain definite responsibilities, some of which are:

- Loyalty to the objects of the organization.
- Payment of dues and other financial obligations.
- Acceptance of some responsibility for the growth, progress and accomplishments of the group.
- Willingness to serve as chairman of a committee or to accept other office or responsibility when asked to do so.
- Attendance at meetings as regularly as possible.
- Participation in the meetings in the discussion of policies and problems.
- Voting according to conscience on motions and at elections.
- Abiding by the decisions of majority vote until and unless proper steps are taken to change the action taken.
- Arrive before the meeting begins.
- Refrain from whispering or causing other disturbance during the meeting.
- Make motions properly to bring matters before the group.
- Second motions. In order to get discussion started - doesn't mean you agree or approve, you may even debate against it.
- Be seated when another has the floor = it is not only discourteous to remain standing but it is out of order as well.
- Remain until the meeting is declared adjourned by the Chair.
- Refrain from criticism of those who have accepted responsibility, and speakers. (It is always well when one is tempted to criticize to ask, "Could I do as well? Am I willing to take on that responsibility?")
- Make your criticism, if any, constructive. You need not always approve and agree with policy or procedure, but wait to speak your opinion until the appropriate time, then give it objectively.

BE A WORKER ... NOT JUST A JOINER.

Reprinted from December 1992

ABATE of Illinois News

HEADLESS RIDER IS BRAINLESS IDEA

by Todd Vandermyde, Legislative Director,
ABATE of Illinois

It's nothing new to most motorcyclists to open a newspaper and see some half wit, who never straddled a scooter, trying to tell motorcyclists that they ought to wear a helmet. Most often these cries from the media revolve around helmet laws and our fights to stop them.

Motorcyclists are also used to seeing unlimited cartoons about exercising our freedom as adults to choose what is best for ourselves. I never thought that the most insulting call for helmet usage would come from an organization claiming to support motorcycling.

Evidently the powers that be at the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) have seen one too many headless biker cartoons from the editorial pages, because that's what they are showing millions of American TV viewers. In a 30 second Public Service Announcement (PSA), the MSF uses a headless motorcyclist driving down the street to get the viewer's attention. A deep voice the states "The way some people ride a motorcycle, you'd think they have nothing to lose."

After presenting what could be the most negative image of motorcyclists in recent years, a helmet then "magically" drops to the ground. Great, not only have they just shown the American public that you have to be stupid to ride one of these things to start with, but they just broke one of the cardinal rules of helmet care - NEVER DROP A HELMET.

If the shrinks are right and watching the Three Stooges poke each other in the eyes or bash one another in the head with a hammer, leaves lasting impression on kids, what does this tell them about helmet care?

Helmet care aside, the message that is being sent to the general public is that motorcyclists are morons for even riding such a dangerous contraption in the first place. I wonder what the MSF thinks of the men that fly F-16s and Harriers? Are they so stupid that once they leave the cockpit of their fighter and sit on a motorcycle that they can't decide what is best for themselves? Do they somehow become lobotomized because they decided not to wear a helmet? After all, these are only men flying \$30 million aircraft making life and death decisions in combat, how smart can they be?

What smarts as much as the insulting tone of the PSA is the MSF's alliance in this venture. GEICO Indemnity is no friend to the motorcyclists of this country. They are one of the big funders of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Sound familiar? They're one of the big supporters of helmet laws. Last year they put out that neat little video to all the congressmen about helmets. Adding insult to injury Shoei helmets had a hand in supporting this also. What was the old saying, "if it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck ..."

It's bad enough that we have to deal with the images of

Hollywood with movies like Cold Steel and Evil Kneivel. But getting stabbed in the back by another motorcycle group is a new one to me.

"The PSA message, to encourage motorcyclists to use helmets voluntarily, is not new to MSF," responds the MSF, and that is apparent with the release of their FULL GEAR/FOOLS GEAR poster that hangs in a lot of bike shops. But there is a big difference. In bike shops you're targeting motorcyclists. A PSA that has been seen by "89 million viewers," states a MSF press release, does nothing but add fuel to the helmet law fire and give such advocates millions of dollars in free air time.


"Using Their Heads" was the title of an article in Safe Cycling. Too bad the powers that be at MSF didn't use theirs. I'm not sure if it was arrogance or ignorance by MSF's project director that choose the markets for this PSA. "It was especially important to reach viewers in Illinois, Iowa and Colorado ..." Is it coincidence that none of these three states has a helmet law?

One of the target markets for the PSA is Illinois and the Chicagoland area. As the riders of Illinois are we aware, we don't have a helmet law and we like it that way. Had the MSF taken the time to look at our statistics, they would have realized that the problem isn't helmets or their usage. You see, Illinois, without a helmet law, has witnessed a 46% decline in motorcycle accidents and a 48% decline in injuries to motorcyclists from 1985 to 1990. With a 50% of motorcycle fatalities in this state involving alcohol, I could have thought of a better subject for a PSA. Whatever happened to educating the cage drivers who routinely explain away their incompetence with "I didn't see him.?"

Freedom of the Road Riders put out a couple of excellent posters. One about drinking and riding, the other stating that "Motorcyclists have Families, too." Either one would have been a good start for a PSA. The stories of two members from ABATE of Illinois who have been run down by drunks in the last year would have been another. I've even heard of a PSA from Minnesota that shows a bike claiming it does 0 to 60 in 4 seconds, then shows a 100 year old tree saying it slows down motorcycles from 60 to 0 in half a second.

These ideas all came from groups that don't get the funding from the big four, or have million-dollar budgets. They came from people who care about motorcycling as a whole, not one single issue.

The next time the MSF says to "Use your head," they ought to try and use theirs for something other than a place to hang their helmet. *END*



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The Sacramento Bee Final

JUDGE REJECTS BIKER HELMET LAW

Butte ruling not binding in other cases; CHP defends citations

by Claire Cooper
Bee Legal Affairs Writer

A Butte County judge has declared California's new motorcycle helmet law invalid, saying it's impossible for bikers "of common intelligence" to understand which helmets the statute permits and which it prohibits.

Because a municipal court judge's opinions doesn't bind other judges in the cases, and because the Butte County district attorney won't appeal, the decision means only that Melody Woods of Grass Valley is not guilty.

