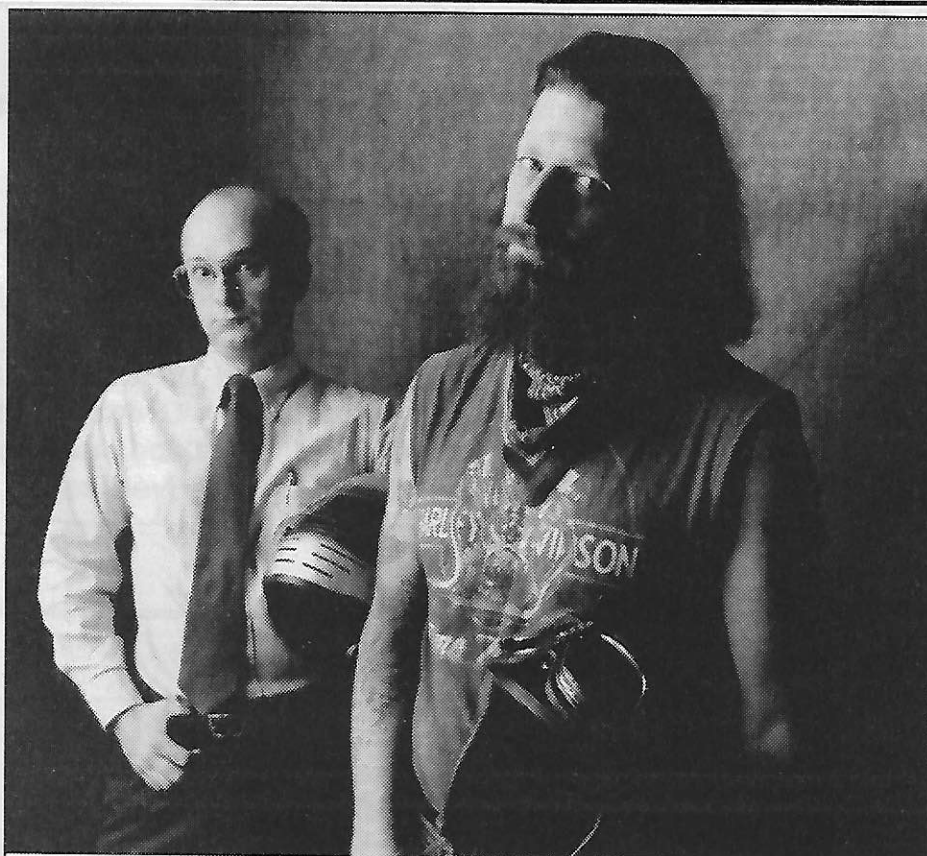


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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon
STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 1994

The meeting was called to order by Rich in Eugene at 12:20 pm. Chapter roll call indicated that Blue Mountain, Jackson and Yamhill chapters were absent. Minutes were excepted as read.

COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS-NCOM regional meeting happening, Public Relations, "Doing...for the cause", betterment of motorcyclist rights all of these need to be more effective.

CORRESPONDENCE-Russ Fox starting up a new chapter down south. A thank you note from Sharon Yeager, Lapine High School to Bull, Motorcycle Awareness program, AMA Activist review concerning S.21 they do not support it, Nic Oliver's letter regarding m/c program, NACM, ABATE of Washington's swap meet, Customer service, Lane Co. membership that was not received.

REPORTS:

EDUCATION DIRECTOR-10/16/94 program sign in 12:00 please bring instructional material from those who have. Would like to purchase more tapes. If your chapter has any that they are not using please return them. Nic is looking to regionalize the state into three regions, north, south and east, with assistants in each region.

HISTORIAN-Pictures at last run turned in. Ronna has relocated to the Dalles-all records are secured. When you turn in pictures, please identify them as to the event and people in the pics.

LEGISLATION DIRECTOR-No report. Session starts in January '95.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY-1640 members.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR-Keeping at 40 pages, trying to keep advertising to a certain level.

PRODUCTS DIRECTOR-T-shirts from Fossil, 20 year pin design deadline is November's board meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS-Ken has tapes in two formats(3/4 & 1 inch) for the PSA.

STATE RUN COORDINATOR-Freedom Run had a small turnout, but made some money.

TREASURER-Checking=\$/General Sav.\$/Legal=\$/M/C Ed.\$/Bulk Mail=\$=GRAND TOTAL=unavailable, it was given but it was not attached.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-Speaker phones-how to connect the eastern side of the state during the winter. Other ideas include reimbursement for travel and lodging. Maybe a regional representation. Tape recording and video to show the east side. Mitch made a motion to pursue the cost of phone hook ups. it passed. Lobbyist for ABATE was discussed. General agreement to stay with BikePac. Road list needs to still be put together. Please submit by chapter at state board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS-MOTION:Randy moved/Salem 2nd to lower quarterly payments by the chapters to the state from 25% to 15%. Much discussion---Y=2N=5AB=0 **FAILED**

Announcements:

Rich adjourn the meeting at 4:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by Deb Fryman/edited by Gordon W. Hieronimus(respectfully)

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

October 8, 1994

The meeting was called to order by Mitch Putman in Eugene at 12:21 pm. Chapter roll call indicated that Blue Mountain, Jackson, Salem, and Washington County were absent. We had a quorum. Minutes from September's meeting were not read.

COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS- Mitch talked about the positive things going on all around the state. We all need to start looking for the positive in everything we do. Without positive, all we have is well you can figure that one out.

CORRESPONDENCE- ICMS newsletter, NCOM convention in Seattle flyer, MRF membership card, Deb Fryman's resignation, and a 1994 Transportation Safety Conference (in Eugene) registration form.

REPORTS:

EDUCATION DIRECTOR- Nic states that he is ready for the October 16th instructors class in regards to ABATE's Motorcycle Awareness Program.

HISTORIAN-No report.

LEGISLATION DIRECTOR-Voter's guide on time in the mail, a word of thanks to all those(the few) who put so much into getting it done. GOOD JOB! Not a one issue person is Jim Rhodes and he advises all to VOTE smart. Brian Stoval spoke on the meeting in the Dalles, discussed the various ideas that came out of the meeting in detail.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY-Total 1730 state wide (see membership chart)Thanks goes out to the Central Oregon Chapter(membership pig roast) and Angie(DJ's swap meet)for all the recruiting they have done in the last month.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR-Gordon requested information from each chapter regarding road list and revising the legislative information phone tree. Keep those cards and letters coming!

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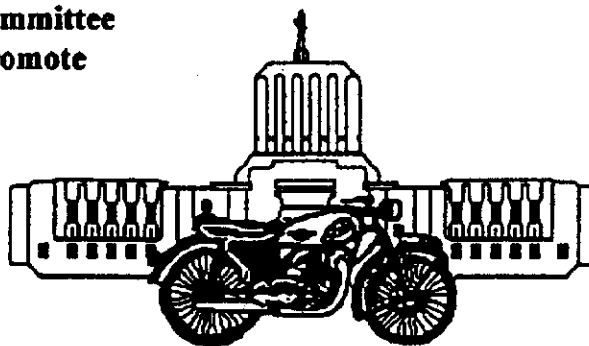
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PRODUCTS DIRECTOR-Designs for the 20 year pin need to be turned in at the November State Board meeting. Only two designs have been turned in so far. Orders for products are up and T-shirts from Fossil are available(discounted at State Board only)

PUBLIC RELATIONS-No report. The state is looking for some person(or people)to assist in writing the history of ABATE of Oregon. This a good chance for you to learn from those who lived it!

STATE RUN COORDINATOR-Well not much to say(SURPRISE) Started working on Fossil '95'. Looking for a site in the general area. Looking for sites for the '95 Freedom run-now is the time for input.

