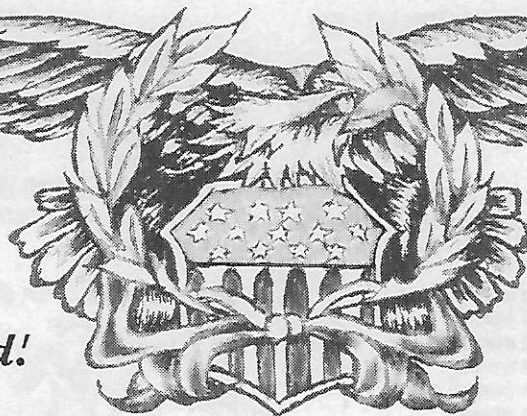


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From The Coordinator:

THE PLAIN TRUTH ?

"The plain and simple truth is, seldom plain and never simple." Oscar Wilde.

Good point huh? With that in mind hopefully this will be one of the seldom times that it will be plain. Although I heartily agree with Mr. Wilde in his statement that it's never simple.

APATHY. That's what I put on the cover of last month's newsletter. No, strike that. I submitted that as my article last month. Gordon put it on the cover. Gordon received some phone calls, I received some phone calls, Angie said she even received some phone calls. The phone calls that I got were about 50/50. Some said, "Right On!" and some said, "What the hell is that about?" Well, I gave an explanation to the state board at the August meeting. And I do so now for everyone else. This is where the proof of Mr. Wilde's never simple statement is.

On July 25th, a Monday at 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. in hearing room A of the state capitol building, a hearing about a possible rule change concerning motorcycle helmets was held. We spoke about it at the state board meetings for 2 months prior. Brian Stovall came to the board meeting and talked about it. He emphasized how important it was. As I asked the state reps, "Did you guys not go back and tell your chapters? Did the reps not do their job? All totaled there were about 25 or 30 of us there. What is ABATE about? Most people right up front say against helmet laws. Are we really? The people that held the hearing saw that 25 or 30 people care about helmet law changes.

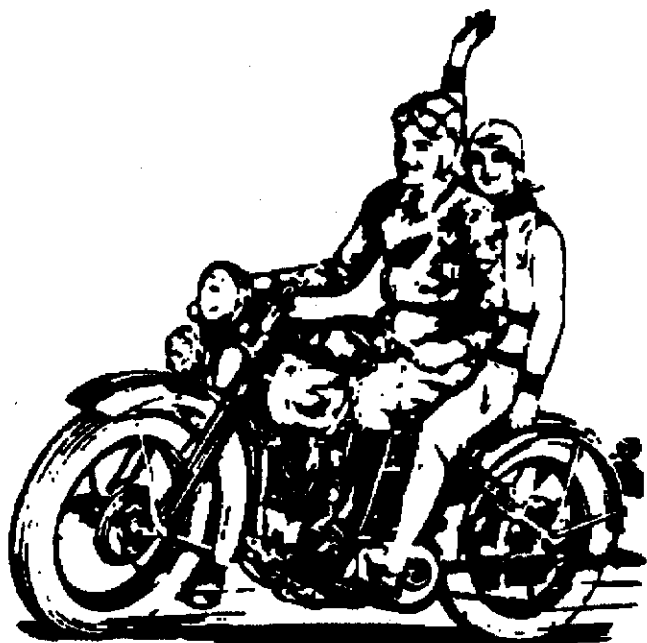
Have we given up? Are we just hangers on from the past soon to become extinct? I hope not. I truly believe in freedom of choice. I personally called people to tell them and they didn't show. You know who you are. It was embarrassing. I haven't gotten a response from the hearings officer yet as to what the rule change is going to be. I know that there's more than 25 or 30 people wearing beanie helmets out there and this could directly affect them. Before I offend the wrong folks let me say this, I don't intend this to be aimed in any way towards Indian Creek members. I accept the fact that there are those individuals who want to belong for the cause without getting involved and that's why Indian Creek is there. Your membership is valued and appreciated. But any member within an hours drive of the state capitol should have planned for this one. It was a Monday night with picture perfect weather, a perfect evening putt. Are we couch potatoes? I know better than that. This is the organization that swayed legislators into holding up a \$60 million Restructuring of ODOT and DMV bill. That's what got us the darned hearing in the first place. We were the squeaky wheel and we got greased. To bad it turned out to be the wrong end. There's nobody to blame but ourselves, that's plain. APATHY, that's plain too. Enough on the hearings.

On Saturday July 30th ABATE of Oregon was invited to participate in the Newberg Old Fashioned Days festival and parade. They wanted us to have 10 to 20 vintage motorcycles in the parade and would give us room for up to 50 for a bike show. I didn't fill out the registration because we could only get 5 people that would commit. Two of the guys would have come all the way from Roseburg on their Knuckleheads. Thanks for the gesture bros maybe next year. Don't motorcyclists like to show off there nice old bikes anymore? This was an excellent opportunity for us to do something with other different groups of people and get to do something positive in public. Like I said, maybe next year. (CONTINUED ON THE NEXT PAGE-KEEP READING)

Do we want to have a bad image? It seems that with a recent article on motorcycle clubs in the Oregonian, that soon anyone that rides a non-stock Harley is assumed to be a drug dealer or worse. We all know that's B.S., but by not doing anything to change the opinion of the public, what will they believe? Nobody can do it alone. We as officers need to be backed by the members from time to time. Without that support we may be trying to piss up a rope. **If we would have asked for help drinking a keg of beer there wouldn't have been enough to go around. PRIORITIES, that's plain.**

So now I leave it to all of you. Let us know what's on your minds. We can deal with the plain truth although it will not be simple. There are so many good ideas out there but you need to share them with others. So I urge all of you to write to the newsletter and tell all of ABATE what needs to be done. Remember this is a grass roots organization...your organization.

Yet on a positive note we are making it happen on the east side of the state. On August 20th a group of people in John Day, Or. had an organizational meeting. There's a group over in that area that want to start a chapter. In September they will be holding officer elections. Membership is up. The Central Oregon chapter is breathing new life into the organization. Their enthusiasm should be a boost to us all. Thanks for your willingness to do things correctly and your support. It seems that the new chapters have brought back the attitude of why we're here in the first place. Freedom Of Choice. While on that subject there is something that needs to be addressed. Those words may mean different things to different people, but is that the thing that we should argue over? Isn't there a common purpose here? I've had people tell me that if we're about freedom of choice then that should mean freedom to choose to drink and drive, or to choose to be a junkie, or to choose to be the biggest @ss%*le they can be. Well people can choose to be or do what ever they want, but what's that got to do with your rights as a motorcyclist? In this forum at this time it is those rights as motorcyclists which are of most importance to us as an organization - - - at least I hope so. It's also interesting to see the hipocracy in those same people. They want the freedom to choose on the helmet issue but would quickly endorse a law that would not allow the kids on superbikes to wear tennis shoes and shorts. Isn't that a little redundant? They argue that it's just common sense. Isn't that what they tell us about helmets? Let's quit arguing with ourselves over the meanings of words and remember what is at stake for all of us who ride or may wish to ride in the future. (CONT. NEXT PAGE)



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So is there hope for the future? I think so. I hear talk of our past and an interest in our roots. Maybe that's what we need, a renewal of the spirit that got us here and started this organization in the first place. That along with the new people with fresh ideas and the right attitude to lead us into the next century. The chapters in Eastern Oregon starting up finally making us truly, ABATE of Oregon. We have gotten more attention in the state house with a full time lobbyist. We've gained national attention from other MRO's. We don't talk about what we're doing, we just do it. In November general elections will take place. I hope that you are registered to vote and then exercise that right on election day. As with all of your rights, use 'em or lose 'em. In January we will start a new legislative session. Let's be ready to show the politicians that we care and are active in our quest for freedoms lost. It's never over till it's over, this is just a new beginning.

Speaking of beginnings, in August of 1995 ABATE of Oregon turns 20 years old. There are very few of those founding members left today. Some but not many. Thank you for having the foresight to try and inspire the rest of us in protecting our freedom by starting this organization. I sincerely hope that with this great summer that we've been experiencing, you can find the time, while riding, to reflect upon what it means to you. And how would you feel if that right to ride were taken from you. As the old adage goes, "My wife, okay, my dog, maybe, my gun and motorcycle NEVER." Okay so I added the motorcycle but there is a reason for the statement, "Live to ride and ride to live." The people that would take your freedoms away are never going to stop trying, neither can we. Keep the faith and ride smart.....

Rich

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STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 1994

The meeting was called to order by Rich in Eugene at 12:16 pm. Chapter roll call indicated that North Coast and Yamhill County were unexcused absences and that Blue Mountain was an excused absence for a total of ten chapters present. The minutes were excepted as read.

COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS- Rich read his apathy speech and then let everyone know that he got some responses. He asked what our opinion of ABATE is, would it be a political force? Would it be just a helmet law fighting organization? He made references to the Helmet Law Rule Change Hearing held in Salem last month. Is this the kind of thing in our interest? Then Rich asked if we care? What is the problem we are having? Is the problem a lack of communication? What was anyone doing instead of going to the rule hearing? Have we given up? Do we except this---ARE WE ROLLING OVER? Are we getting better? Are we in this for the long haul? Are our tactics wrong? **TELL US PEOPLE.** Rich then went on to talk about the Newberg Days not happening for ABATE due to a lack of pre-event sign ups, only 5. Asked why the State board officers were at a party instead of being at the meeting. Rich is not rolling over, he is here for the long haul, he is at the meeting today. The message he needs taken to all the people in the organization. Rich needs to know from the membership what ideas for a better ABATE you all might have. Please call Rich (503) 287-8674 and let him know. His phone is on-line, and ready to hear from YOU. Rich is at a loss-"I need your help". We need to show up at events other than "just the parties".

CORRESPONDENCE- Mel Yeager sent in a letter of resignation due to Sharon's deteriorating health! Please send cards (and froggy things) to 9507 Concord NE #12, Salem, Or. 97301. A letter from our Lawyer about the newsletter and what we are allowed to print in it to keep our tax status. Louis Dean Ferguson about a membership problem-with a response from Mother, solved. MRF fund raising info. (CONT. NEXT PAGE)

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EDUCATION DIRECTOR- Looking for a date in Oct. for another training session/trying to contact ALL Driver's Training Teachers/Nic has a display pager for you to contact him about anything to do with education- pager #361-5836.

HISTORIAN-NOT PRESENT AGAIN

LEGISLATION DIRECTOR-NOT PRESENT- Rich told us about Washington ABATE is suing the Governor and any other state official involved with the helmet law **THEY ARE IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF THEIR OATHS OF OFFICES TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION!!!** There will be a ISTEA hearing.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY- Mother brought in newsletters from around the country that we receive for anyone to take and read. Looking at a new possible chapter in the east part of the state. Total members in the state as of 8-1-94=1570!!!

NEWSLETTER EDITOR- Gordon stated that the road list will not be published again until we have a better one. The idea is to have each chapter get their own and then combine into regions, then combine all of them into one big state road list. Gordon needs a new map done with the 7 regions marked out so that they are easy to see and distinguish. Got the new computer and it is up and running. Very disappointed in the input for the newsletter-smallest issue he has ever done-WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

PRODUCTS DIRECTOR-T-shirts from Fossil available. Needs that design for the 20 year pin we are going to put out next year, get your design in now.

PUBLIC RELATIONS- No report.

STATE RUN COORDINATOR- DJ's is putting together a calendar for 1995 and Roger submitted dates for next year's runs. Each chapter(region) needs to contact Roger for the dates he put in for YOUR runs. 10 gals of gas, 2 door prizes, and security from each chapter is needed for the Freedom Run -there will be 2 bands(maybe 3)NO MORE LAST BASH. Jan. 28,29,1995 is a Motorcycle inside mall show at Jantzen Beach Mall, Gunny Hutch needs your help if not your bikes!! Looking for future run sites-- GOT ANY IDEAS???

TREASURER-Checking=\$256.28/General Sav.\$30,649.68/Legal=\$1,567.43/M/C Ed.\$77.14/Bulk Mail=\$887.16=GRAND TOTAL=33,437.69 N. Coast,NE Portland,Salem,S. Coast all have reports due. Contact Joy Hoover ASAP!

WAYS AND MEANS- We are accepting volunteers for this position.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-Lane County turned in their charter and all possessions. Computer upgrade taken care of. Software upgrade for treasurers computer, MOTION BY NIC, 2ND BY CAROL, TO SPEND \$99.00 ON A WHIZZIWIIG UPGRADE-Y=10/N=0/AB=0 PASSED, ODOT Hearing, enough said by Rich(or was there?).Newberg Old Fashion Days-Did not happen for us. The Fossil EMT Leather Coat was finally awarded to the real winner-Tom Crowl of S. Coast Chapter.

NEW BUSINESS-MOTION BY NIC, 2ND BY CAPTAIN TO SEND A CHECK FOR \$2,000.00 TO THE MEETING OF THE MINDS FOR THE MRF-Y=10/N=0/AB=0 PASSED. At this point Rich turned the chair over to Captain for a motion from Lincoln County, 2ND by Stacey-MOTION TO REDUCE THE QUARTERLY PAYMENTS FROM 25% DOWN TO 15%-Y=1/N=8/AB=0 FAILED. We now have a new Sgt at Arms South-Tim Maley volunteered. Bike Pac is requesting money for a lobbyist fund. We are limited to only \$5,000.00 per year. We will look into the whole picture in regards to hiring and controlling the actions of a lobbyist of our own. Talk about this idea in your chapters and report back with your chapter's input on the matter. We could do a lobbyist for ourselves-ABATE- not required to go through Bike-Pac. Salem Chapter motioned, 2nd by Tom-TO DONATE \$100.00 TO THE SCOUT TROOP OF THE BOY SCOUT WHO STOPPED AND AIDED THE DOWN BIKER-Y=6/N=3/AB=1 PASSED MOTION BY CAROL, 2ND BY CAPTAIN THAT NIC OLIVER TAKE OVER EDUCATION DIRECTOR POSITION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR-Y=10/N=0/AB=0 PASSED

RICH adjourn the meeting at 2:46 pm.

Minutes submitted by GORDON W. HIERONIMUS

ARLO 'N' JANIS By Jimmy Johnson



CHAPTER REPORTS

Blue Mountain

Meets the 3rd Sunday of the month, 3:00 pm

Klondikes Pizza, 828 Southgate, Pendleton

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

Chapter Contact: Coordinator-Bruce Coats 503-963-4622

Hello again. Everyone has been busy working, riding, or going on vacation. Sturgis bound!

Our Poker Run on July 31st was a good success! We had a fair turn out. The weather was good (and hot!). So the ride up through the mountains was a nice refresher. As was the picnic at Emigrant Springs. We also had a couple of riders from "RIDER of Washington" at the run. I look forward to working with "RIDER" and sharing information back and forth.

Our Public Relations officer, Robie Vandiver, has been working on getting us into the parade for the "Pendleton Round-up". This will make for some good exposure for ABATE. If it goes through we'll ask for all concerned to come and help participate in a parade that I believe gets national attention! Tentatively that is scheduled for Saturday the 10th of September. Wish us luck on getting this through.

Until next time - Have a good ride!

J P

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

There has been a lot going on over here in Central Oregon this summer. Our faithful secretary has had to go out of town to make money and has left me to write this little blurb for the newsletter, so here we go...We participated in the 4th of July parade in downtown Redmond, we only had a few bikes in the parade, but it has been a long time since the town folk have allowed bikes in the parade, so they were excited. We had a get together camp-out at Rob and Wildhair's in Tumalo, it was their anniversary and Rob's birthday, so they invited us over for a pig roast and live music. It was a great time and we would like to thank them for the invite. We also had a pool tournament camp-out in Prineville. The pool tournament made \$50.00 for our educational fund so it was well worth our efforts.

Our future looks to be busy as well, since we have a few rather large projects in the works. These include putting together a trailer to pick up drunk riders and a membership drive pig roast set for Sept. 17th.

We have also managed to put together a local newsletter, that helps keep all of those people who don't make it to the meetings aware of what's going on locally.

Our membership is still growing, Tom K. reported 115 members at our last meeting. Last but not least, we elected Tom Vaugt to be our Vice-Coordinator at our last meeting.

Enjoy the great weather

Thanks for reading

Mrs. P

If your chapter does not have a report, or the report is incomplete, please contact your chapter Coordinator and find out why. The information passed along in these reports is vital to those who cannot make it to the meetings. The Editor

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: at this time I am on my vacation at Bakersfield, CA. Boy is it hot! Yesterday it was 102, I guess Wa. wasn't hot enough for me. I will be on my way shortly to Riverside, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Ventura to visit my children and 4 grandchildren. I shall return on the 18th of Aug. just in time for the Summer Run which I am sure is going in full swing getting prepared for all of you wonderful people. So I thought I better get this letter written before our chapter gets the boot for no report. I will miss our Aug. 14th meeting but will be back in time for the next one. Also ABATE of Vancouver is having their Mountain Jam Aug. 27th at Amboy, WA which I'll be involved helping them. Hope to see you there too, until next time..... Ride Safe

Lana

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(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

Hi again,

Another S.O.S. passes into history. It appears we the D.C., Jackson and South Coast chapters made some money, we don't know exactly how much tonight, but we survived. This was set up as a regional run. I personally believe in the concept. I enjoyed working with both chapters, I met a lot of good people, good members. It allowed us to divide the work amongst more people, it gave us more people to draw from for security, events etc. The most important part of getting together with other chapters is getting to know each other and learning to work together. Last year we put on Stump Lake Run with Lane Co. with the same experience, many good times with new and old friends. So, any chapters considering runs/events with other chapters give it some thought.(Continued next page)

Many thanks go to all the people who helped put on this run, the bands who everybody loved, the vendors, the chapters, and the non members who helped, the people of the U.S.A. who made this place a national forest so we could have access to it. Also special thanks to Cindy who organized the games, Jim who made the trophies and Pat who I always seem to have to wake up in the middle of something and the rest of D.C. ABATE who helped out this run on. We WIN!

So on to new business Stump Lake campout and Aug. meeting will be over before you see this. We have a Toy Run planned and an offer to help with the Halloween Benefit in Portland again. It's August again so we ain't far from election time again so I want all you officers to think about whether you have another year in YA. If not, think about who would be a good replacement and maybe approach them about it because the most important thing we can do as officers is pass on our experience to our brothers and sisters who will walk in our foot steps.

Any body who didn't get there trophy at S.O.S. contact me I have them also I have one set of keys. Later

Chris 503-498-2412

Co-ord D.C. ABATE

p.s. D.C. ABATE made \$837.39 on the fireworks stand.

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

S.O.S. was a success!!! We had over 700 people at the gate. The weather was great. The beer was cold.

This success was the product of a lot of cooperation between Jackson, Douglas, and South Coast Chapters. The Regional idea worked well for this run. Here's to many more S.O.S. runs with our new co-sponsors.


I would like to thank Chris Vierra and the whole Douglas County crew, Terry Keppel and the hard working bunch over at South Coast. Hell of a job!!!!

I also would like to thank Crow and Kenny, who did a hell of a job running security. Bob Nale, Pat Longnickle, Brad Snavely, B.J. Norris, Jack Norris, Shannon Norris, Jew Whitty, Terry Whitty, Bitchin' Bob, T'shirt Jon, Lori Nelson, Christy Beyl and the rest of your from Jackson County chapter, who jumped in and made this work.

Nathan Allen from Grants Pass won the Motorcycle Life we gave away at S.O.S. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

I don't have the bottom line on the proceeds yet. We are still waiting for some of the bills to come in. I have a feeling it is going to be a good one though!!!!

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Well, I have to go and pack up for Sturgis. It's time for Lori and myself to take a long vacation.

TCB

Gene Nelson, Coordinator
Jackson County A.B.A.T.E.

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

Sorry for spacing-out last months chapter report. Moving is a bummer. Its done and I'm together again. Our chapter has been busy preparing for and hosting the "BEAVER CREEK RUN" and it was a success. We are very happy with the results, the weather was good and bike games fun. The horseshoe contest was finished in the dark...which was and extra challenge! but all we went well. Allen... I hope you and that fine lady of yours made it home safe! Your "performance" was spectacular!

As you read this, Lincoln County has ridden in another parade. Yes, folks we have found a great way to ride without helmets and promote ABATE's education and community service projects. Toledo's Summer Festival was our last parade promoting the Motorcycle Awareness classes we are teaching in September.

Our sign's are up on Highway 101 for the State's Adopt-a-highway program. One of the signs is just north of the Waldport bridge which is a great spot for visibility.

That's about it for now, Ride Safe,

Deb

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

NO REPORT, FIRST TIME.

N.E. PORTLAND

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

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

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Chapter Contact: Rusty Taylor (503) 777-5121

F**k, f**k, f**k. Everything is F##KED. I'll be at Summer Run, but it won't be f**ked thanks to Art and his bulldozer. We need to give him and the work party crews a lot of credit for getting the site into shape. Art went down there at a minutes notice and worked all day running that bulldozer on his own time and expense.

Come down for the weekend, and if you see Art or anyone on the work party, thank them for the good time your having. Now I'll get on with my F##ked day.

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: Nic Oliver (503)394-3456

What a great summer for riding. We just got back from Beaver Creek. Good job Lincoln Co.! The weather was great too! We had a good turn out from our chapter, a group of us rode back together Sunday morning, other than a few problems, (cover flying off Butch's saddle bag and spewing the contents along Hwy 101, then our bike decided to die in the middle lane of traffic, Dave's also decided to do the same thing, and we can't forget Rich changing spark plugs at every stop!). What a great weekend, it was nice to relax and enjoy after working to put on Fox Creek on the weekend before.

Speaking of Fox Creek, I would like to give a special thanks to all who helped to make our run a success. Without your enthusiasm and dedication, we couldn't have made it. This was Mike and I first run, that we were involved that much and couldn't believe all the details, contacts and planning involved. This experience teaches one an appreciation and respect to those old timers, who have done this many times in the past.

Thanks again everyone!

Until next time, Ride safe---enjoy!
Ruby

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: Tony & Vikki Haines, 759-4961

"Hey!" from the South Coast!

As the weather gets warmer here, the motorcycles are popping up all over. Now that the rains have finally abated for a spell it's time to get them into the wind and do what we all love!

I've got a tape recorder to record our meetings each month. However, we are still experiencing some technical difficulties. Hopefully soon we'll have all the bugs worked out.

On the way to July's A.B.A.T.E. meeting, yours truly found himself on the side of the road in the company of a Sporty that was vomiting oil all over the shoulder. I won't mention who owns the Sportster, but it was strikingly similar to the two (count 'em - TWO) unscheduled stops on the way to Roseburg after the June meeting! Somebody buy that Sporty some Pepto-Bismo!

It's not just Sportys that cause you to mutter unprintable words under your breath. I came across 5 bikes on the side of the road returning from July's meeting, one of them with a flat on the rear. I guess that wouldn't have been too bad, except for the fact that he had a flat on the way to the meeting also. Some days are like that, I guess. Hopefully, though, they will be few and far between for all of us.

Well, by this time the SOS run has come and went. I hope we all had a good and safe time there. Another event that has already occurred was the Harley drags at the South Coast Speedway. I'm looking forward to it and hope we had a good time (Boy, this writing in the future gets tricky sometimes!)

On to business! Our chapter elections were held on July 17th. The new lineup is as follows:

CoOrdinator:	Terry Kepl
Vice CoOrdinator:	Mark Cassidy
Sergeant at Arms:	Swede
Asst Sergeaat at Arms:	Paul
Secretary:	Drifter
Membership Secretary:	Dory
State Representative:	Tom Crowl
Legislative Director:	Tom Crowl
Education Director:	Terry Kepl
Ways & Means:	Randy Christensen
PR Director:	Neal

I hope I have all of the names spelled correctly. For those of you whose last name I missed, Sorry! A few of our newly electees were not present to decline their positions, but we know that in their hearts they would have joyfully volunteered! For everyone that is staying in their old position, keep up the good work - we appreciate what you're doing. And to all of the "New Blood", Thanks for standing up and volunteering. That's the kind of attitude we need to keep up the fight for our personal rights!

Just a reminder, we have a poker run on the horizon. By the time this newsletter comes out, it should be just around the corner. Mark your calendars, Sunday September 18th is the day. I believe our newly elected road captain is taking us on one of this famous routes for that run.

Until next time, keep your knees in the breeze and may all your corners be gravel free!

Drifter

S.E. PORTLAND

Meets 1st & 3rd Sundays, 12 Noon
The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122nd & Division, Portland
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 90233, Portland, OR 97290
Chapter Contact: Larry Schalk 774-2479

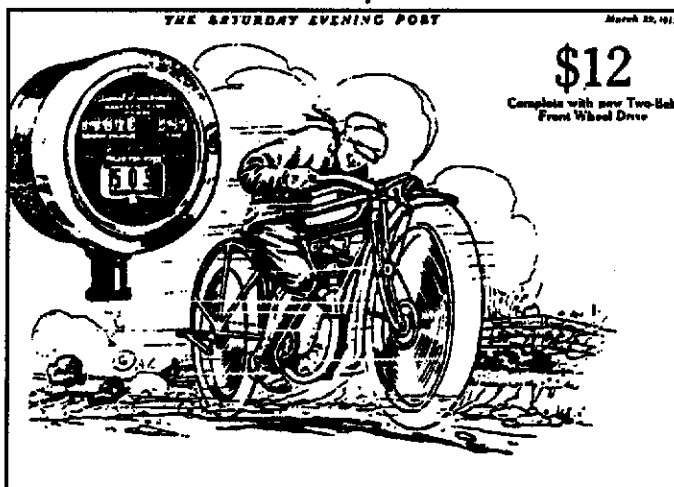
Hello!

Well, summer almost over, and the kids go back to school. HURRAY! Hope you all had a great time at Summer Run I'm sure I did. Next we have the Freedom Run, Sept. 2,3,4,5, near Mt. Hood. Still in Sept. on the 17th., is a fund raiser, to buy raffle items at our Halloween Party.

Lately, S.E. Portland A.B.A.T.E. & N.E. Portland A.B.A.T.E., are having their Family Picnic, at Eagle Fern Park.

Also one correction: The Canine Companion Poker Run is Oct. 1st., not Sept. 25th.

ENJOY
Debby.



WASHINGTON COUNTY

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8:00 pm
Round Table Pizza, 2473 N.W. 185th, Beaverton
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 830, Cornelius, OR 97113
Chapter Contact: Don Murry 648-9651,
Dave at V-Twin (503)648-4103

Howdy From Washington County:

Not much to comment on this month. We are busy as can be with the End of Summer Run coming up. Still tying up the rest of the loose ends. It's going to be the best EOS run yet.

Looks like we are on the move again. With the open air atmosphere at Round Table Pizza, and the distractions that result, some of our members thought that a private meeting room would be better. Looks like we have the pizza Hut that is across the street from our present meeting place lined up for now. We will let everybody know as soon as we get settled.

See you at EOS

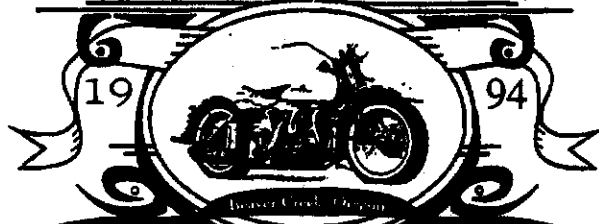
YAMHILL COUNTY

Meets 2nd Sunday, 3:00 pm
Westward Ho, McMinnville (3rd Street)
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 1179, McMinnville, OR 97128
Chapter Contact: Kraig, (503)876-5135

NO REPORT, FIRST TIME.

SEPTEMBER 10 1994

BEAVER CREEK BUST



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As in the past, the BEAVERCREEK BUST will have rides and activities for children, plenty of food, a beer garden, and local vendors displaying their wares.

Scheduled Events

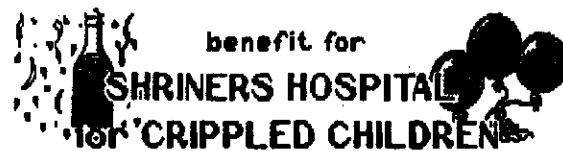
Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6pm-10pm Classic Saloon Opens	7am-8am Dog Trials	8am-9am Dog Trials
8pm-11pm Johnny Limbo and the Lugans	12-6pm Motorcycle Cruise in	8am-10am play days
	Approx. 10am-4pm "Silver" (amateur western bronchost competition)	9am-Mentoring services by
	Classic Motorcycle / Car Auction	Christian Motorcyclists Association
8pm-11:30pm McKenzie River Band	10am-4pm Customs / Clinic	Car Cruise-In & Show
	Approx 10am-4pm "Silver" Classic Car / Motorcycle Auction	

All types of antique, modern, and custom motorcycles will be on display from 12 pm until 6:00 pm at which time 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded for each class as picked by the audience. In case of a tie, the display area will be moved into the "Big Tent".

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ALCOHOL-RELATED TRAFFIC FATALITIES DOWN 20 PERCENT, 1990-1992

Alcohol-related traffic fatalities decreased from 22,084 in 1990 to 17,699 in 1992, a reduction of 20%. At the same time, non-alcohol-related traffic fatalities decreased from 22,515 to 21,536, a reduction of 4%. The proportion of traffic fatalities involving alcohol dropped from 50% in 1990 to 45% in 1992. This is the largest alcohol-related fatality reduction in the past 10 years, when accurate data on alcohol-related traffic fatalities first became available (see Table 1).

pedestrians where BAC test results are not available. In 1992, test results were available for 47% of all drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists involved in fatal crashes.

Nature of the 1990-1992 Decline

Who

- Fatally injured and surviving drivers showed similar decreases in alcohol involvement.
- Alcohol involvement decreased more among younger drivers -- especially teenagers -- than older drivers (see Table 2).
- Alcohol-involved male drivers decreased 22% while alcohol-involved female drivers dropped 16%.
- Alcohol involvement decreased among drivers at all BAC levels. Data from 15 states with BAC tests on over 85% of driver fatalities in both 1990 and 1992 show a 22% reduction in drivers exceeding .20 BAC, a 24% reduction between .10 and .19 BAC, and a 24% reduction between .01 and .09 BAC.

**Table 1. TRAFFIC FATALITIES
1982 through 1992**

Year	Total Fatalities		Alcohol-Related	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1982	43,945	57%	25,170	
1983	42,589	56%	23,650	
1984	44,257	54%	23,760	
1985	43,825	52%	22,720	
1986	46,087	52%	24,050	
1987	46,390	51%	23,640	
1988	47,087	50%	23,630	
1989	45,582	49%	22,436	
1990	44,599	50%	22,084	
1991	41,508	48%	19,887	
1992	39,235	45%	17,699	

This *TRAFFIC TECH* provides basic data about the reduction and how it varied among different drivers, locations, and times. NHTSA defines alcohol-related traffic fatalities as those in which a driver, pedestrian, or bicyclist had a positive blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.01 or greater. In 80% of these fatalities, at least one driver or pedestrian had a BAC of 0.10 or greater, the legal BAC limit for drivers in most states. NHTSA uses statistical models to estimate BAC levels for drivers and

**Table 2. DRIVER FATALITIES
Percent Decrease from 1990 to 1992**

Age	BAC level		
	.00	.01 +	.10 +
All drivers	- 5%	- 21%	- 22%
15-20	- 14	- 34	- 36
21-24	- 4	- 21	- 24
25-34	- 10	- 24	- 24
35-44	- 2	- 14	- 13
45-54	+ 2	- 12	- 13
55-64	- 10	- 15	- 20
65 and above	+ 4	- 6	- 4





- Alcohol involvement decreased almost as much for pickup truck drivers as for passenger car drivers, and decreased even more for motorcycle drivers.
- Alcohol involvement decreased less for pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities than for drivers (Table 3). Pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities not involving alcohol decreased more than driver fatalities without alcohol.
- Alcohol involvement among repeat offenders (drivers with previous convictions for driving while intoxicated) decreased just as much as for drivers with no previous driving while intoxicated convictions.

Alcohol-Related Fatalities Dropped 15 % or More in 33 States (shaded)

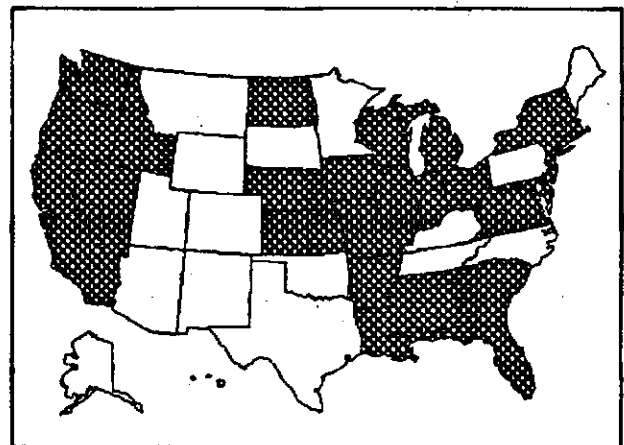


Table 3. DRIVER AND PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES
Percent Decrease from 1990 to 1992

Person	BAC level		
	.00	.01 +	.10 +
Vehicle drivers	- 5%	- 21%	- 22%
<i>passenger cars</i>	- 5	- 21	- 22
<i>pickup trucks</i>	+ 3	- 17	- 18
<i>motorcycles</i>	- 19	- 30	- 31
Pedestrians & bicyclists	- 16	- 13	- 13

When

- Alcohol involvement dropped during all hours of the day, including 19% or more during nighttime hours (9 pm - 6 am) when most alcohol related fatalities occur.

Where

- Alcohol involvement dropped nationwide. Twenty six states showed decreases of 20% or more, 33 showed decreases more than 15%.

Summary

The good news is that alcohol-related fatalities decreased substantially and consistently across all drivers, times, and locations in the past two years. Alcohol involvement even decreased among those traditionally hard-to-reach -- drivers with high BAC levels or with previous impaired driving convictions, motorcyclists, pickup truck drivers, and teenagers. An interesting finding is that alcohol involvement dropped more for drivers than pedestrians. NHTSA is analyzing the available data to gain a better understanding of the causes of this substantial decrease.

For more detailed information on these statistics, contact NHTSA's National Center for Statistics and Analysis, (202) 366-4198.

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Federal Issues

S.21

Motorcyclists are urged to write to their U.S. senators and ask them to incorporate the Senate compromise amendments into the House version of S.21.

Contact the senators at the United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510

S. 1842

Motorcyclists interested in promoting rider education and ending the federal blackmail penalties should write committee chairman Senator Max Baucus and ask him to schedule hearings on the bill.

Letters to Senator Baucus should be sent to the United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

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 call (614) 891-2425. To send a fax message, call (614) 891-5012.

August 1994

Court overturns helmet law

A Washington state appeals court has issued a ruling that calls into question the legality of Washington state's mandatory helmet law. The panel affirmed a lower court ruling that the state's helmet law is unconstitutionally vague. The court said that the state statute, as worded, is too confusing for the average citizen to understand. This is the first example of a successful court effort to overturn a state helmet law based upon a 14th Amendment due process argument. In the past, arguments had focused on First Amendment freedom of expression issues. The court must now reconvene to issue a mandate that would prevent the state from enforcing the current helmet law statute. The state is already in the process of redrafting the statute to make it conform with the court ruling and state patrol officials have said that they will continue to issue tickets to riders who do not comply with the law. See the press release in this package.

Sturm, Ruger & Co. targets motorcyclists

Company officials at Sturm, Ruger and Co. have issued an internal memo to advise company employees that their health plan will no longer cover the costs associated with motorcycle related injuries if the rider is not wearing a helmet and eye protection at the time of the accident. The company memo states, "Please note that there has been a modification of the exclusion of coverage for injuries and illnesses incurred as a result of certain reckless or illegal acts. Sports-related injuries will no longer be subject to this exclusion; however, motorcycling injuries will not be covered unless a motorcycle helmet and eye protection were worn at the time of the accident." The company is based in New Hampshire, a state that does not require adult riders to wear a helmet. The memo is signed by the company president, William B. Ruger, Jr.

California desert bill passes House

The U.S. House of Representatives passed its version of the California Desert Protection Act on July 27. The House measure is even more restrictive than the Senate version of the desert bill passed earlier this year. Although both versions of the bill would ban motorized recreation from millions of acres of public land in the California Desert, the Senate version contains a package of compromise amendments designed to preserve several existing motorized-recreation routes. The House version of the bill has been renumbered S.21 and the bill has been sent back to the Senate for consideration. See the press release in this package.

Chicago bike ban proposed

A Chicago Alderman has proposed banning motorcycles from some city streets in the downtown Chicago area. Alderman Burton F. Natarus has proposed an ordinance that would put some city streets off limits to motorcyclists between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. The AMA is working closely with ABATE of Illinois to defeat this proposal.

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July 26, 1994

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TWO NEW BILLS INTRODUCED TO ALTER ISTEА PENALTIES

WASHINGTON, D.C... Within days of the announcement that the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee would hold a hearing on the "National Highway System Designation Act," S.1887, two separate bills were introduced to alter the penalties for non-compliance with title 23, section 153, United States Code. The section 153 penalties, which require states to transfer federal highway funds to safety programs if they do not have helmet and seat belt laws, were made law by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, (ISTEA).

Taking two different approaches to ease the burden of the federal mandate on states without helmet laws, Senator Richard Lugar (R-Indiana) and Congressman Jim Slattery (D-Kansas) introduced two different bills to lessen the restrictive requirements of the section 153 penalties. Senator Lugar and Rep. Slattery both support repeal of the section 153 penalties, and they are, respectively, cosponsors of S.295 and H.R.799. However, lacking that repeal, they want to pursue these measures to provide the states more flexibility and some relief from the excessive burden of section 153 penalties.

After studying rail crossing accident rates and taking a train trip across Indiana aboard a CSX locomotive, on July 14th Senator Lugar introduced S.2286, the "Rail Crossing Safety Enhancement Act of 1994." Then, on July 20th, Rep. Jim Slattery introduced H.R.4805, which cuts in half the penalties for non-compliance with ISTEA for states with a seat belt law but no mandatory helmet law.

According to Senator Lugar, S.2286 gives state legislatures flexibility that is currently not included in the ISTEA mandate. "Because the only conceivable purpose of rail crossing safety equipment is safety," Senator Lugar believes that S.2286, "conforms to the original spirit and intent of section 153."

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Section 153 penalizes states without both seat belt and helmet laws by transferring 1 1/2 percent of certain highway construction funds to safety programs in FY95 if a state did not have both laws by October 1, 1993, and 3 percent each year thereafter. Rep. Slattery's bill H.R. 4805 would cut those penalties in half, to 3/4 percent in FY95 and 1 1/2 percent thereafter, if they state did not have a helmet law but had a seat belt law in effect. Rep. Slattery responded to inquiries as to why he introduced H.R. 4805 by saying, "It is unfair to penalize states that have enacted safety belt laws, but have not enacted universal helmet laws. These are issues that state governments should debate and not that the federal government should consider. I personally am opposed to universal helmet laws and believe that such laws are an infringement on an individual's rights. "

When questioned about the legislation, Motorcycle Riders Foundation's VP for Government Relations, Wayne Curtin, said, "both S.2286 and H.R.4805 would lessen the burden on state legislatures. S.2286 would allow states to spend the section 153 funds on a vital safety area that is currently under funded and H.R.4805 would cut the penalties in half for 23 of the 25 states without helmet laws. Both of these bills would allow state legislators to determine what is best for motorcyclists in their state with less federal interference than the current section 153 penalties."

Curtin also asked motorcyclists to write and call their congressional delegation to request that they cosponsor S.2286 and H.R.4805. Senator Dan Coats (R-Indiana) was an original cosponsor of S.2286 and Senator Durenberger (R-Minnesota) became a cosponsor on July 19th. Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) and Rep. Scott McInnis (R-Colorado) are the first cosponsors of H.R.4805.

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The Motorcycle Riders Foundation, incorporated in 1987, is a membership based national motorcyclists' rights organization headquartered in Washington D.C. The MRF is involved in federal and state legislation and regulations, motorcycling safety education, training, licensing and public awareness. The MRF provides members and state motorcyclists' rights organizations with direction and information to protect motorcyclists rights and motorcycling. The MRF sponsors annual regional and national educational seminars for motorcyclists rights activists and publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, THE MRF REPORTS.



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**SENATE HOLDS HEARING ON THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM
CHAIRMAN BAUCUS ANNOUNCES ISTEА OVERSIGHT HEARINGS**

WASHINGTON, D.C... Without fanfare or anything but the required minimum public notice, the U.S. Senate's Environment and Public Works Committee held a hearing on the senate version of the "National Highway System Designation Act of 1994," S.1887. Senator Max Baucus (D-Mont.), chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee, introduced S.1887, which is vastly different from the House passed version of the National Highway System (NHS) legislation (H.R.4385), on March 3, 1994. S.1887 only approves the proposed Nation Highway System map, whereas H.R.4385 also includes highway demonstration projects (commonly referred to as "pork-barrell" projects) and technical corrections to the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA).

In his opening statement Chairman Baucus stated that passage this year of a "clean national highway system bill," with no demonstration projects or technical corrections to ISTEA, was a priority for him. He stated he intended for the committee to mark-up S.1887 prior to the summer recess, scheduled for August 15th. To drive his point home on a clean bill, chairman Baucus said, "There will not be a National Highway System bill with demonstration projects passed this year."

However, chairman Baucus did acknowledge the need to evaluate ISTEA policies. During the hearing he announced that he would be holding ISTEA oversight hearings in September. He went further, saying he intended to bring up a "technical corrections bill or midcourse adjustment to ISTEA." Though Senator Baucus said he was not yet sure of the nature of that bill he will "probably bring it up next year." He further stated that bill could include demonstration projects and other controversial issues.

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Wayne Curtin, MRF Vice-President of Government Relations, attributed the scheduling of the ISTEAs oversight hearings largely to the efforts of Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-Colo.). Curtin stated, "Senator Campbell has been diligently working with the MRF in trying to get Senator Baucus to deal with the federal helmet law mandates."

Curtin indicated that the MRF has notified state motorcyclists' rights organizations that immediate action should be taken to get additional cosponsors to Senator Campbell's bill (S.1842) and Senator Durnberger's bill (S.295). According to Curtin, "getting a repeal or change of the section 153 penalties on states without helmet laws into the senate version of ISTEAs technical corrections legislation is an obtainable goal."

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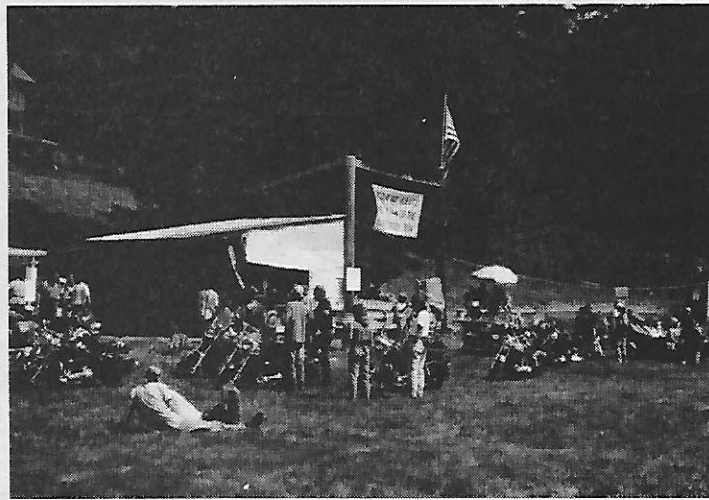
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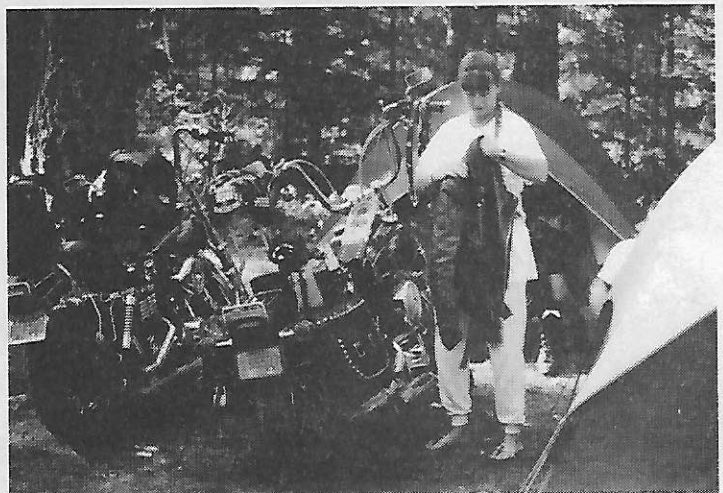
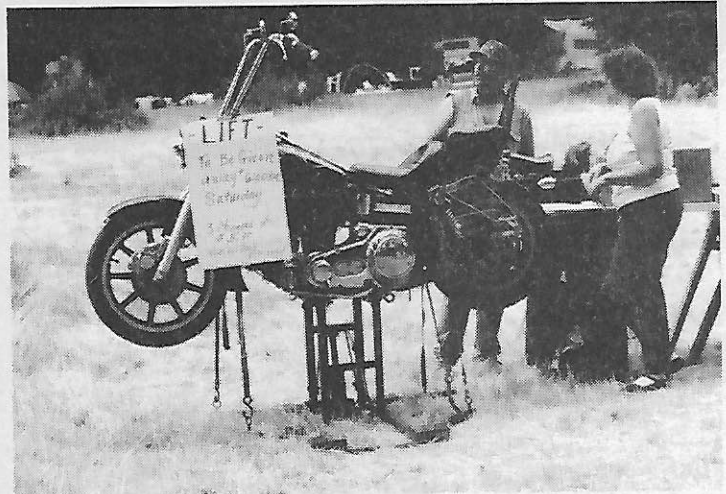
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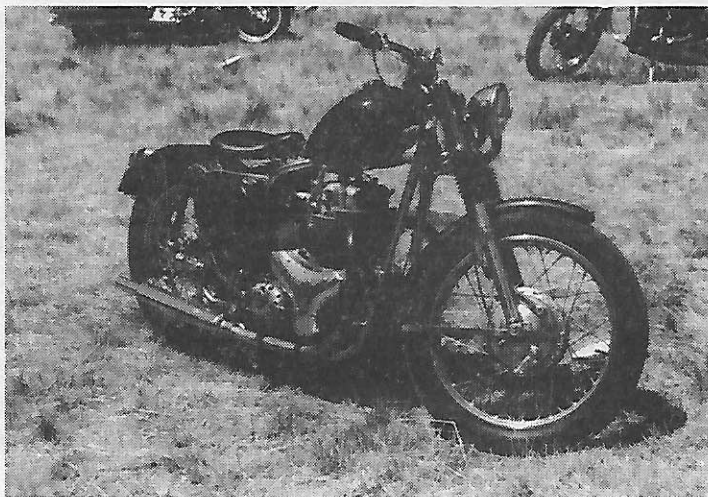
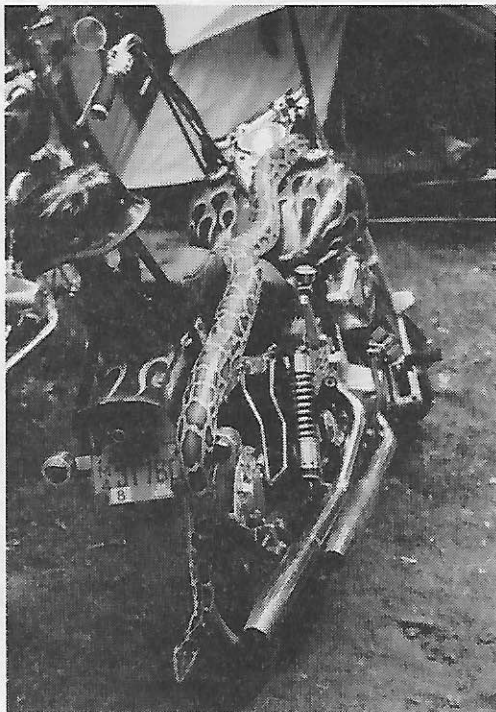
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EDITOR'S SPACE

Here I sit in front of the new computer playing with the different settings and the like, when I realize that I am just aching to tell you a story. The story is true, but please try to keep me from bragging about how great a guy I am (my wife will tell you different I am sure). So let me get started, but first let me say that there might be a moral in this somewhere.

It was a semi nice day in the land of Oregon, blue skies dotted with puffy white clouds. There was a slight breeze from the North-East keeping the temperature down. I set out with my family (in a van) to go to the river of our choice, which just happens to be in Washington.

The day was uneventful, except for puttering around in a raft. We ate lunch and really enjoyed the whole day. We headed back from the site, (which I am not going to tell where it is) and we were almost back to the I-205 bridge when I spotted a "biker" on the side of the road. I slowed down and noticed that there were two bikes on the side, not one. One of the bikes was a Harley sportsters, the other was a Honda two cylinder of some sort, (I don't know the difference in models). I pulled over to see if they needed assistance. The sporty that had pulled over, takes off, he is gone....

(Now I know the guy meant well to pull over, but to not stick around is a personal choice that I would not have made.)

There I am with the van from hell full up with hot tired kids and three adults. I jump at the chance to get out of the van. I run back to see what, (if any) I could offer in assistance. This guy's bike had no electricity, nothing in the dash, no headlight, nor a flicker in the tail light. I offered to call someone, or give him a lift to the nearest spot of convenience. I had not even noticed what state his bike was registered in, not that it mattered. Asked him if he had ever heard of ABATE of OREGON Inc. He said no. Then he mentioned he lived in Portland, Or., and could he get a ride over the I-205 bridge. I asked

him where he need to go. He replied about 97th and NE Sandy blvd. right off the 205 freeway. Now it just so happens that I am taking the same exit that he needs to take, I offer him a ride to his door, and help load up the bike into the truck when he picks it up. He says yes to the ride. Off we go down the highway in the van full of hot kids, just pounding this poor guys brain for info (the kids were). Hand him a copy off the last issue I had of the newsletter (July's), and tell him about what ABATE is. When we dropped him off at his door, I invited him to our meetings, and wished him luck.

Now what does this all have to do with anything you might ask. A LOT!! You see, in my own opinion, that is part off what ABATE of OREGON, Inc. is about. Helping fellow motorcyclists on the road if at all possible.

NO MATTER WHAT THEY RIDE!

Another part of ABATE OF OREGON, Inc., (once again this is my opinion) is the ever present Legislative work we must all be doing, all the time. When a Rule Change Hearing is called, and it effect our style of life, **WE MUST BE THERE!!**

After all if we don't watch out for our own selves, then we might as well let the government do all of our watching out for us. This is part of the battle we face. Stepping up to our own self priorities, listing them in order of importance and then acting on that list, in order of preference. I understand that a lot of the folks in the organization work real jobs, have long hours at these jobs, or work "strange" hours, but that does not account for the lack of turn out at a Rules hearing. I mean to tell you that when less than 35 people show up at a hearing in our state capitol building on something like a helmet law rules change, (to our own benefit) then I mean to say that a lot of people's priorities are out of whack and we might just as well just throw in the..... **stop right there** (continued next page)

I realize that this fight is not over yet and if the people rallied around and let the people know that they really do care by showing up at the next hearing or rally, not just the parties, then it would encourage people like myself to keep up the fight and enlist more fighting soles to the front lines. Our future is now, and our purpose is needed stronger today than any period in time. We must **ALL** start fighting like heck(spelling) **TOGETHER** (no matter what you ride, or why you ride, or where you ride) we must stop this oppression of personal choice **NOW**.
WOW WHAT A MIND FART.

I have been trying to keep my own personal opinion out of the newsletter, but of late it has been really hard to keep quiet. I think maybe I am getting older, but I see a need in the general membership to quit thinking that someone else will do it for me. I also think that people need to step up and prove to those around them, that if we all put forth some effort, that the effort put out by each will not be as much as if they did it alone. STEP UP (and that might shut me up) and be counted. I for one hope to see more faces at the important events as well as the fun events.

Oh boy did I get off the track or what? I meant to let you know that if we help one another out in anyway possible, it makes it a whole lot easy on all of us.

THANKS FOR READING
GORDON W. HIERONIMUS
NEWSLETTER EDITOR 94

P.S. Did anyone understand the cover of August 94 newsletter??? Because I got no replies except one. I think that says quite a bit in itself. If you are one of the few working, you understand the cover. If the cover bothered you, you must ask yourself, does this pertain to you??? Or will you just think about it and do something about someday?? Be at peace with yourself, I am!!!!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Welcome from the sagebrush and sun side of Oregon, I hope this summer has seen you all safe and generally sober. And I hope the recent hot spell throughout the Northwest has made you at least a little bit as fed up with mandatory helmet torture as I have been. Allow me to explain the situation here:

First off, I spent my first twenty-odd motorcycling years as a rabid helmet advocate, buying the best "protection" I could get, nagging anyone who rode with me, street or dirt, to kindly wear a helmet and protect yourself from guaranteed disaster. I was brain-washed and programmed from my first Honda 50 on up that helmets were next to God in bestowing certain salvation on my worthless soul.

But at some point I realized that lo and behold I had never ever been in need of the protection my helmet promised me and I took it off and learned a great deal about truth and lies in the debate over the value of the skid lid. As a member of ABATE you already know the facts and I am sure you are as tired as I am of hearing people who don't have a clue (including many in the motorcycling ranks) try to tell you that helmets don't impair hearing, have no effect on peripheral vision, are quite comfortable and no problem at all in hot weather. Excuse me, but I used to eat the swill, too and I KNOW GOD DAMMED BETTER! Those statements are unadulterated male bovine excrement. I've been there and you can't fool me. The only helmet that comes close to these attributes will get you a ticket in a minute because Momma Dot won't approve and the revenue rangers we call cops just love easy money. So why the hell am I stating the obvious?

Because a couple of weeks ago it was 109 degrees here in The Dalles and elsewhere and just making the half mile run to the store for a fresh half rack was pure accident-causing agony. And flying down the

gorge into the ever-present grinning windsurfer head wind with the strap choking and chafing my neck while west winds tried vainly to pull the plastic piss pot off my head created a situation I wish I could share with every person everywhere that really thinks I am safer than I was without it. Every time I stopped somewhere and threw that sweaty, deafening torture device as far as I could I was hoping that some Joe Squid Public might take notice from his air-bagged, seat-belted roll cage constructed air-conditioned Volvo and think how glad he was not to have to wear one. Fat chance.

So what have I done about it? Like you, not nearly enough. I have written hundreds of letters to my worthless political representatives. **In my head.** I have written letters to the newspaper editors. **That never left the computer.** I have complained bitterly and convincingly and stated the right position. To people who don't ride and don't bother to vote. My small token of rebellion is to be an active AMA and ABATE member. But my inaction speaks volumes about the APATHY written all over the front of the August newsletter.

So what am I doing to change this sorry state? At work I bring in the newsletters to circulate. I'm getting the word out on the Freedom Run in Parkdale near here and convincing people that their Suzukis and Yamahas are welcome...party down and see the light. And dammit, join ABATE, AMA, BikePac, whatever. There can be strength in numbers when ballots are counted or dollars accumulated. We CAN do it! Which leads me to suggest something that seems so obvious as to be a natural connection:

Why not enlist every motorcycle\ATV dealer possible to offer a small bonus with their sales? I suggest the dealer offer a choice of memberships to ABATE, the AMA or BikePac with each new or used bike sold, first year paid by the dealer. The customer gets the packet, the newsletters or magazines

for a year and the option to renew. Knowing what a class act we have in our state organization, I am willing to bet on a big membership increase regardless of cycle make due to the fact that we are all in this TOGETHER. We need the voice of diversity and the strength to sway opinion. Think what this policy could do for AMA membership nationwide. And most retail motorcycle buyers have no idea what is going on politically behind their backs.

And on this note, it seems to me that the dealers are the first casualties of bad laws and misguided intentions and it would be a very small price to pay to have informed purchasers of their products to back them up when Big Brother and his lawyers come to dictate the government's demands regardless of the will of the consumer. Think about it.

NOTES FROM THE REARVIEW MIRROR: Fossil seems to grow and get better beyond reason. A huge attaboy and girl for pulling this one off in spite of logistic problems and iffy weather and huge kudos for pulling off The Commander and his band. Hats (and helmets) off to Chris (Vieria) and the Douglas County crew for effort above and beyond the call of duty. This may seem strangely late but I happened to cruise on up to Cowlitz County for the Cow Chip Boogie last month and like a fly on the wall (I didn't know hardly anyone) I eavesdropped a lot. The most noteworthy items I kept hearing over and over concerned Fossil, those who made it, those who didn't vendor's remarks, etc. The overriding impression I received was that Fossil has become a benchmark in the region, a small sort of Sturgis if you will, and having been to some of the very early Fossil Runs I can easily see how very much it has grown. Thanks for the memories.

PARADOX DEPT: From what I've read I'm supposed to write and give my support to Rep. DeFazio for his support of anti-blackmail legislation regarding the ISTE

bill. OK, I can buy that, but why is he trying to put me and hundreds of others out of work in the aluminum industry by accusing BPA of subsidizing us with other ratepayer's money by grossly exaggerated sums that have no relation to reality of fact? Shades of a Mr. Dick Floyd, ex-politician from California. Maybe this guy ain't in MY voting pamphlet but the rest of you may want to remember a timeless line from the sixties: QUESTION AUTHORITY!

GETTING AWAY WITH MURDER: Am I the only one who noticed or is the helmet mythology so thoroughly brainwashed into the public that when a helmet kills someone in front of millions of people NO ONE questions the obvious? I am referring to last winter's Olympic trials in the women's downhill ski competition where the unfortunate German lady left the chute wearing a full-faced jut-jawed expensive helmet for protection from falls. And she did fall, sliding outward and into the catch fencing and saplings in front of crowds of onlookers. When she stopped her agonizing slide down the course she was dead...from a broken neck. Her helmet had snagged something with enough force to rip it off her head and take her life. I wouldn't be so presumptuous as to claim she'd be alive today without it (and how often do we hear the reverse stated as fact regarding helmet-less riders?) but it certainly was a contributing factor, yet not once was the sacred helmet held liable.

THE CUTTING EDGE OF FREEDOM: Word has it that if O.J. is found guilty of the heinous crimes he's accused of, the politicians are already making a list of horrible assault knives that must be taken off the shelves to protect us all from a similar fate. If looks truly could kill they would happily blind us all.....

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By working hard with ABATE I can contribute to preserving the American way of life as it was intended by our forefathers of the Constitution of These United States of America.

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By working hard with ABATE I can help to bring a people together to fight for freedom. Not an unrealistic freedom but rather one with dignity, pride, and moral acceptance. Harming no one or infringing on the rights of anyone. Yet at the same time not directly endangering our lives of our well being with assured outcomes of harm.

Granted our numbers may be few, but our impact can be great! I once heard that a Politician figures that for each voice he hears there are ten others that feel the same. So then if we are on 19 members strong we can have the voice of 190! So my friends do not loose heart. Together we stand, alone we shall fall. Few as we are lets stand together and know that what we do is good! And know that by working hard with ABATE we can be proud of ourselves and have fun too.

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One of my favorite things to do while enjoying a pint of my favorite ale is ask my fellow conversationalist where he or she was on November 22nd 1963. Many of you will immediately reference to this date in history and generally my companions will think for a second or two and say, "I was in high school or I was at home", etc. Occasionally they will say "well, I wasn't born yet," which usually surprises me. Am I that old that I have lost the ability to judge a person's age? Well I guess that as I mature, time has a tendency to speed up.

Growing up during the freedom of the sixties and the heat of Vietnam has helped shape my awareness of personal freedoms. In my generation we were taught to question authority, don't assume that whatever government wants or says is right. The current generation of adults are becoming able to exercise their right to vote, but are they passionate about anything? The new generation had a different set of circumstances to help form their opinions of their lives. They feel powerless to change anything in the face of this overwhelming task, so why is it surprising that they have the attitude "who cares? I can't change anything so what's the use?".

You find this generation's point of view in their music. If you listen for any length of time you will hear despair, frustration, rebellion without focus, and anger at the lack of control over their own lives. They have internalized their focus. They deny the world around them. Those of us that still have a passion, that still remember the torch the burning desire to keep our freedoms, to be politically active, that change is still possible! We have to reach out to the next generation to give them the knowledge we've gained and to urge them on. There's still hope!

Most of the generation that preceded my own has become complacent, they've forgotten what's been fought for in the country, the

right to be an individual, the pursuit of happiness and freedom from an oppressive government. It's up to us to rise to the challenge, to use our first amendment right to freedom of speech and help activate the next generation, to show them that these freedoms are still valuable and worthy to be upheld.. After all, it will be in their hands just as our parents passed it on to us.

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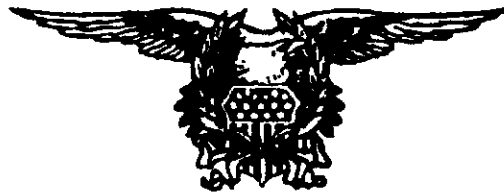
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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

August 17, 1994

Dear Editor:
(in reply to Jeff McLaughlin's letter)

He said it himself that loud stereo's should not be let in the gate. This means HIS stereo.

In 1993 if he recalls some other people told him to turn down his music in a very dangerous way. I did not want to see a confrontation like that occur again. In 1994's Run, Friday night I got several complaints about his stereo and I sent one of the security people to ask him, "please, to turn it down". He did not... Saturday some people from Washington camped by him, left because of him. I asked them to stay but they said they had, had enough. Saturday I again received complaints. I sent another security person to ask him to "please, turn it down" He did not. Finally I had to deal with HIM personally.

Remember... Jeff, I told you that you will turn it down, and if the people in the next camp could hear it at 10:00 pm I was going to escort you out the gate. We tried to reason with you three times and it did not sink in. The only thing that you understood was ~~my~~ belly! Other security people were there not to tell you to turn it down so much, they were there to keep me from trashing your ass. Now that I have seen what kind of self-centered drunk you are I say that you are 86'd for life from Fossil. You don't do anything to promote good will, or understand a civilized request like a reasonable man. You sir, are nothing but trouble and I won't allow anyone else to be subjected to your inconsiderate behavior ever again!

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BIKER DELEGATES IMPACT TEXAS DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

AUSTIN, TX., JUNE 4, 1994 – As the 1994 Texas Democratic Convention convened, the chairman welcomed the 310 "biker delegates" and commended them on their efforts; "Never has a group been so organized and professional."

By the close of the day's session, Texas' democratic party had adopted a helmet law repeal as an official party platform:

"RESOLVED: That the laws and regulations requiring mandatory helmet use by adult motorcyclists be repealed, if it can be satisfactorily shown that such repeal will not have a negative impact upon the public treasury (reference to the federal ISTEA penalties)."

Passage of the resolution was not deemed likely until H.W. "Sputnik" Strain, state chairman of the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association and designated leader of the motorcyclists' delegation, began horse-trading with other delegates for their votes. Commanding 310 votes, the motorcyclists could effectively block any resolution. So, Sputnik negotiated support in exchange for votes and managed to narrowly pass the helmet repeal resolution.

As reported earlier this year through NCOM, 568 motorcyclists from the ranks of the Texas Motorcycle Roadriders Association, Texas Motorcycle Rights Association, Gulf Coast Motorcycle Rights Association and Texas ABATE Confederation became delegates to the state convention by participating in their precinct caucuses.

The precinct caucus is a grass-roots meeting where citizens in the area discuss issues that concern them and begin the process of selecting candidates for local, state and federal offices. The two main pieces of business conducted at the caucus are the adoption of platform resolutions and the selection of delegates to the conventions.

Although politicians are not bound by party platforms, adopted resolutions can influence their stand on the issues.

"It was great to see hundreds of motorcyclists exercising their right to participate in the political process," said Texas AIM attorney Rand Mintzer after addressing the convention.

"We couldn't have succeeded without the help of NCOM, AIM and Rand Mintzer and his staff," added Sputnik, who explained that he got the idea of targeting the democratic party at NCOM's Annual Convention in New Jersey in 1992.

According to Sputnik, a helmet repeal bill is expected to be introduced in the next legislative session in Texas.

For further information on the caucus system and how your organization can get involved, contact NCOM at 1-(800)-525-5355.

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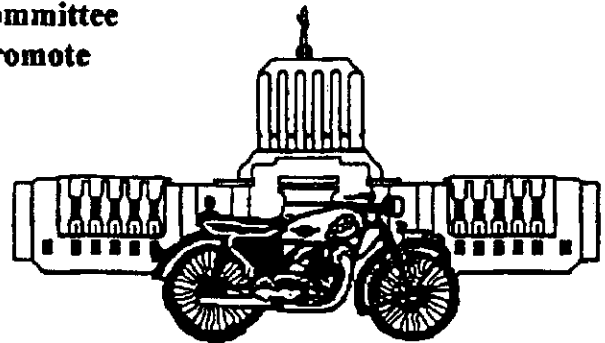
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To: The Officers and
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Sharon Noralie Yeager is the sweetest wife a man could ever expect to have in his lifetime. She is one of God's Angels put here on Earth for the sole purpose of helping me to keep to the proper path while my stay on this world is accomplished.

Sharon is full of pain most of the time from the drugs she takes to help her lungs operate. The drugs are so powerful that they also affect other glands, organs and even her bones. Two of the drugs leach the calcium from her skeletal frame and leave the bones softer and prone to damage from what we would call normal range of motion. She received a compression fracture of the spine about a year ago when she bent over to pick up the newspaper. This required a trip to the emergency room to determine the cause, and of course she was prescribed more drugs.

Recently Sharon was driving our car to visit her son. When she got out of the car to approach the house she stepped over a curb such as you would park against, and when her foot hit the ground, she suffered several lower back/side pain that left her unable to move for some time. This time we called an ambulance to transport her to the emergency room to determine the cause.

The X-rays showed only the previous compression fracture but was unable to show anything else causing the pain. Pain pills were prescribed and she was sent home. The X-rays did reveal, however, that her lung problem has gotten much worse. The scarring has progressed to the point that she has a very real problem getting enough oxygen into her bloodstream. The normal movement around the house that we take for granted she does in great pain and with difficulty. She is on Oxygen to help her breathe.

Our friends, At this time I would explain that I am required to be with Sharon as much of the time as I am not at work. I had planned

to "retire" from active ABATE participation at the end of this year, but Sharon's condition forces me to step up that time to the present. I will not be attending any more meetings and at this time I ask to be released from any Office that I have held, and any committees to which I am assigned.

This letter is hard for me to write and as I do I can feel your sympathy for Sharon's condition and ask that you take the time to send a card to her. A handwritten note is better. We have come to know many of you through our association with ABATE of Oregon, AMO, HOG, BikePAC, MRF, and NCOM, and we love and respect all of you. What Sharon and I have accomplished for those MROs we did for YOU!! Press on with the fight and keep putting the pressure on those who make a deference. It will be worth it in the end.

I will see you later down the trail. I will be gone temporarily but I will be back to help with the fight when the time is right. In the meantime I will continue to do whatever I can for the house, such as keeping information flowing form NCOM to ABATE, BikePAC, and other MROs interested in what is going on nationally.

I will continue to gather safety information that may be of interest to our members, as well as writing articles to the newsletter. I heartily endorse Nic Oliver to continue as the Education Director of ABATE of Oregon until elections can be held this Fall. Nic has worked with me during the formation of the Motorcycle Awareness Program and other projects of and Education Officer nature and is well aware of what the job entails.

With all our best wishes Sharon and I close this letter and tell you it's been a great ride, so far.

Mel (and Sharon) Yeager
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Dear Editor:

Thank you for doing such a good job putting the A.B.A.T.E of Oregon newsletter together.

I have the opportunity to see/read several "motorcycle" newsletters each month. Without a doubt the A.B.A.T.E. publication is the best.

Keep up the good work (and congratulations on your computer).
Susie Hutcheson

Dear Editor:

I'm writing in regards to the letter in the August Newsletter from Jeff McLaughlin.

I'm happy he had a great time at Fossil - I did too! However, it would have been nice to be able to carry on a conversation with the people sitting around our campfire.

I was camped several sites away from Jeff and his music but the acoustics must have ben great for the sound to carry that far and that loud.

I'm a strong supporter of Freedom of Choice, however, I really can't Support Jeff's choice to blast everyone out with his music. His choice to deafen himself is his right but I feel he should consider other people's Freedom Of Choice and not force his Super loud music on

everyone. (I have to admit that I really did enjoy the Janis Joplin!)

I'm unaware of the manner in which security dealt with asking Jeff to turn the music down, but if he's not pleased with it maybe he would like to volunteer to be in charge of security for Fossil "95". Maybe then he'd find out that being in charge of security for a large group is not easy. It's really easy to criticize other people and their actions when you really have no idea what it takes to do their job. Tact and diplomacy are great traits, however some people are lacking in those departments, do we cage those people or do we just publicly criticize them and their actions - when they were doing the best job they could.

I hope that Fossil "95" is just as great as Fossil "94" and if Jeff and his too loud, body vibrating music are their I will not be hesitant to speak with him in a decent manner and ask him to turn it down a couple notches so I can hear all the good jokes told around the campfire.

We must all remember the reason ABATE was formed in the first place - It definitely wasn't so we could all get together, get pissed off at each other and waste our time and energy bickering with in our forces. United we stand - Divided we fall!!

Brenda Chancellor

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The Team Oregon Motorcycle Safety Program recently provided some unique training to 15 Oregon State Police motor offices. After the officers completed the MRC:RSS, Team Oregon staff and Instructors led them on a 1,000-mile tour of Oregon's back roads and highways.

The riders traversed a variety of terrain on their Kawasaki police motorcycles. One highlight was when they rode at a go-kart racetrack.

"It proved to be turning point for many of the riders," said Team Oregon Education Director Steve Garets. "Here they realized the value of proper cornering technique."

The motorcycle traffic patrol team is the OSP's first venture into using motorcycles for enforcement and the department is determined to make it a safe one. Besides the required completion of the MRC:RSS and 1,000 miles of guided experience, officers must also complete a two-week course conducted by the Washington State Police. To keep their skills sharp, officers must participate in monthly refresher training.

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THE A.I.M..ing Point

Greetings brothers and sisters. The time again has arrived for the latest from the GUNNY.

As I write this, I still have fresh thoughts in my mind as the result of attending the N.E. Portland A.B.A.T.E. chapter meeting last night.

There are folks out there that do not think highly of the A.B.A.T.E. organization but you that feel that way should take the time to attend a meeting and then make that decision.

As most of you know by now this column is written and sent to many publications all over the state. Therefore I try to put information out that has an effect on **ALL** of us that ride motorcycles.

DMV HELMET HEARING:

As motorcyclists we had a terrific turnout in Salem on July 25th to present our views on changes we would like in the helmet law. A list of those testifying was in this column last month.

About 30 people showed up for the evening hearing and a number of them gave testimony to the representatives of ODOT and to the DMV hearings officer. The hearing room could have held three times the people that took the time to show up. As it happened very good information was given to those august folks that have the ways and means to change laws so they are more fairly enforced throughout the community.

We don't have a time-line yet on when to expect an answer.

The point of the hearing on July 25th was that we have a helmet law in this state that **NO ONE IS ABLE TO COMPLY WITH BECAUSE THE STATE OF OREGON HAS NO TESTING FACILITY FOR HELMETS NOR IS THERE A LIST OF APPROVED HELMETS.**

As many of you that have been ticketed know, a **DOT sticker** is not enough evidence of compliance for some police agencies. Most motorcyclists want to comply with

the law so we can continue to ride. As the law now reads neither Judges, Police, nor Joe Public can understand what it says. We are not assured that when we buy a helmet from a dealer that the thing is approved. We see a DOT sticker but some police say the sticker could be a fake. This is a no win situation for everybody. The fact is the FMVSS-218 is a **manufacturing standard**, and not proof of approved headgear for the consumer. Also, DOT stickers are put in place by the manufacturer **not** a testing lab such as Underwriters Laboratories. The manufacturer has no burden to the public of proof of testing. **ENOUGH ENOUGH ENOUGH.**

WASHINGTON STATE. . .

Now the bright side. On the 28th of June the appeals court in the state of Washington ruled against their helmet law for the same reasons we think ours needs to be changed. The law was considered unconstitutionally vague. A panel of three judges agreed with the Washington State A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) Attorney, Mr. Martin Fox, Mr. Ed Alden (Attorney for some of the people in the vagueness suite) and all the others that assisted them, that the law was unconstitutional.

However, the Washington State Police **are enforcing** the helmet law until appeals are exhausted. Marty Fox is requesting an injunction against the Washington State Police for passing an emergency measure to continue enforcement. According to Sam Hochberg, Oregon's A.I.M. Attorney, many of the city police in Seattle are not ticketing bare headed riders. This from his conversations with Mr. Fox. **However, be advised not to ride in Washington State without your hat and feel immune to being stopped and ticketed. Many agencies are still ticketing including the Washington State Patrol.**

It does appear that if any helmet is being worn the police agencies are **NOT TICKETING FOR UNAPPROVED HEADGEAR.** As more information surfaces I will get it out to you.

NCOM. . . .
(National Coalition of Motorcyclists)

ABATE OF WASHINGTON WILL HOST AN NCOM REGIONAL MEETING IN SEATTLE, WA. ON OCTOBER 8TH. ALL CONCERNED RIDERS FROM NCOM REGION "I" (OREGON AMONG OTHERS) ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND LEARN ABOUT ISSUES AFFECTING MOTORCYCLING IN THEIR STATES, AS WELL AS UPDATES ON THE STATUS OF WASHINGTON'S HELMET LAW. JOIN US AND RIDE FREE. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS AT 1-800-525-5355.

MALL SHOW. . .

The Jantzen Beach Mall folks have approved my request for an all Motorcycle show the last weekend of January 1995. I look forward to that weekend as being a ton of fun for everybody. We are assured of the liability insurance that is required. All persons that are interested should get in touch with me and we can get the planning stages out of the way. I would like to see representatives of A.B.A.T.E., Clubs, Associations, Dealer displays, Antiques, Motorcycles, Side cars, Scooters, Off-road bikes, you name it. ALL BRANDS OF BIKE ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. THIS IS WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT. . MOTORCYCLES OR SCOOTERS OF ANY KIND. **WE ALL HAVE OUR KNEES IN THE BREEZE.** This is our chance to really make a good impression on the public with our lifestyle and chosen sport of riding motorcycles.

The New Webster's dictionary defines a motorcycle as a two wheeled, gasoline driven vehicle larger and heavier than a bicycle. Everyone needs to keep that in mind.

Lets all get together and make this MALL SHOW something we do every year. My work phone is (503)224-1106 at Sam Hochberg's office, ask for GUNNY or call my home at (503)777-8410. There is an answering

machine if I'm not there and I will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Remember during the summer months I'm on runs promoting the **A.I.M.** (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) program and it may be I'm not home when you call.

EUROPE. . .

From the scene in Europe the following information comes from the pages of MAG magazine put in print, by the Motorcycle Action Group, in Merry Olde England.

I joined MAG at the NCOM (National Coalition Of Motorcyclists) convention in Harrisburg, PA. last May in order to have up to date information that may affect us here in the states when the fertilizer filters out and the leavings cross the Atlantic and we find ourselves facing the problems now being fought on the continent.

The British Dept. of Transport has allocated in excess of \$2,000,000.00 for the further testing of leg protectors for motorcycles. It has already been proven in earlier testing these things can do more damage than they prevent. The same thing is in the wind for further testing of air bags for bikes. WOW !! is that a thought. I saw these tests on video tape and it WAS **SCARY.**

Good news from the same area is that the 100bhp law that was being considered in the European Community was beaten soundly. (This would have been the end of liquid cooled engines on bikes) They are still fighting road bans and high taxation among other frightful demons but they are winning some battles.

LONG DISTANCE HONDA . .

A pat on the back for a young lady from Monroe, La. who rode her 250cc Honda HI-LUX Scooter all the way to the GWRRA Region "I" Rally at Tillamook, OR. July 29-31. She told my wife she did it because all her friends said she couldn't do it. She intends to ride it home too. Go for it lady, your knees are in the breeze more than some of ours.

LOCAL GWRRA INFORMATION.

This was the last five-state GWRRA Region "I" Rally that will ever happen as the region is now just a two state group due to reapportioning of regions at GWRRA. Hopefully these changes are for the betterment of the association. I will say this was a great rally for the final five-state go-round. Next year's rally is planned for Leavenworth, Wa. A reminder that **ALL BIKES ARE WELCOME AT THESE EVENTS.**

Nuff said for now. Keep the round side down,

GUNNY

A.I.M. C.O.S. for Oregon

SUNNY-SIDE UP

Sorry I missed last month. Time just got away with all the runs, events, and all. Any way, I ran across this little poem and I thought it was worth thinking about:


Simple little thought can determine destiny.

It has been said-

Watch your thoughts; they become words,
 Watch your words; they become actions,
 Watch your actions; they become habits,
 Watch your habits; they become character,
 Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

"For as a man thinketh, so is he in his heart." Proverbs 23:7.

So long for now,
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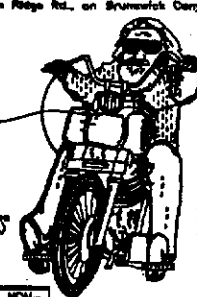
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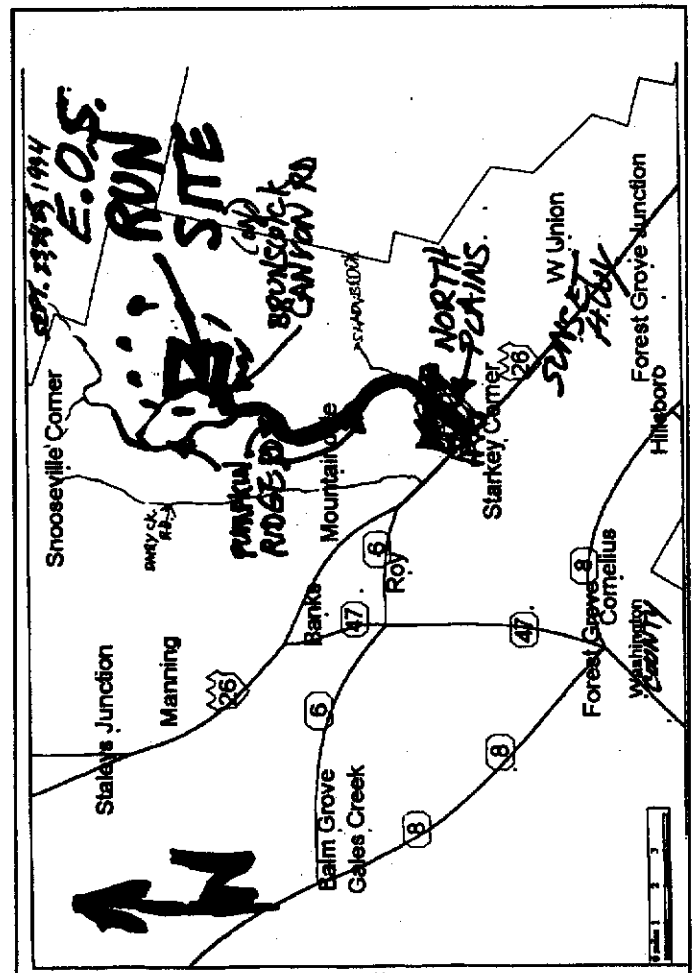
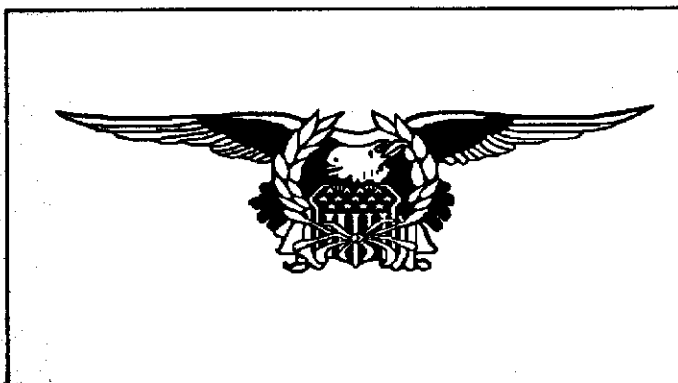
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INDIAN CREEK	260	11	12	23	249
JACKSON COUNTY	96	9	6	15	87
LENGOLN COUNTY	92	-1	1	0	93
NE PORTLAND	190	-1	3	2	191
NORTH COAST	40	0	1	1	40
SALMON	106	0	0	0	106
SE PORTLAND	212	7	3	10	205
SOUTH COAST	64	0	0	0	64
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	JACKSON COUNTY	11:00 am, <i>Oreagano's Pizza, 828 2nd Ave. Gold Hill</i>
	BLUE MOUNTAIN	3:00 pm, <i>Klondike Pizza, 828 Southgate, Pendleton</i>
2nd SUNDAY	YAMHILL COUNTY	3:00 pm, <i>Westward Ho, (3rd Street), McMinnville</i>
3rd SUNDAY	SOUTH COAST	11:00 am, <i>Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend</i>
	DOUGLAS COUNTY	11:00 am, <i>Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg</i>
2nd & 4th SUNDAYS	COLUMBIA RIVER	12:30 pm, <i>Cactus Club & Diner, 8131 N. Denver, Portland</i>
2nd & 4th MONDAY	SALEM	7:00 pm, <i>Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem</i>
2nd & 4th TUESDAY	WASHINGTON COUNTY	8:00 pm, <i>Round Table Pizza, 2473 N.W. 185th, Beaverton</i>
1st & 3rd WEDNESDAY	NORTH COAST ABATE	7:00pm, <i>The Pizza Harbor, Seaside</i>
	N.E. PORTLAND	7:30 pm, <i>Izzy's Pizza, 1307 N.E. 102nd, Portland</i>
3rd WEDNESDAY	CENTRAL OREGON	7:00 pm <i>The American Legion Hall, 8th St., Redmond</i>
1st & 3rd FRIDAY	LINCOLN COUNTY	7:30 pm, <i>Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport</i>