Apparently unknowingly, Woods bought and wore a sub-standard helmet and was cited for it. Her black "beanie" helmet, which she bought for \$35 just before the state helmet law went into effect last Jan. 1, bore a 1-inch round sticker that said "DOT".

The U.S. Department of Transportation is in the business of approving or disapproving helmets. Helmets worn on California highways must be DOT-approved.

In June, however, the beanie lost its approval rating, and the California Highway Patrol started issuing citations to beanie wearers.

Cited on July 4 by CHP Officer Victor Vasquez, Woods took herself and her beanie helmet before Butte County Municipal Court Judge Steven J. Howell.

In an opinion dated Sept. 28, Howell said the beanie "does not now meet DOT standards." He also said he had no doubt that the Legislature had the power to pass a helmet law to force citizens to protect themselves.

However, said Howell, the law, not Woods, was to blame for her infraction. "The citizen must know what is expected, clearly and unequivocally, before sanctions are to be imposed for noncompliance," he said. In California, there's no way of knowing, particularly since "it appears that DOT labels are attached to helmets which, in fact, do not meet federal standards," he said.

Howell declared the helmet law "void for vagueness upon the state of the evidence presented."

Sgt. Mike Nivens, head of the CHP's motorcycle safety unit, defended the citations of Woods and other beanie wearers, saying his department has conducted an extensive anti-beanie media campaign since June.

"It's well known," he said, that the beanie doesn't meet legal requirements.

Nivens said other judges in similar cases have dismissed

citations, but Howell appeared to be the first to call the law invalid.

Meanwhile, Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said he lacked resources to appeal Howell's decision and believed that "the problem, with some publicity, will pass." He agreed that penalizing Woods would be unfair. **END**

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by Danny Lee Burkett
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November 30, 1992

To Whom It May Concern:


I have just finished teaching the in-class section of driver's education. One of the lessons in my class involved awareness of motorcycles on the road. This class was presented by two organizations, BikePAC and ABATE. In conjunction with those two organizations were the respective presenters, Nick Oliver and Mel Yeager. They also brought an associate named Walt to help with the presentation.

Their lesson, which they had already shown to me, involved three main parts: a video, a question and answer session, and a demonstration on the road. The video was very professionally produced and it showed graphically some of the proper techniques for sharing the road with motorcycles. It was entertaining, informative, and very clear about demonstrating safety procedures. The question and answer session was down to earth and easy to understand. Mel, Nick, and Walt all had a good sense of how to talk to teenagers in a positive, clear and informative way. The last part of the lesson involved a demonstration of how fast a motorcycle is going and what dangers it confronts. The kids really enjoyed seeing a real motorcycle and figuring out what the rider must deal with.

In general, the lesson was very well planned and very educational. Although the gentlemen wore the typical black leather outfits and some were initially intimidated, they were told the purposes of the leather and what functions it performs. The kids were able to see people who initially looked a little scary, and realized they were thoughtful, organized, and respectable citizens like anyone else. I would highly recommend this presentation to anyone teaching a driver's education class.

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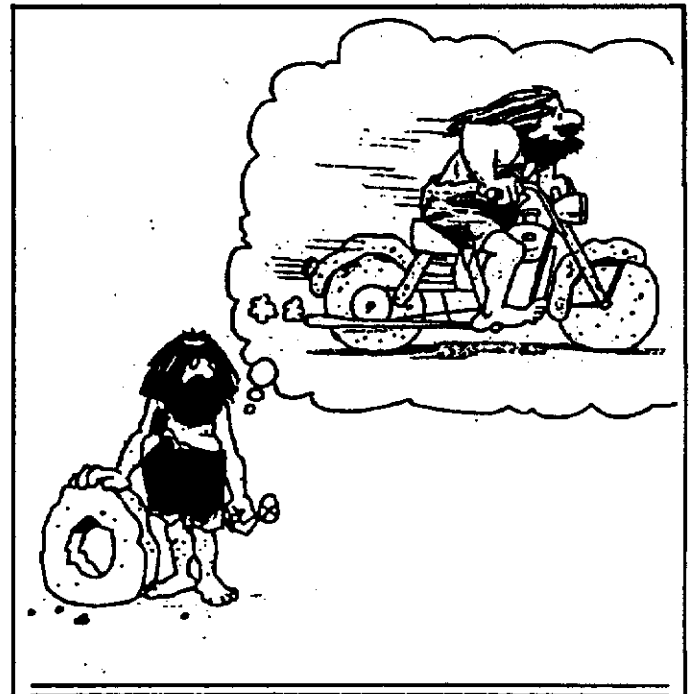
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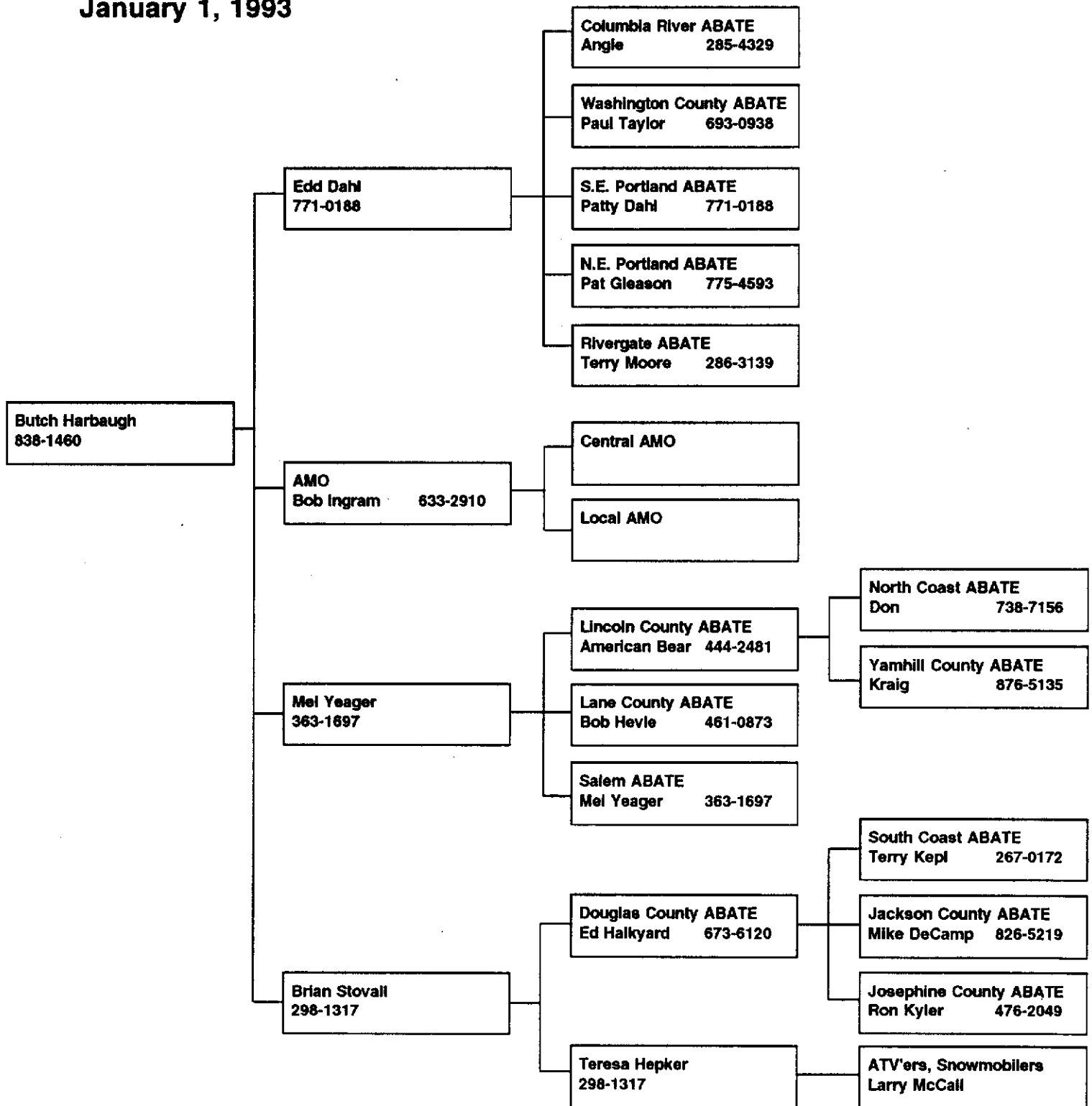
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Well, 1992 is now history. The holiday season is behind us for another year and we have only the dog-days of winter to get through before another active riding season begins. If you are like me, you will be looking for every possible break in the weather during the cold, wet months ahead to get out for a putt somewhere ... anywhere, just to get out and be "in the wind."