TREASURER- Checking=\$3,466.11 /General Sav.\$28,988.54 /Legal=\$1,823.76 /M/C Ed.\$372.21/Bulk Mail=\$498.64=GRAND TOTAL=35,149.26

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-Tele-conferencing-Mitch and Dennis will have answers at the November meeting. Lobbyist- a layout of the job description was to be sent to each chapter by Mitch, will discuss next meeting. Meeting of the Minds- Gordon gave a summary with comments from Joy Hoover and Larry Schaulk as to what they learned and information that is available. If you are making a press release, contact Gordon(503)253-7343 for info on to how to make it look good and read well. The information will be gathered and printed for all in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS-Trifolds need to be remade. A committee has been formed and it will be brought back next month. NCOM Convention was discussed and it was suggested that we send people. **MOTION:**(by Tom Crowl) ABATE send Gordon Hieronimus to represent the organization and pay his way. Y=7-N=0-AB=0 PASSED/ **MOTION:**(by Larry Schaulk)To create a Vice Coordinator East and Sgt. at Arms East position. Y=8-N=0-AB=0 PASSED/ **MOTION:**(Lincoln Co. Rep.)ABATE sponsor two(2) people to the Transportation Safety 26th Annual Conference.Y=8-N=0-AB=0 PASSED. Gordon will fill in as secretary for the remainder of the year.

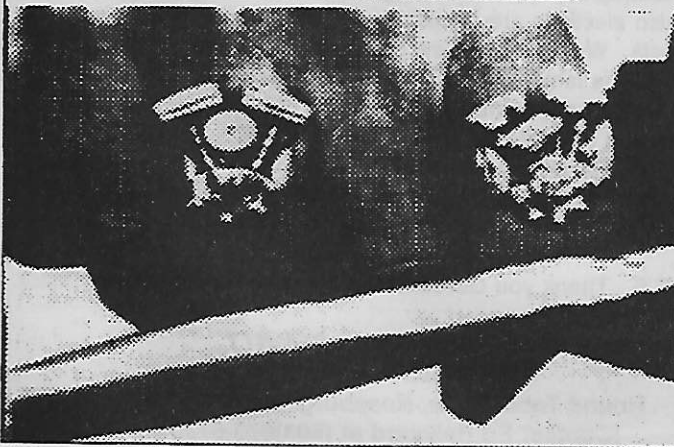
Nominations for 1995 officers were opened and here is a list of those who volunteered so far: State Coordinator:Larry Schaulk(nominated) /Vice Coordinator South: Chris Viera/ Membership Secretary: Carolyn Meerzo/ Newsletter Editor: Gordon Hieronimus/ Treasurer: Joy Hoover/ Sgt at Arms North: Bear/ All positions are still open for nominations or volunteers who feel like they can do the job. Please attend the next two State Board meetings if you wish to do a position. Elections are in December.

Announcements: A new chapter is forming in the southern end of the Willamette Valley. Should get their charter next meeting.

Mitch adjourn the meeting at 3:56 pm.

Minutes submitted by Gordon Hieronimus (temp Secretary).

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CHAPTER REPORTS

Blue Mountain

Meets 3rd Sunday, 3:00 pm

Klondike Pizza, 828 Southgate, Pendleton

Chapter Address: 1306 S.E. Court, Pendleton, Or. 97801

Chapter Contact: Bruce Coats (503) 963-4622

Hello,

Everyone's doing fine here. Quite a few riders are still taking advantage of the sunny weather we have been having. I myself have not been so fortunate. Going to college full-time has me busy. Recently we started putting out a news letter to our chapter members. It is a copy of our minutes plus any other pertinent material. This seems to be working out quite well. I would like to take this moment to thank our Chapter Vice-Coordinator, Craig Mayfield of Paramount Motorcycle Supply. He has helped out a lot with faxing information and promoting ABATE. There have been times when I needed to fax something to our chapter coordinator using his business fax machine. He would take time right there and then to stop what he was doing to do this. Plus he has allowed me to use his phone for some long distance phone calls concerning chapter business. I thank him for his help. The sun is warm yet. BUT! There has been ice in the morning where the lawn sprinklers were left running all night. Fall is here I think. Enjoy the sun while you can.

Ride Safe

JPF

Central Oregon

Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7 pm

American Legion Hall, 8th St., Redmond

Chapter address: P.O. Box 1527, Redmond, Or 97756

Chapter contact: Cindy Maxwell (503)382-7079

HOWDY! AGAIN FROM THE EASTSIDE,

Cindylou"Who" here again, so glad to be home from the far ends of the state. First of all, I want to thank Valerie "Ms.P" Pfeffer for standing in for me. She has done an outstanding job taking over the secretary's position while I was gone. I know who I'm nominating for the position for next year!

What a great time to come back home too, Central OR. has a lot of news to report to all of you. Our "membership drive" pig roast was a real success, somehow, real doesn't seem to be a strong enough adjective to explain how good it was. Hold on to your handlebars----- "59" new members!!!! That brings us up to "189" members! Now it isn't official, but even if it's close I think it's pretty good for being such a young chapter. The big task now is to get most of them to come to the meetings and really be an active part of the organization. We had about 150 come in the gate, believe me, we actually began to have a small panic at about 6:30, we had no idea that that many people would show up. All went well though, I think that everyone had a great time. We were surprised to see quite a few of you from the valley come over, thanks for making the "LONG" trek over the mountains. Great food, good music, and even better people, our first big event was truly a BIG success. I think that the most thanks has to go to Tom Kent, our membership secretary for having the goal of making this chapter grow. This event was his brainstorm, and he made all of us motivated enough to make it happen. He also has the reputation for making the best roast pig in the state. I know now that the old saying "a way to the heart is through the stomach" is true. If I was a pig and I had

my way, I'd give my life to being one of Toms roasters.

A bit more news from the "DRY" side. We have joined forces with A.M.O. and hopefully H.O.G. to put on the TOY RUN for Central Oregon. A.M.O. has had a very successful TOY RUN in the past several years and we are honored to be a part of it this year. Hopefully with the 2 and maybe 3 organizations working together it can be even bigger and better this year. We have a canned food drive already in the works at several locations in the area. Also, we are asking our members to bring a can of food or any non-perishable items to the meetings. This is the time of year that we all start of thinking of people in need, we need to think of those that are less fortunate at all times of the year. I would like to see our chapter continue with the canned food drive year around, just as I'm sure that a lot of you do. After all, we know that us "BIKERS" are all a pretty good bunch of people it's just convincing the community that we are that is sometimes hard.

Well, summer is drawing to a close and we can all start planning, or should I say dreaming, what we want to do with our scoots in the down time this winter. My generator took a S--- late this year so I know that's a hafta, but I think I'll dream of a new paint job. We'll see how much sweet talking I can give to "MAD MAX".

'till next time, let's hope to keep the sun in our eyes!

Cindylou"WHO"

COLUMBIA RIVER

Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays, 12:30 pm

Cactus Club & Diner, 8131 N. Denver, Portland

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 11817, Portland, OR 97211

Chapter Contact: Angie, (503)285-4329

Hello,

We now have 115 members, where are you?

Winter sure is creeping up on us, I can feel it in my bones. Anyway, the designs for the 20 year anniversary is for a pin not a T-shirt as I put in last month's news letter, excuse me.(Not a bad idea though.) The Toy Run party is October 29th, you will read this after it. Hope all of you had a great time. I know I will. A lot of help will be needed.

Don't forget NCOM coming up Nov. 5,6,&7. Thank you Neal(Spike) for volunteering to go to it, it will be very interesting. Also elections are coming up. Come to the meeting to get the facts. We will need new officers.

The family picnic was great. A lot of good food and good folks! The kids had a great time. If you were not there, you missed a great one.

50/50 was won by Stacey,(\$17.00) way to go! David D. Nelson lost \$115.00 on the membership drawing. Who are you?

Ride safe,Lana

P.S. Thank you Gordon for staying on as Newsletter Editor.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Meets 3rd Sunday at 11:00 am

Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg

(Contact Ed-Halkyard at (503)673-6120 for info.)

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 61, Roseburg, OR 97457

Chapter Contact: Joy Hoover(503)673-1304

To whom it may concern,

This is a letter to our chapter first and those who either

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, (503)563-3520

NO REPORT, FIRST TIME.

NORTH COAST

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00pm

Pizza Harbor, Seaside

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

Chapter Contact: Don Smack, (503)738-7156

Hello again!

Fall is here on the North Oregon Coast. Watch out for early morning *frost* soon, and dress appropriately for the weather.

Everyone who attended had a good time at the 6th annual End of Summer Run. A little over 250 people attended the event and most went to D.J.'s swap meet afterwards on Sunday.

North Coast put on the Bike Games and they sure were a kick. Yours truly even won a trophy in the Ping Pong drop. Who was that rider who took home four, count them, four trophies from Yamhill Co.? He sure had some riding skills.

The Bike Show was fun, with some nice rides! The participants should be proud, especially the fellow with the Knucklehead and sidecar, also the '63 Pan Duoglide, NICE, NICE, NICE!!!

Well in new business, I guess we'll be having a spaghetti feed in November, sometime and start putting out cans to some of the bars and businesses for the annual Toy Run. Last year was very successful, so hopefully we can top it this year.

That's it for now.

Ride safe,

Roy

N.E. PORTLAND

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 pm

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

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

Chapter Contact: Rusty Taylor (503) 777-5121

Did you attend the Q&A session in Troutdale? Did you get out there and vote? If you didn't vote, don't complain about the rights you lost.

Are you going to the Shriners Toy Run?

I'm getting lazy and I don't care anymore. That's all I have to say this month.

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empathize or want to stone me second. As I read through the new newsletter, yes I do eventually get around to it! I hear a lot of loyal hard working officers and members of ABATE and other MRO's asking for participation from the inactive members. This is a hard thing to ask for. Many members have time constraints, some have terminal burn-out, some have interpersonal reasons, some I believe actually believe they have a good management team and they don't need any help.? Well let me tell ya about my perception of the ABATE environment. First off we have 140 odd members of which I would say 30 are highly active, I will call this 30 the core group. So this core group tends to be friends to begin with and in most cases it tends to bring us closer together and we become a family, and with all families there comes problems. There are the simple disagreements over operations of the MRO, there is burn-out, some get disappointed because the rest of the chapter doesn't get involved, there are personality and personal problems within the family and all of this eats away at the MRO's effectiveness. In our core, we have had all these problems one way or another and in some cases it has hurt us. I have enjoyed working with my core/family and I hope we all remain family long after we are not the core. After almost 2 years as Coordinator, I have decided a turn over of the officers which is a big part of the core is necessary. I think when the core has problems, it turns off the rest of the chapter. I think when the core becomes a family sometimes it scares off other members because they don't feel a part of the family group. I am as guilty as any of being family oriented and I have experienced burn-out. I have not been nearly as enthusiastic in my second year as I was in my first. I have seen some of these things happen to the state board as an officer in the past. So to me it seems at times our organization's goals are hopelessly unattainable, sometimes it seems painfully complicated helping to run this organization, but mostly it is a good feeling when we pull off a successful event or do good for someone like Camp Easter Seals Kids. The reason I'm writing all this B.S. is I hope all you chapter members will take a moment to think about why our organization exists and why our chapter exists. Our goals are good. Ask yourselves, do you want your children and grandchildren to experience motorcycling? If so, they need us. Our rights are threatened on every level. I know there will be some turn over in our chapter office. I for one will not do a third term as Coordinator, you will get diminution return for your investment. Let us face it, I've never held a paying job for three years in my 35 years. So I hope lots of you members will get involved in coming months to keep this chapter going because the strength of ABATE of Oregon is only as strong as the chapters. I don't plan to quit fighting for rights, I just want to go on to do a different job. So don't let the problems of our organization get to ya, stay focused on our goals. Toy Run coming up. Thanks to Sharon for the nice letters and a special thanks from Kristin, my daughter.

Remember-QUESTION AUTHORITY!

Later

Chris

JACKSON COUNTY

Meets 1st & 3rd Sundays, 11 am.

Oreaganos Pizza 828 2nd Ave., Gold Hill

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 1184, Medford, OR 97501

Chapter Contact: Gene Nelson (503)855-7345

NO REPORT, FIRST TIME.

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: Ruby Vigil (503)769-7976

Howdy hi, from Salem Chapter,

Whoa Dudes and Dudettes, there's so much going on down here in Salem, I don't know where to start, but here goes.

First, our membership is increasing along with the meeting participation. A lot of new faces, with new ideas.

We have decided not to do the state Hospital Toy Run this year, because of increasing rules and regulations. Through the years, these have been adding up, this year they told us we couldn't wear T-shirts with any printing or Biker Logo. Well these rules and regulations are not what we are about. So, on to other organizations that will appreciate our good will gesture. This year we have decided to sponsor the Childrens Guild here in Salem. Of course we would like to keep the toy run in tact and will keep you informed of what is happening.

Another new idea, is to provide courtesy cards to our chapter membership, but you have to come to the meeting to pick them up. You knew there would be a catch, so come on down and pick them up.

Also, this Thanksgiving, we are going to help the Mission here in Salem with help and money a week or so before Thanksgiving, so if you find yourself with nothing to do and would like to help. Call Mike at 503-769-7976, or Judy at 503-743-2448. This is a very worthy cause, so let's give a helping hand.

Our anniversary party will be on Dec 3rd about 6pm biker time or 7pm to those who don't use biker time, at the home of Larry and Tawana. This will be a pot-luck with a live band. Flyers will be out in a few days. This will give those who are going to the Shriners Toy run time to get back and party. For more info call Larry at 503-588-7571.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to give a special thanks to Lynette Comstock for her hard work and dedication to our cause. A few weeks ago, Mel gave us a phone call asking for help with the campaign for Catherine Webber, who is running for House of Rep. and is supportive of Pro-choice and A.B.A.T.E. friendly. So, I got on the phone and called at least 30 to 40 people. Some said they would think about it. Well, I thought that at least 10 or 15 members would show up to help mail out flyers and make phone calls for the campaign. I found out the only one who showed up was Lynette, and had been doing so for the week and a half it took me to get off my lame ass and get down there and pitch in. Thanks, again Lynette, we are proud to have you in our chapter.

Dave Beck is going tin to the hospital Nov 29th for another surgery. It seems the bone graphs didn't take. We are proud of the way you have handled this crisis Dave and were amazed at how soon you were able to get back on you bike. The only thing I can say, is this man is definitely a fighter, keep it up. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you, Dave.

One last thing, the BikePac Voter Guide is out, be sure to read it and get out and vote.

Ride Safe,
Micheal J.

SOUTH COAST

Meets 3rd Sunday, 11 am
Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 4175, Coos Bay, OR 97420
Chapter Contact: Terry and Dorle Kepl,(503)267-0172

Hello from the South Coast!

Well, this last month I have thoroughly been living up to my name. I have been out of the area almost constantly. However, after hooking up with some other members I have some second-hand (or maybe third-hand) info to pass along.

We had a combination A.B.A.T.E. meeting and poker run on September 18th. I managed to make the meeting, but I had to leave before the poker run. I didn't get all the information about it, but I heard the route ran through Elkton, Southerlin, Roseburg, and wound up in Coquille. I know the weather was nice and haven't heard about and breakdowns, so I guess it was a good run. No word yet about who won the big prize (or what it was), but when I get the word I'll pass it along!

On September 25th our chapter had a combination road cleanup/end of summer party. About 13 bikes and 20 people showed up to remove the trash, debris, and occasional roadkill from our little stretch of American roadway. At the party that followed, Neal was head chef and Chuck was the designated pyromaniac (they're both hot jobs but somebody had to do it - thanks, guys!). I guess the party lasted until 4 or 5, sure wish I could have made it. Maybe somebody got some pictures for me?

A sad note to mention this month. Memorial services were held for Andy Proctor, one of the original officers of the South Coast chapter. He was escorted in true in-the-wind fashion - his ride was on a trailer in front of the limo, and following behind was about 15 scooters. He'll be missed by all. Ride free forever, Bro.

It has also been passed to me that Chaplain Steve recently returned home from the hospital following hip surgery. All of us are wishing you a speedy recovery, Chaplain!

The 50/50 drawing at our last meeting was handled differently. Tickets were sold instead of simply passing the hat. \$32 was collected, the big winner was Rocky who graciously donated his half back to the treasury. Thanks, Rocky!

Coming events! November 19th is our Salvation Army Food Run, and December 18th is our Toy Run. Come show your support and have some fun!

Well, that's the scoop for this month. Remember guys (and gals), I am looking for an assistant to help me out, especially for times like this last month when I'm out of town a lot. If you don't want to commit yourself as an assistant I will gladly accept any and all input for this newsletter.

Until next month, keep the wind (or rain) in your face and just remember, Summer will come again!

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Chapter Contact: Larry Schalk 774-2479

Hello,

It sure is beginning to feel like winter. Everyone be sure to get your warm clothes out to wear, for up coming runs and meetings.

Elections for new officers is already coming up in our chapter. It doesn't seem like a year ago I took the office of secretary, and I'm not ready to give it up. So if you have someone in mind for an office, or would like to run for an office your self, speak up and say so.

Election will be at your last meeting in November, on the 20th.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8:00 pm
Pizza Hut, 3190 N.W. 185th, Portland
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 830, Cornelius, OR 97113
Chapter Contact: Don Murry 648-9651,
Dave at V-Twin (503)648-4103

Hello again from Washington County:

Well if you haven't been reading the newsletter closely you may not have noticed that our meeting place is at the Pizza Hut that is located at the corner of SW 185th St. and the Sunset Hwy. We have an enclosed meeting room that is very private. There is also plenty of parking, and the smokeless meetings are now a thing of the past, so you can light up what is legal during the meeting again.

The End of Summer Run was a success for all of us. As usual there was a shortage of volunteers for gate and security. We did learn a lot at the new location. Next years event will be arranged differently and not have the entertainment and vending spread out so much. But we're learning and making things a lot better too.

The Washington County Toy Run will be November 19th. Another case of Jack Daniels will be given away as usual, as well as a whole bunch of other good stuff. Watch for the flyer in the Newsletter.

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Chapter Contact: Kraig, (503)876-5135

I'm back!

In Yamhill County that is. Much sorrow, apologies and grovelling for missing the last two reports. I have been out for the summer on forest fires in Washington, Idaho and Eastern Oregon. So I missed the last two chapter meetings, End of Summer Run, swapmeet, ZZ TOP concert (gave away my ticket sob!) and parked the bike for over 80 days. Well needless to say the battery on the bike was dead and a big puddle of oil was on the garage floor; but, only a small delay before Lu Ann and I were in the wind again.

Kraig reported good things about the end of summer run, he is already planning for next year. Yamhill County chapter membership is 28. We have scheduled our fund raising firewood cut for November 5th and our "Willamina Tree Giving" charity run for December 24th. We have the Santa suits but need people to fill them. Contact Kraig at 503-876-5135.

H.L.V.B.
Steve R.

Remember, that those of you who are doing the chapter reports, are still responsible for doing them through January 1995. It is very important to keep the information flowing. If you are being replaced, please assist those who replace you. It does make the job easier and makes people want to do it more readily. Thanks GWH(editor)

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NEW BOOK COVERS MANY FACETS OF MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

IRVINE, CA—Now all motorcyclists can have instant access to an extensive resource on motorcycle safety, compiled by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF).

Motorcycling Excellence: Skills, Knowledge, And Strategies For Riding Right is a new book that comprises much of what the MSF has learned in its 21-year history of promoting the safety of motorcyclists on the nation's streets and highways. The publisher is Whitehorse Press, which specializes in books of interest to motorcyclists.

Motorcycling Excellence has something for both brand-new motorcyclists and those who have been riding many years. There's a lot a rider can do to:

- help ensure motorcyclist/co-rider confidence and safety;
- travel skillfully in a group;
- improve the image of motorcyclists among non-riders;
- identify and fix a bike's small annoyances before they become big problems;
- ride more smoothly—and have more fun!

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation is a national, nonprofit organization sponsored by the U.S. distributors of Honda, Suzuki, Kawasaki, Yamaha, and BMW motorcycles, and is recognized internationally for its rider-training curriculum, operator-licensing improvements, government relations, statistics, and public information. Realizing that it cannot reach all

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New Book Covers Many Facets of Motorcycle Safety
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riders through the *Motorcycle RiderCourse:Riding and Street Skills* and the *Experienced RiderCourse* rider-training programs, the MSF put together valuable information in the book. It is divided into four sections:

Section One, entitled "On Your Mark: Preparing Yourself and Your Bike," examines what makes a person a good rider—even before putting a key in the ignition. This section touches on the challenge of motorcycling, basic riding skills, mental preparation, riding alcohol/drug free, protective riding gear, and motorcycle inspection and care.

Section Two, "Get Set: Street Strategies for Smart Riders," shows that having a mental strategy for any situation means fewer unpleasant surprises and more riding joy. Included are chapters on the "visual edge," special circumstances a motorcyclist might encounter, and group riding.

Section Three is entitled "Go: Advanced Theory for Experienced Riders." By studying the "why" behind what they do, experienced riders can improve the "how." Although technical, it is written in an easy-to-understand style and includes information on traction, countersteering, cornering, and low- and high-speed turning methods.

The Final Section, "You're On Your Way," notes the importance of formal rider training. There's also a chapter introducing the street rider to off-highway motorcycling.

Motorcycling Excellence will be available in January 1995. The price is \$24.95 each plus \$2.50 shipping within the United States (\$5.00 for shipping to Canada or Mexico). Discounts are available to organizations for bulk purchases, and for resellers.

To order *Motorcycling Excellence* or to receive a free catalog of motorcycling accessories, books, and videos, contact: Whitehorse Press, 154 West Brookline Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02118. Telephone 800-531-1133 or 617-241-5241. Fax: 617-241-5247. VISA, MasterCard, American Express, check, or money order accepted for payment.



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News & Notes

BIKERS GET FIGHTING M.A.D.D.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has taken a public stand in favor of the ISTEA Section 153 penalties against states failing to comply with the federal government's mandate to pass seat belt and helmet laws. In a memo directing state offices and chapters in 13 states to lobby aggressively in support of the federal blackmail, MADD director of public policy Bob Shearouse stated, "As you know, MADD has long advocated strong occupant protection laws as a defensive tool in the war against drunk driving. And, as a group, motorcycle operators have a higher likelihood of alcohol involvement than any other vehicle operations involved in fatal crashes." The target states are: Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, Ohio, South Dakota, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming. MADD's national headquarters phone number is (214) 744-6233.

STICKIN' IT TO 'EM

With the November elections right around the corner, Aid to Injured Motorcyclists has developed a new helmet/bike sticker that sends a message to legislators that the biker lobby has become a viable political force. Experts predict the largest turnover ever, and the motorcyclists' vote will determine the fate of many legislators across the country. AIM designed the "I Vote Bikers' Rights!" sticker to help promote voting, and to show the general public that riders do vote. You can get yours free by calling 1-(800) ON-A-BIKE.



VIDEO AND BOOK DETAIL EUROPEAN ANTI-MOTORCYCLE PROPOSALS

Horsepower limits? Noise Standards? Safety belts? Tamper-proof motorcycles to prevent modifications, home-repairs or even general maintenance? Riders throughout Europe are under attack from the European Parliament and a 510-page directive documents regulations being proposed. And, as if that weren't enough, an official government video from England demonstrates the use of air bags for motorcycles and studies the crashworthiness of leg protectors. The book and the video are available from NCOM, one per NCOM member group. The video is free and the book is \$60.00, NCOM's cost. It can't happen here? Forewarned is forearmed. To order, call Pepper at 1-(800)-525-5355.

"GET YOUR ROCKS OFF...OUR ROADS!"

If you've ever nearly lost control of your motorcycle because of a patch of sand in the roadway, or gotten sandblasted while following an uncovered semi, then you should have one of AIM's new bumper stickers "Get Your Rocks Off...Our Roads!" Far too many riders are injured or killed because states fail to enforce covered-load laws, or state legislatures ignore the problem. Road Hazard postcards are also available from AIM and the Law Offices of Richard M. Lester to put responsible parties on legal notice of violations within their jurisdiction. For free bumper stickers or postcards, call AIM at 1-(800) ON-A-BIKE.



The A.I.M. network of attorneys puts a substantial portion of its legal fees from motorcycle accidents back into motorcycling by being the sole financial sponsor of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists.



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HAWAIIAN BIKERS PROTEST BIASED NEWS REPORTING

ENCINO, CALIF., OCTOBER 10, 1994 -- Street Bikers United (SBU) of Hawaii recently picketed the editorial offices of two major newspapers to voice their dissatisfaction with news coverage of the state's motorcycling community.

About 60 SBU members lined the street in front of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin and The Advertiser waving signs that read "Unfair Journalism Covering Bikers," among others. The motorcyclists were angered by the papers' reporting of non-use of helmets in motorcycle accidents and their editorial support of a statewide helmet law based on a "loss" of federal highway funding.

"We are opposed to the tactics used by the press when covering motorcycle accidents by reporting whenever a rider was not wearing a helmet, as if a helmet would have prevented any injuries," said SBU state director Randy Ishida. "This gives their uneducated readers the wrong impression of helmet safety."

Ishida went on to say that, "Hawaii's news media is also misleading the public into believing that we will lose \$1.3 million in highway funds because the state doesn't have a helmet law. SBU would like the opportunity to express our views on the penalties and explain how the transfer of funds would really affect Hawaii."

Indeed, most major media throughout the country have misinterpreted the transfer of federal funds from highway construction into safety programs, as required under the penalty provisions of ISTEA, and report such reappropriations as a "loss of funds (if the state fails to pass a helmet law)."

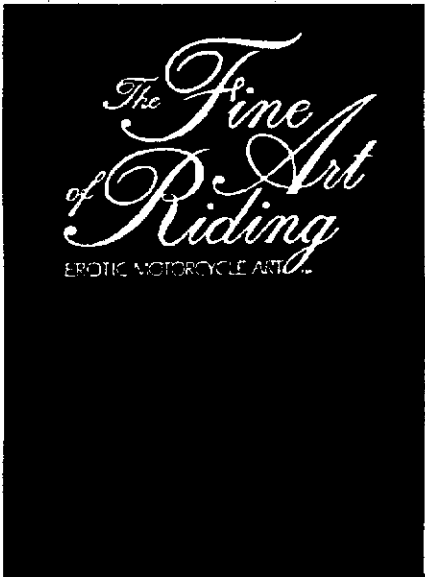
In fact, 25 states are currently not in compliance with the federal mandates and now must shift 1.5% of their fiscal year 1995 federal funds from three programs; the National Highway System (NHS), the Surface Transportation Program (STP), and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), into Section 402 safety programs. Each activity proposed for 402 funding must fit under one of 10 federally-designated priority safety areas: Occupant Protection; Alcohol Countermeasures; Police Traffic Services; Traffic Records; EMS/Injury Prevention; Motorcycle Safety; Pupil Transportation; Community Traffic Safety; Roadway Safety; and Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety.

Since all 25 states were still out of compliance on September 30, 1994, they must also make plans to reallocate 3% of their federal highway funds for fiscal year '96. Each of the 25 states in question does not have a qualifying helmet law and two of those states, Maine and New Hampshire, do not have seat belt laws.

After cutting through all the bureaucracy, however, we find that states must provide 20% matching funds to receive federal highway dollars (20/80). Such is not the case with 402 programs which are 100% federally funded. Therefore, by redistributing wholly-funded federal money into safety programs the state could free up some of its own safety funding to be used for other projects, plus the state gets the federal money without having to put up matching funds.

Obviously, you can't believe everything you read in the papers!

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- 2. The Biker.** A classic 1990 Fat Boy features Bruce "Hogman" Filiault, a steel mill worker from West Seattle. Bruce, a biker wannabee for years, saved his money until the day he saw a photo of this beautiful bike in a magazine. A week later he went into the dealer and paid full cash for one of his own. Bruce prefers to be known as a motorcycle 'enthusiast'.
- 3. The Dutchman.** Owned by Jerry "Dutch" Hall, a framing contractor on Bainbridge Island, Washington, this 1954 Pan-Shovel is as sexy as they come. First discovered by the artist while on display at the Seattle Easyriders show, it was love at first sight (for the bike of course). Jerry's concept of his ideal woman (tall, long legs, nice breasts—not too big but ample, and long red hair) is woven into the frame of this chopper.
- 4. WOW! Rena.** The first of our *Women on Wheels* series features body builder, Rena Fox Johnson on her 73 FX. Introduced to the artist by the Washington State HOG leader, Rena works in the military intelligence division of the Air Force Reserves in Vancouver, Washington. Her husband Chuck is a machine operator for a paper manufacturer.

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COLUMBIA RIVER	115	14	2	16	101
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INDIAN CREEK	278	11	11	22	267
JACKSON COUNTY	93	-14	14	0	107
LINCOLN COUNTY	110	3	9	12	107
NE PORTLAND	187	6	8	14	181
NORTH COAST	44	3	0	3	41
SALEM	102	0	7	7	102
SE PORTLAND	214	6	1	7	208
SOUTH COAST	67	-1	1	0	68
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If no explain: _____

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

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

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

If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH

If verbal, describe: _____

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NO When is court Date? _____

YES How did you plead? _____

If you pled guilty what was the fine?, \$ _____

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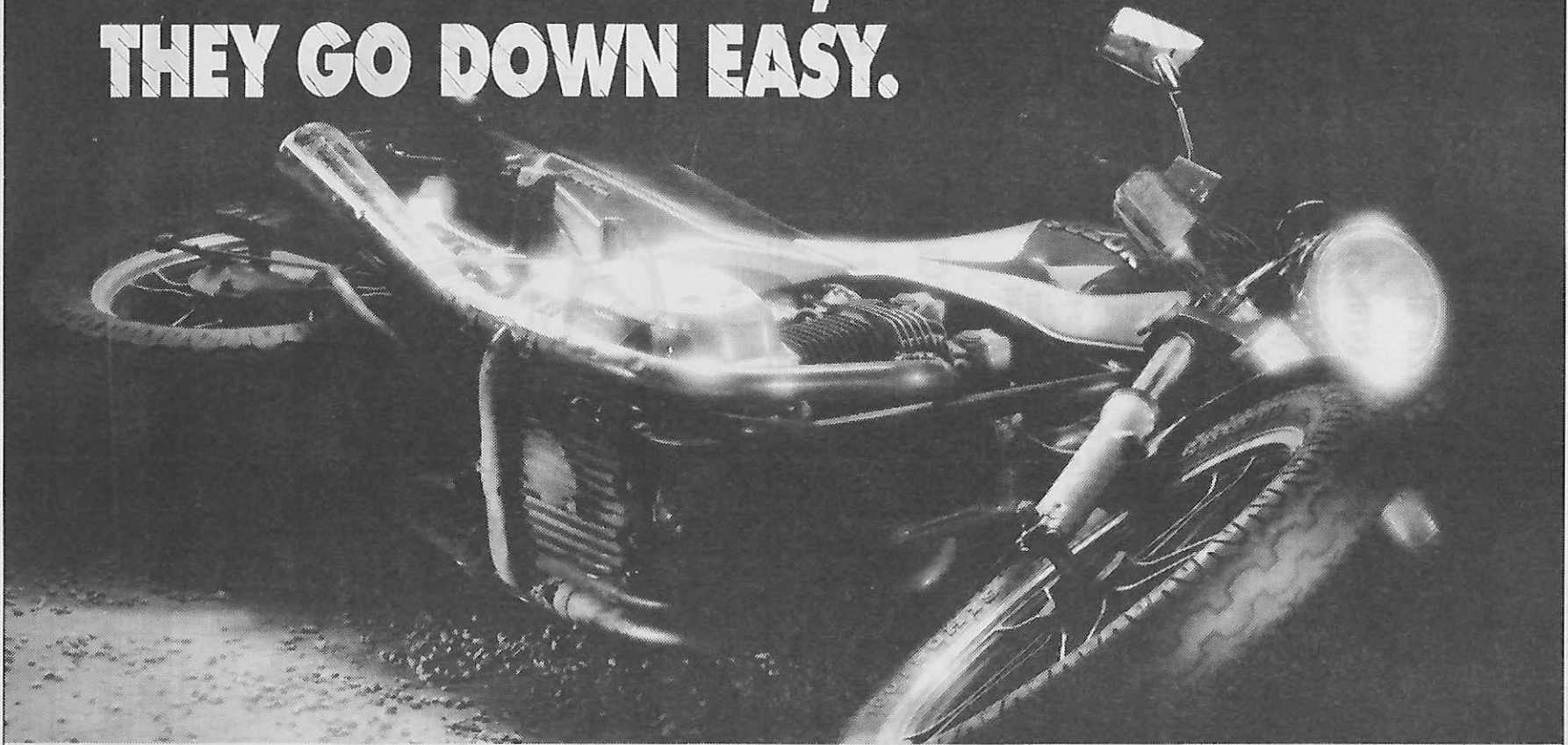
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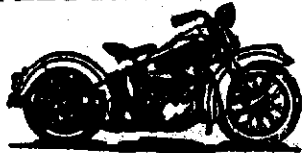
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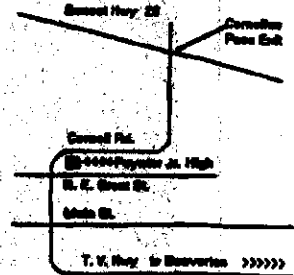
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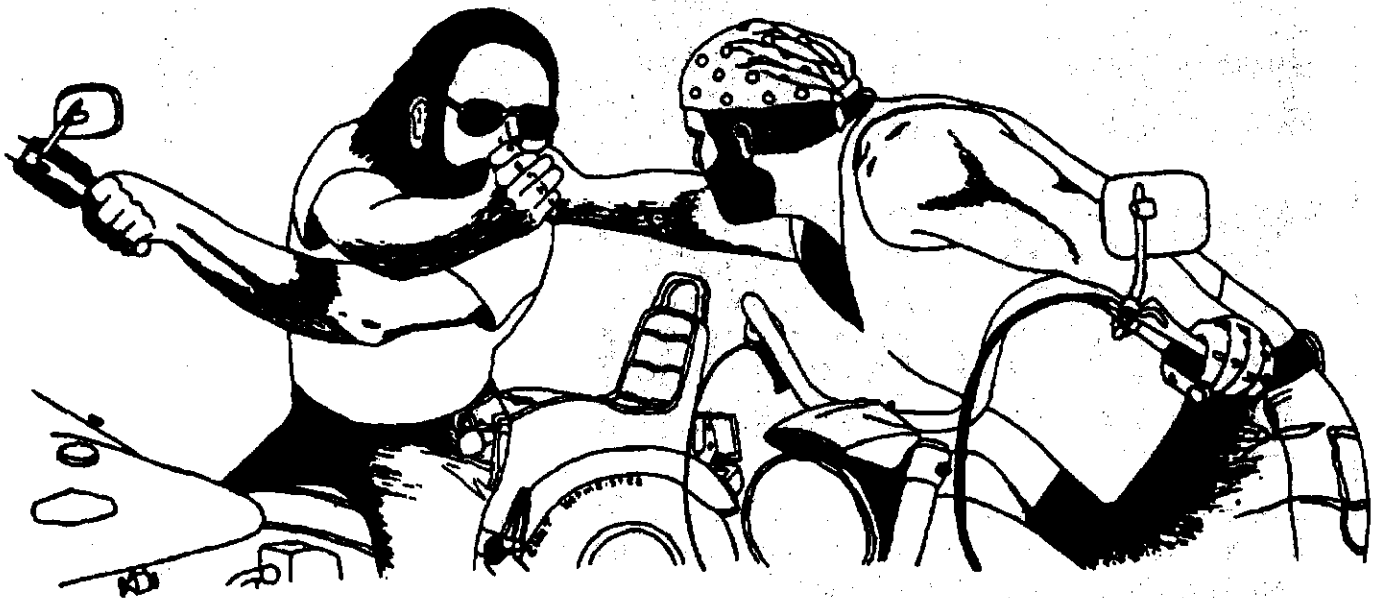


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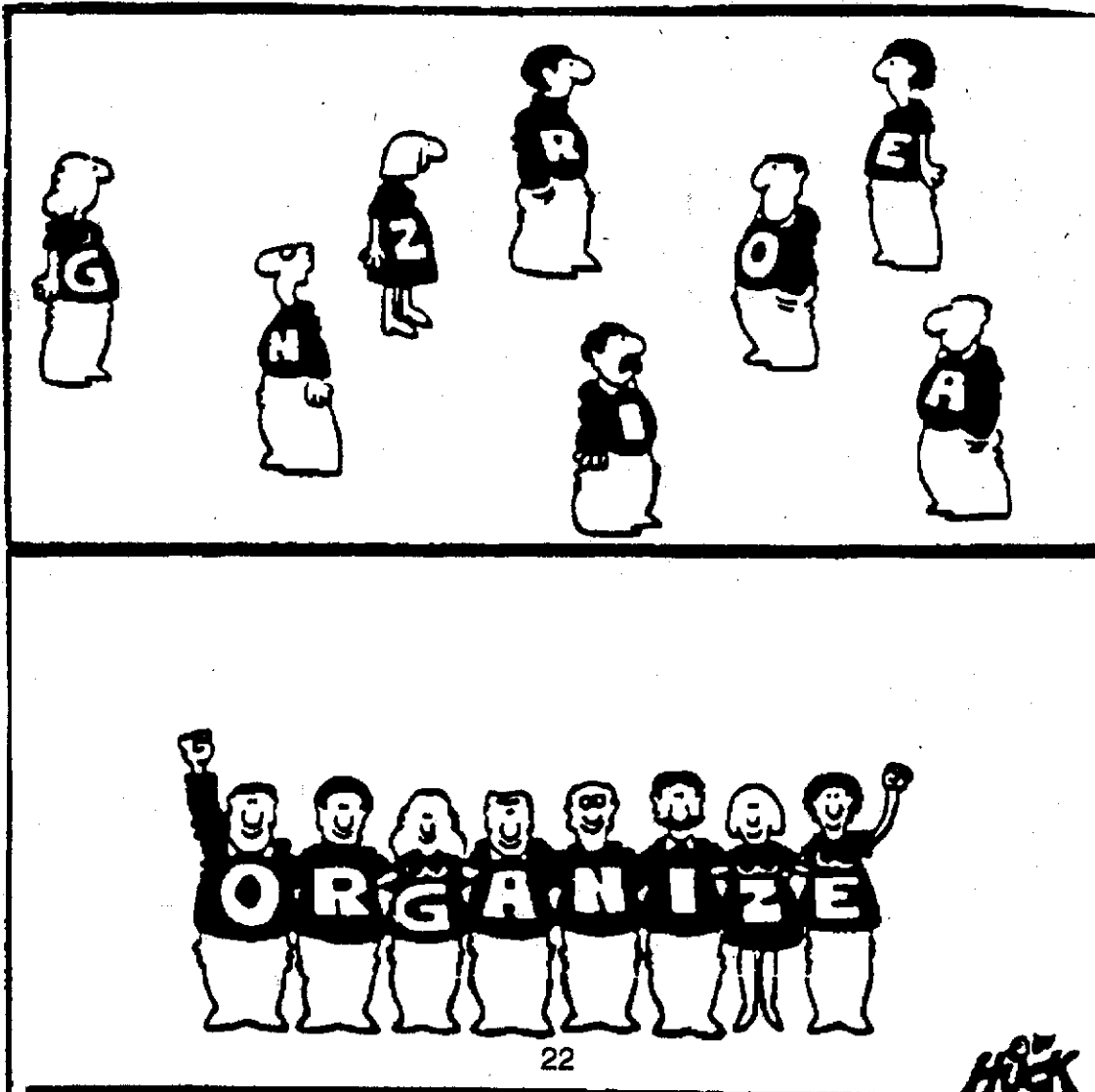
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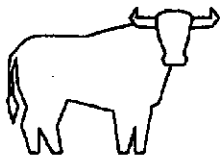
In 1989 I became a member of the N.E. Portland chapter of ABATE of Oregon. The same time that I became a member, I also became the Ways and Means officer for the chapter. This was two weeks before Fossil. I was given no time to learn the position before I was sent out to find some door prizes for the chapter. I was fortunate enough to know how to "con" people into giving to a worth while cause,(me). I utilized my skills,(and my children) to get some pretty neat stuff for the Fossil door prizes. I went on to finish out the year as Ways and Means officer. The next year I continued to be active in the chapter, learning about ABATE's history, and what might lay ahead in the future for the organization.

After five years in ABATE of Oregon, I now see that there are a lot of motorcycle people out there that want to save their freedoms. I also see a lot of people trying to tear us apart. I am going to focus on the good, not the bad. I hope to be able to,(in less than five years) ride my scooter in the state with or without a helmet(MY CHOICE).

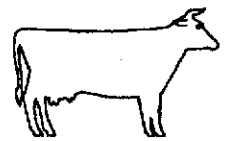
What do you think? Is this realistic, or just a pipe dream? I think it can be achieved, but only by hard work, determination and the involvement of all who believe in the freedom of choice. I hope that some of you who are reading this will help in the hard work ahead.

On another subject, the elections of State officers are upon us. Did you know that our membership is over 1700 now? Did you know that only 13 people decide your future in our organization? That is right, thirteen people representing each chapter vote on the issues brought up at the monthly State Board meetings. The ideas come from people, chapters and reaction to other events that effect us. If you think that you are one who can help mold the organization, than be a State Representative for your chapter. If you would like to see a section of the organization get better, or maintain the level it should be, then step up and take a position on the State Board. If you think your chapter is in need of your service, then take.
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charge of the problem areas that suit your abilities at the chapter level. I guess what I really am saying is that if you see a need for improvement or change of direction, then step up and do something positive. Do not stand around in the back ground, and cause problems by complaining without offering a solution to the problem. More times than not the problem is not as bad as people make it out to be. Or is there really a problem in the first place? Find out the facts, be involved.

Events happening around us are shaping our future. The legislation that will be addressed in 1995 will have a profound effect on us. BikePac of Oregon has developed a strategy to fight the Helmet Law. They also have some good legislation that will be introduced for various areas concerning handicapped riders(parking), the equipment they are forcing us to wear, and a few other things that we, as a whole need to help them to be successful. Have you been to a BikePac meeting recently? I think that it is time for more people to get involved, or at least be ready to write/phone your state and federal legislators when the time is at hand. If you do not get involved, than you can kiss your bike riding days goodbye. I read in one of the newsletters that comes across my desk that each

vote does count. Even the vote that does not get cast, it counts against our cause,(or for theirs)!

Finally, I want to thank all the people who write and say what a good job I have been doing. You all need to know that I am just doing what Donna Adkins set me up with. That is to say, that without Donna setting up the format and showing me how to do this job, I would be just a lost printer in the world of black ink. So Donna, here is my public acknowledgement of your wondrous work, both before I took over and the support you gave me in the beginning. To those of you out there in reader land, You to can do anything that you set your mind to. Just be big(mature) enough to except criticism and ask for help. I know without the lessons I learned,(the hard way) I would not have been able to do this job. I also need to at this time thank my wife, Mary Beth, for she does the proof reading and most of the typing(especially at the last minute) without her help I would not have gotten out a few issues on time. Thank you my dear wife and please keep putting up with my B.S. Now let us all get on with the job at hand!

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THE EUROPEAN SIDE...

The following information originates in Europe from FEM (Federation of European Motorcyclists). These are laws, or proposed laws, they are fighting. Some of these proposals may eventually find their way to this side of the Atlantic Ocean.

1) Mandatory clothing standards for **ALL** motorcyclists. (dayglow, neon, or reflective materials)

Remember, seat belts are standard in automobiles, protective clothing, helmets etc, are added expenses for us.

2) Engine noise and emission laws that effect allowable horsepower. There goes your 100 plus horsepower Goldwing or stroker.

3) Anti tampering laws that will prohibit a person working on his/her own bike. (Change plugs, trailer hitches, chrome additions, etc)

In Denmark there was a 180% tax increase on motorcycles which equals \$43,000.00 for a softail Harley. In Germany and several other European countries there are "road bans". Motorcycles are **not allowed** on certain roads. This is happening in some areas here in our own country. This is discrimination at its best/worst. In Italy there is a \$9,270.00 property tax on motorcycles, and you will pay from \$400.00 to \$1300.00 for license plates for your ride, depending on the size of your bike. In France there is a \$200.00 fine if you are not wearing your helmet. There is also a 100 horsepower limit. There goes your 100 plus horsepower Goldwing or stroker again. You won't find much development of fluid cooled engines there either because of horsepower limits. There are guardrails made of cable that will tear a motorcyclist to shreds and a new cloth-like pavement that is extremely slick and is causing biker injuries, the problem's being ignored because scooter people are considered a part of Germany's criminal element. In
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DISPLAY YOUR BIKE...

Remember we have the ALL MAKE motorcycle show on Jan. 21-22, 1995, at the Jantzen Beach Mall coming up fast. Get in touch with me, its FREE, and will be lots of fun. It's the bad time of year for riding and it's another opportunity to help our public image. The number at work is 503/224-1106 or if you're out of the Portland area 1-800-347-1106. You are also welcome to call me at home at 503/777-8410. We have a message machine and I will get back to you if I don't happen to be at the house when you call.

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View from the South

The nip in the air and the dwindling sun can mean only one thing, it is Election time again! (And you thought I was going to talk about tearing down your ride for winter maintenance) With the dark days of winter fast approaching, it is time for A.B.A.T.E of Oregon to elect officers to the State Board of Directors for 1995. If you have the desire and ability to help this organization meet the growing demands and expectations of the motorcycling public, *Run For Office!!*

If you are not happy with the way things are done, *Run For Office!!* If you are finding you have tons of spare time and want to do volunteer work to enrich your life, you guessed it, *Run For Office!!* Nominations are open at this time, with elections to be held at the December board meeting.

By the time this appears in the newsletter, the Oregon elections should be over. I can not over-emphasize the importance of making connections with your local and state politicians. They are one of the key elements in protecting your (our) right to ride, off road or street. Ask them for their help. Remind them that they are our elected officials too!

For some time now I have listened to much whining and griping about ABATE having too many rules. The question of "How can an organization that is dedicated to freedom and democracy have so many rules?" is most often heard. First, the old saw about freedom not being free applies here. In order for us to go about the business of ABATE, we must keep records of meetings, finances, and etcetera or we are in violation of numerous laws. This requires some uniformity of record keeping or the accounts are impossible to interpret, making them worthless in the eyes of the law. Second, with absolutely no rules, only anarchy exists. The idea of democracy is based upon the concept of majority rule. Majority rule requires that the minority abide by the will of the majority. The majority, however, must permit the minority to have their say. The Rules of Operations and the Bylaws of ABATE reflects the majority of ABATE members. Those members who disagree with any of these rules have the chance to protest and or introduce a motion to change any rule at the state board meetings. However, if these members believe in the democratic process, they must abide by the majority rule and get on with the business of ABATE, instead of complaining and

gripping about how unfair things are when they don't get their way. It is fair, if you want a democratically run organization! Remember, we are all ABATE. Every member has a voice. With that voice comes a responsibility to make ABATE work in an effective manner. If we are all pulling in different directions, letting personalities or ego's get in the way of our goals, we will surely lose some, if not all our riding freedoms in the near future. Think about it!!

Dennis Deaton
Vice-coordinator South

TO THE EDITOR.

On October 16th, in the Great Hall at Troutdale, Oregon, BikePac and S.E. Portland ABATE held a political forum for the 3rd Congressional District Candidates. Attending the forum were, Mark Brunelle - Independent and Everett Hall - Republican. The Libertarian, Gene Nanni and Democrat, Ron Wyden, for whatever reason, chose not to attend, but both candidates had originally agreed to be represented.

The event attracted about 50-60 people, while not as large a turnout as I would have liked, still it wasn't bad for a first attempt at this sort of event. So, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you that attended the political forum, and especially John Whitaker for taking the initiative to make the forum a reality. For those of you who weren't there, I think it was your loss, and perhaps next time the importance of forums, like this, will be better understood.

What happens when you sponsor and event like this and no one shows up? Well, for one thing, those who organized the event will be much less likely to try anything like this again. A persons credibility, not to mention ABATE's credibility, is, after all, at stake here. The most important thing that happens, is, that the elected politicians find it much easier to ignore organizations like ABATE and BikePac, and I for one don't like being ignored, do you?

I think that the next forum we sponsor, will be bigger and better because we learned a lot from this experience. We are just scratching the surface of what we can do politically. We have one of the best opportunities, to advance our cause, in this legislative year than we have had in a long time, lets not blow it..

Sincerely,
Larry Schalk - Coordinator
S.E. Portland Chapter

Dear Gordon,

I was just reading our copy of the October newsletter and thought I'd drop ya a line about the crap Ken Heckman had to take from our friendly protectors.

It don't just happen to us when we are on our bikes folks. I got tagged about a week after they started aircraft surveillance again on I-5. The nice officer pulled me over by the Enchanted Forest and claimed the plane spotted me doing 77 in a 55 mile zone.

I explained to the nice officer that there was no way it could have been me as I had a problem with my car and couldn't drive over 63 without it bouncing the sh** out of ya. Needless to say, a ticket for \$229 was written anyway.

I went to court on Oct. 6th to fight the ticket. I took along with me the bad wheel bearing out of the can along with notarized affidavits from the mechanic and other who had driven the car. All dated the day after the ticket was issued. I also took along my driving record. It only goes back ten years but I pointed out to the Judge that I had 30 years under my belt with NO CITATIONS. If I was prone to that kind of speeding and what he said was erratic driving surely I would have had more tickets by now?

The judge, Legget, refused to look at any of my evidence as she claimed it wall all hearsay and not admissible. She tried to get me to admit to driving 65 - which I would not do - and she continually answered for the officer. Such as when I asked whim why he waited so long to stop me (it was nine miles and five exits from where he wrote on the ticket the violation occurred to where he stopped me). The Judge broke in and said he didn't have to stop me right away - could do so whenever he felt like it. She ignored the fact that he'd already admitted to not being behind me right away. Anyway, I could go on and on about the bullsh## in the courtroom. I think you got the gist of it by now.

I feel that I was stopped because I had a Harley emblem in my rear window and was dressed like an normal Harley rider would dress. I was traveling in the slow lane when the cop came up behind me and there was no other reason for him to decide the car spotted by aircraft was mine. By the way, the cop from the aircraft was not present. Yet

the officer used his word that I was the car in question. That was admissible, of course. The Judge said she couldn't see what I was upset about, as she was lowering my ticket from 77 to 65 and \$329 to \$100. I should kiss the bitches feet already!

Of course, the court clerk said I was welcome to appeal the ticket if I'd like.

How do ya do that? Well you go upstairs to the law library to find out how. They hand you this book that is about 6 inches thick and tell you, you are on your own. After reading in this for awhile, I finally figured out that it would cost over \$600 to get another judge to look at the transcript of the trial.

Oh, by the way, there were no notes taken on my trial. No court reporter was present. Just the cop, the Judge, me and my ol man. There wasn't even any one else in the court waiting trial. I was the only one who showed up. If I had just one other witness to how those proceeding went on, I think I'd have continued the fight. What the hell are we supposed to do with justice like that?

The good officer McGill also perjured himself by stating that he clocked me driving 65 after he had already admitted coming up on me in the slow lane. When I pointed this out to the judge, she said that lots of people drive 85 in the slow land. Talk about a lose, lose situation!

Enough, I guess. Can ya tell I'm still pretty damn hot about all this? How do we make people aware of all the bullsh** that goes on in our courts? If I was to tell this crap to some folks, I know they'd think I was wrong because of course our "fair" legal system wouldn't do this stuff. After all this is America right?

Well, it's nice to know that at least our people know what is what. And it does help a little to be able to vent all this crap to and understanding ear.

Thanks and keep up the good work.
Rose Mary Singhose

THE MEETING OF THE MINDS WHERE IT ALL BEGAN BY LARRY SCHALK

This years "Meeting of the Minds" conference was held in St. Louis, Missouri, where ten years ago, the first "Meeting of the Minds" was held. In keeping with this years theme of "Where it all began", I though I would relate what I learned about the history of the motorcycle rights movement in the United States, and how the "Meeting of the Minds" was born.

First, let me begin by saying that the following is not from any personal experience, but from information supplied by Mike (Balls) Farabaugh and others at this years MOTM.

In 1966 the National Highway Traffic Safety Act was enacted from which the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) was formed and the first of the federal government safety mandates (including helmet laws) were put into place. That was the wake up call for us to fight for our rights.

Easyriders Magazine issue #3, October, 1971 made a plea to bikers to come together and fight impending restrictions by joining a new national organization called NATIONAL CUSTOM CYCLE ASSOCIATION or NCCA. Because of a conflict in the acronym, in February 1972, Easyriders Magazine changed the name to A BROTHERHOOD AGAINST TOTALITARIAN ENACTMENTS or ABATE. The response was, to say the least, overwhelming. So in 1972, for three dollars you, as a motorcyclist, could join ABATE (a national organization). Anyone could call Easyriders Magazine to get an ABATE chapter started anywhere in the country.

By 1975, a few states had organized into state systems, but most did not. Many times ABATE chapters formed only a few miles from one another without the knowledge of each other's existence. One of the problems was that Easyriders had all they could do just getting out the magazine, let alone trying to run a national motorcycle rights organization. The dues were still coming in. When Easyriders gave up the rights to the name ABATE and the logo, there were territorial disputes and concerns with the motorcycle clubs and rightfully so.

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In 1976, the federal law requiring states to enact helmet laws was repealed. Easyriders decided to sponsor the first national meeting at Lake Perry, Kansas, to address the concerns of the clubs and others. Thus was born the oldest state run, the ABATE of Kansas Lake Perry Run. (ABATE of Oregon was there). The first meeting was more of a party than a meeting. Issues were addressed but only as an afterthought. It was pretty loose and unprofessional, but as a result, the movers and the shakers in many state organizations got together and defeated helmet laws. Also as a result of this meeting it was decided to form a national board of directors to oversee the operations of the individual chapters. --This proved to be a BIG MISTAKE.

In 1977, the National Board of Directors met in Los Angeles. Easyriders paid for this meeting and a number of people were flown to California. Many people, including many of the clubs, were upset about the prospect of a national board that may have control over the operations of the various chapters. The meeting lasted about 1/2 hour with pistols drawn, needless to say, it was a disaster.

(Oregon defeated its helmet law in July, 1977)

It took three years to recover from the meeting in Los Angeles and the movement stagnated. States that had won the helmet law battle, now found themselves without a focus and the leadership was now facing the burnout factor. Fortunately those still in the movement learned from this period.

From 1980 - 1985, the movement saw a renewal of values and leadership. The movement began to grow again because leaders learned to focus on other issues concerning motorcyclists. They learned that the structure of the organization was vitally important to the survival of the movement. They built the proper structure in their state organizations. They knew that in order to move forward, what they learned from the hard times needed to be shared with those around the country who were still struggling. Then, just when everything was going so well, someone suggested having another national meeting. Some people said they were crazy, considering what had happened before in L.A..

It took 9 months of phone calls to all the leaders in the country. The question was "Can we come to St. Louis and talk without pointing guns at each other?". After 9 months of conversation

everyone agreed to try again. Thus began the first "Meeting of the Minds". The meeting was very tense the first day, and the first thing that was said was "attitude today - gone, suggestions and ideas - yes, compromise - for sure, equal solutions".

Here we are today, the 10th MOTM is over. Ten years of working together to find solutions and growing from the 40 people at the 1st MOTM to 500 at the 10th. What was true in the early seventies is still true today. The oppressive forces are working diligently to take away your freedoms. We all must prepare ourselves for the challenges ahead. "Balls" Farabaugh has a great way of putting it "The best time to plant a tree was in 1972 when it all started, the next best time to plant is right NOW".

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1st & 3rd SUNDAY	S.E. PORTLAND	12:00 Noon, The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122nd & Division, Portland
	JACKSON COUNTY	11:00 am, Oreagano's Pizza, 828 2nd Ave. Gold Hill
2nd SUNDAY	YAMHILL COUNTY	3:00 pm, Westward Ho, (3rd Street), McMinnville
3rd SUNDAY	SOUTH COAST	11:00 am, Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend
	BLUE MOUNTAIN	3:00 pm, Klondike Pizza, 828 Southgate, Pendleton
	DOUGLAS COUNTY	11:00 am, Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg
2nd & 4th SUNDAYS	COLUMBIA RIVER	12:30 pm, Cactus Club & Diner, 8131 N. Denver, Portland
2nd & 4th MONDAY	SALEM	7:00 pm, Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem
2nd & 4th TUESDAY	WASHINGTON COUNTY	8:00 pm, Pizza Hut, 3190 N.W. 185th, Portland
1st & 3rd WEDNESDAY	NORTH COAST ABATE	7:00pm, The Pizza Harbor, Seaside
	N.E. PORTLAND	7:30 pm, Izzy's Pizza, 1307 N.E. 102nd, Portland
3rd WEDNESDAY	CENTRAL OREGON	7:00 pm The American Legion Hall, 8th St., Redmond
1st & 3rd FRIDAY	LINCOLN COUNTY	7:30 pm, Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport