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FEBRUARY 1994 NEWSLETTER — edited by G. W. Hieronimus N.E. Portland Chapter

From The Coordinator

Gearing Up For Spring

February already, Spring is just around the next rainy month. I hope you're getting your scooters in shape for the run season. This is the beginning of a very busy year ahead of us all. Although it's not a legislative session, there's still a lot of hard work to be done in preparation of the next session in 1995. Much of that hard work is going to revolve around fine tuning our organization. To start that process there will be a little extra work going into our 4th S.T.E.A.M., Seminar To Educate And Motivate. Elsewhere in this issue there is a flier and class description. Any of you that have ever wanted to learn about some of these key roles in our organization, please attend. It should prove to be a fun learning experience in the company of others that share common goals and interests.

Enough on S.T.E.A.M. and on to what else is getting ready to happen. On February 19th and 20th, there is the Legislative Planning Session in The Dalles. This is hosted by Bike - PAC and seems like a must for all chapter legislative directors. I hope to see representation from all of our chapters there. Check out the flier in the newsletter.

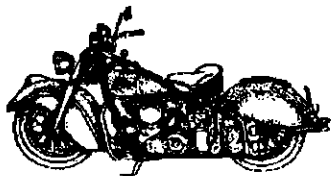
On March 26th, Mel Yeager is putting on the instructor training program for the motorcycle awareness program. I urge any and all of you to check out this lifesaving and fun class that's drawing national attention.

Finally, you might want to start thinking about making your plans for Fossil '94. That's right it's a couple of months off yet, but it's at a new and improved location with room to expand. Read about it and watch for the fliers in shops and around. There's a few changes Rotten Roger and others think you'll like. So as you can see the work never stops even in the winter. Then again some of us don't stop riding, even in the winter.

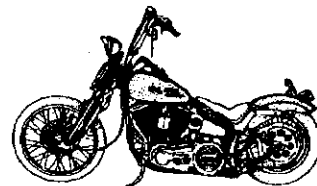
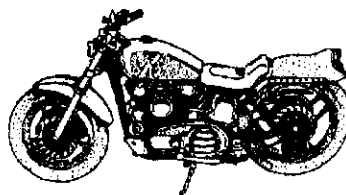
With education and planning being the key happenings in the near future I would like to leave you with a quote from Gen. Colin Powell:

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, learning from failure."

Till next month, Ride safe and learn.



Rich



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Activist Review

Staying in touch

Federal issues

To express your support for the delay in implementing the federal helmet-law penalties, write to Sen. Max Baucus, chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. Urge him to hold hearings on H.R. 3276, the House bill that includes a delay provision. Write to all senators at the U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

State issues

To help save Washington's rider-education program from the budget-cutting ax, write to elected officials at the Legislative Building, Olympia, WA 98504.

Pennsylvania motorcyclists concerned about the passenger restriction bill can contact legislators at the State Capitol, Harrisburg, PA 17120. For an update on HB 1983, call the state's legislative reference service at (717) 787-2342.

The AMA

You can contact the AMA's Government Relations Department on any topic involving motorcycling and the government by writing to: AMA Government Relations, P.O. Box 6114, Westerville, OH 43081-6114. Or you can call (614) 891-2425.

January 1994

Helmet-law delay plan faces test

The U.S. Congress gets rolling again on January 25, and one of the issues that will be considered is a bill to delay enforcement of a federal law designed to penalize states that don't pass mandatory laws. That is, however, if legislators decide to take up the matter in 1994. The House of Representatives already has passed a bill to delay that law for one year, but the Senate hasn't taken any action. To get similar legislation moving in the Senate this year will require a concerted effort by motorcyclist groups. See a related news release in this package and information at left.

Rider-education battles

The battle to protect rider-education funds from being used to balance budget deficits goes on. In Montana, for example, a bill was considered during emergency budget sessions last year that would have taken over one-third the money riders pay to support the state's safety program. But thanks to a concerted effort by motorcyclist groups, the rider-ed provision was eventually removed from the bill. Meanwhile in Washington state, the rider-training program currently is in danger of being shut down as a result of an attempt by officials to trim the state's huge \$16.2-billion budget.

Pennsylvania trouble

Some children shouldn't be allowed to ride as passengers on motorcycles, says one Pennsylvania legislator. Rep. Anthony Melio has introduced a bill that would ban any passenger under the age of seven from riding on a motorcycle. The measure, designated House Bill 1983, also calls for fines of up to \$200 for violators.

Oregon changes licensing system

New riders in Oregon can kiss their licensing blues good-bye. In November, legislation took effect to abolish the state's highly restrictive two-tiered licensing system, which limited all first-time riders to bikes under 499cc.

Trail manuals available

A limited supply of the resource manuals used as part of the Motorcycle Industry Council's OHV Workshops are now available. To receive a trail manual, contact Eric Lundquist, AMA Government Relations, P.O. Box 6114, Westerville, OH 43081-6114. A \$6 fee is required to cover postage.

Special notice

New appeal regulations concerning event permits and trail-siting decisions on U.S. Forest Service land have been announced. See the enclosed notice for details.

AMA Activist Review, a publication of the American Motorcyclist Association Government Relations Department, is produced to keep concerned riders informed about issues affecting them and their rights.



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ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION PLANNED

January 5, 1994 -- Along with the new year comes a new legislative session, with politicians pondering hundreds of thousands of new laws nationwide. In Ohio and North Carolina, however, legislators may be considering two bills that would be favorable to the motorcycling community.

Aided by their local A.I.M. attorneys, the Ohio Motorcyclists Coalition and the Concerned Bikers Association of North Carolina intend to have legislation introduced that would put an end to biker discrimination within their borders.

The landmark anti-discrimination legislation would prohibit intentional and/or arbitrary discrimination in access to public accommodations and to protect the right to equal access to goods and services offered by businesses (in the state).

Although neither bill specifically mentions bikers, both refer to discrimination based on mode of transportation and violation would be punishable by heavy fines.

Ralph Buss, the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists attorney who helped draft the Ohio proposal, has conducted several seminars on biker discrimination including a very popular "Discrimination: The Other Threat" talk at last years National Coalition of Motorcyclists Annual Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"We must look to the legislature for relief", said Buss, "because the public is prejudiced against us and the police are trained to be cautious and distrustful."

A.I.M. attorney James F. Wyatt, III drafted the North Carolina bill at the request of CBA of N.C. "This is a proactive piece of legislation that shows the motorcycle lobby is interested in more than just helmet laws", said Wyatt, explaining that the bill is ready to be introduced in the next legislative session in which new bills can be considered. "We are not looking for special treatment, we just want to be treated fairly."

NCOM has long considered biker discrimination to be a major threat to our life-style and political effectiveness. Discrimination Cards are available through NCOM that cite current statutes relevant to discrimination in each state. Call 1-(800)-525-5355 for a free copy.



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CALIFORNIA MOTORCYCLISTS UNITE FOR FREEDOM RALLY

SACRAMENTO, CA January 4, 1994 -- While most people were busy at work preparing for the new year, several thousand motorcyclists from throughout California took Monday, January 3rd, off to welcome politicians back to the State Capitol for a new legislative session.

According to local news reports, about 5,000 riders braved the cold and rain to send a message to legislators; "No more in '94!" Billed as the Freedom Rally, the event was more than just a helmet law protest...it was a show of strength and unity for California motorcyclists. For the first time, virtually every motorcycle rights organization, rider group and club in the state joined together in a demonstration of solidarity.

The Freedom Rally was sponsored by the National Coalition of Motorcyclists, MMA of California, ABATE of California, AMA District 36, California Motorcyclists Association, and the Confederation of Clubs of Northern and Southern California.

Speakers from each group emphasized the need to get involved in the November elections by volunteering time to local campaigns. Joining them on the Capitol steps were several legislators, including Senator Phil Wyman and Assemblywoman Barbara Alby -- both of whom said they owe their jobs to bikers who worked their campaigns.

Riders were encouraged to take the time to go into the Capitol and visit their representatives, which many did. MMA and ABATE volunteers helped direct them to the appropriate offices.

A helmet law repeal effort last year stalled in Assembly Transportation Committee, where it failed by one vote. The bill will come up for reconsideration in the Spring and, according to ABATE PAC, the measure needs to pick up 5 more votes in the Assembly and 8 votes in the Senate for a simple majority in both houses.

Based on the huge success of the Freedom Rally, another jointly sponsored event is being planned for May 2nd to draw attention to "Motorcycle Awareness Month" and to further mobilize grass roots activism for the upcoming elections.

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon
STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 1993

The meeting was called to order by Coordinator Rich Benson 12:15 pm. Chapter roll call; all present except South Coast and Salem.

COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS- A moment of silence for Cisco Loiza a member of S.E. Chapter who died recently.

CORRESPONDENCE-Some appreciated Christmas cards.

REPORTS:

BY LAWS COMMITTEE-No report.

EDUCATION DIRECTOR-Mel and Nic continue to receive interest in the Motorcycle Awareness Program. O.S.T.E.A. has invited us to present this on the following dates; LBCC-2/4/94; Roseberg-2/17/94; Pendleton-3/17/94; Bend-4/8/94; these are Fridays and are from 2-6 p.m. We now have 18 different states using our program.

FINANCE COMMITTEE-No report.

HISTORIAN-Ronna has pictures from at least 4-5 past events available. She would like to take chapter pictures this year, and will send notices when our time comes.

LEGISLATION DIRECTOR-Jim reminded us of the Legislative Planning Conference on February 19th and 20th in the Dalles. Brian Stovall reminded us that our focus should still be on H.R. 799 and S.295.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY- No report.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR-Left a nasty message on Rich's answering machine in regards to the Postal Acct. being low on funds. Newsletters will be mailed late this month; SORRY.

PRODUCTS DIRECTOR- Angie has it all. Chapter rockers can be ordered 25 at a time. No design for the 20 year pin yet and it needs to be done by the Fall Bash 94. Brian S. announced that he knows of a USA Manufacturer who can make them at a lower cost than the foreigners!!

PUBLIC RELATIONS- Ken wants our ideas. The Oregonian finally gave us "GOOD PRESS". The PSA's are being shown a lot on FOX 49. PSA's need to be got and promoted by all chapters BEFORE the May Awareness Rally. Contact Ken Ray. Ponderosa Video has been contacted and we have given up all copyrights to the PSA's, and about 12 other states are using them.

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STATE RUN COORDINATOR-Fossil will feature COMMANDER CODY AND THE LOST PLANET AIRMEN for the premiere band!!!!!! We need a 500(min.)gal water truck or trailer. Artwork for T-shirts by the March meeting and concessionaires will have a May 1 deadline this year. They will NOT be allowed to just show up. Roger also is looking for 3-wheelers because the area is so vast.

TREASURER-Ending balances as of 12/31/93 are: Checking-\$5931.83; Gen. Savings-\$17581.97; Legal-\$1501.19; Education-\$341.52; +\$6.50 added to savings; Bulk Mail-\$64.04= a grand total of \$25420.55. The final report for the Fall Bash-Income-\$5541.12; Expenses-\$3203.17= Excess income-\$2337.95

WAYS AND MEANS- no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-The Awards Banquet will be January 29th from 3-6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on Coburg Rd. Eugene. It will cost approximately \$12. a head. Invitation only. The Regional Plan was discussed, Chapters need to coordinate this and get their run date in and secure a site NOW>... Fliers and promotion needs to begin. The Video(TV/VCR) purchase was discussed. Ken motioned and Larry 2nd to purchase a Quazar 13 inch w/carrying case. The vote was Y=9,N=0,AB=0.

STEAM Conference-No report.

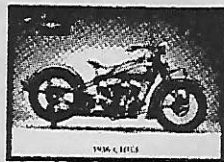
NEW BUSINESS-There was another expulsion, Paul Taylor. A reminder...**EMBEZZLEMENT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. Expulsion means never to belong to ABATE again.**Brian Stovall asked for money to attend a conference in St. Louis, \$529. was needed. Angie motioned and Mel 2nd to send Brian to St. Louis for the MRF board meeting, the vote went Y=9,N=0,AB=0.

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS-None submitted.

Announcements:Deb Fryman apologized for misunderstanding our TAX STATUS. We are a 501 C-4 organization which does NOT allow for TAX CREDITS to contributors. We are a "SOCIAL WELFARE" organization. SORRY! Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. Minutes submitted by Deb Fryman.

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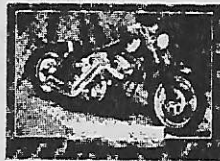


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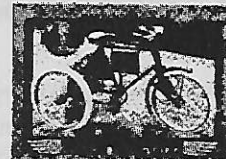
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Chapter Address: P.O. Box 468, Seaside, OR 97138

Chapter Contact: Don Smack, 738-7156

Happy New Year Everyone!

The holidays are over and we're into the New Year. Our Toy Run was great! We had 23 riders, biggest turnout in quite awhile, and collected lots of nice gifts. Also had a successful Spaghetti Feed at the Relief Pitcher Tavern and collected over \$270.00. Everyone had a lot to eat and drink.

We changed our meeting time to Wednesday nights instead of Sunday afternoons and seemed to have increased our participation by a few members. Also we are going to try a smoke-free meeting with several smoke breaks and see if that will help our smokeless members.

Asa and Joe are sponsoring a Chili Feed for a fundraiser on Jan 9th. Kind of nice having our get togethers with our fellow bikers, makes winter go by faster.

Till next month!

Roy

N.E. PORTLAND

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Izzy's Pizza, 1307 N.E. 102nd, Portland

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Chapter Contact: Pat Gleason, 761-3269

Well to start off, I went to the Polar Bear Run. I'm not sure who put on this event, but I sure had a good ride and some good food where we ended up. I had some lasagna that was just killer. Only had one beer because I had a long way to go to get home. That's because I'm such a responsible person (yea right).

The new officers have taken over, and all ready they are looking for some people to help and organize for the upcoming runs, events and fund raisers. A big thing right now is the legislative planning conference. If you want to do something to fight for and save our freedom to ride and make our own decisions, this would be the place to go and put your voice to work. It's on February 19 & 20 in The Dalles. For more information or to register call Jack Fassel at (503)-650-9336, or Brian Stovall at (503)-298-1317. Fossil next month.

See ya,
Road Rash

SALEM

Meets 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:00 pm

Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave NE

(Call 581-3138 or 581-8637 for Information)

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 13957, Salem, OR 97309

Chapter Contact: Jeff 581-8637

NO REPORT, SECOND TIME.

THANKS TO ALL WHO GOT THEIR REPORTS IN ON TIME. IF YOUR CHAPTER HAS NO REPORT CONTACT THE CHAPTER COORDINATOR AND ASK THEM WHY THAT IS. THE INFO WE ARE MISSING MIGHT MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD!!! KEEP IT UP TO DATE SO THAT WE MIGHT KEEP WITH THE EVENTS AS THEY HAPPEN. ONCE AGAIN THANKS. GORDON

SOUTH COAST

Meets 3rd 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

Hi from the South Coast,

Let's see... I have one letter in, so it will be in the January issue and this will be in the February issue,... It's still Decemberr and I still got things to tell you about, that will have already taken place way before this gets out. So I'm going to jump to the February mode.... Come to this meeting South Coast A.B.A.T.E.'rs! We have some important dates to set. We need to get a jump on it!

O.K..... Back to December, we had a "semi-successful" Toy Run. Stopped at the hospital first. Just 4 kids there and one wouldn't come out from under the covers. Then on to the Salvation Army. It was a good turn out but... you know ... not everyone was there.

So that's it for now ... Hope everyone comes to help set the Run Calendar.

Looking forward to warmer weather.....

Snap Shot

S.E. PORTLAND

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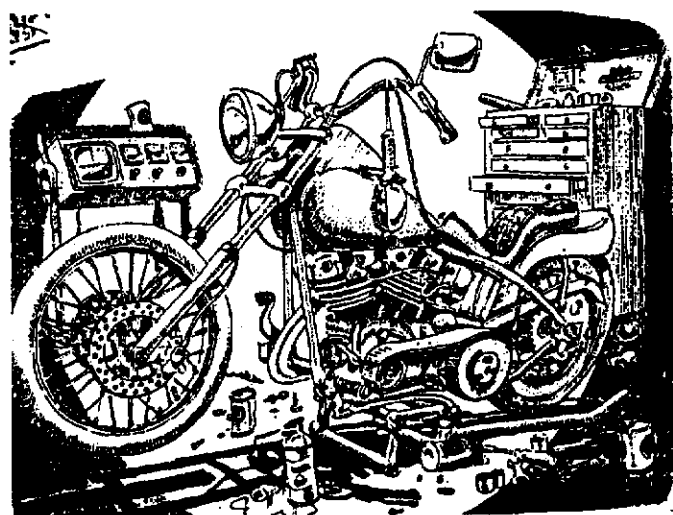
Hi,

I'm the S.E. Portland newly elected Secretary, Debby May. I hope you all had a great Christmas, and New Year. We all need to get hyped up for the tasks ahead of us. Such as writing and/or phone calls to our Senators and Congressmen. We are making plans for our Chapter Anniversary party, which is going to be March 26th.

In December we lost a young member of our family, Cicso Loaiza. He was a dedicated brother, and an inspiration to us all. He will be missed.

I hope to see you all at runs and events..

Enjoy
Debby May



WASHINGTON COUNTY

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8:00 pm
BJ's Fine Dining, 446 West Baseline, Hillsboro
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 830, Cornelius, OR 97113
Chapter Contact: Don Murry 648-9651,
Dave at V-Twin 648-4103

Hi there,

Hope this finds all riding safe, and having a fine time (even though it gets a little cold!)

We've had our first meeting with new officers, new meeting place (Mr BJ's in downtown Hillsboro), and all was initiated as to what we can expect in the coming year. We're all pretty pumped up about it. It went really smooth.

We had two great guest speakers, Sam Hotchberg talked about insurance, and the company behind the policy, and what to do in case of an accident. And Granny Hutch talked to us about A.I.M., we would like to say Thanks!

We've also decided to get more community involved, so for a start we're planning a Benefit Barn Dance for Meals-on-Wheels. Hopefully, we'll get a great response, since it will be an all age wing-ding. I'll be giving dates and times, place and Band name later, so get ready to mark it on your calendar.

For our February Chapter Run, we're planning a pool shoot at Balm Grove tavern on the 19th and the time will be meeting at 12:00 noon.

Well that's about it for this time, so till next, ride safe, take care, and we'll see ya on a run.....

Debi

YAMHILL COUNTY

Meets 2nd Sunday, 3:00 pm
Westward Ho, McMinnville (3rd Street)
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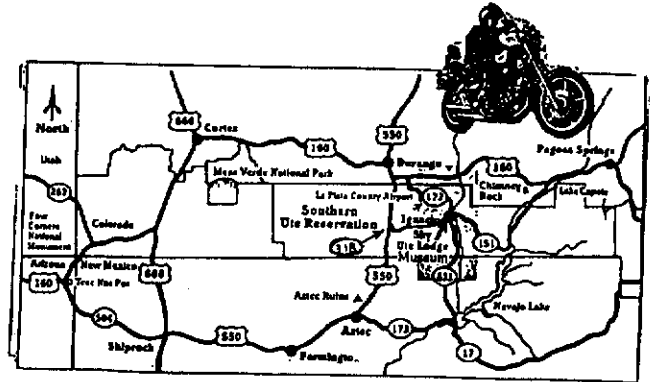
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YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

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17th Annual

FOSSIL CAMPOUT '94



at Kinzua Air Park



May 27-30, 1994



Gates open at 3:00 pm on Friday, May 27

THE BEST IN LIVE MUSIC

Commander Cody and His Lost Planet Airmen
also Jimmy Lloyd Rea and The Switchmasters
Featuring a variety of sounds from the Pacific Northwest

ADVANCE TICKETS

(DEADLINE IS MAY 14, 1994)
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Advance Member - \$10.00
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Under 14 - FREE

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toward ABATE Membership)

Camping included in Gate Fee

For information Call 285-4329

Beverages will be sold by
the Fossil Senior Citizens

Trophy for the largest group
participating from an out of
state MRO

Trophy for the largest participating
ABATE Chapter and M/C
Organization from Oregon

Trophy for M/C Rider riding the
longest distance to the Fossil Campout

PARK RULES

No Firearms No Fireworks

Campfires must be contained

Dogs on a leash only

Cigarette Butts in butt cans only

No off-road hike riding on trails

Parents are responsible for children at all times!

Gates close at 10pm for anyone leaving

No Hassles

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



Map on Reverse

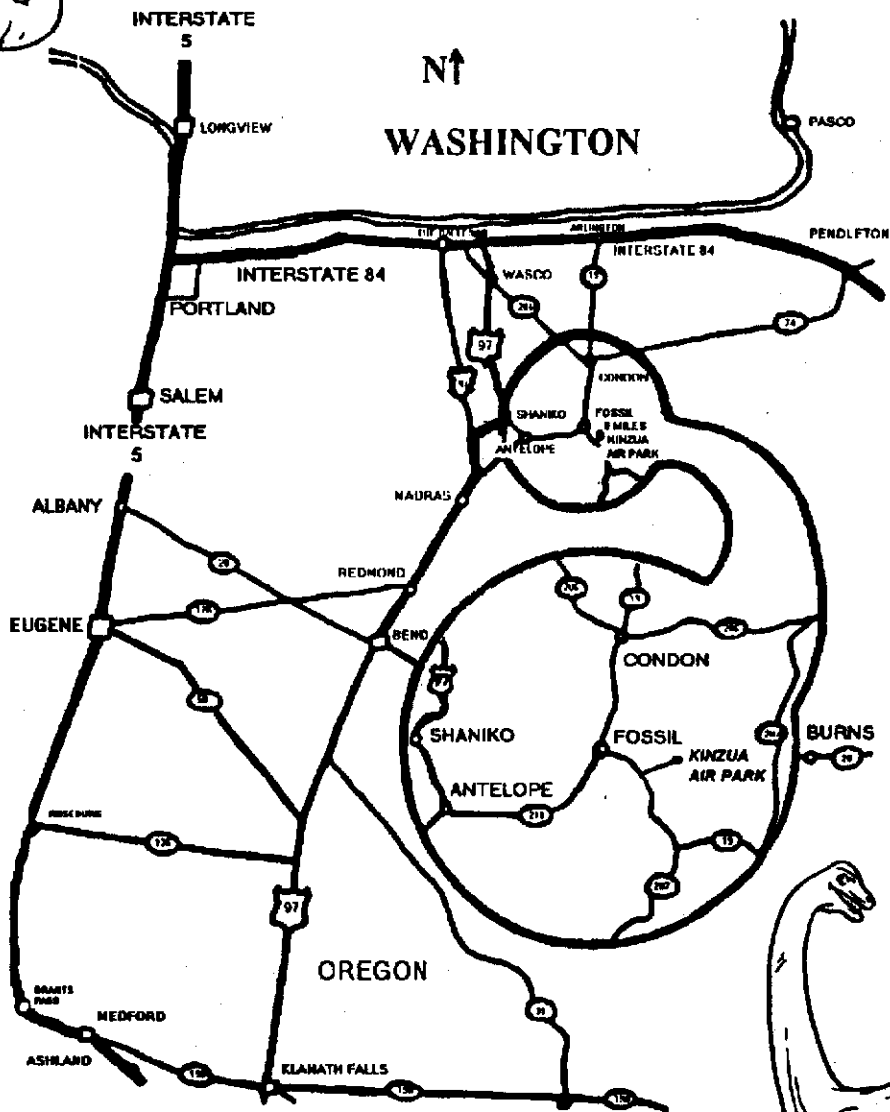
Door Prizes Tattoists Leather Accessories Parts & T-Shirts Games Food Concessions Fishing Golf Hay Rides

KINZUA AIR PARK

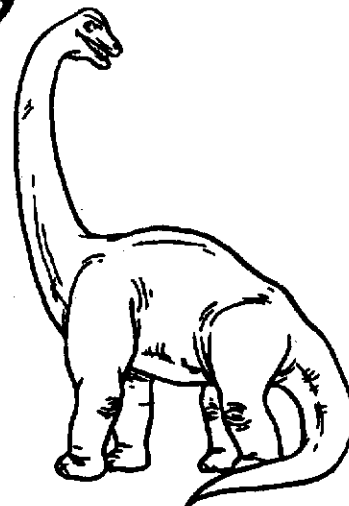
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**3 miles out of Fossil, you turn
left to Kinzua Air Park**



BikePAC of Oregon invites you to take part in the

Legislative Planning Conference

February 19 & 20, 1994

10 a.m. Saturday to 4:30 p.m. Sunday
The Dalles, Oregon



Directions on reverse of flyer.

For more information, call Jack Fassel, (503)650-9336

Return the sign up form by Feb. 12, 1994

Oregon is on the brink of a free-for-all in the 1994 primary elections.

Two federal representatives won't run again.

Two others might run for the Senate if Packwood leaves office early.

The fifth is under fire for her voting record.

Open seats at the federal level will tempt state officials to run,
so the free-for-all is spreading into the state legislature too.

There will be new candidates at all levels.

Where do we fit in the big picture?

How can we get "motorcycle friendly" candidates elected?

What direction should our lobbying go?

What is important for motorcyclists?

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

I'll be there for the following meals:

Sat. Lunch

Sat. Dinner

Sun. Breakfast

Sun. Lunch

CHENOWITH GRANGE HALL

3903 Chenowith Road West
The Dalles Oregon

MEETING FACILITIES

Heated meeting hall with tables, chairs.

MEALS - Advance registration!

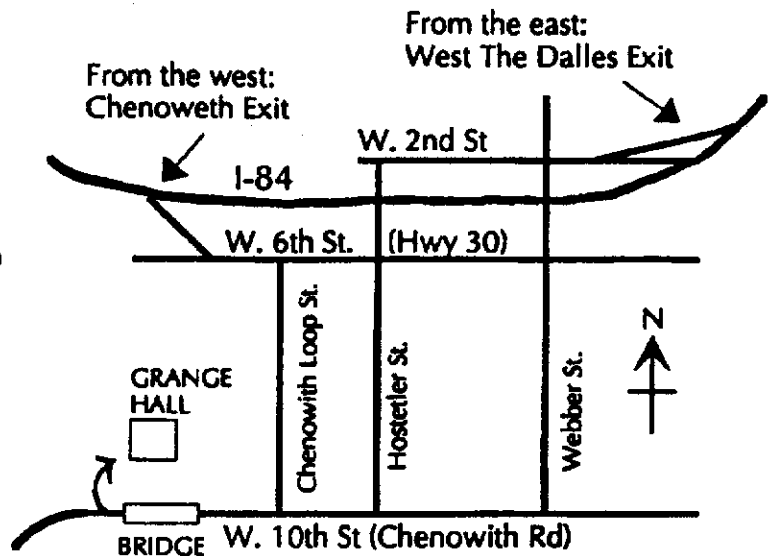
Lunch & dinner Saturday, breakfast & lunch
Sunday. Donations accepted to cover cost.

OVERNIGHT FACILITIES

FREE - sleep on the floor inside - bring your
own air mattress, etc.

FREE - self-contained RV parking or tent
space on site.

Motel information below for those desiring
the lap of luxury.



MOTEL INFORMATION

Prices as of 12/93 - 2 people/1 bed

Tax rate 8%

Best Western - Tapadera Inn & Restaurant
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(503)296-9107

Day's Inn
"Free Gourmet Continental Breakfast"
\$45 plus tax
2500 W. 6th St. (west side)
296-1191

Inn at The Dalles
\$30 double or \$37 queen plus tax
3550 SE Frontage Rd. (east side)
296-1167

Lone Pine Motel & Restaurant
"Free Bonus Breakfast"
\$47 plus tax
The Dalles Bridge Junction
I-84/Hwy 197
298-2800

Oregon Motor Motel
\$38.88 including tax
200 W. 2nd (downtown)
296-9111

Shamrock Motel
118 W. 4th (back street downtown)
\$27 plus tax
296-5464

Shilo Inn
"Riverfront Suites"
\$48 queen / \$55 king plus tax
The Dalles Bridge Junction
I-84/Hwy 197
298-5502

Tillicum Inn & Cousin's Restaurant
\$49 plus tax
2114 W. 6th St. (west side)
298-5161

Mail registration form to:

BikePAC of Oregon
LEGISLATIVE PLANNING CONFERENCE
c/o Jack Fassel
5204 Summit Street
West Linn, OR 97068

GAMES GUIDELINES
Formulated by Lincoln County Chapter

PLANK RACE OR BOARD RACE

This is a timed event with the winner having the slowest time across the boards.

Boards should be approximately 16 - 20 feet long and should be 2" X 8"s. Feet can not touch the board or the ground.

Time is started when the front tire is on the board and stopped when the back tire is off the end of the board.

Disqualification - touching feet to ground or board; either tire going off board before reaching end of board.

SLOW RACE (Two variations)

TIMED - SINGLE RIDER

Slowest time wins.

Width of course should be 10-12 feet or smaller.

Length of course should be 40-50 feet.

NOTE: Course may be modified to suit terrain)

Feet up.

Must stay within boundaries of course

Must maintain forward direction

Time starts when front of front tire breaks vertical plane of starting line.

Time ends when front of front tire breaks vertical plane of finish line.

TWO OR MORE RIDERS SIDE BY SIDE

Not timed

Can be single or double elimination

Feet up

Must stay within your own lane

No bumping

Must maintain forward direction

Winner of each heat advances to race against winners of other heats

BLIND RACE

Open class - Trikes and side cars are eligible

Feet may be down

Use same course as single rider slow race

Tip - check blindfold beforehand to make sure rider can not see - goggles with duct tape work good

No passengers

Establish line to measure from by going

down vertical from front axle to ground

Front axle over the line is a disqualification

Outside boundaries is disqualification

No assistance from spectators

Need safety spotters to walk with rider

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PING PONG BALL DROP (rider & passenger)

No feet down

Passenger sitting in seat in riding position

Elimination by number of balls in cups

Cups should start at 4 cups

Balls must be held in hand

Difficulty may be increased by increasing number of cups or decreasing cup size

Forward direction only

Ball must stay in cup when dropped

In order to avoid controversy - weight or stabilize cups

In case of tie - keep increasing cups

Do not have to use ping pong balls

WEINIE BITE (rider and passenger)

Measure portion bit

Eating or chewing or losing bitten portion of hot dog is a disqualification

Feet up until hot dog is bitten

Measure longest portion of bitten hot dog

Use mustard or other sauce (but not mayonaise)

KEG RACE

Open class

Fastest time wins

Feet down

Keg and/or bike must stay within boundaries

No kicking keg

Keg must be resting against front tire at start

Keg may be place lengthwise or sideways - riders choice

Time stops when keg crosses line

Keg may be advanced by front tire only

"YOUR CHOICE OF OBJECT" BOOT

Object may be advanced only by kicking once

Measure from kick off point to point of first impact with ground

Feet up

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Decisions of judges are final

Games are for fun of participants and spectators

LONG JOHN & POKER RUN

ANNIVERSARY PARTY

SATURDAY
MARCH 5th
ONA GRANGE



POKER RUN \$5.00
PER HAND

LONG DISTANCE RIDERS BRING
THREE RECEIPTS (GAS, ETC.) AND PAY
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ANNIVERSARY PARTY

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SIGN IN AT ONA BEACH STATE PARK
10:00am to 12:00noon

POKER RUN OPEN TO ANY VEHICLE
IF YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE POKER RUN
YOU GET INTO THE
ANNIVERSARY PARTY FOR FREE!!



LIVE MUSIC

8:00PM UNTIL ????

SPAGHETTI & GARLIC BREAD

6:00PM TO 7:00PM

\$3.00

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RANDY 563-2398

JOHN 444-2708

VICKI 563-3520

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NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED IN GRANGE HALL

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Columbia River Chapter

4th Annual



Sweet Heart Dance



Live Music
"CHINA WATCH"

Bring Your

**Casino
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♡ **"SWEETIE"** ♡
♡

Saturday Feb 12th 7:PM Till we're done !!

Cost: \$5.00 Single (Includes \$300.00 Play Money)

\$8.00 Couple (Includes \$600.00 Play Money)

Extra Play Money For Sale !



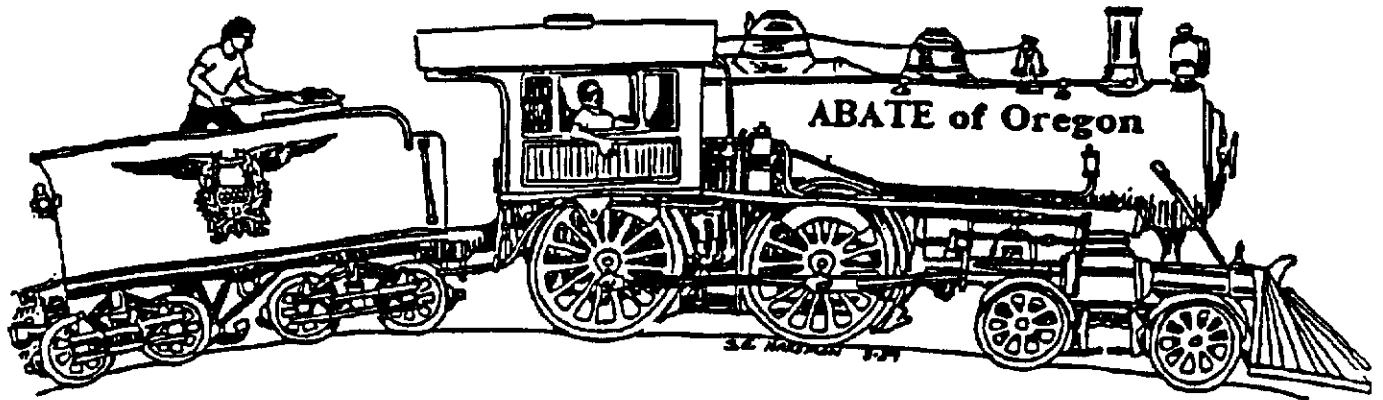
Auction:
12 Midnight

Bike Parking Front Entrance
SECURITY PROVIDED

**PLACE : The "CACTUS CLUB". . . . 8121 N. Denver,
Portland OR.**

For More Info: Call 285-4329

Seminar To Educate And Motivate S.T.E.A.M.



GETTING ON TRACK.

Saturday, April 16th, 1994 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Chemeketa Community College
Salem, Oregon

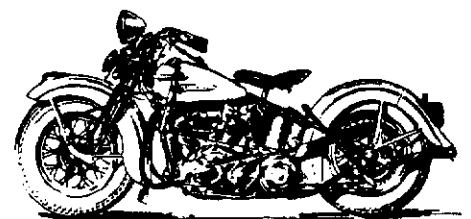
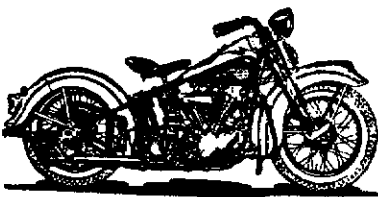
Presented as a service to all who desire to increase their skills as they pertain to effectiveness in motorcycle oriented organizations and their political activities.

No registration fee required.

Guest speaker on **TEAMWORK** and **MOTIVATION**

For more information
call

Rich (503) 287 - 8674
Workshop descriptions
on back



I.R.S. and Your Treasury

The how and whys to keep your organization in good standing with the I.R.S. What is or isn't taxable, and safeguarding your tax status. Also how to keep your records straight. Suggested for treasurers and coordinators.

Holding Successful Meetings

Tips and ideas on conducting effective orderly meetings. Planning an agenda. Dealing with different individuals. Suggested for coordinators and any officer that holds meetings.

Run Planning and Fund Raising

How to plan and put on successful events and fund raisers. Promotional ideas and how to involve your local community with your event. A need for the event coordinator in your organization.

Grass Roots Lobbying

How you can influence your legislators and their decisions. The law making process and how to introduce legislation effectively. Why you should care. This is a must for any civic minded person.

Secretarial Success

What should and shouldn't be in meeting minutes. Helpful hints on taking notes and being effective at your job. Behind every successful executive there's a great secretary. For secretaries and those considering this position in the future.

Public Relations

What is a Public Service Announcement. Image is everything, so how do we get the media to see us in a positive way. What will get your message on the air. Suggested for all of those individuals that do your press releases and arrange media coverage of your events.

KNOWLEDGE IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS !

S.E. Portland Anniversary Celebration



April 2, 94



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**Same Day
POKER RUN**



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MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

The third MC Awareness Instructor training course has been established. Many new Officers and interested persons are eager to take the course. Pay particular attention to the times and date of the course. PLEASE return the registration form as soon as you determine that you will be able to attend.

As usual, there is no cost for you to attend. Most of the ABATE chapters have been outfitted with the training material and tape necessary to teach the course. Try to find where these items are located and bring them to this session. There we will determine if your information is complete. This will also help us save money.

You will be expected to be at the training site by 12:30PM on MARCH 26th, 1994 (Saturday) to register. The class will start promptly at 13:00. You will be completely finished by 15:00. The place where the training will be held is Building 50, Room 112.. There will be a map included to those who respond and need directions.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW and return it to me by mail or at the next ABATE or BikePAC meeting in February.

This Course is going to be fun to do and if you remember why you have come there you should leave with some important information and the realization that you can be instrumental in saving some motorcyclist's life in the future.

After all, that is what this is all about. God Bless us all.

To Mel Yeager, Education Director
ABATE of Oregon
950 Concord NE #12
Salem, Or 97301

There will be _____ persons from our organization attending the Motorcycle Awareness Instructor Training Session on March 26th, 1994.

Our organization is _____

Contact Person name _____

Telephone Number or address _____

Freedom Rally "94" California Style "NO MORE IN 94"

By Butch Harbaugh - BikePac of Oregon

At the request of M.M.A. of California and N.C.O.M. I was quite happy and proud to be invited to be a guest speaker at the California Freedom Rally to be held at the state capitol in Sacramento on the first day of the opening of California legislative session.

This event was put together by a host of sponsors that included - the Northern and Southern California Confederation of M.C. Clubs, M.M.A. of California - A.B.A.T.E. of California, N.C.O.M. and many hard working volunteers.

I left the farm on a rainy Sunday afternoon to catch a plane in Eugene, thinking I had plenty of time only to get behind a string of school busses going 40 m.p.h. and no room to pass, oh well!! I just turned up George Throughgood and tried not to get to excited. I finally got to the airport with 10 mins to spare. After charging through the airport, I ran up to the counter and was politely told the plane was delayed because of mechanical problems. I didn't want to hear the !! Well we finally got to San Francisco late and was greeted by a person telling us in Japanese/English - Hurry - Hurry to catch a shuttle all the way across the airport to get the commuter special to Sacramento let me tell ya after all this, with out the assistance of my good ole buddy "Jose" here sets a plane about the size of a over size mosquito - well what the hell I thought, I've made it this far, I'll just go for it and we finally made it to Sacramento.

I was greeted this time by a friendly biker who took me to the hotel where massive quantities of bikers were converging from all over the state. I got to see some great old friends and meet lots more. I maintained so as to be ready for the next days activities.

Monday A.M. was foggy and damp but the expectations ran high and by 8:30 I caught a ride with a M.M.A. staffer to the capitol and there were busy bodies everywhere, blocking streets, setting up tables, making coffee, etc. All this time a steady stream of motorcycles continue to fill every space available - the CHP and Sacramento

police worked with the biker security to make things go as smooth as possible, remember now that this is the first day of the legislative session.....

About 10:45 a.m. all involved gathered at the capitol steps to hear speakers talking about the need to be well organized and working together, something we hear a lot, in the next hour and a half, guest speakers and members of the California legislature kept stressing the importance of keeping a strong united, there's that word again, forward march to regain that precious commodity we know as personal freedom also to support those who support our cause and work to have those of them that don't removed from office.

This whole experience was quite impressive and as usual I came away feeling re-charged and ready to help inspire bikers here in Oregon.

In closing I'll ad that BikePac of Oregon and A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon received many complements on the way we continue to put out professional written material for all to use special thanks to Brian Stovall and Teresa Hepker and to Gordon for the fine job they do!!

A very special thanks to "Mac" MMA of California, "Tombstone" of California Confederations of Clubs and Richard Lester and Pepper Massey of the N.C.O.M. for making my trip a better one.

"NO MORE IN 94" Lets all work to find just a little bit of time to give back to motorcycling - so future generations can enjoy it as we do.

Ride Safe

Butch



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MAY 14, 1994

PONY VILLAGE MALL

IN BY 8:00
OUT AT 6:05

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

MOTORCYCLE TYPE _____

YEAR _____

PLEASE MAIL TO JOHN MOLYNEUX, 210 RAYMOND ROAD, NORTH BEND, OR 97459, OR CALL AND LEAVE
INFORMATION AT 759-3885.



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THE LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE

In my continuing effort to educate the friends and members of ABATE of Oregon....I have found the following information which I hope will be of interest to you.

But before I get to it I want to let you know that I will be bringing various subjects of interest as they come to my attention from different sources. You may be reading about motorcycle safety training issues, insurance issues, statistics about injuries and deaths, changes of the laws, and ongoing efforts of both the Motorcycle Rights folks and the Law Enforcement agencies. For the most part I intend to quote the information verbatim, but I may also select those parts that are most interesting. I hope you find it interesting, too.

according to SAFE CYCLING magazine, Autumn, 1993 issue Motorcyclist deaths declined in 1992. "Fatalities caused by motorcycle crashes declined 17% in 1992, reports the National Highway traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). According to NHTSA there were 2,394 motorcycle deaths last year. In 1991, 2808 were killed in motorcycle crashes. That same year, motorcyclists were involved in only 1% of all police-reported motor vehicle accidents but accounted for almost 7% of the total number of traffic fatalities."

"Police reports also show that operator error, such as riding too fast for conditions or excessive speed, was responsible for 75% of the fatal crashes. Nearly 40% of all fatally injured riders had a blood alcohol concentration of 0.10% or higher, while another 12% were between 0.01 and 0.09%".

Unfortunately, The figures of accidents and deaths are compiled by State agencies and it takes nearly an entire year to make this information available to the general public. In this age of computers, surely the information is literally right at the fingertips of someone who could, if they were allowed to, release this data at the close of the year.

RIDE SAFE

Mel Yeager, Education Director
Part-time schoolmarm



TATTOO SAFETY ADVICE

With the advent of a number of communicable diseases, many of them fatal, it has become necessary to institute certain procedures to protect the public's health and safety. These standards were developed by members of the Associations of Professional Tattooists, "A.P.T." in conjunction with the Center for Disease Control "C.D.C." and "O.S.H.A".

Before You Get Tattooed,

#1 Request to see your tattooist personal certification of completion of training in "Preventing Disease Transmissions in Tattooing", as well as their licenses and documents of membership in professional tattoo associations, if they are not already prominently and conspicuously posted.

#2 Satisfy yourself that your tattooist is a qualified and knowledgeable professional and feel free to question them in depth about their individual qualifications and training, as well as their methods of sterilization and universal precautions. "The steam pressure Autoclave or Chemclave is the only approved and acceptable system. Dry heat or chemicals will not protect you.

#3 Determine for yourself that the studio, its furnishings, your tattooist and particularly the tattoo operatory is clean and orderly, similar to a doctor or dental office.

After you are seated in the operatory make certain--

#4 You personally observe your tattooist put on a new pair of gloves before removing a new needle and tube from a sterile envelope, sealed with Autoclave indicator tape.

#5 That all contact surfaces are covered with disposable sheathing and draping before new single service ink containers are set out in the sterile field and filled in your presence.

#6 Keep in mind that a qualified professional should easily satisfy these standards and gladly answer all your questions and concerns without hesitation or excuses.

#7 If at any time your tattooist becomes evasive or seems unable to comply with these necessary standards, do not hesitate to leave immediately and come to "A 21st Century Studio of Tattoo where 100% of our staff is fully licensed, certified and in compliance with all local, state and federal requirements.

Don't be fooled by pretenders, and don't bet your life on anything less.

A 21ST CENTURY STUDIO OF TATTOO
535 S.E. MORRISON
PORTLAND, OREGON 97214
(503)238-9915
(CORNER OF 6TH & S.E. MORRISON)



POW

RUN FOR THE WALL

ROLLING THUNDER VII

1994



MIA

BRING THEM HOME OR SEND US BACK!

At 8am on Wednesday, May 18th, Veterans and supporters will leave from T.A. Truck Stop at the intersection 1-15 and 1-10 in Ontario, California. Most will be riding motorcycles on a pilgrimage across the heartland of America to create a groundswell of support for all American Prisoners of War and Missing in Action.

(POW/MIA)

The group will unite with "Rolling Thunder", a parade from the Pentagon to the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. We had 70,000 bikes last year and expect 100,000 this year. Anyone can join us anywhere along the route.

IN LOVING MEMORY, WE DEDICATE THIS RUN TO
NICK GROZIAK - DIED JUNE 19, 1993

WEDNESDAY 18	THURSDAY 19	FRIDAY 20	SATURDAY 21	SUNDAY 22	MONDAY 23
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

CA John Anderson (Wild Turkey) 805-237-0790 WY Nick Nicholson (Nasty) 307-682-7450
 CA Dan Pfister (Crash) 818-919-1162 CT Howard Chappuis (Stick) 203-283-0676
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1ST ANNUAL REUNION

Held Wednesday of Sturgis Rally Week
 For Details: 307-682-7450 - Cindy
 805-393-8152 - Squirrel



FOR ROLLING THUNDER INFORMATION

CONTACT: Artie Muller 908-369-5439

NO ATTITUDES: Confirmed

HELMET STOP REPORT FORM

This information may be presented to state and federal legislators as well as police or DOT administrators. The purposes are to ensure appropriate lawmaking and reasonable enforcement. Please provide as much detail as possible. Attach extra pages if necessary. Thank you for your cooperation.

PLEASE SEND TO: Bike-Pac of Oregon PO Box 5612 Salem OR 97304

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

Date Stopped: _____ Time Stopped: _____

Location: _____

Officer Name: _____

Police Agency: _____

Was the primary reason for the stop: Helmet Other (Specify): _____

Did you receive a citation? yes no If so, for: Helmet Other (Specify): _____

Did the officer follow normal traffic laws in making the stop? yes no If no, explain: _____

Did the officer treat you fairly and respectfully? yes no If no, explain: _____

Was your helmet confiscated? yes no If yes, explain: _____

Were you given an explanation about legal and illegal helmets? yes no

If yes, was the explanation: written verbal both If verbal, describe: _____



**A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
ACTION REPORT**

POLICE OFFICER'S NAME _____ BADGE # _____

AGENCY(S) _____

POLICE VEHICLE PLATE # _____ UNIT # _____ COLOR(S) _____

MARKED _____ UNMARKED _____ TYPE OF MARKINGS _____

UNIFORM _____ PLAIN CLOTHES _____ IF PLAIN CLOTHES, HOW DID HE IDENTIFY HIMSELF? _____

OF OFFICER'S _____ NAMES & BADGE #'S _____

OF VEHICLES _____ PLATE & UNIT #'S _____

AGENCY(S) _____

DATE _____ TIME _____ LOCATION _____

WAS CONTACT MADE ON PUBLIC STREET OR PROPERTY? _____ PRIVATE PROPERTY? _____

PRIVATE RESIDENCE? _____ OTHER _____

OFFICER'S REASON FOR CONTACT _____

WERE YOU SEARCHED? _____ WAS YOUR PICTURE TAKEN? _____ WERE YOU WARNED? _____ CITED? _____

ARRESTED? _____ ON WHAT CHARGES? _____

TYPE OF CITATION _____ CITATION # _____ CHARGE(S) _____

DO YOU HAVE TO APPEAR IN COURT? _____ NAME OF COURT _____

COURT DATE _____ TIME _____ WERE YOU RELEASED WITH A CITATION? _____ TAKEN

TO POLICE STATION OR JAIL? _____ MADE TO POST BAIL? _____ AMOUNT OF BAIL _____

WAS YOUR VEHICLE IMPOUNDED? _____ SEARCHED? _____ DID OFFICER(S) TAKE ANYTHING FROM

YOU OR YOUR VEHICLE? _____ DESCRIBE YOUR VEHICLE _____

PLATE # _____ IF NOT A M/C, DID YOUR VEHICLE HAVE M/C STICKERS ON IT? _____

WITNESSES NAMES, PHONE #'S & ADDRESSES _____

GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHAT HAPPENED _____

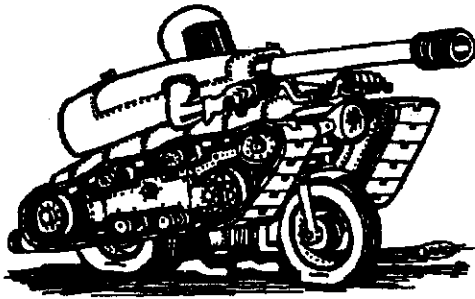
PRINT YOUR FULL NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE # _____

AGE _____ M _____ F _____ ABATE CARD # _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE SIGNED _____

**GIVE COMPLETED REPORT TO YOUR LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR OR MAIL TO:
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TRAFFIC SURVIVAL PART VI *Swerving*

For the past several months we've been exercising our brains about urban traffic. We've rambled through some basic concepts of accident avoidance, considered some typical urban intersection tactics, offered a little insight about riding the superslabs, and tossed in a few thoughts on surface hazards. It's getting time to tune up our motorcycles for the season, and it's time to tune up our skills as well.

Doing It Yourself

I wouldn't be concerned about a reasonably good mechanic doing his or her own motorcycle maintenance. But for anyone who doesn't have the foggiest idea of how valves or ignition systems work, I'd suggest taking the machine to an expert mechanic. Likewise, if you aren't very familiar with setting up skill exercises, I would strongly urge you to

find an instructor who is trained and experienced with coaching skill practice. There are several good reasons for practicing your skills under the eye of an instructor. An instructor will set up the exercises correctly, demonstrate them, coach you through practice, evaluate your performance, and help you correct any bad habits you might be carrying around inside your helmet.

Experienced RiderCourse

The best and easiest way to tune up your riding skills is to take the one-day "Experienced RiderCourse" developed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The "ERC" is offered at hundreds of independent training sites across the country.

You can locate the closest ERC by calling the MSF toll-free training hotline: 1-800-447-4700. Tell them your zip code, and they will put you in touch with the

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closest training site. A touring motorcyclist might prefer to sign up for an ERC in some other part of the country, or take the course at one of the larger rallies if it is offered.

Tuning up your skills is important enough to spend the time finding an ERC. That's my primary recommendation. But if you just can't figure out a way to take the ERC, or if you have an aversion to training classes, or if you would just rather do it yourself, it is possible to practice exercises successfully on your own. Just remember that the instruction is only as good as the teacher. It's very easy to misunderstand the instructions. I don't recommend trying to coach your riding buddies through any exercises.

Setting Up Exercises

Setting up practice exercises requires a large paved area and some sort of markers. You may be able to "borrow" a corner of a school parking lot, or perhaps use the parking lot where you work, early on a weekend or after hours. You can expect anyone watching to misunderstand what you're doing. Even recognized course sites have trouble getting permission to use a vacant parking lot, because of the liability. Some individuals feel it is easier to ask forgiveness than request permission. In addition to a space to practice, you will need some sort of markers or cones to lay out the exercises.

My favorite course markers are brightly-colored tennis balls cut in half. These flexible markers are cheap, stay put in a breeze, won't cause a spill if run over, and spring back to shape if you happen to mash them. I can carry a whole range full of such markers nestled in one saddlebag and have room left over for raingear. Whatever you use for markers, we will refer to them as "cones" in our practice

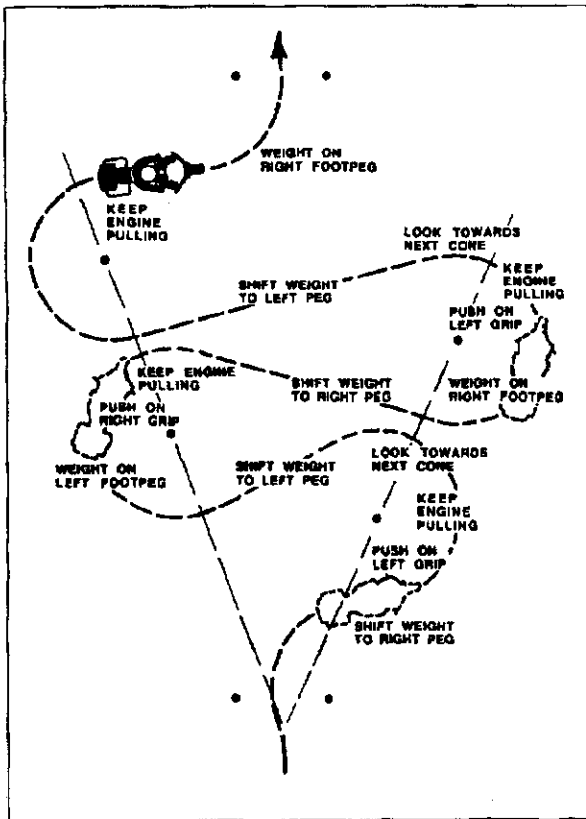


Figure 1: Pyramid Weave

exercises. The actual dimensions of the exercises aren't critical, the important thing is to make them large enough to get started, and then tighten up the size as you improve your skill.

Balancing and Steering

Let's work first on tuning up our balancing and steering control. Balancing a two-wheeler is a combination of what you do with your body weight and what you do with the handlebars. We balance mostly by "countersteering." That is, we momentarily point the front wheel in the opposite direction from where we want the motorcycle to go. For example, if we want to go straight ahead but the motorcycle starts to lean over to the right, we can steer the front wheel more to the right until the motorcycle straightens up. If the motorcycle wants to go straight but we want it to turn, we steer the contact patch away from the direction we want to go, and the motorcycle starts to fall over. Push on the right grip to turn right; push on the left grip to turn left.

If you understand this business of countersteering, we can move on to some exercises. If your brain is rebelling against

such illogical gobbledegook, find the April 1990 issue of *Road Rider*, and read "Introduction to Countersteering." Then come back to the parking lot for steering practice.

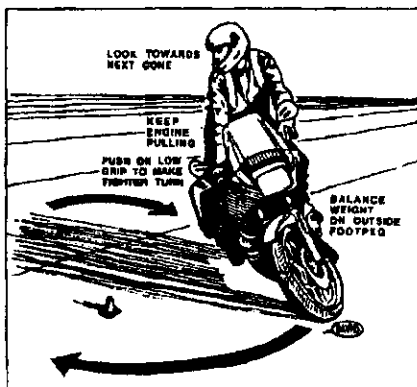
Pyramid Weave

Riding straight ahead is easy. Making tight turns is more difficult, so that's where we'll start. Our first steering/balancing exercise is a pyramid weave (Figure 1). Start at the narrow end, and ride around each cone. Looks easy, right? How about a couple of hints to help you through? To avoid a fixation on the cone you are circling, turn your head to watch the next cone. Don't try to pull in the clutch and coast around a tight turn—keep the engine pulling all the way around. If the engine isn't pulling, the motorcycle wants to fall over. If you prefer, enter the pyramid from the wide end. The diagram has a few instructions to help you through.

Tight Turn Secrets

What most of us discover when practicing tight turns is that our motorcycle

Figure 2: Tight Turn Secrets



doesn't want to make as tight a turn as we'd like it to. There are a couple of secrets to very tight turns. The first secret is that the farther over you lean the front wheel, the tighter the circle it will make. If you want to prove this to yourself, walk your bike through a circle two ways: first, turn the front end against the stop, but keep the wheels vertical. Walk it around, and place a cone at the perimeter. Second time around, keep the front end against the stop but lean the bike over towards the center of the circle. Leaned over, it will turn much tighter.

The trick to leaning the bike over into a tight circle is to get up off the saddle and place your weight on the outside footpeg, then keep pushing on the "low" grip until the machine leans over to the limits of clearance (Figure 2). Remember to keep the engine pulling all the way around.

Don't be discouraged if tight turns don't come naturally. Whatever you find difficult, the solution is to practice, practice, practice. Here is another exercise to help master tight turns: The "Figure-8 Box" (Figure 3). Enter the box at any corner, make a sharp turn at the other end, reverse direction into another sharp turn, then exit at the opposite corner. You'll need to shift weight from one footpeg to the other at the crossover. If you are bit timid at first, move the cones out a couple of feet, then gradually bring them in as you gain confidence and skill. As you master a tighter circle, bring the cones in another few inches.

The Figure-8 is an exercise anyone can practice spontaneously without cones, and it is helpful in maintaining balancing/steering skills. I just make the tightest possible Figure-8 in some corner of a parking lot somewhere during the ride. It's the sort of exercise you can do anytime, even as you arrive for work in the morning. It's best to practice tight turns on a warm engine that won't suddenly cough and die just as you lean over to the limits.

Swerving

Back in our discussions of evasive maneuvers, we suggested several techniques for avoiding hazards. Swerving without braking is an acceptable evasive maneuver. For example, pretend a left turning car suddenly stops halfway across your lane, and you've got to swerve

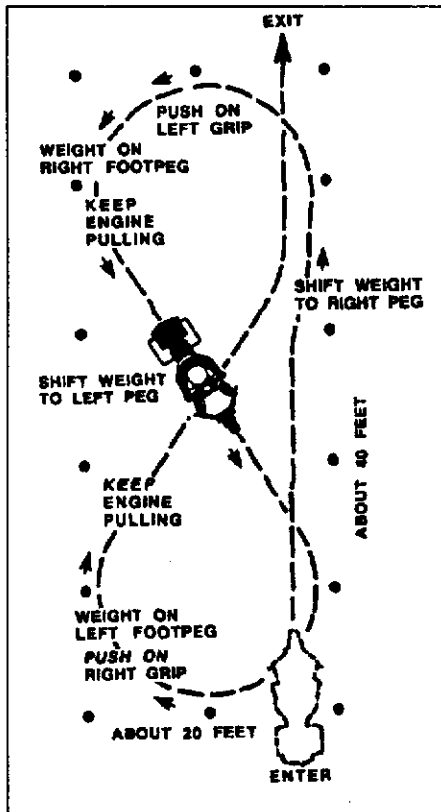


Figure 3: Figure-8 Box

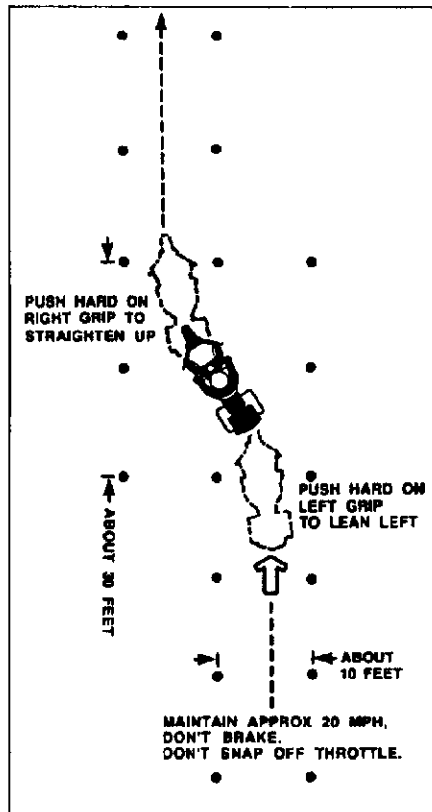


Figure 4: Swerving

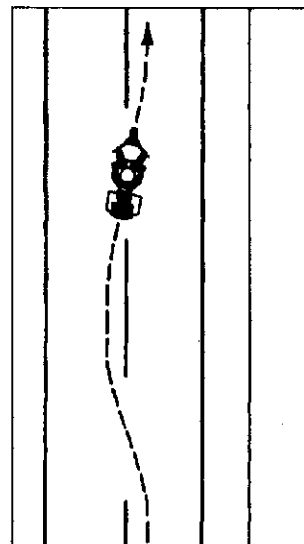


Figure 5: Casual Practice

around it. The swerving exercise is a simulation of two lanes, represented by two long boxes (Figure 4). Ride down the first lane at a modest but steady speed. As you enter the box, swerve over into the other "lane," straighten up, and continue down the second lane.

Note that a swerve is really two sharp corners connected together. Push hard on the left grip to swerve left, then push hard on the right grip to straighten out again. Concentrate on pushing on the grips. Let the motorcycle lean over independently of your body—don't try to lean it over by throwing your body weight around. Ride slowly at first, then gradually increase speed as you gain confidence.

Swerving can use up all of the available traction, so avoid trying to swerve and brake or swerve and accelerate at the same time. When swerving, stay off the brakes, and try not to suddenly snap the throttle closed. Remember that shutting off the gas uses up some traction the same as when braking the rear wheel, and you

may need all the available traction for changing direction.

Casual Practice

Sometimes, when I'm by myself on a vacant road way out in the boondocks, I use the dashed center line to practice swerving. I swerve between the painted dashes, starting at less than 20 mph, then gradually increasing speed to the limits of nerve and traction—about 40 mph (Figure 5). I don't swerve all over the road, but stay as close to the centerline as possible between swerves. And I knock off the swerving if I see any other vehicles approaching. I don't want anyone to freak out at my strange behavior and do something rash. Some folks like to practice U-turns on narrow vacant roads.

Gain Skill, Avoid Pavement Rash

Let's note that riding a motorcycle always involves some extra risk, and trying things you've never done before can

increase that risk. If you are practicing these exercises by yourself, remember that there is no instructor to stop you if you approach any of the limits without realizing it. Smart riders wear their crash padding every time they ride, including leather boots and gloves, heavy jacket, and helmet.

It should go without saying, but we'll say it anyway: Be sure your bike is "tuned" before you try to tune up your skills on it. Pay special attention to your tires, because those tiny contact patches are essential to traction. And make sure you can turn the bars to the limits without stretching the throttle or clutch cables. Do a little test with the engine running to see if turning the handlebars has any effect on engine speed or clutch free play.

If you have difficulty with very tight turns or swerves, you're in good company. The slow stuff is where we can see who is skillful and who isn't. But the only way to improve skill is to practice those things we find difficult. #

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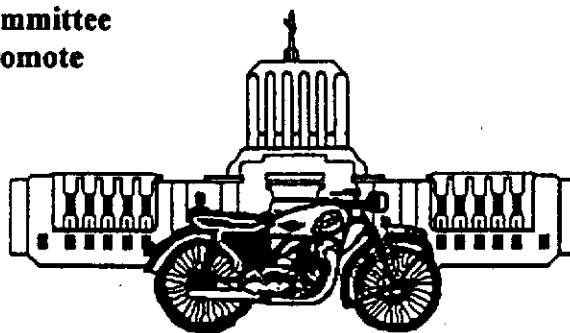
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