I also do a lot of reading and studying during the winter months. Along with that comes a lot of thinking and looking back over the past year. I had the opportunity to meet and ride with new friends and go places where "I've Never Gone Before" ... just like Star Trek!!! Even tho I have traveled around most of the world while working for the worlds largest airline (U.S. Air Force) I still get all excited exploring new roads and places right here in Oregon on my Harley.

Many bikers have tried to write and express just what it is about our lifestyle that is so addicting and satisfying to us. None have really succeeded tho and I have no reason to believe I will either. However, I do feel that we Are experiencing something of a Spiritual Nature while "In The Wind". Oh Yea, I also know that some of us ride because we like the image others have of Bikers. I have met my share of "attitude Bikers" who are riding the shirt tails of media publicity depicting bikers as tough, nasty, beer swilling thugs!! I know that there Are some of those individuals around but I also know that most of us ride for the sheer joy of riding and enjoying the runs and parties that are a part of the lifestyle.

One of the new friends I met this year is a Native American, Mary Coronas, a member of the Columbia River Chapter. She has a very strong interest in her Indian heritage and religion. She is, I feel, an accomplished artist in crafts and paintings of her Native American heritage. She is also very knowledgeable in the ancient religion of her people. It was this last item that set me to thinking recently.

In the process of becoming an ordained minister, we usually go to a bible college or seminary in addition to a four year college. Some are simply ordained by a local church with no formal education other than what their church has taught them. Either method can produce a minister who is dedicated and effective. In College I studied all the major religions of the world. Even tho I was Judaeo Christian, I was still required to have a working knowledge of these other religions. What I realized after talking with Mary was that in spite of all the education and study that led to my ordination, I knew virtually nothing about *Native American religion*. This religion pre-dates nearly all of the other major world religions by thousands of years. As I talked with Mary I began to see a relation between what we, as bikers, feel when we are "In The Wind" and some of the facets of her religion. I'm sure all of us have seen the T-shirt with the Indian warrior on his horse racing across a prairie with a Harley and rider super-imposed over it. I've owned a shirt like that for 2 years but never really made the connection before.

I still know virtually nothing of Native American religion!! But I do know that it was tied and interwoven to an appreciation and love for nature as GOD created it. I know that some of you traditional born-again christians out there will think this of preacher

has flipped out!!! Well, fear not!!! If you read Romans Chapter 1 you will see that ancient peoples weren't familiar with our modern day biblical expressions. You will also see that if mankind observed the "creation" and realized that there was a higher power and came to worship that higher power by seeing the evidence of his existence through nature, then GOD would count that as righteousness. It doesn't matter whether GOD is referred to as: The Great Spirit, Allah, Jehovah or Io.

Personally, when I'm out on my iron horse on that open road with the beauty of nature all around me, I feel a special closeness to "The Great Spirit" (John 4:24). I have to believe that the warrior of old felt the same thing on his steed of flesh while revelling in the beauty of nature all around him. Perhaps it's *this* feeling that we try so hard to explain to non riders about Why we "Live To Ride and Ride To Live."

I plan to explore this concept more next month. Also, a most interesting run is being planned for 1993. Tell ya more next month!!! Till then, ride safe and stay free!!

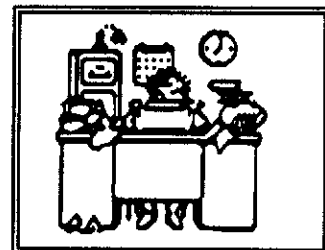
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PUH-TUH-NUM-PAINTED ROCKS

by Mary Coronas, Columbia River Chapter

I imagine there are a few of you riders that are interested in the ancient stuff. In my research for my roots, I came across a lot of other peoples roots too. Just where or who you are, has been questionable.

Next spring and summer I have plans to show those who are curious the petroglyphs that I have come across. I also have permission from Northwest Tribes to apply for permits to show some good folks our sacred places that have been closed to even other Indian people.

One example is the painted rocks north of my reservation in eastern Washington. My people call them puh-tuh-num, they are a series of 60 figures scholars call pictographs and petroglyphs, carvings in rock surfaces.

The question that they raise is who and why were these ancient writings placed here? I suppose that if it wasn't meant for them they may not understand them. The Yakima people say that they are a knowledge of oral tradition and an awareness of through how many millennia the "living memory" of a people extends. An adopted Yakima Indian, Ka-wan, went through many hardships to be permitted to redefine the paintings and preserve them for a future generation. We believe there is a band of people that still exist that this may be of some significance to their survival (either spiritual or material).

One date and people this was attributed to was the Vikings, dated at 1010 A.D. It has been speculated since 1924 that the Vikings discovered America and crossed this continent in 1010 A.D. with the help of some of the natives. I have seen the art, it strongly resembles the Viking Runes.

There are many other places and petroglyphs that I would be happy to pass on. Many of these are on sacred ground and I would have to accompany guests but I have no problem with that. I can be contacted every 2nd and 4th Sunday at the Cactus Club after the Chapter meeting.

Reprinted from September 1992, Woodland Notes DEER HORNS MAY BE DUDS

"Keep your money in your pocket", says Leonard Askham of the Washington State University Cooperative Extension, "unless there is solid evidence other than personal testimonials that deer whistles are effective. Deer whistles, mounted on the front of cars, trucks, and motorcycles, allegedly produce ultrasonic frequencies and/or audible sounds [and are] supposed to repel or warn animals, particularly deer, elk, moose, and dogs ..."

But ... research does not bear out manufacture claims, unfortunately. Two European studies quoted by manufacturers do not in fact prove them successful. One of the studies, from Finland, concluded that "it was unsure if the animals were not disturbed by the approach itself, so that the whistle sound was [not] the only disturbing factor." The other study, from Switzerland concluded that the whistling sound is so weak that it is overlaid by

vehicle noise.

State police in Ohio, after months of testing, found no significant decrease in patrol car/deer accidents after the warning devices were installed. Tests in Utah, Georgia, and Wisconsin also say that deer whistles don't work.

Askham makes a positive observation, though: "The odds are you won't hit a deer." How to reduce your chances? "Drive defensively, particularly as the sun sets ... slow down when you see one deer ... often another is right behind ..."

Adapted from WSU Cooperative Extension circular EB1677

A RAVING ROVING REPORT

by Crazy Steve

Well, here I go raving again. Went to the Washington County Toy Run on Saturday, November 21. It was raining really hard so a friend and I went in the truck. (Oh well, we still went.) There was about 25 bikes and a few cars. They had donuts and coffee. Boy was that ever needed at the end of the run at the fire station. After going through town I'm sure everyone needed warming up. The people treated us with great respect and of course that really helps the ego. At least we know in our hearts we are appreciated.

From the fire station we went to Joe's Pasttime Bar where they had a raffle and an auction. Guess who won something on the raffle ... Me! I won a bottle of Oak Knoll wine and 2 wine glasses. Not bad, huh? The guy doing the raffle got a little hoarse and the people couldn't hear him, so guess who helped out? You got it. Loud mouth me. The money raised in the auction was donated to rescue 30. We had one hell of a good time, even if we didn't ride. The most important thing was we were there.

Next day was on Sunday, November 22. The Teddy Bear Run in Vancouver. That day I rode. The weather was better. I think they covered every street in town with police escort on the run, but it was fun. There was 173 riders and the HOG groups were from Vancouver, Salem and Springfield. It was a good turn out. They raised \$1,000.00 and 215 teddy bears for DARE.

After the run we went to Columbia Motorcycle for a nice Chili Feed. Talked to a lot of friends and just had a good time. We all really appreciate Jim of Columbia for all he does for us. Wish that more people from ABATE would have showed up to help show our appreciation for all his help in all the things that we do. Oh well, there was a few of us and we had a great time.

Well, if you haven't guessed by now the next event was the Last Chance Run for Shriner's at the River Road House. That's right it was your last chance so for you guys who didn't show, you missed a hell of a good time. There was about 250 people who did show up to have some fun and a good time.

I spent some of the time outside watching bikes and talking to people until I turned blue, (and not from talking) it was only in the low 30s out there, so come on, I couldn't stay out there forever. Met a lot of people that I haven't seen for sometime. Glad they could come. I hope you all keep in mind that these parties are for the kids, so we need everyones support and you get to have fun while helping them. Now that's a bargain. Well, catch you all next time and ride safe, wherever you go.



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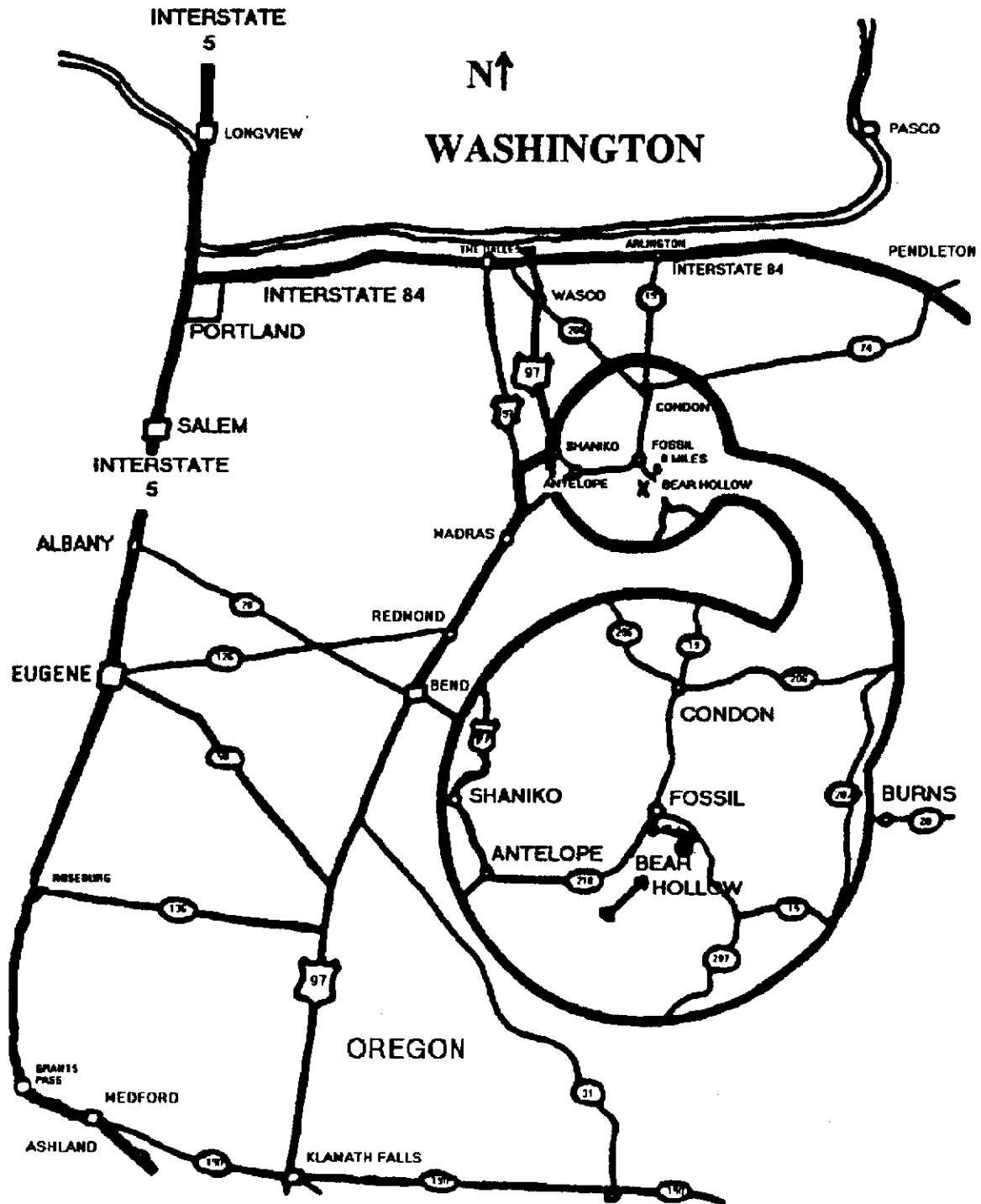
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TOY RUN '92

Reprinted from December 6, 1992

The Oregonian

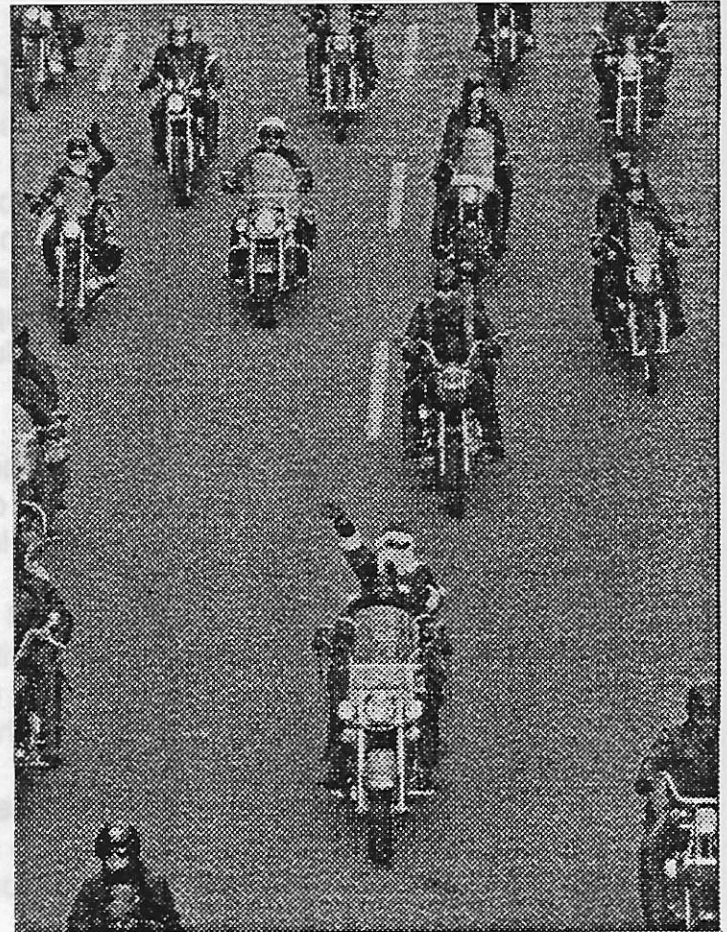
A great success, thrills, chills and happiness at watching those wonderful children at Shriner's Hospital being happy and enjoying themselves and it all happened because of people that care.

We had 3 benefit parties before the Toy Run on December 5th. Our first one in September, the second in October and the third one in November. We were able to raise about \$3,200 and again all that joined us made it happen. For all these benefit parties we had lots of door prizes donated to us by some very nice people.

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To all we say "Thank you".

Toy Run Committee



Revved up for Christmas: One of Santa's helpers rides along Saturday as 1,000 bikers carry toys to Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children. The entourage of 600 bikes paraded through downtown Portland before members made their way to the hospital. There they had punch, cookies and carols and handed out gifts.

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ACTION GUIDE

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO:

- **Write letters asking for cosponsorship of Rep. Snowe's and Sen. Durenberger's legislation.** Rep. Mike Kopetski can be asked to be an original cosponsor and to ask other Oregon Congress members to sign on. Also, thank him for his support. Our new Rep., Elizabeth Furse, can be informed and asked. Rep. Peter DeFazio is in an important committee position for us and needs more letters than ever. Rep. Bob Smith and Ron Wyden have refused to sign on and may be difficult to influence through letters alone. (See next paragraph.)
- **Find out when your Senators and Representatives will be here in Oregon** and take every opportunity to put our objectives before them in Town Hall meetings and by scheduling appointments with them.
- **Send people to Washington, DC to lobby.** I have a trip scheduled, with the backing of ABATE. Specific contributions by individuals, chapters and other organizations are needed now. If other organizations can send delegates it will increase our effectiveness. We should coordinate visits.
- **Influence state legislators to pass resolutions** declaring to the US Congress that state's rights must stay in the states. Also, get state legislators to contact US legislators directly to support our bills.
- **Seek state government officials to go to Washington** to testify on our/Oregon's behalf.
- **Network with other states** to present a strong united front.

Information provided by Motorcycle Riders Foundation, American Motorcyclist Association, and BikePAC of Oregon
Brian Stovall (503) 298-1317

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Toy Run

by Pat Gleason

I got off work at six am, and had sold my last ticket just before I left. All total, I sold forty tickets for the '93 Harley Low Rider Custom that the Portland chapters were giving away this year, thirty eight of them to postal employees.

I figured that my chances were good that I might have sold the winning ticket, so I kept a list of everyone that I sold a ticket to. It was my way of remembering who got what. My own numbers were 040 and 041. I thought that a low number would win the Low Rider. Makes sense, eh??

I got home about six-thirty and went right to bed. The east wind was still blowing and it was still cold, but I was going to ride Orange Crush no matter what. The sun is warmer than the moon, so I knew that it would be nice.

I woke up around nine-thirty and got out of bed. I turned the Weather Channel on and noticed the temperature was only three degrees warmer than it was at six am. One good thing was that the wind had died some, so the wind chill wasn't going to be that bad. I got dressed and rolled Orange Crush out of the garage. Lois was already gone at work, so I hit the button and Crush came to life.

I rode out onto Foster and started towards town. As I left the intersection at 92nd and Foster, Russ and Donna, our newsletter editor roared up alongside me. They looked colder than I was, probably because they had rode all the way from Estacada already. We rode together to A & J's to meet up with everyone else.

We got there about ten-thirty or so. I don't have a watch, so most of the time I guess. Anyway, I still had some tickets to turn in and was trying to find Martin, or someone who would make sure that I got the tickets in the right place. I finally found the right place and put them there. I have never seen so many people at the Toy Run in the six or so years that I have been going. By some estimates there were over 1000 people, and nearly 800+ bikes of all makes and models. Same with the people, all makes and models. I, being the social animal that I try to be, found myself talking to anybody and everybody there, including the fellow postal employees that were there, Trash. It was great.

I found there to be only one thing wrong with the Low Rider, as I stared at it hopefully. It needed a paint job. Paint it Orange!!

Then came the moment of truth, the time that I had been waiting for. Lets see who wins this years bike. A young man from the Shriners drew the winning ticket out, the number is: 1655. I look at my list, my heart pounding faster as I all of a sudden realize that I sold the winning ticket. I look at the list and read to myself the name of the person who has just won the new Low Rider, Lonnie Hoyt. I can't believe it! A friend of mine from work has just won a brand new Harley-Davidson 90th Anniversary Low Rider Custom.

I start towards the microphone saying that I sold the winning ticket, although some people think that I have the winning ticket I have to tell them that I did the next best thing and sold the

winner. Rich Benson had the mike in his hand and I say to him that I sold the winner his ticket, and he announces it over the PA system.

I had a smile a mile wide the rest of the day, even though I lost the cross street stoppers going up Broadway in Downtown Portland, as well as about fifty others who were behind me. I tried to call Lonnie when we got to the hospital, Beaker gave me a quarter. It was around one pm, and Lonnie works graveyard shift the same as I do, but he wasn't up yet. I tried about three more times before I left the hospital, but neither him nor Mrs. Lonnie answered the phone. I got to the Brother Speed clubhouse for their spaghetti feed and pigged out. Great food and great company was the order of the day there, plus I was still on a high from selling the winning ticket. About a quarter 'till four somebody said that it was snowing outside. I didn't believe it, but seeing is believing. I stayed for about another half an hour, then decided that I had better get my butt home. It was only a mile and a half away, but I wasn't going to wait any longer. Besides, I still hadn't gotten in touch with Lonnie yet. I got home, put Orange Crush back to bed, and went inside to warm up. The snow had turned to freezing rain and didn't show any sign of letting up. I turned the TV on and tried to get a hold of Lonnie. I let the phone ring for almost twenty times, but still no answer. I was starting to get frustrated. I looked up the number in the phone book to make sure that I had copied it right from the ticket. I made a couple more phone calls to some other people and then tried again. Finally an answer. It went something like this:

"Hello," said a young kids voice.
"Is Lonnie there?" I ask.

"No, but my mom is here."

"May I talk to her?"

"Just a minute," followed by a moment of silence.

"Hello," came an attractive voice on the other end.

"Hello, is this Mrs. Lonnie?" I ask.

"Yes it is, does this have to do with a motorcycle drawing that happened today?"

"As a matter of fact, I'm Pat Gleason, a member of NE Portland ABATE and your husband, Lonnie, has just won a brand new Harley."

"I can't believe this! My brother was down there today and he thought that he heard Lonnie's name said when they winning ticket was drawn. So this is really true?!?"

"Yeah, it's really true. Is he awake yet?"

"No, and I haven't told him yet. Do you want to tell him yourself?"

"Yeah, go get his butt 'outta bed and let me talk to him. Tell him that it's work," I say as she goes off to wake him up.

I hear a shuffling of feet and then a groggy voice says, "Hello."

"Lonnie, is that you? This is Pat from work, you awake yet?"

"No, I just got out of bed."

"Hey man. You have just won a brand new motorcycle."

"Bullshit!"

"I'm not shittin' ya. You won the Harley."

"No way."

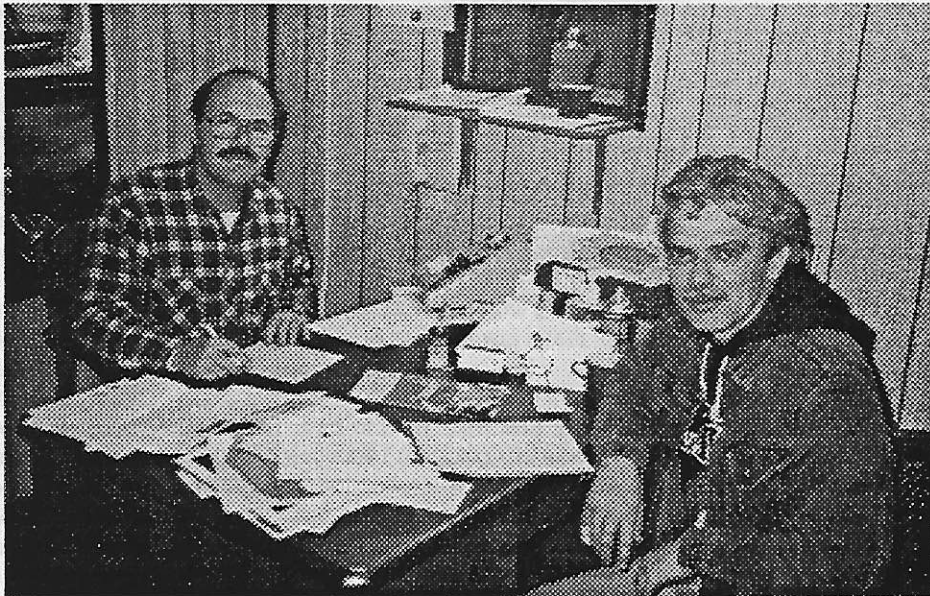
"Serious, you have won a 1993 Harley-Davidson Low Rider Custom 90th Anniversary Model, one of only 800 made."

"Aw, come on Pat, this is a joke. I don't believe it."

"Man, I'm telling you the truth. You are the winner of the new Harley." "Wow!"

It took me nearly five minutes to finally convince him that he had actually won the motorcycle. Lonnie was in a state of shock and just couldn't believe what I was telling him. When I finally gave him Gary Martin's phone number, I think that's what finally convinced him.

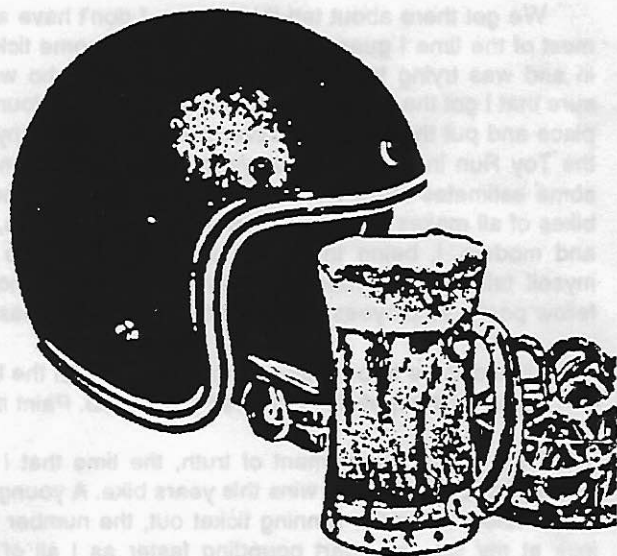
What a great day for everyone. I think that we sold almost 2200 tickets at \$10 each, if your math is good you can figure that is a pretty sizable chunk of change. After we paid for the bike, we gave the rest of the money to the kids at the Shriners.



This is Jim Kreofsky, Owner of Columbia Harley (left) and Connie Hoyt, Winner of the 1993 Toy Run Bike (right) signing the final papers.

Without all of you, this day would never have happened. Thanks to everyone who was there, and especially thanks to the Toy Run committee.

Decide BEFORE You Ride.



Don't be another statistic. PLEASE, DON'T DRINK & RIDE!

THE COLUMBUS CONNECTION

by Brian Stovall

WHAT WAS IT?

In early November I received a letter from the AMA calling for a National Forum on Helmet Laws in Columbus, Ohio on December 12. Since I was already planning to go to Washington, DC in January to talk to our delegates about repeal of the helmet/seat belt blackmail, I wondered about the need to go to Columbus. After consulting with Wayne Curtin in Washington and several of our leaders here, I came to the conclusion that the meeting would be important enough to warrant the expense.

I managed to get a really good deal on airline tickets (for this trip and for the January trip). The ABATE board voted to support both trips so I made the necessary arrangements. Ray Best is vacationing in that part of the country and joined me at the meeting. We both took notes and Ray recorded about half of the meeting. I will also be getting a video tape of the meeting.

About fifty people from approximately seventeen states attended. The only other western states were Utah and California. After everyone introduced themselves, Rob Rasor of the AMA outlined the goal of the meeting: To prepare State Motorcycle Rights Organizations (SMROs) to respond effectively to a coordinated effort to pass mandatory helmet laws to all riders.

BACKGROUND

Next, Wayne Curtin (MRF lobbyist) and Jim Bensberg (AMA lobbyist) presented the recent history of our political situation and a description of current conditions and factors. The helmet and seat belt law blackmail began in 1989 with Sen. Chafee's stand alone bill to penalize states if they failed to enact mandatory laws. This was followed in the House of Representatives by Rep. Cooper's softer approach of incentives first, followed closely by penalties. In 1990, the regular five year refunding of the federal highway program came along in the form of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), and the Cooper bill was included. We fought hard and well and still lost.

A list of all the states which received the incentive money (called 153 funds) in fiscal year 1992 was handed out. Oregon qualified for such funds with mandatory laws for both helmets and seat belts and received \$336,000. We can see how these funds are being used in the recent huge increase in helmet law enforcement activity by our police. Nineteen states received 153 funds for a total of \$12,408,000.

Penalty projections and their far reaching results were described. Penalties are in place through FY'96 and could reach as much as \$65,000,000 yearly by FY'95. If no repeal takes place, penalties could continue at the same rate into the foreseeable future.

Congress passed ISTEA, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is charged with the responsibility of writing the administrative rules which guide the implementation of the penalties. NHTSA does this behind closed doors. When they have finished, there is a period of public comment, after which the rules will be adopted in their final form. We don't know

if these rules will be written before the administrative change in January or if this task will be left for President Clinton's new administration. As long as the rules are not completed, lawmakers will not know exactly what laws must be passed to comply with the law. If, as is suspected, the rules call for laws to be primary infractions (primary infractions are cause to stop a motorist, secondary are not), some states which now comply would be considered out of compliance and would lose their incentives as well as becoming open to penalties (both of Oregon's laws are primary).

WHERE DO WE STAND?

At the end of the 102nd Congress, Rep. Olympia Snowe's bill, HR 4207, had 69 cosponsors (23% of the members of the House). Oregon had only one of these, Mike Kopetski, for 20% of our Reps., slightly below the national average. Sen. Dave Durenberger's S 2204 had 18 cosponsors (18% of the Senate).

The results of the '92 election saw 57 of the 69 supporters in the House return for another term. Two of the supporters moved on to the Senate where 17 of the previous 18 returned. Thus, our basic support going into the 103rd Congress stands at 57 in the House and 19 in the Senate.

One of the last attempts to stop the ISTEA effect was the Livingston Amendment which would have defunded the blackmail portion and thus render it ineffective. Although this failed to pass, it did provide helpful lobbying information by identifying possible sympathizers to our cause. We also have opportunities with new members of Congress to speak our mind and win support. Oregon's Elizabeth Furse is one of those people.

Another significant shift in the House is Rep. Norm Mineta from California. He has now been elevated to the chairmanship for the House Public Works and Transportation Committee. He has previously been an opponent of motorcyclists. However, due to some excellent presentations in town hall meetings in his own district, he has opened up to us and has listened well. He can now be considered a friend and supporter on some issues and at least an open ear and mind on others.

Our own Rep. Mike Kopetski has been named to the House Ways and Means Committee. This committee controls all funding and therefore affects any legislation which requires money. Congratulations to Rep. Kopetski and good job for those of you who helped in his re-election.

Several members of Congress are being tapped out to become cabinet members. Mineta was asked and has declined, so far. In the Senate, Lloyd Bensten will leave for the cabinet. This has several implications. First, in Texas his replacement will be chosen by special election, not appointment, so it can change the Democrat/Republican ratio in the Senate. Second, he vacates positions on committees which must be replaced immediately. This is like dominoes with seniority being the key factor in placement. Our lobbyists think that Sen. Moynihan (one of our strong opponents) will take one of Bensten's committee assignments and vacate his position on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee as the ranking Dem. His probable replacement is Max Baucus, a proven friend to motorcyclists. I will publish our delegation's committees assignments and provide some analysis of them in a later issue of this Newsletter.

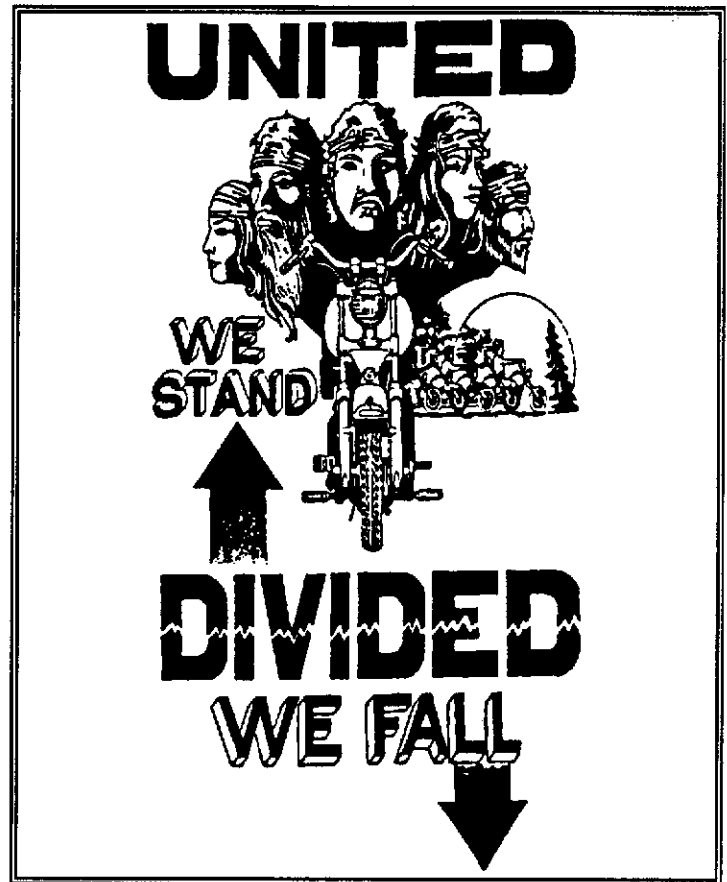
While we are on the topic of cabinet posts, a strong danger needs to be noted. Some cabinet posts will be filled from nongovernmental sources. This raises the possibility that dangerous safetycrats like Joan Claybrook might be chosen for cabinet posts or other important bureaucratic positions.

DECISION AND AGREEMENT

After rapidly digesting the above information, we spent some time coming to agreement on our objectives for the year. They are:

1. Seek pure repeal bill; Support Rep. Snowe and Sen. Durenberger in the reintroduction of their bills from last year. We will advocate for no compromises or inclusions, just outright repeal of the helmet and seat belt provisions in ISTEPA.
2. Aggressively pursue technical corrections bill; This legislation would delay the implementation of the penalty phase of ISTEPA and buy valuable time to work on #1. This is likely to pass easily and quickly.
3. Closely monitor NHTSA rulemaking on ISTEPA; As described earlier, there will be important events relating to the rulemaking.

All of these objectives will need support from SMRO members in every state and will also affect proposed legislation within each state. The work that all of you contribute will be the biggest deciding factor in the outcome. *END*



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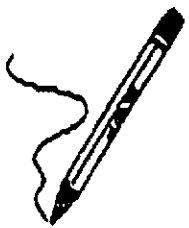
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Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1st SUNDAY	LANE COUNTY RIVERGATE	7:00 pm, Abby's Pizza, 1976 Echo Hollow Road, Eugene 1:00 pm, St. John's Pietro's, 3011 N. Lombard, Portland
1st & 3rd SUNDAY	JACKSON COUNTY JOSEPHINE COUNTY NORTH COAST ABATE S.E. PORTLAND	11:00 am, The Triple Tree Restaurant, 4999 Highway 234 (at the intersection of 234 and Antioch Road), Central Point 11:00 am, Fatte's Pizza, 7th & Hilcrest 12:00 Noon, The Pizza Harbor, Seaside 12:00 Noon, The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122nd & Division, Portland
2nd SUNDAY	SOUTH COAST YAMHILL COUNTY	11:00 am, Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend 3:00 pm, Cheese's Pizza, Lafayette
2nd & 4th SUNDAY	COLUMBIA RIVER	12:00 Noon, Cactus Club & Diner, 8131 N. Denver, Portland
3rd SUNDAY	DOUGLAS COUNTY RIVERGATE	11:00 am, Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg 1:00 pm, Roving Meeting, Contact Terry at 286-3139 for info.
2nd & 4th MONDAY	SALEM	7:00 pm, Locomotion Pizza, 4500 S. Commercial, Call Dave at 581-3138 or Jeff at 362-1891 for info.
2nd & 4th TUESDAY	WASHINGTON COUNTY	8:00 pm, Little Italy Pizza, Cornelius
3rd TUESDAY	LANE COUNTY	7:00 pm, Abby's Pizza, 1976 Echo Hollow Road, Eugene
1st & 3rd WEDNESDAY	N.E. PORTLAND	7:30 pm, Round Table Pizza, 4141 N.E. 122nd, Portland
1st & 3rd FRIDAY	LINCOLN COUNTY	7:30 pm, Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport