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FROM THE COORDINATOR

I want to thank all the members of ABATE and non-members who donated parts to raise money at the D.J.'s Swap Meet for BikePAC of Oregon. Money will go to fight against Motorcycle Legislation and to keep us informed in what's happening at the Capital. This is very important.

Larry Schalk, Kraig Markasun, Ken Ray, Mitch Maxwell, Ronna Buchanon, Angie Jensen, "Mother", Labbatha and Gordon Hieronimus, hard working members that made this fundraiser a huge success.

To Scott at D.J.'s, we want to extend our appreciation for allowing us a righteous space and canopy to sell the parts from, *thank you Scott!*

We are proud to print that BikePAC profited \$2,068.39. We thank everyone that participated in buying parts from the ABATE info booth.

We want to thank all the members that called Butch Harbaugh, the Lobbyist, and made appointments, went to Salem to become a Legislative Buddy. It has made a big impact. I would like to see more members getting involved in the Legislative Buddy program. A great opportunity to get know your Representatives on a one to one basis. Call 1-503-838-1460 and talk to Butch about what is needed. You can make a difference, act now!!!!

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Rotten Roger

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Here goes the questions and good luck.....

- 1) How many President were there in American history that did not have Vice-Presidents?
- 2) Name them.
- 3) How many Presidents were there that were unmarried?
- 4) Name them.
- 5) How many Presidents had more then one Vice-President?
- 6) Name the Presidents.
- 7) How many Presidents changed Political Parties in office?
- 8) Name them.
- 9) Other than the Democratic party in office today, how many different parties have there been in the office of President?
- 10) Name them.

Now that does not seem too hard, does it? The first one (postmarked) to answer all ten (or the one who answers the most first) will win a pair of Fossil '95 tickets, which has some outstanding music and a new run site this year. GOOD LUCK.....

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State Board Meeting Minutes

March 11, 1995

Meeting was called to order at Lane Co. Community College at 12:10 by Coordinator Rotten Roger. Minutes were read with no corrections. There were 11 chapters in attendance with 4 not present. All chapters present were in compliance with rules of operation.

Coordinators comments -- Things are moving along well legislatively. The legislative buddy system is working very well when it is used.

Correspondence--A letter was read from the AMA thanking us for the donation to the Spartanburg,SC harassment case.

Education Report-- Nic reports that 9 total Motorcycle Awareness classes were given to 238 students. The latest state that has expressed interest in ABATE of Oregon's M/C Awareness Class Format is Hawaii.

Legislative Report-- was given by Butch Harbaugh. He reports that this seems to be the year for our push to regain our freedom. In the state legislature the years of working to change opinions of some of the legislators is finally starting to pay off. They realize that bikers are real people and vital to the state economy and sometimes even to their re-election chances. It was reported that fatalities have increased 48% since the helmet law was passed in 1987. This is attributed to young, inexperienced riders who are often under the influence of alcohol. A re-emphasis on rider education and getting ABATE re-involved in Team Oregon (which ABATE started) will be necessary to reduce fatalities. On the federal level there are now 125 co-sponsors for the repeal of the federal blackmail provisions in ISTEAA.

Membership Report-- Given by Gordon for Mother. We have 1713 members down 24 from last month.

Newsletter Editor-- Gordon thanks the board for changing the date for the newsletter deadline. This will make it easier to get the newsletter out at the start of the month it applies to. Also in April a two month pin-up calendar will be available. The fax setup for the newsletter is working and available. The times to fax are Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Any other waking hour you must call first to let Gordon get the machine ready. The fax number is (local Portland) 503 254 3259. If you send something for submission, Gordon requests the text to be sent as Courier font in 12 point. This is the type that the Recognition software seems to like the best. Also some photos from the chapters are needed. They should be focused and labeled and also well lit. Either color or b/w is OK.

Products Director-- Last years Fossil T-shirts are available for \$5.00. Also the 20th anniversary pins and patches are available for \$3.00.

Public Relations-- Any ideas for new Public Service Announcement videos we can make are welcomed. Also the previous years tapes are being redistributed throughout the state.

State Run Coordinator-- T-shirt designs for Fossil are due by the next state board meeting on April 8th. Also all chapters will again be responsible for bringing 2 boxes garbage bags, 2 cans of gas and 2 door prizes. Any medically trained people are invited to let Roger know so we can have volunteers for the first aid tent. Tickets are available now and many chapter reps have them. Any chapters wishing to do concessions need to get with Angie within the next few weeks. Chris Vierra also had a report about the things that caused the SOS run to be denied a permit for the use of land. Their permit was denied for things that reflected poor judgment on the parts of the attenders. Much of this was by non-ABATE members at the run. This brought up the fact that security is a serious business at runs and is necessary for the continuation of the runs that we all enjoy.

Treasurer's Report-- As of 3-11-95 we had \$1471.44 in checking, \$14,650.91 in Savings, \$1844.11 in Legal, \$478.80 in Education, \$1028.34 in Bulk Mail for a total of \$19,473.60. Joy also wanted to remind chapters that quarterly reports are due April 15.

(Continue on next page)

"It is not easy to take democracy and freedom away from people and not expect them to fight back. Totalitarian actions do not prevail."

— President George Bush

Unfinished Business--

1. Steam '95-- All set and ready to go.
2. Parts for Swap Meet-- Many parts were brought in and everything looks good.
3. Phone Tree-- Fax numbers need to be added to the phone tree and all numbers need to be given to Gordon SOON.
4. Best of the West '95-- Roger has set up a van for transportation to Boise. The conference is April 21-23. Any chapters with members going to the Best of the West Conference get with Roger over the week or so and transportation can be arranged for \$55.00 a head.
5. Trifolds-- are available through Roger.
6. Motion to Repeal ABATE bylaws Article 4 Sec c. Roll Call vote Y(2)N(8)A(1) **Fails**
7. Motion from the Floor by Kenny Z. To pay for the cost overrun of \$8.44 on flowers authorized last meeting. Seconded by Marty Coon. Y(10)N(0)A(1) **Passes**

New Business

1. Motion from the Floor by Marty Coon to send as many officers from the state board as wish to go to the Best of the West conference. Transportation of \$55.00 plus registration, meals and lodging would be covered. Seconded by Mike Pyle. Y(10) N(1) **Passes**
2. Motion from the Floor by Marty Coon to send two people to the "Building a Better Board of Directors" conference. Seconded by Gary Lechner. Y(10) N(0) A(1) **Passes**
3. Motion from the Floor by Bob Avery to get an America-on-Line subscription for ABATE of Oregon to be administered by the Newsletter Editor. Seconded by Marty Coon. Y(10) N(0) A(1) **Passes**

Announcements: Salem Chapter has Fox Creek tickets for sale now.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:52

Minutes submitted by Ken Ray, State Recording Secretary.

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CHAPTER REPORTS

Blue Mountain

Meets 3rd Sunday, 1:00 pm

Klondike Pizza, LaGrande

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 242 LaGrande, Or. 97850

Chapter Contact: Bruce Coats (503)963-4622

Hello from Eastern Oregon,

We had a special guest at our last meeting, Dr. Leaur Fuchs, he is a Chiropractor here in LaGrande, a motorcycle rider and our newest member. He gave an interesting talk about cervical spine injuries and the dangers of wearing a helmet versus not wearing a helmet. He said that wearing a helmet can kill you and that the documentation was out there proving that helmets are dangerous, and that such documentation would do more to convince legislators to repeal helmet laws than motorcycle rights and personal freedoms.

We are all working to see that A.B.A.T.E. is heard by our legislators and that our rights to decide are restored to us as they should have never been taken away.

Cathy
Secretary

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 East Side,

Can you believe it, March already!!! It's true what they say, the older that you get the faster time goes. I just wish that we could slow summer down to a mopeds pace instead of a 90 inches pace!!

Our chapter is having 4 pool tournaments, 2 in March, the 12th and 26th. And 2 in April, the 9th and 23rd. Lucky's tavern has been nice enough to host these events.

As always Jim and Vicky, the owners, have come through for us again.

At our last meeting, we decided to "adopt a highway". With the killer views in this area it will be a pleasant job, I'm sure. So when your toolin' down the highway between Sisters and Redmond watch out for the bikers dressed in black adorned with orange safety vests. (that's the only time I hope I have to wear orange over my leather) !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Well, short and sweet this month, as usual I'm strapped for time.

Ride safe, and have some fun
CindyLou "WHO"

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Columbia River

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

Meeting place to be announced

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

Chapter Contact: Angie, (503)285-4329

Hi

The big news at Columbia River Chapter is that we are homeless. The Cactus Club has been sold. On a temporary basis, our meetings of 2/26 and 3/26 were held at the Kenton Club. We are looking for a permanent place to meet. We want member input so, if you have any ideas, contact Angie. It is sad to say goodbye to the Cactus Club. We've been there for about three years and a lot of good times have happened there. Thanks for everything Sam!

Be watching for Columbia River members Spike, Eagle and Stacy. They will be selling tickets for the raffle of a leather jacket. The jacket was graciously donated by Jim of Columbia Motorcycle and the proceeds go to the Fossil EMTs. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. They will be selling the tickets at various chapter meetings and events. The drawing will be held at Fossil.

Work has started on the Run to the Sun, to be held June 24 and 25. Kurt Little will coordinate the run. Come to a meeting and sign up to help. More about the run in the months ahead.

Suzanne Hayes, you could have been \$86.00 richer if you had attended the meeting on 2/26. Your name was drawn in the membership drawing.

Well, that's all for this month. Watch for notices of where the chapter meeting will be held or call Angie.

Janet

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MARCH 26TH

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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

Well is everyone as busy as we are? We are working hard on getting this year off and rolling. Having more of our members show up at meetings would be great. A lot is going on and a lot of changes have occurred.

We have had a Casino Night; and we are working on ways to make our voices count with our bureaucrats, we are working on runs, and working with the Easter Seals Telethon.

We hope everyone is doing their part on calling our Congressmen, and Representatives. Being aware of bills and writing, FAXing, or calling will only benefit you!

Well riding in the sun lately has been great, hope to see ya in the wind. Take care.

Brenda Tomlinson
Secretary

Grant County

Meets 3rd Saturday, 11:00 am

Stull Residence, 858 E. Main, John Day
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 532, Canyon City, Or. 97820
Chapter Contact: Sherri Stull,(503) 575-0741

NO REPORT, FIRST TIME.

Klamath County

Meets 3rd Mondays, 7:30 pm

Inge's Cheese Haus, 4023 S. 6th St., Klamath Falls
Chapter Address:P.O. Box 392, Klamath Falls, Or. 97601
Chapter Contact:Bob Motschenbacher (503)884-9709

Hi all from Klamath County:

Our new chapter is getting in full swing and our 39 members, as of this writing, are really enthused. More of them are getting involved in what is going on.

The first fundraiser we had, the Sweetheart's Ball on February 11, was a real success and after all the start-up costs and expenses of the chapter, we still have something in the coffer. We really appreciated the participation of sponsors who helped by donating items for the auction and the Counterpoint Band, who donated half the door to the chapter.

New officers for Klamath County Chapter are:

Coordinator	Robert Motschenbacher
Vice Coordinator	Mike Motschenbacher
Secretary	Dot Silani
Treasurer	Mike Raines
Membership Secretary	Paul Smith
Sergeant at Arms	Bob Jenkins
Legislative Director	Margy Gunter(In Salem)

Our next fundraiser, a Reno Nite and Slave Auction, is scheduled for March 17 at Linkville Station. We already have a lot of "slaves" signed up to donate their time as carpenters, plumbers, babysitters, cooks, landscapers and so forth, so we feel it will be a great night.

We're glad to once again be a part of A.B.A.T.E. and we're hoping to meet all of you down the road.

DOT

P.S. Check out the new meeting place and chapter address listed above.

P.P.S.

KLAMATH COUNTY WILL MISS AND ALWAYS REMEMBER,
GINA MARIE SILANI AND HER FIANCE

They were killed in a car accident on March 12th, and buried March 17th. Gina is survived by her parents Ed & Dorothy Silani. Gina and folks were charter members of this chapter. This is sad news to tell, let us take a moment to reflect and be a little safer on the road in their memory.

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

Lincoln County's Long John Poker Run and Anniversary Party are now history here. Those that rode on the Long John Poker Run were greeted with Oregon famous showers. At least the hail quit before it started. At the end of the run there was hot food and hot drinks available. Those that rode seemed to have had a good time despite the weather.

The Anniversary was that evening. It was held at Moby's with a special presentation of a plaque thanking Milt and Betty for their continued support of our group. When we first started meeting, they were the only ones who would give us a place to meet. Times sure have changed. We had great entertainment during the evening and saw a lot of old friends. If you ever get to Newport, you will have to say hi to Milt and Betty at Moby Dick's.
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We are presenting another program at one of the High Schools in our County. After this one, we have the final High School Program scheduled to do. It's a great feeling, knowing that it is being so well received.

The Lincoln County Chapter will get a breather now. We can use this time to mentally work on Beaver Creek.

Butch, from BikePac, was at our first meeting in March and gave an informative talk on what is happening in Salem and around the country. We were all able to ask questions and get the information that we wanted.

Not much else going on, so will end it for now.....

Yours in the wind
Millie

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

Howdy from the North Coast,

Thanks to all our members for the decent turnouts we've been having at our chapter meetings. Makes for more enjoyable as well as productive time spent. For those who haven't attended, I want to let you know that this is a really big year for us to advance and protect motorcycling and personal freedoms. Your freedom to ride. Please participate!

Our March first chapter meeting was a designated social/fundraising event, with lots of pizza served and a white elephant auction to raise a little money for the chapter's coffers. Or did it pay for the pizza and refreshments? Either way it was a whole lot of fun. (Continued next column)

J.J.'S 4th ANNUAL BENEFIT POKER RUN AND PIG OUT APRIL 22, 1995 ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT PACIFIC COUNTY BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER (CSN)

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April 21 will be J.J.'s 4th Annual Benefit Poker Run and Pig out to help the Pacific County Battered Women's Shelter over in Long Beach, Wa. For more information look for the flyer in this newsletter.

Well it's warming up a bit and events are happening. Let's have a safe and enjoyable riding season. See you there.

Let's ride
Don Smack

NE 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: MaryBeth 503-253-7343

By the time you read this the DJ's SwapMeet will be history. Did you go? Did you stop by the state's A.B.A.T.E. booth? Having our booth there was a good way to get the information out to the motorcycle riding public. I hope several new members were signed up. We can use each and every Oregon registered voter to help us in our efforts this legislative session. Speaking of the legislative session brings to mind our "Legislative Buddy" program. If you want more information or are interested in becoming a "buddy" come to our next meeting and talk with either Mary Beth or Cindy. At our March 1st meeting several NE Portland Chapter members volunteered to be a "buddy." But there is still a need for others.

On March 17th several of us from NE Portland gathered at the front steps of the Capitol Building in Salem. Butch Harbaugh of BikePac met us and escorted us to the gallery. March 17th and April 7th have been designated "Biker Days" at the Capitol, so if you did not make the March date, plan now to be in Salem on April 7. This is our best opportunity in many years to get legislation passed that we have proposed. It won't happen without a lot of work and as you know "many hands make light work." Won't you help us with this effort?

NE Portland chapter is sending 10 persons to Best of the West in Boise, Idaho on April 21st. We are going so that we can bring home ideas to make our chapter the best possible. If you haven't been to a chapter meeting in a while, plan to attend soon. I think you will be very pleasantly surprised at the enthusiasm generated at each of our meetings. Who knows it might be contagious.

Susie

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Salem

Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays, 1:00 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

Greetings,

The biggest piece of news Salem Chapter has to offer you right now is "Fox Creek '95". We are proud to announce that San Cemente Productions in CO-operation with Salem Chapter will be bringing John Kay & Steppenwolf to the Fox Creek Run. This year we hoped to offer the West Coast alternative to "Sturgis". Fox Creek will provide at this event Live music from Kenny Z and the Bloodhounds, Gypsy Blue and John Kay and Steppenwolf. Free beverages, Harley raffle, door prizes, camping, food, vendors, bike games, bike show, children's games, water recreations, fishing, hiking, and other recreational activities are all included with your \$30.00 donation. August 4-5-6th at Fox Creek will be the place to be for the Summer of 1995. We will hope to see you, your family and friends at this event. We will have something for everyone!

For information on this great event, please call San Cemente Productions at 503-588-7571. Tickets will be available at the same number, or call J.C. Russell at 503-743-4909. If you would be interested in helping with this event, contact San Cemente Productions.

See ya soon,
Kenny Z and
Curtis Van Kempen

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, (503)759-4961

Dear friends,

Our South Coast Chapter met at Gino's Pizza Parlor on February 19, 1995.

We are planning a Show and Shine for all models of motorcycles in the spring. Different motorcycle groups will be invited to participate. There will be a judging and trophies will be awarded, ABATE will have a table for new member information. There will also be soft drinks and hot dogs.

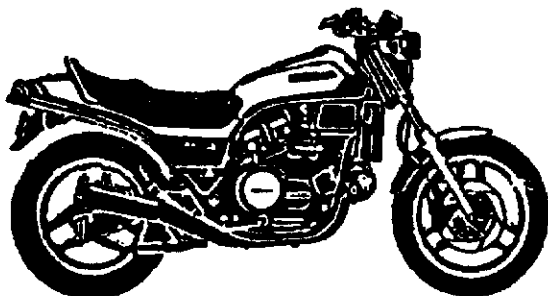
Pony Village is having a Bike Show on May 13th, and we will participate in that event.

Our Run committee met and we have been asked to be in charge of games at SOS. The committee will decide on what games would be the most fun. Hope to see you all at that exciting summer event!

Our new officers, led by President Gregg Innes, are excited about our new projects; and we hope to see old friends and meet lots of new ones at our meetings and programs!

Ride safe, have fun, and live the dream!

Jill



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 (503)774-2479

HELLO,

Our Chapter has been very busy writing a lot of letters to our legislators. MaryBeth Hieronimus has been helping us a lot, and I would like to thank her, from our chapter and myself.

Our Chapter Anniversary Party was a great success. The proceeds from the party went to BikePac's Lobbyist Fund, which was \$524.00.

I would like to thank all the S.E. members that helped, and the people, shops and taverns, that did there part and donated raffle prizes. And they are:

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- THE REACH (BAND)
- ALL AMERICAN CYCLE
- PUMP RITE
- A.R. PAYNE & SONS
- B.C.AUTOMOTIVE
- IKE ROWE (THE SABER I WON. THANK YOU! THANK YOU!)
- BILL CAMERON
- CRAIG BLAIR
- LEE AUSTIN
- GLEN & GAYLE LOAIZA
- JUDY HAAG
- JIM NEICE
- DENNY ROHR

THANKS AGAIN!

For all the interest in the Legislative Buddies, program, CONGRATULATIONS! and don't forget Biker Days, 3/17/95, & 4/7/95. It's important to go to these Days because, it is good P.R. for legislators to see the presence of concerned A.B.A.T.E. members.

STEAM will be March 25th. in Salem, at Chemeketa Community College.

D.J.'s Swap Meet, is on March 12th, A.B.A.T.E. will have a booth selling motorcycle parts.

There are many things coming up, and I hope to see a lot of you there.

ENJOY
DEBBY



P.S. April 2nd's meeting is canceled, the meeting will be held on the 9th. April 16th is also cancelled due to Easter on that day. Please make a note.....

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Pizza Hut, 3190 N.W. 185th, Portland
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 830, Cornelius, OR 97113
Chapter Contact: Don Murry (503)693-6465
Bill Ballard (503)640-5461

Who-Dee-Who,

From Washington County, here is what is new. Me, for one, so be patient! Jammed a crash course for Secretary's position, and been shaking out the cobb webs from the Secretary's notebook. You thought the Yellow Pages were used and abused.... Had to be there to appreciate it, Onward!! We had six officers and members attend S.T.E.A.M. this year, thanks Larry! Way back in February, we had a Pool Shoot at "He's not here Tavern", in Hillsboro. A good time had by all. We had to postpone our Pot-luck Bingo, but we're replanning it for some other time. Also in March we did another Pool Shoot at "The Rogue" Tavern, North Plains. We had a few black leather popsicles ride to these events, so I know we are all getting excited about our upcoming Barn Dance, April 8th at "Hornings Hideout". Come on out and help us kick around some manure. Call (503)-693-6465 for info. Watch for flyer. I know a lot of us are also gearing up for Fossil/Twickenham. Wish some of us could get that excited about attendance to our chapter meetings, we'd sure like to see some old friends and maybe make some new ones! Besides we value your ideas, input and dedication. NO HELMETS, it's our goal too! Show us yours and we'll show you ours!(support that is) Be a part of something worthy,"your freedom". Also keep sending those cards, letters, and phone calls to your State Legislators, let's bother them till they get off their butts and earn our tax dollars/fighting for and supporting all motorcyclists rights and freedoms! Don't you think they deserve the push from all MRO's? We are here! We vote! And they're gonna know it!

Your new and confused Secretary
Amber

Willamette Valley

Meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 pm
Red Rooster Restaurant, Garfield between 7th & W. 11th
Chapter address: P.O. Box 23325, Eugene, Or. 97402
Chapter Contact: Bob Avery (503)998-1309
Russ Lax (503) 747-4626

Fellow Citizens,

YEA-HA... now we're cookin', there must be something special about people working for something they believe in. Letters have been flying to the parties in Washington that we hope to reach. We have been choosing up State Representatives and Senators to buddy with, the first annual Willamette Valley Chapter Poker Run was the 8th, hope it didn't rain. This month Lynn & Bill do our first Motorcycle Awareness class, and we are getting it together for Fossil. Woody and Nan are working with the Willan Love Parks service for some community involvement projects in addition to the Adopt-A-Highway gig. Sid and April are continuing to work with people in Florence to clarify some misconceptions before Rhode.

Special thanks to those of you who make the time to make a difference, acting on what you believe in, taking the personal responsibility to follow through. Sounds like committed motorcyclists to me.

Keep your knife sharp and your powder dry.
See you on the road

Russ

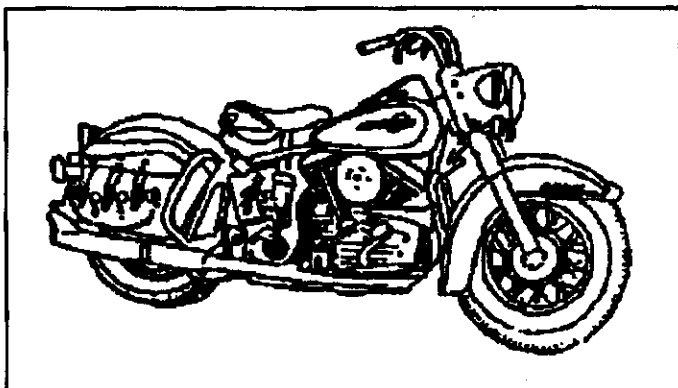



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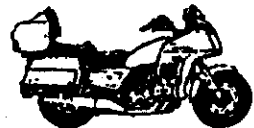



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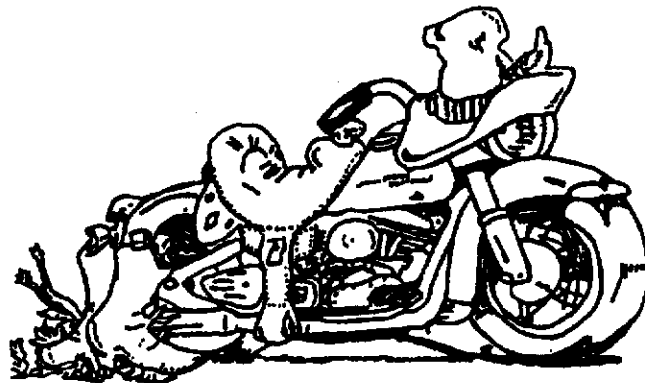
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GUNNY'S COMMENTS . . .

I've been reading some of the stuff that comes across Sam's GIZMOS and its surprisingly interesting, at least to me. Here is some of what is happening in our world:

A Texas State Senator has just introduced a bill in the Texas legislature to **REPEAL THE TEXAS HELMET LAW**. He says there is no evidence that helmets make motorcycling any safer. I'm sorry, according to all the information I have, I have to agree with him. Educating bikers and the general public about the dynamics of motorcycling will save lives. Of all these United States the five safest motorcycling states are states without the mandatory hat law.

You don't think bikers have bucks to spend? According to news reports there was \$212,000,000.00 spent at the Daytona bike week last year in 10 days. If that's not significant money give it to me and I'll figure out some way to dispose of it.

There was a protest biker run, in Melbourne, Australia recently because there are only 300 bike parking areas in the city and 25,000 biker trips into town each day.

Motorcycling isn't dead in China where 5.277 million motorcycles were built in 1994!

It took 334 police to arrest 13 bikers in Berlin, Germany recently. Three were charged with weapons offenses. The bikers were **suspected** to be members of "**motorcycle gangs**".

A biker in England was sentenced to lose his driving privileges for two years for allegedly traveling at 178 mph on a major highway. The charge was reduced after it was proved the bike would only do 160 mph. I don't think I want to travel that fast but I guess some do. You can still expect to pay the fiddler for the dance.

Women in India are having problems with motorbikers riding up close and copping a quick feel and roaring off. Kind of offbeat sexual harassment.

On a more serious note, alcohol still is the major cause of injury and death in accidents for both cars and bikes. We need to get rid of the notion, "it won't happen to me, I just had a couple beers". **Booze and bikes don't mix** folks. Lets face it. None of us want to go to a friend's funeral because they got drunk and rode a motorcycle. We say don't let your friends ride when drinking yet we continue to rub the public nose in that image.

Motorcyclists in general are perceived to be a bunch of drunks because our scoots are seen in front of bars and taverns. It doesn't matter that we stopped for a soda and a sandwich. It does matter that we rode in on a bike and we are in a tavern or bar where spirits are sold. Would it be too much trouble to park in back or a little farther down the street? For some reason motorcycles don't blend in like Chevys, Fords, and Pick-up trucks do. We can't expect Joe and Jane public to stop looking out for our safety if they continue to believe we are not responsible citizens.

LEGISLATION . . .

In Oregon and Washington, DC there are several bills being introduced that will effect us as bikers. We have the opportunity this year to get some things done that will help us all. We won't have the same circumstances in our legislative bodies either in Oregon or the Fed. again for at least five years and maybe not then, according to the folks at BikePAC. The window is open now so lets take advantage of it.

Write those letters and make those phone calls. Join a group or organization that works in the political arena. Just being a

member helps us all. Call me for information and I will put you in touch with someone that can help you. Call 503-224-1106 or if its a toll call use 1-800-347-1106 or call my home at 503-777-8410. There is a message machine and I **WILL** return your call.

Lets do all we can to make our lives what we want them to be. Life shouldn't be like fertilizer and just happen. That makes us vegetables.

UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

Send me your ride and run schedules and I will put them in print. Just remember I need them three months in advance because I write this column a month ahead. Example: I write January for February print so I need your March and beyond schedule. Let me hear

from you I don't know what you are planning if you don't tell me.

AIM . . .

Just a small reminder, Sam and I both look forward to speaking at your gatherings. Sam Hochberg of course is our " Home Boy " AIM attorney and I continue to be Chief of Staff for The AIM program in Oregon. Sam speaks about the law as applied to motorcycles and our insurance needs as scooter people. And I of course talk about the Aid to Injured motorcyclists program. Use the same phone numbers listed earlier in this article to let us know when you would like us to talk to you. It's FREE.

Keep the round side on the bottom.

GUNNY

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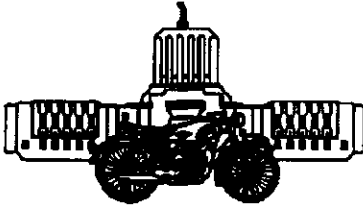
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BikePAC Meeting Minutes

March 4, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Brian Stovall at 6:17 p.m. (after a short wait for a table because somebody forgot to reserve the room for us).

Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Reports

Cindy gave a synopsis of the minutes from last meeting. Steve reported that we have a total of \$3,867.72. It is divided between the PAC account (\$270.00) and the business-related account (\$3,597.72).

Old Business

Oregon Legislation

1. Butch told us that our Legislative Concepts now have bill numbers but they haven't been printed yet. Once printed, you can get a copy mailed to you free of charge by calling 1-800-332-2313. Butch has been lobbying to get these bills assigned to the Transportation subcommittee because we have supporters on that committee including the chairman, Cedric Hayden.

HR.3419 - Helmets required only for those under 18 years of age.

HR.3414 - The State Responsibility Act says that the state must test and approve any product or service that it mandates.

HR.3422 - Vendors can only sell helmets approved

by the Dept. of Transportation.

HR.3421 - Medical exemption allowed for those who cannot wear a helmet for medical reasons.

HR.3420 - Penalty for not wearing helmet drops from Class C to Class D infraction (same as seat belt).

2. We need bikers at the Capitol every day. **So be a legislative buddy and get to Salem and talk to your buddy. And come to Bikers Days at the Capitol on March 17 and April 7. Meet at 10:00 on the front steps. We get a tour from 10:30 - 12:00. We'll be introduced on the floor of the House of Representatives by Rep. Lonnie Roberts.** We should have bike parking available in front. Be there.
3. See News from Your Lobbyist in Salem for more details of Butch's escapades at the Capitol.

Federal Legislation

1. The trip to Washington, DC was a huge success. There's a great article in the March issue of ABATE of Oregon's Newsletter. But for those unfortunate people who don't get that publication (well worth the \$20 membership), here's the "bottom line": Senate bill S.388 removes the helmet law from the ISTEPA penalties. Senator Hatfield will probably vote with us. He believes in State's rights to decide for themselves. Senator Packwood is undecided. He needs calls and letters. House bill

HR.899 also removes the helmet law from the ISTEPA penalties. Rep. Furst is a co-sponsor. Send her letters to show your appreciation. Rep. Cooley is a co-sponsor and a definite supporter. Rep. Wyden might go with us. Send letters and make calls to help push him over the edge. Rep. DeFazio will vote with us and will consider co-sponsorship.

2. Wayne Curtin called Brian with some great news. **HR.899 has 110 sponsors....this is wonderful.** There were 1,250 bills introduced this session and only 25 have more than 100 sponsors. Of those 25, thirteen are part of the Republican's "Contract with America" so we've got one of only twelve bills with such a large body of initial support. A lot of credit goes to the MRF's efforts to get people from all the states to come to DC, and to those folks who made the journey, and talked their talk and walked their walk.

New Business

Butch, Brian, and Teresa attended the Women in the Wind meeting on 3/4/95 to give them information about BikePAC.

The ATV riders were going to be at tonight's BikePAC meeting (which is why we had it scheduled for 6:00) but there wasn't anyone here. Butch said they need to call him because they have major issues pending in the legislature.

How to Get Information from our Capitol in Salem - Call 1-800-332-2313.

Announcements

Note: The Town Hall Meetings announced below each include Rep. Lisa Naito, Rep. Avel Gordly, and Sen. Cease (all from NE & SE Portland area).

April 1 9:00 - 11:30 Town Hall Meeting - Providence Medical Center

May 6 9:00 - 11:30 Town Hall Meeting - Hollywood Senior Center
 June 1 7:00 - 9:00 Town Hall Meeting - Fernwood Middle School

The following Town Hall Meetings include Sen. Dick Springer, Sen. Shirley Gold, Rep. Gail Shibley, and Rep. Kate Brown (from the Portland area).

April 1 9:00 - 11:30 S.M.I.L.E. Station, 8210 SE 13th Ave.
 May 6 9:00 - 11:30 S.M.I.L.E. Station, 8210 SE 13th Ave.
 June 3 9:00 - 11:30 S.M.I.L.E. Station, 8210 SE 13th Ave.

We adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Saturday, April 1, 1995, at 6:00 pm at Pietro's Pizza just a little to the east off the Market Street exit in Salem.


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If anyone would like to volunteer to take over the very fun and prestigious job of Newsletter Editor(for BikePac), please give me a call (503-284-1729)this is supposed to be temporary for me. Cindy

News from Your BikePAC Lobbyist in Salem

as translated from Butch through Cindy

Our Legislative Concepts have been assigned bill numbers. *News Update as of March 14: They are now printed and have had their "first reading" on the House floor. You can get your copy free of charge by calling 1-800-332-2313. It's time to write to your Representative and ask them to support these bills now.* Next, the bills go to the Speaker of the House, Rep. Bev Clarno, where they will each be assigned to a committee. Once that happens, we'll know who to target our lobbying efforts toward.

HR3419 Helmets under 18 only
HR3414 State Responsibility Act
HR3422 Vendors only sell approved helmets
HR3420 Class D infraction for not wearing helmet
HR3421 Medical exemption from wearing helmet

2/8/95 - Butch met with Rep. Bill Markham (Douglas County). He signed onto all of our legislative concepts as an original co-sponsor. Several people attended Ron Wyden's Town Hall Meetings over the weekend of 2/18/95. Wyden was given a copy of the Motorcycle Guide for Non-Riders and educated about some of our issues. He promised to have one of his staff members get back to us.

2/20/95 - Butch met with Rep. Cedric Hayden who is the chairman of the House Transportation Sub-Committee. He was supportive and promised to get our issues onto the agenda for the Republican Caucus.

2/21/95 - Butch and I met with The Speaker of the House, Rep. Bev Clarno. She is very supportive and took down a list of our bill numbers. As soon as they are printed, she'll hand-deliver a copy to Rep. Bob Tiernan. He is the Chairman of the General Government Committee which is the umbrella over the Transportation Sub-Committee. This will help us get a hearing on our bills. As we left the meeting she said, "Just remember that when I get done with this job, I'm going to ride. I want my face in the wind. And I don't want to wear a helmet."

2/21/95 - Butch, Judd Whitcher, and I met with Rep. Bob Montgomery (Judd's legislative buddy). He is already big on our side. He was endorsed by BikePAC and he sincerely believes the way we do....it should be an individual's choice.

2/21/95 - Butch met with Rep. Liz VanLeeuwen. She indicated that she would support our bills. She is "on our side", as usual.

2/22/95 - Butch and MaryBeth met with one of Ron

Wyden's staff members (Lou Savage) in Portland at his request. He said that he would contact the Oregon Traffic Safety department for an accounting of how they spent the federal highway funds that they received as part of the ISTEAs bill. Mr. Savage said that he would get back to them.

2/22/95 - Butch met with Sen. Joan Dukes. Last session, Sen. Dukes was angry because the police were using the helmet law to harass motorcyclists. She told the Dept. of Transportation to come up with a definition or list of approved helmets. When Butch told her that this had not occurred and that the harassment was as bad as ever, Sen. Dukes got very mad. She took Butch to the Legislative Council and told them she wanted them to write a bill that says "a helmet is a helmet is a helmet."

2/23/95 - Butch met with Lonnie Roberts to discuss the status of our legislative agenda.

2/24/95 - Butch had planned to attend a meeting with Bear and Rep. Terry Thompson of Newport. Unfortunately, Butch had vehicle problems and was not able to attend.

2/25/95 - Butch met with several state officers and other ABATE folks at MaryBeth's house to strategize for the fight in the coming months. Things are happening very quickly. We discussed the following:

- 1) Get legislative buddies. Need to be a constituent. See Action Guide for description of duties.
- 2) Biker's Day at the Capitol in Salem: March 17 and April 7.
- 3) Press conference to announce our legislation (as soon as its printed and ready for its "first reading").
- 4) Buddy Buttons for legislative buddies. Teresa will look into it.
- 5) Hearing presentation should be multi-people, multi-media.
- 6) Need meetings more often, will discuss at BikePAC meeting on 3/4/95.
- 7) Legislative buddy program needs a state coordinator to keep list of Reps and Senators and their buddies. Publish list in Newsletter. Roger

will ask Max. Each chapter's Legislative Director is in charge of that chapter's buddy program. Keep a list of who is a buddy to whom.

8) Publish schedule of Town Hall Meeting in Newsletter. Attend these forums.

9) Mon, Wed, Fri are lobby days. Butch will go with you to meet your legislative buddy. He can also make the appointment for you. He will meet you about an hour early and give you a tour of the Capitol. Then he'll go to the meeting with you. It really helps his lobbying effort to be with one of the Rep's constituents at these meetings. He makes it easy and lots of fun.

10) Roger and Larry are making the rounds of ABATE chapters in the state to get them motivated and moving. We need to put on the effort now. The time is ripe. Let's do it!!!!

2/26/95 - Butch, Mary Beth, Gordon, Larry, and Patty attended the Salem ABATE meeting.

2/27/95 - Butch checked on the status of our bills (not printed yet) and met with the Visitor's Service folks to plan our Bikers' Days.

2/28/95 - Butch and Darrell O. from Salem HOG met with Darrell's legislative buddy, Rep. Kevin Mannix. Rep. Mannix said that he would talk to Rep. Cedric Hayden on our behalf.

3/1/95 - Butch checked on the status of our bills (not printed yet) and touched base with the Legislative Council and with Janet Atkins who is the administrator for the Senate Transportation Committee.

3/2/95 - Butch checked on the status of our bills (still not printed) and he met with Rep. Lonnie Roberts to arrange for him to introduce us on the floor of the House of Representatives on Bikers' Day.

3/2/95 - Butch ran into Gov. John Kitzhaber and talked about our issues. He gave the governor a copy of our document for non-riders. Gov. Kitzhaber told Butch that he had friends who are members of ABATE in Roseburg. He said he'd read the document and looked forward to discussing the issues with Butch.

3/2/95 - Butch gave an interview to a free-lance journalist.

3/3/95 - Butch gave a presentation at the Lincoln Country ABATE meeting. Special thanks to Rick Rau of R&R HOG for his gracious invitation for Butch to spend the night at his home.

3/4/95 - Butch, Brian, and Teresa attended the Women in the Wind meeting in Albany.

3/4/95 - BikePAC meeting at 6:00 followed by fund-raiser for BikePAC Legislative Fund put on by Southeast Portland Chapter of ABATE. A huge thanks to this chapter for their efforts....they raised \$524.00. But it wasn't all roses. Several motorcyclists were stopped and harassed by the police during the poker

run portion of the fund-raiser. But we aren't sitting around complaining...we're taking it straight to the Legislature....see 3/8/95 below.

3/6/95 - Butch and Larry Schalk met with Larry's legislative buddy, Sen. Shirley Gold. Sen. Gold has traditionally been supportive of the helmet law. After hearing from Butch and Larry, she promised to take another look at it after she reads our non-rider document. She was especially taken aback by the amount of police harassment we have endured in the name of helmet law enforcement.

3/6/95 - Butch talked with Ed Halkyard about establishing communications with the Governor since Ed lives in his home town and is an associate of his.

3/7/95 - Butch met with Visitor's Services representative Dea Knickerbocker who has been ever so helpful working with Butch to coordinate our Bikers' Days.

3/7/95 - Marty Coon, Butch, and I met with Rep. Patti Milne. She is supportive of our agenda since she feels that safety is a personal responsibility and that the government is out of bounds when attempted to legislate safety. She was impressed with our education programs as an appropriate alternative to legislation.

3/8/95 - Butch met with Rep. Lonnie Roberts and presented letters that were written by the SE Chapter members who had been harassed by the police during their poker run to raise funds for the BikePAC legislative fund. Rep. Roberts was outraged that this continues to happen to us.

3/9/95 - Butch met with the staff of Sen. Greg Walden's office to ask that he introduce us on the Senate floor during Bikers' Days. He agreed to do so. Butch also shared the non-rider guide with his staff and helped prepare the introduction.

3/10/95 - Bills HR3414, HR3419, and HR3420 are printed and read on the House floor.....

yippee-i-o-i-a!!!!

3/11/95 - Butch gave a presentation at the ABATE State Board Meeting. Everyone is enthusiastic about our chances for success in this session and looking forward to Bikers' Days at the Capitol.

3/12/95 - Butch and Larry Schalk attended the Salem ABATE meeting to inform them of our legislative agenda. Butch accepted nomination as Legislative Director for this chapter (as if he doesn't have enough to do). He also got volunteers to help with coordination at Bikers' Days. This chapter is really getting on the legislative bandwagon and that's great!!!!

3/13/95 - Bills HR3421 and HR3422 are printed yahooooo!!

3/13/95 - Butch talked to Rep. Lonnie Roberts to strategize for upcoming hearings. He is quite upset about police harassment and will work with us to get our bills passed. He stated that he will "speak with the appropriate people". He said we're doing a great job

and we have a good chance of getting our bills passed.

3/13/95 - Butch talked to the person at the Oregonian in charge of the Calendar of Events and an announcement about our Bikers' Day on March 17 should be in Thursday's paper.

3/13/95 - Butch ran into former Rep. Jeff Gilmore who said we're doing well and to "be persistent".

Well, I know of one very persistent person and when we get the helmets off our heads (which could be soon, if you help), we'll have Butch to thank in a big way. But let's not make him do it on his own. **Be a legislative buddy. Write to your Representative. Attend your ABATE chapter meetings to keep abreast of the latest happenings because it's moving at lightening speed. Go to the Capitol on Bikers' Days (March 17 and April 7). Do your part if you want the wind in your hair.**

Numbers You Need To Know

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How are we doing in the Oregon House?

11 Representatives that have Legislative Buddies, which is 18% of the 60 Reps. We need more!!!

And we have 13 Representatives who say they will vote YES on our bills.....22%.

Think about this...

It was usually on Fridays and Saturdays that Hype rode his chopper, but this Sunday looked too inviting to waste on suds and the boob tube. A run for the day to Virginia was more in order.

Bidding his ol' lady a fond goodbye and reminding her to clean up the dog**** on the rug, he put on his mandatory day-glo orange helmet with the emergency

lights on the sides and the face shield with the word **Motorcycle** imprinted on it in yellow phosphorous. Then he headed for the shed, buttoning up his mandatory steel-mesh safety jacket which also had **Motorcycle** on the back in two-inch day-glo. He couldn't find his good pair of mandatory slide shoes (steel-lined and orange), so he had to use the red ones. Ever since they'd enacted the new 1976 cycle laws he'd been feeling slowed down a touch, for some reason, as if he were weighted down. Funny...

Making his way to his ride, a good ol' '75 Sportster with the new AMF oriental engine casing unit and oriental seat and tires, he inspected the mandatory siren-and-light sissy bar and lifted up the mandatory precautionary telescopic rear flag in hot-red with orange letters and cycle emblems (also in day-glo) on it, and locked it in place.

Next, he unfolded the mandatory safety wheels and lit up the mandatory warning blinkers on the mandatory windshield and activated the mandatory safety-inflation bag across the bars, neglecting only the last few mandatory items before venturing on his brief, invigorating run: just the seat belt, 4-foot crash bars, and Telereport phone. He knew the law said he had to call in to the local police station every six miles to report his whereabouts, but he was a live-life-once type, and sometimes he'd let it slide for twelve miles. Beyond that, however, the forks would lock automatically to prevent further misconduct.

All prepared, he started up the big bike, thinking how he missed the sound since they put through Silencer Act 1119-A. But he knew it was all for his own good. Them feds sure cared a lot about bikers, he reasoned. They maybe worried a little bit too damn much at times, but what the hell, "You can't fight the laws."

Laughingly brushing off a spider that was trying to spin a web between his wheels, he set out at an evil 4 mph toward Route 13, called in with the Telereport, and shot off his first flare. No sooner had he started, though, when a police cruiser stopped him and revoked his license for "creating a disturbance, riding under the speed limit, and shooting up only one flare." He was sad, but darn it, he figured he just shoulda been more careful. The one for going' under the limit really made him think. He'd had it at full throttle and it'd actually felt strained and weighted down, unable to do the 25 mph limit. But all that safety equipment probably didn't weigh more than a thousand pounds. Maybe the carburetor wasn't adjusted right.

Oh, well. Back to the house for suds and the boob tube, after all. And start the needed six-week study of the week's new safety rules for bikers....

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LEGISLATIVE HERE AND ELSEWHERE

NOTE.....

A full blow by blow detail of the action at the Capitol can be had in the BIKEPAC NEWS by Cindy Wilson. If YOU have not received it in the mail, YOU must not be a current member....(of BikePac).....(Can be read here in this month's newsletter)

It has been a very busy month in Salem and the mood is still very much in our favor. Rotten Roger and myself just returned from a swing through So. Ore. to visit with both Douglas Co. and the So. Coast ABATE chapters. Thanks to you all for the warm hospitality that we received.

The object of this trip was to inform and to MOTIVATE the membership in that area, I hope they were able to do that. I would also hope that by now the rest of YOU out there are aware of what has been un-folding here in YOUR Capitol.

WE ARE CLOSER THAN WE HAVE BEEN IN MANY YEARS TO REGAINING OUR FREEDOM

If indeed YOU want the choice to make a decision about YOUR own personal safety....THEN....YOU are going to have to get involved. When the Helmet LAW was DEFEATED in the 70's, it was because we went there to the Capitol and convinced our elected officials to give us that FREEDOM to choose. This situation is no different...We have set the stage for the repeal and now the burden of winning this battle is on YOUR shoulders.....YOU are needed to meet with YOUR Legislator, write those letters and make

those phone calls. YOU hold the key in YOUR hand and YOU are the ones who can turn this thing around.

YOU must re-arrange YOUR schedule for the next few months to put forth the necessary effort. The meetings that YOU attend must be refocused to the purpose to which this organization was conceived.....

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So once again I will say it plain and simple... YOU say YOU want FREEDOM OF CHOICE.....W...E...L.....L.....You now have the FREEDOM OF CHOICE WHETHER OR NOT TO STAND UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS.....YOU MUST MAKE THAT DECISION.....

I'll be waiting for the phone to start ringing and for people to start making those calls and writing those letters....

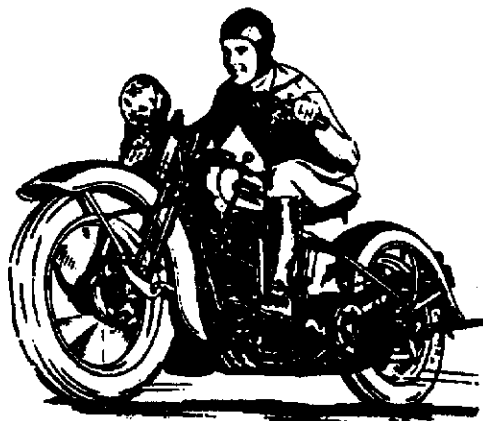
Respectfully,
Butch Harbaugh
Legislative Director, BikePAC
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Greetings from the riding brethren just north. At the request of Gunny Hutch, Butch Harbaugh, and Brian Stovall, I thought I'd drop in and spread the legislative word from Washington. There has been a great deal of confusion as to the legal status of our "Helmet Law", (in lieu of the June decision), and rumblings in Olympia this year. Before addressing the above, a personal note.....my lid is off to all of you from Oregon who took the time, expense, and effort, to come up here over the summer/early fall, and fight helmet tickets. Statewide the dismissal rate continues to be very high. I hope you were successful also. If any of you have tickets pending, and care to venture up to a judicial hall and challenge, please know ABATE of WA will help in anyway possible.

Last June the 3rd District Appellate Court(Spokane) found our "Helmet Law" to be *unconstitutionally vague, and in violation of the 14th Amendment*. This decision stands, but in no way opens the freeways of choice. Within days, under advisement of the State Attorney General's Office, the WSP issued an "emergency rule". Their answer to the Appellate Court's order to rewrite the WAC, or helmet standards. Under Washington law, the WSP was requested to hold a public hearing prior to the "new WAC's" permanent adoption. Public notification was carried out in whisper tones, and had it not been for some diligence, the riders here would have missed it. However...the word got out, the WSP was treated to five hours of testimony, and then promptly did as expected: adopted the "new" WAC. From June thru October the WSP unilaterally enforced the "Helmet Law". October thru the present has seen law enforcement once again stop riders not wearing helmets. Between June and October, *hundreds of riders challenged tickets in court, and won*. Washington currently has a jambalaya with it's helmet statute. Superior Court Judges rule the law unconstitutional, and find the WSP not in compliance with the 3rd District Appellate decision. *One county, Benton,(the Tri-Cities area) is now a "helmet choice" zone....* thanks to the work of Ed Alden. We continue the battles in the courts, not only rider by rider, but Marty Fox & Ed Alden have a statewide case pending in Thurston County(Olympia). Our "LID LAW" is a definite "stay-tuned" situation.



Of course the final answer to all this is legislative. Knowing this we took our first helmet bill to Olympia this year. HB1408 would do the following: require mandatory use age 21 and under, remove all regulatory and interpretive powers from the WSP and simplify the definition of "antique" motorcycles. There is other clean-up language included, but this is the thrust of the bill. After many hours at the Capitol, it became apparent(much to our surprise) that this bill had a serious, and genuine support. It did not take the WA Traffic Safety Commission,(WTSC) long to see that either. They exerted considerable effort in planting ISTEAs fears among key House Committee members. It worked...

In the home of the infamous Harborview Study, ISTEAs brought the curtain down. The WTSC was aware if given a hearing, this bill might....would....pass! We would be there to refute the ISTEAs dilemma. The current political climate along the I-5 corridor(with the possibility of toll-roads looming), *would not allow a chance to a bill that might put "Federal Highway Dollars Lost" in the newspapers*. No hearing this year for our bill, however a formal request has been made to the Transportation Committee...for a presentation on this issue...to be made during an interim work session. HB1408 will also automatically carry over to next year. We'll be right back down there...

ISTEAs necessitated a trip to Washington D.C. As Butch will tell you, one delegate, namely me, went grumbling all the way to the airport. He will tell you that I was unsure if we could be effective, nothing moves quicker than a snail's shell on the federal level, etc..blah,blah, and all the other neurosis one finds in legislative junkies this time of year. But as I learned long ago, Oregon has persuasive people. Two of us went from WA, and I'm pleased to say 7 of our 9 Congressional Representatives have signed on to HR899. We're working on the Senate side.

My appreciation to Gordon Hieronimus for giving me room in the Newsletter. Gratitude and excitement for all of you in Oregon. We all are watching and waiting with optimism the legislative events in Oregon. Someone well known keeps saying, "It's the year of the BIKER." He could be right.....

Karen Bolin
Legislative Affairs Officer
ABATE of Washington

Hey Karen,

Thanks to you for taking time to write to us down here in Oregon about what the heck is going on in our neighboring state. I think you all are doing a wonderful job, it takes more of people like yourselves to make a great fighting team. Butch is right...."year of the biker.." Keep us updated and come visit us at Fossil. Ride free ... Gordon (Editor)

	TOTAL	GAIN/LOS	EXP/TRANS	TOTAL
CHAPTER	3/1/95	3/1/95	3/1/95	2/1/95
BLUE MOUNTAIN	33	1	0	32
CENTRAL OREGON	203	2	0	201
COLUMBIA RIVER	76	-1	7	77
DOUGLAS COUNTY	123	-4	4	127
GRANT COUNTY	11	0	0	11
INDIAN CREEK	306	5	1	301
KLAMATH COUNTY	35	5	0	30
LINCOLN COUNTY	121	-12	13	133
NE PORTLAND	175	-6	13	181
NORTH COAST	44	0	0	44
SALEM	115	-3	3	118
SE PORTLAND	217	-8	11	225
SOUTH COAST	53	-5	3	58
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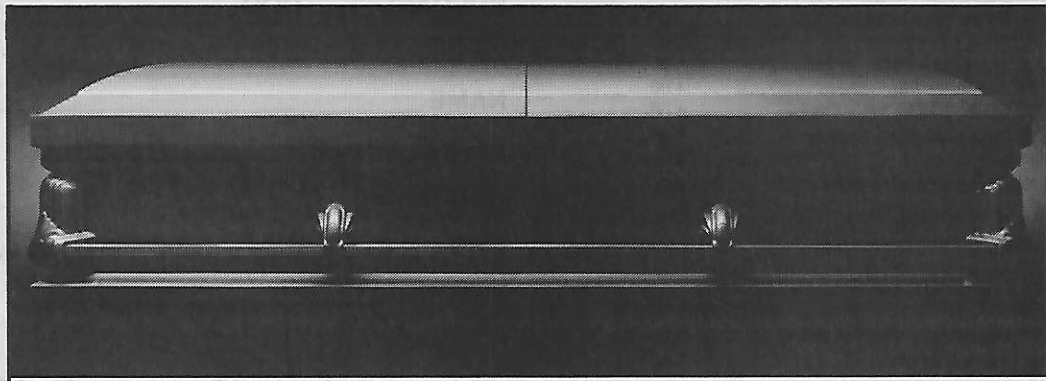
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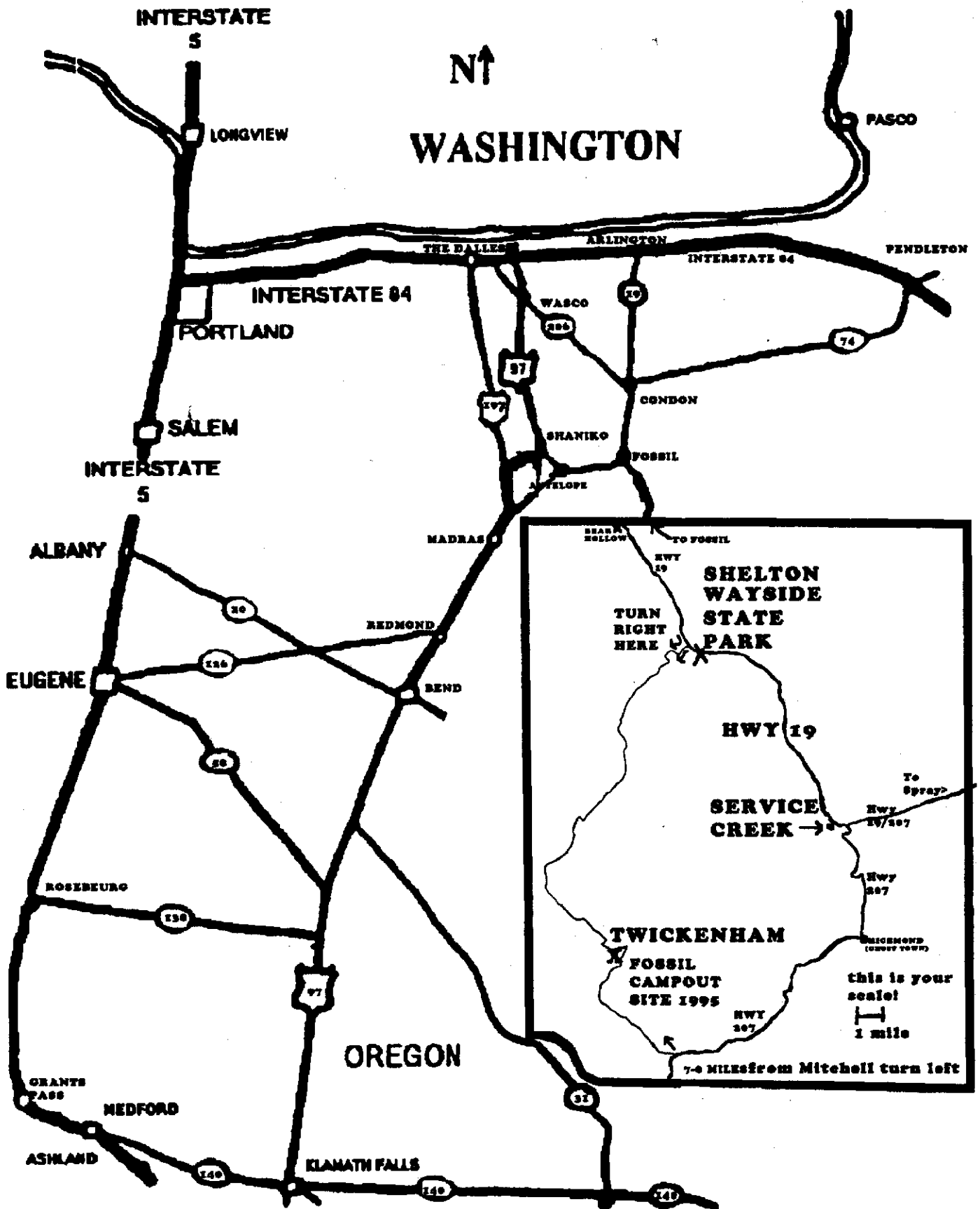
Gates close at 10pm for anyone leaving

No Hassles

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



Map on Reverse

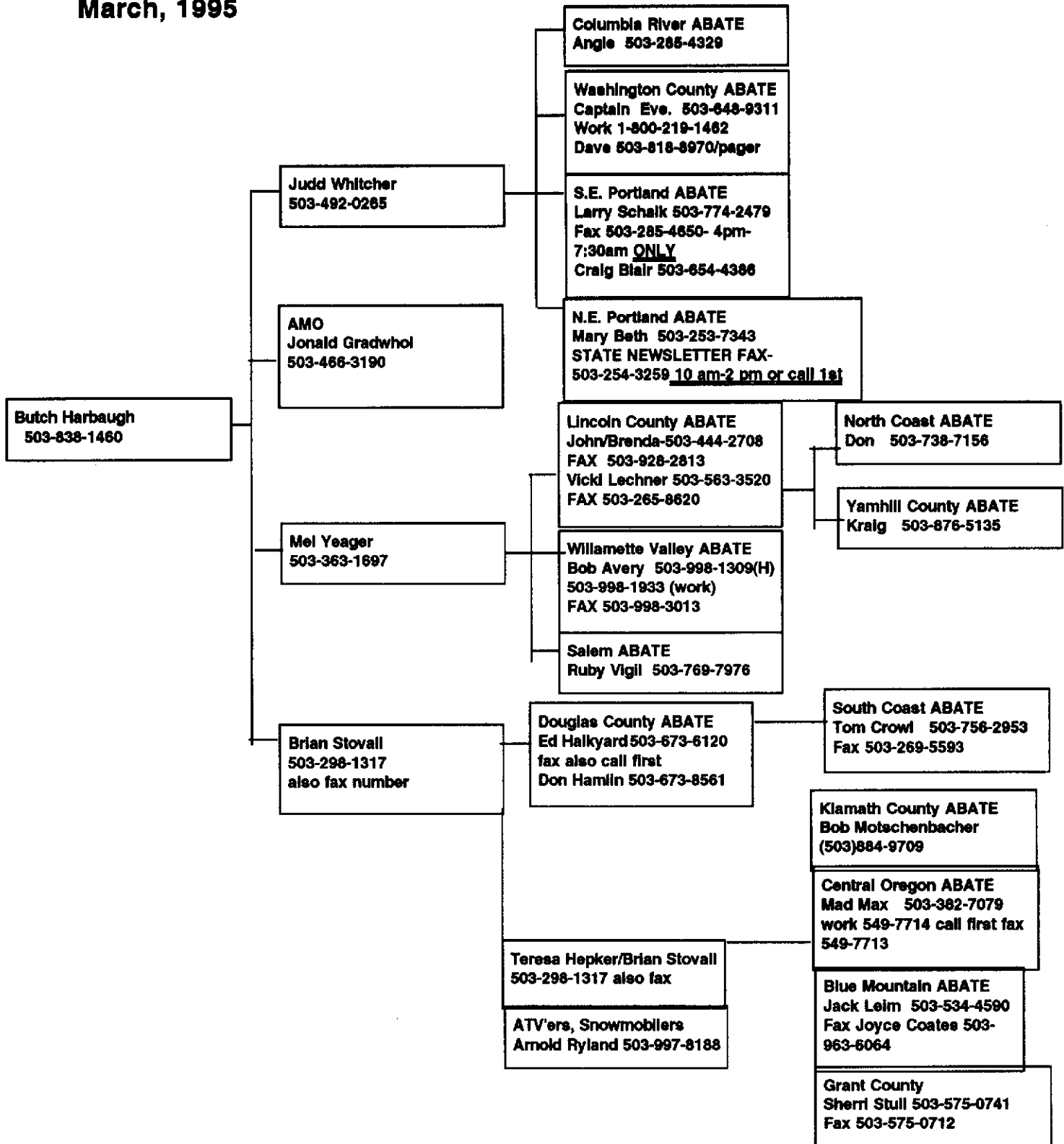




Dedicated to Freedom of the Road.

PHONE TREE

March, 1995



April 1995

ABATE Newsletter Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 6pm BikePAC meeting in Salem
2	3	4	5	6	7 Salem 10:00 Biker day	8 Lane Comm. Col. Eugene 12:00 State Board
9 CENTRAL OR. 1:00 8-BALL Tourny	10 newsletter deadline give me more dates	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 9:00 JJ'S Pkr run 3:00 PIG OUT
23 True Apostles Swap meet 9:00 AMO Swap meet 1:00 8-Ball Central Or	24	25	26	27	28	29
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2ND ANNUAL POW/MIA RIDE

(No charge for participating, everyone must pay their own expenses.)

WARNING

On Warm Springs Indian Reservation positively
no drugs, alcohol or firearms are permitted.

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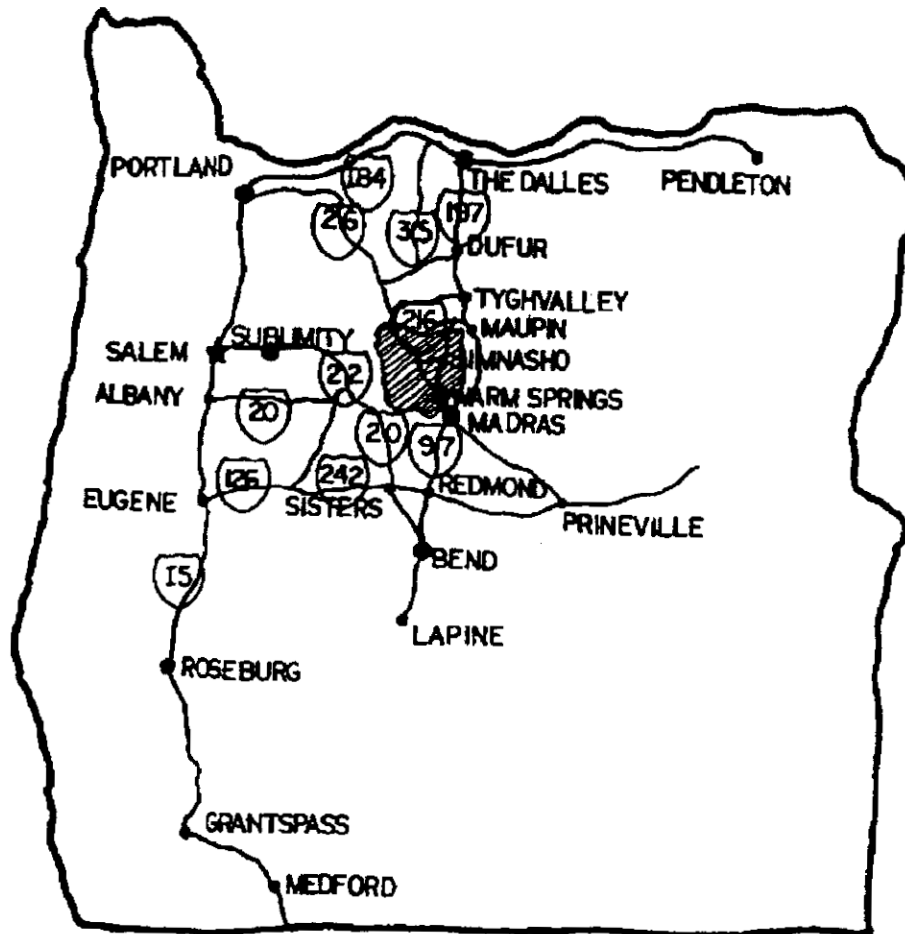
June 17, 1995 (Saturday)

- A. 0700-0845 Breakfast @ VFW Post #4248
7118 S.E Fern, Portland, OR [\$3.50 per person]
- B. 0845-0900 Ceremony w/rifle squad & honor guard
- C. 0900- Depart to The Dalles [Approx 83 miles]
- D. 1100-Approx Arrive The Dalles, Mid-Columbia Vietnam War Memorial, Sorosis Park 300
Scenic Drive, The Dalles [lunch & gas-up]
- E. 1300- Depart to Warm Springs [approx 82 miles] South on 197, [39 miles] to 216
junction, west on 216 [7 miles] south at junction to Simnasho [13 miles] to
KAH-NEE-TA, south [10 miles] to Warm Springs.
- F. 1430-Approx Arrive Warm Springs for a ceremony to honor POW/MIA's & Native
American Vets.
- G 1630-Approx Depart to Madras [approx 16 miles] south on Hwy 26 [gas up]
- H 1700-Approx Depart to Bend [Approx 42 miles] south on Hwy 97
- I. 1800-Approx Arrive Bend, dinner sponsored by Central, OR. ABATE [\$7.00 per person]
at Tumalo St. Park, 62976 OB Riley Rd. Bend, OR. and
camping @ state park group camp B or your choice of motels or hotels

June 18, 1995 (Sunday)

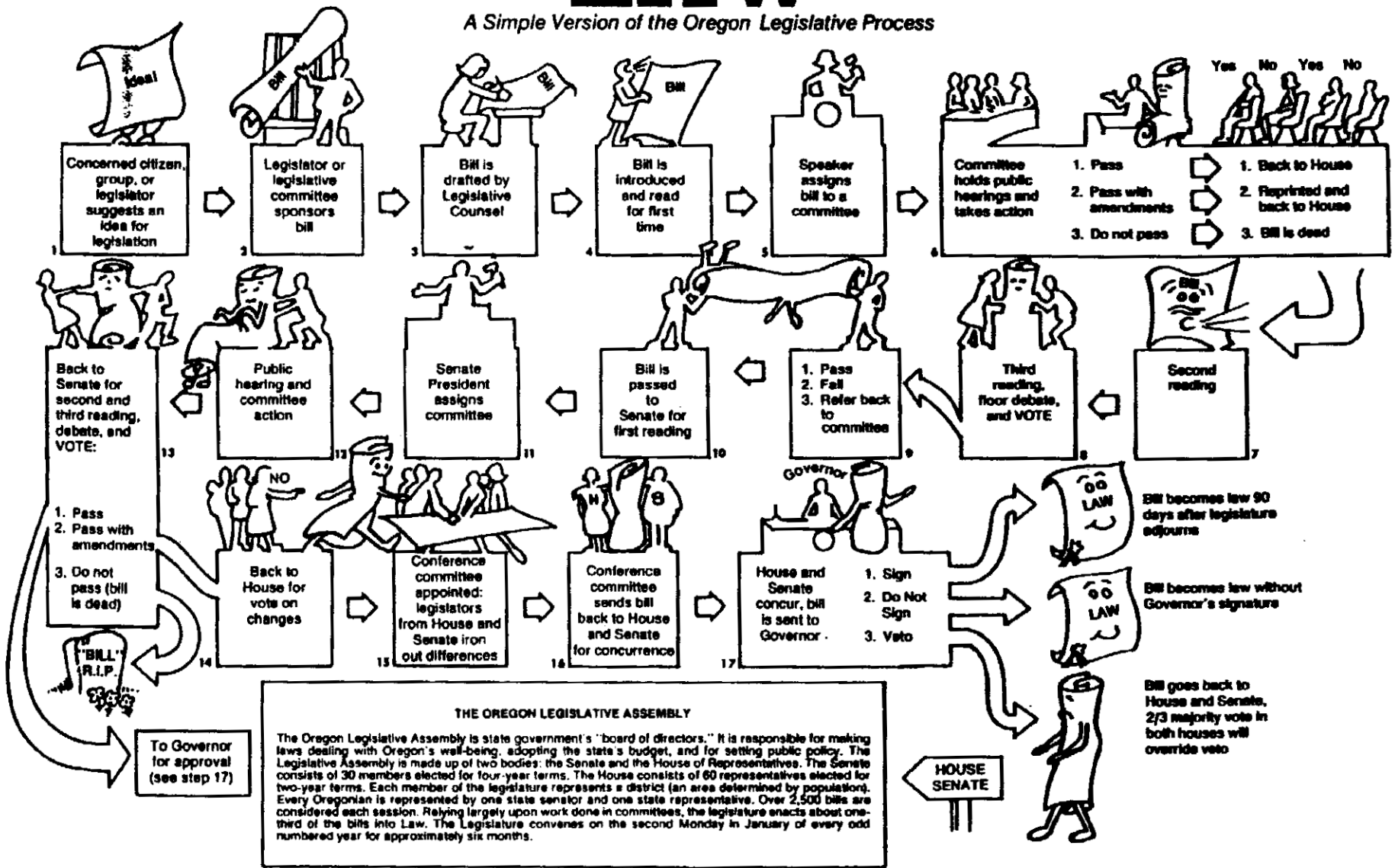
- J. 0700-0900 Breakfast ~~unusually~~ sponsored by VFW Post 1643 Ponderosa Pine, Bend,
OR [\$3.75 per person] @ ^{33 W. E.} Reverse & [gas up]
- K. 0900-1000 Bend memorial ceremony tentatively at Deschutes Memorial Garden on
Hwy 97, [miles of Bend]
- L. 1000-Approx Depart to Detroit Lake [Approx 77 miles] rest stop & gas-up
- M. 1200-Approx Depart to Eaglesrest (Sublimity) [Approx 36 miles]
- N. 1300-Approx Arrive Eaglesrest for service and barbecue rib dinner. (Donations accepted
for Eaglesrest)

THE END



How An Idea Becomes LAW

A Simple Version of the Oregon Legislative Process



THE OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The Oregon Legislative Assembly is state government's "board of directors." It is responsible for making laws dealing with Oregon's well-being, adopting the state's budget, and for setting public policy. The Legislative Assembly is made up of two bodies: the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Senate consists of 30 members elected for four-year terms. The House consists of 60 representatives elected for two-year terms. Each member of the legislature represents a district (an area determined by population). Every Oregonian is represented by one state senator and one state representative. Over 2,500 bills are considered each session. Relying largely upon work done in committees, the legislature enacts about one-third of the bills into Law. The Legislature convenes on the second Monday in January of every odd numbered year for approximately six months.

HOUSE
SENATE

" BIKER DAY "

BikePAC of Oregon sponsored "Biker Day" at the Oregon State Capitol on March 17, 1995. "Biker Day" was organized so that Bikers throughout the state could better understand the legislative process and to familiarize themselves with their State Capitol Building.

Many motorcycle organizations were represented, ABATE, AMO, HOG, OVMA, GWRRA, and others. ABATE members from the Portland area met at the Union Oil 76 Truck Stop in Aurora and rode as a group to Salem. The Capitol Building is currently undergoing repairs to the rotunda. Butch Harbaugh was able to get permission to use part of the construction zone directly in front of the Capitol Building for motorcycle parking. Teressa Hepker and Brian Stovall distributed Biker Day Buttons. There were special buttons for the people that have volunteered to be a Legislator's Buddy. As the Bikers came into the Capitol, they were directed to the Bill Room so that they could get their own copy of the Oregon Legislative Guide, and the Bills of interest to motorcyclists; H-3414, H-3419, H-3420, H-3421, H-3422.

The Bikers were first shown a video "How an idea becomes a law". We were then taken on a tour of the Capitol that included a stop at the House of Representatives. It wasn't until we filed into the gallery above the House floor that I realized how big of a group we were! Every seat was filled with a few people left standing! (The House gallery holds approximately 150 people) We were then introduced to the House by Rep. Eileen Qutub (R-Beaverton). I think the Representatives were very impressed by the size of our group. The next stop on the tour was to the Senate Chambers. The Senate had just adjourned but Sen Greg Walden (R-Hood River) was on hand to answer questions. (yes, Sen. Walden favors freedom of choice for adults) Next was a stop at the Governor's Office. This office is used for ceremonial purposes only. While we were there the Governor dropped by to take pictures with four young ladies representing a local festival (I don't remember what festival) and the women presented Governor Kitzhaber with a wooden sculpture produced by a local artist. This concluded the tour so we thanked our guide Dea and went to lunch.

After lunch I decided to try and see my representative Kate Brown. I went to her office but she was not back from the morning session. I spoke to her aide Joseph Martorano and to my surprise, he remembered me from our phone conversations in September. I talked to him about the legislation that was introduced by the request of BikePAC and asked if he would speak to Kate Brown about them. Then the door opened and Kate Brown walked in and I introduced myself. I was pleased to know that she also remembered me from our previous conversations. She said she thought I might be among the group of Bikers that was introduced to the House. She said that it was wonderful that we had taken the time to visit the Capitol and it was also great to see the beautiful bikes outside. We discussed the bills at great length and I went through the Oregon Motorcycling Issues publication with her. She seemed very interested in the accident statistics and was not aware of the harassment that we have been confronting. The meeting lasted about 30 minutes and I think I left her with a new perspective on our issues. I asked her to please contact me or Butch Harbaugh if she has any questions about motorcycling issues.

What did we accomplish with "Biker Day"? I think we left the members of the legislature with a positive image of "bikers" and I think we gained respect for our ideas and ourselves. I was told that our group was one of the best informed, attentive, and well-mannered groups ever to visit the Capitol. EVERYTHING was positive that day. It felt like there was electricity in the air. Our legislators DO pay attention to their constituents, especially when they take time from work or other important activities, and visit the lawmakers on their own turf.

Thank you to the motorcyclists who, on short notice, realized the importance of attending "Biker Day". Once again we will ride free in Oregon and it will happen through the efforts of dedicated individuals like you.

For those that could not be there March 17, all is not lost. You can be part of an even bigger "Biker Day" on April 7, 1995.

Let me close with these words from Theodore Roosevelt.

" The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, who gives valiantly, who knows the great enthusiasm and the great elation and spends himself in a worthy cause. Who, at best, knows the triumph of high achievement and who, at worst, if he fails, at least fails while caring greatly, so that his place shall never be with the cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat. "

Submitted at the last minute by Larry (lwouehsnaluiuwbm,jzd) Schalk

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

ROAD LIST

LEGEND	
1 Pickup	5 Information
2 Tools/Gas	6 Meal
3 Garage/Shelter	7 Location
4 Photo-Accident	

NAME	PHONE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Randy & Debbie	503-563-2398	X	X	X	X	X	X	Central
Gary & Vicki	503-563-3520	X	X	X	X	X	X	Coastal
John & Brenda	503-444-2708	X	X	X	X	X	X	Region
Rich Rau(R&R Hawg Shop)	503-265-7628	X	X		X	X		Area
Bill Gabrielsen	503-640-9543	X	X					Washington Co.
The Pack Flat Ranch	503-324-8142	X	X	X				Banks, Or
Don & Rose Murry	503-693-6465	X	X	X	X	X	X	Hillsboro, Or.
Bill Ballard	503-640-5481	X				X		Hillsboro, Or.
Rocket Motors	503-985-7738	X	X		X	X	X	Gaston, Or.
Terry & Carla Richesin	503-357-0245	X	X			X		Hillsboro, Or.
Ted & Jill Tracy	503-640-5766	X	X	X		X		Hillsboro, Or.
Randy	503-281-8649	X	X				X	N.E.
Gordon	503-253-7343	X	X	X	X	X	X	PTLD
Roger & Angie	503-285-4329	X	X	X	X	X	X	AREA
Art	503-285-5275		X	X				N.E.
Crazy Steve	503-282-8434			X				PTLD
Carol W.	503-239-8167			X		X	X	AREA
Cinders	503-284-1728			X	X	X	X	N.E.
Paul & Pam	206-693-3433			X	X		X	Vancouver, Wa.
Dale & Judy	206-892-1583	X	X	X	X		X	Vancouver, Wa.
Anna & Ron	503-252-5645	X	X	X	X	X	X	S.E.
Gunny	503-777-8410	X			X	X	X	PTLD
Glen & Gayle	503-760-7378	X						AREA
Rusty	503-777-5121		X			X		S.E.
Mavis & Bryan	503-252-1539		X	X	X	X	X	AREA
Jim L.	503-658-2206	X	X				X	Clackamas, Or.
Dick & Kathy	503-654-5851/5578483(work)		X	X	X	X	X	Clackamas, Or.
Tamara&Jay Reynolds	503-383-3418					X		Bend
Rick Jobe	503-383-1758	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Lori Vitaris	503-383-3554		X			X	X	Bend
Andy "YOGIE" Duran	503-382-7079	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Charlie&Vee Riter-Erikson	503-383-1929	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Jay&TotaycSwartz	503-389-6773	X	X	X		X	X	Bend
Mich&Cindy Maxwell	503-382-7079	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Randy&Irene Fortune	503-447-6734	X	X			X		Prineville, Or.
Bill&Gloria Cline	503-447-1627	X	X	X		X	X	Prineville, Or.
Don Darms	503-548-0020		X		X	X		Redmond, Or.
Mark&Gerl Elapas-Dutton	503-548-3153	X	X	X		X	X	Redmond, Or.
Terry&Pam Thompson	503-548-1859	X	X	X		X	X	Redmond, Or.
Ron or Rene Furr or Duran	503-548-3824	X	X	X		X	X	Redmond, Or.
Tom & Lorie Kent	503-823-3334	X	X			X		Redmond, Or.
Ted & Heidi Adams	503-548-5772			X		X	X	Redmond, Or.
John Newman	503-458-1443	X	X	X		X	X	Terrebonne, Or.

(As of November, 1994)

Cosponsors of H.R.899 and S.388, listed by state, as of 3/20/95

P indicates a Prime sponsor, * indicates an original cosponsor

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House (7 seats)
Senate

Alaska
House (1 seat) 100% Sponsorship
Don Young (R-AK) P
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House (6 seats) 50% Sponsorship
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House (4 seats) 50% Sponsorship
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Senate

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House (52 seats) 31% Sponsorship
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Bill Baker (R-CA)
Ron Packard (R-CA)
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Senate

Colorado
House (6 seats) 34% Sponsorship
Dan Schaefer (R-CO) *
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Senate 50% Sponsorship
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House (6 seats) 17% Sponsorship
Chris Shays (R-CT) *
Senate

Delaware
House (1 seat)
Senate 50% Sponsorship
William Roth (R-DE) *

Florida
House (23 seats) 9% Sponsorship
Porter Goss (R-FL) *
Karen Thurman (D-FL)
Senate

Georgia
House (11 seats) 18% Sponsorship
John Linder (R-GA) *
Bob Barr (R-GA) *
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Senate

Hawaii
House (2 seats)
Senate

Idaho
House (2 seats) 100% Sponsorship
Michael Crapo (R-ID)
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Senate

Illinois
House (20 seats) 55% Sponsorship
Michael Flanagan (R-IL) *
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Jerry Weller (R-IL) *
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Ray Manzullo (R-IL) *
Phil Crane (R-IL) *
Glenn Poshard (D-IL) *
Ray LaHood (R-IL) *
Tom Ewing (R-IL)
Henry Hyde (R-IL)
Lane Evans (D-IL)
Senate 50% Sponsorship
Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL) *

Indiana
House (10 seats) 90% Sponsorship
Lee Hamilton (D-IN) *
Tim Roemer (D-IN) *
Mark Souder (R-IN) *
Andy Jacobs (D-IN) *
John Myers (R-IN)
David McIntosh (R-IN)
Steve Buyer (R-IN)
Dan Burton (R-IN)
John Hostettler (R-IN)
Senate 100% Sponsorship
Richard Lugar (R-IN) *
Dan Coats (R-IN) *

Iowa
House (5 seats) 60% Sponsorship
Jim Lightfoot (R-IA) *
Tom Latham (R-IA)
Jim Nussle (R-IA)
Senate 50% Sponsorship
Charles Grassley (R-IA) *

Kansas
House (4 seats) 75% Sponsorship
Todd Tiahrt (R-KS)
Sam Brownback (R-KS)
Pat Roberts (R-KS)
Senate 50% Sponsorship
Robert Dole (R-KS)

Kentucky
House (6 seats)
Senate

Louisiana
House (7 seats) 14% Sponsorship
Richard Baker (R-LA)
Senate

Maine
House (2 seats) 100% Sponsorship

Jim Longley (R-ME) *
John Baldacci (D-ME)
Senate 100% Sponsorship
Olympia Snowe (R-ME) P
Bill Cohen (R-ME) *

Maryland
House (8 seats) 25% Sponsorship
Steny Hoyer (D-MD) *
Robert Ehrlich (R-MD) *
Senate

Massachusetts
House (10 seats)
Senate

Michigan
House (16 seats) 13% Sponsorship
James Barcia (D-MI) *
Dick Chrysler (R-MI)
Senate

Minnesota
House (8 seats) 63% Sponsorship
Jim Ramstad (R-MN) *
Collin Peterson (D-MN) *
David Minge (D-MN)
Gil Gutknecht (R-MN)
Bill Luther (D-MN)
Senate 50% Sponsorship
Rod Grams (R-MN) *

Mississippi
House (5 seats)
Senate

Missouri
House (9 seats) 34% Sponsorship
Mel Hancock (R-MO) *
Pat Danner (D-MO) *
Harold Volkmer (D-MO)
Senate

Montana
House (1 seat)
Senate

Nebraska
House (3 seats)
Senate

Nevada
House (2 seats)
Senate

New Hampshire
House (2 seats)
Senate 50% Sponsorship
Judd Gregg (R-NH) *

New Jersey
House (13 seats) 23% Sponsorship
Frank Pallone (D-NJ) *
Robert Andrews (D-NJ) *
Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ)
Senate

New Mexico
House (3 seats)
Senate

New York
House (31 seats) 16% Sponsorship
Jim Walsh (R-NY) *
Maurice Hinchey (D-NY)

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Senate

North Carolina
House (12 seats) 8% Sponsorship
Charles Taylor (R-NC) *
Senate

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House (1 seat) 100% Sponsorship
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Senate

Ohio
House (19 seats) 63% Sponsorship
John Boehner (ROH) *
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James Traficant (D-OH) *
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John Kasich (R-OH)
Paul Gillmoor (R-OH)
Steve Chabot (R-OH)
Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)
Senate

Oklahoma
House (6 seats) 100% Sponsorship
Bill Brewster (D-OK) *
Frank Lucas (R-OK) *
Ernest Istook (R-OK)
Steve Largent (R-OK)
J.C. Watts (R-OK)
Tom Coburn (R-OK)
Senate 100% Sponsorship
Jim Inhofe (R-OK) *
Don Nickles (R-OK)

Oregon
House (5 seats) 40% Sponsorship
Wes Cooley (R-OR)
Elizabeth Furse (D-OR)
Senate

Pennsylvania
House (21 seats) 10% Sponsorship
Bill Clinger (R-PA) *
Curt Weldon (R-PA) *
Senate 50% Sponsorship
Rick Santorum (R-PA)

Rhode Island
House (2 seats) 100% Sponsorship
Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) *
Jack Reed (D-RI)
Senate

South Carolina
House (6 seats) 17% Sponsorship
Bob Inglis (R-SC)
Senate

South Dakota
House (1 seat)
Senate

Tennessee
House (9 seats) 56% Sponsorship
Zach Wamp (R-TN)
Bob Clement (D-TN)
Bart Gordon (D-TN)
James Quillen (R-TN)
Ed Bryant (R-TN)
Senate 50% Sponsorship
Fred Thompson (R-TN)

Texas
House (30 seats) 20% Sponsorship
William Thornberry (R-TX) *
Sam Johnson (R-TX)
Pete Geren (D-TX)
Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)
Steve Stockman (R-TX)
Tom DeLay (R-TX)
Senate

Utah
House (3 seats) 67% Sponsorship
Bill Orton (D-UT) *
Enid Greene Waldholz (R-UT) *
Senate 100% Sponsorship
Robert Bennett (R-UT) *
Orrin Hatch (R-UT) *

Vermont
House (1 seat)
Senate

Virginia
House (11 seats) 18% Sponsorship
Jim Moran (D-VA)
Tom Davis (R-VA)
Senate

Washington
House (9 seats) 78% Sponsorship
Jennifer Dunn (R-WA) *
Doc Hastings (R-WA) *
Jack Metcalf (R-WA)
Linda Smith (R-WA)
George Nethercutt (R-WA)
Randy Tate (R-WA)
Rick White (R-WA)
Senate

West Virginia
House (3 seats)
Senate

Wisconsin
House (8 seats) 63% Sponsorship
Scott Klug (R-WI) *
Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) *
Toby Roth (R-WI) *
Steve Gunderson (R-WI) *
Mark Neumann (R-WI)
Senate 50% Sponsorship
Herb Kohl (D-WI) *

Wyoming
House (1 seat)
Senate 100% Sponsorship
Craig Thomas (R-WY) *
Alan Simpson (R-WY)

American Samoa
House (1 seat)

District of Columbia
House (1 seat)

Guam
House (1 seat)

Puerto Rico
House (1 seat)

Virgin Islands
House (1 seat)

TOTALS
H.R.899: 135 Cosponsors
100 Republicans, 35 Democrats
S.388: 21 Cosponsors
19 Republicans, 2 Democrats

There have been
1506 bills introduced
to the US House this
session. Of those,
only 29 now have
over 100 cosponsors.
Of those 29, 13 are
Contract with Amer-
ica bills.

That means that our
bill, H.R.899, is one
of 16 bills, other than
"Contract" bills
which have over 100
cosponsors!

Awesome!

Our Senate bill,
S.388 has 21% of the
Senate as sponsors.

Cosponsors of H.R.607, S.360 and S.234, as of 3/20/95

* indicates an original cosponsor

S.360

Introduced by Senator Bob Smith
Repeals both helmet & seat belt penalties - 02/07/95

Dirk Kempthorne (R-ID) *
Charles Grassley (R-IA) *
James Inhofe (R-OK) *
Larry Craig (R-ID)
Judd Gregg (R-NH)

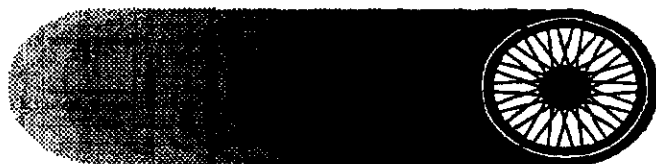
6 total: All Republicans

S.234

Introduced by Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell
Exempts States helmet law penalties if the State has motorcycle
safety program - 1/18/95

Charles Grassley (R-IA) *
Herb Kohl (D-WI) *
Richard Lugar (R-IN)
Russ Feingold (D-WI)
Bill Cohen (R-ME)
Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL)
Craig Thomas (R-WY)
Judd Gregg (R-NH)
Paul Wellstone (D-MN)
Frank Murkowski (R-AK)

11 total: 7 Republicans & 4 Democrats



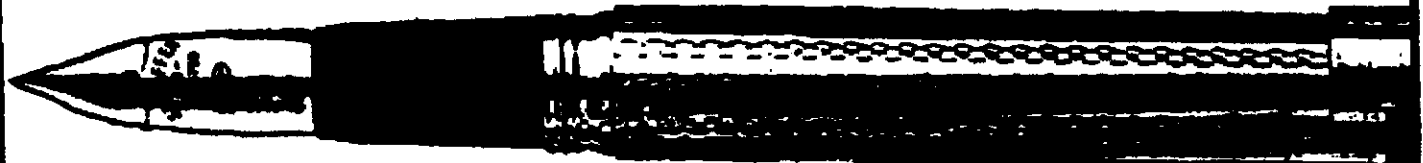
HR.607

Introduced by Congressman Scott Klug
Repeals penalties on states for not having helmet & seat belt
laws, for not complying with the national speed limit, and for
not having a 21 year old drinking law - 1/20/95

Brian Bilbray (R - CA) *
Peter Blute (R-MA) *
Gary Condit (D-CA) *
Tom Ewing (R-IL) *
Bill Zeff (R-NH) *
Bob Dornan (R-CA) *
Bill Paxon (R-NY) *
James Saxton (R-NJ) *
Joe Knollenberg (R-MI) *
Donald Manzullo (R-IL) *
Dana Rohrabacker (R-CA) *
Ed Royce (R-CA) *
Charles Bass (R-NH)
Philip English (R-PA)
Bernard Sanders (I-VT)
Steve Largent (R-OK)
John Doolittle (R-CA)
Chris Cox (R-CA)
Steve Gunderson (R-WI)
Pat Williams (D-MT)
Enid Greene Waldholtz (R-UT)
John Hostettler (R-IN)
Dick Chrysler (R-MI)
Robert Ehrlich (R-MD)
Barney Frank (D-MA)
Gerald Solomon (R-NY)
Joel Hefley (R-CO)
John Boehner (R-OH)

29 total 25 Republicans, 3 Democrats & 1 Independent

**THERE'S NOTHING MIGHTIER
THAN THE SWORD.
EXCEPT MAYBE, A PEN.**



Freedom Isn't Free . . .
Write to your legislator!

LETTER WRITING TIPS

Don't hesitate to write to your legislator if you have something to say that you think should be called to his attention.

Letters from constituents, which arrive every day at a legislator's home or office, are one of the best indications of what the voters are thinking about.

Thoughtful, sincere letters on issues that directly affect the writer get the most attention. Such letters are often quoted in committee hearings or in debate.

BE BRIEF

Write about one bill or issue at a time. Keep it short and to the point. A one-page letter will surely be read and is always the most effective.

BE LEGIBLE

If your handwriting is legible this is the best way to write your letter. You might write a draft first, then make a second copy to make it neater and shorter.

If your handwriting is not easy to read, use a typewriter or ask someone else to write as you dictate, then sign the letter yourself.

BE POLITE

Show respect even if you feel the politicians don't respect you. Avoid being threatening, demanding or abusive. It's an immediate turn-off. Be courteous and reasonable.

BE NATURAL

Use your own words. Legislators are sensitive to grass-roots opinion, and they want to know what you think. Your honest, straightforward communication counts.

Tell the legislator how a bill will affect you. Will it affect your income? your quality of life? do you think it intrudes on your privacy or your rights as a citizen? is it based on wrong information?

SAY THANKS

Write when your legislator does something of which you approve. They hear mostly from people who are against something, and that gives them a one-sided picture of their constituency. A note of appreciation will make your legislator remember you favorably next time you write.

CONGRATULATIONS

Winning an election is no easy task. Congratulations from you will also help your legislator remember you in a good light.

Like the "right to vote," you have the "right to write."

LEGISLATORS SPEAK FOR YOU.

You elected them, so you have the responsibility to tell them what you think. Send them a message, so the next time you vote, they can't say they didn't hear from you.

LETTER WRITING AT MEETINGS

A List of Materials

WRITING PAPER	Get the largest variety possible: different shapes, sizes, colors, lined and unlined
ENVELOPES	As many types, colors, shapes and sizes as possible
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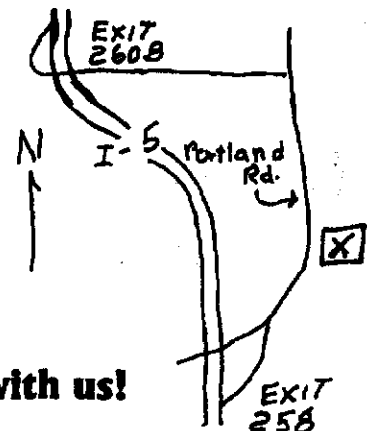
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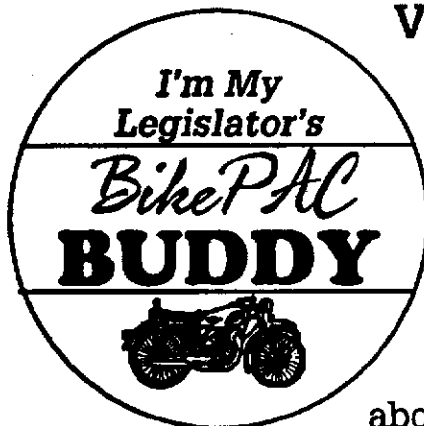
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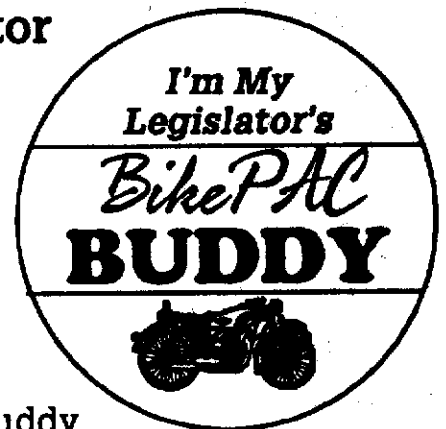
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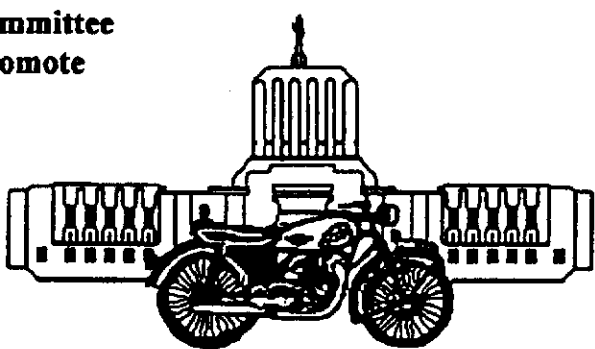
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Help and Information

Capitol Hill—How to Use It Like a Washington Lobbyist

Capitol Hill, or Congress, the legislative branch of the government, is just beginning to be used as a source of information. Very few people have been aware of this treasure trove of unpublished data. Over the years, the Congress has probably held investigations on any topic you can think of, with experts providing their opinions. The documentation for a given committee or subcommittee hearing provides an unmatched reference source for anyone researching current events or other topics.

The information available from Capitol Hill can be used to serve two ends: to monitor legislation, and to investigate a specific topic. Here is a brief outline on how to use this information to achieve both these purposes.

Monitoring Legislation

The best source for determining if there is specific legislation pending in a given area is the Bill Status Office, Capitol, Washington, DC 20515/202-225-1772. By searching a computerized database, this office can provide you with the answers to such questions as:

Have any bills been introduced covering a given topic?

What is the status of a given bill?

Who sponsored the bill?

On what date was it introduced?

What committee and subcommittees have held hearings on a given bill?

What other bills are similar?

You must provide a key word for the subject you want searched. It is most likely that the legislation you are interested in is pending before a given committee or subcommittee. Armed with the name of the committee provided by the Bill Status Office, you can contact those on it directly in care of: Senate, Capitol, Washington, DC 20510/202-224-3121, or, House of Representatives, Capitol, Washington, DC 20519/202-224-3121.

Once you have reached the committee in question and are able to talk with the staff person covering your bill, you are now in a position to obtain the following information:

A copy of the bill

A copy of any hearings held on the bill

A description of where the bill will go once it leaves the committee

An analysis of the likelihood of the bill moving out of the committee

An estimate of the time involved for the bill to move out of the committee

If your bill is scheduled for action on the floor of the House or Senate, you can monitor its activity by the hour by listening to the recorded messages heard on Cloakroom numbers. It's like being on the floor of Congress yourself. The numbers are:

House of Representatives Cloakroom

Republican/202-225-7430.

Democrat/202-225-7400.

Senate Cloakroom

Republican/202-224-8601.

Democrat/202-224-8541.

Investigating Topics

See "Senate and House of Representatives Committee Hearings."

The federal government is the world's largest storehouse of little-known sources of information, expertise and benefits—and Members of Congress are an important key to this treasure chest. A call to the local office of your congressman or senator can often save you from the many pitfalls that keep people from taking advantage of government resources, e.g., they don't know what's available, they don't know where to look, or they get tired of fighting the bureaucracy and give up.

Most Senators have several offices throughout the state to help constituents with individual problems. In addition to asking your Senators for assistance, ask your Representative who also has one or more district offices. Instead of making a long distance call to Washington, D.C., usually you can get help in the city where you reside.

While the Member's staff in Washington, D.C. essentially works on legislation, the home offices are primarily set up to provide assistance such as help with the Social Security Administration or government student loans. These so-called "case workers" try to resolve problems at the state level but sometimes refer difficult cases to the Washington staff. Although the quantity and quality of the service will vary from office to office, it is still worth your effort to contact them.

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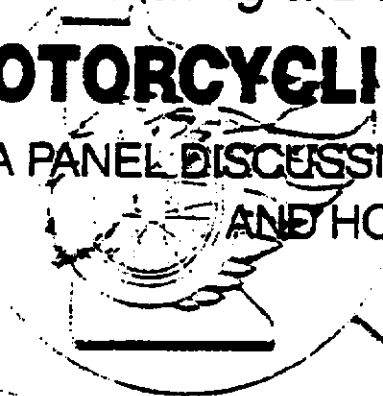
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NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____
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MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES? YES / NO

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

DATE STOPPED: ____ / ____ / ____ TIME STOPPED: ____ : ____ a m / pm

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: HELMET / OTHER (specify) _____

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

CITE # _____ 1st appearance: ____ / ____ / ____ TIME: ____ : ____ am/pm

COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____

ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SAME TIME? LIST: _____

IF THERE WERE ANY CRIMINAL CHARGES (not infractions), SPECIFY: _____

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

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

If no explain: _____

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

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

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

If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH

If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

Have you gone to court? NO : When is court Date? _____

YES : How did you plead? _____

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

If you pled NOT GUILTY, have you gone to trial? _____

NO : When is your court date? _____

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

FINE : \$ _____ ASSESSMENT : STATE , \$ _____ COUNTY, \$ _____

CITY, \$ _____ WORK TIME LOSS HRS: _____ LOST WAGES: \$ _____

Briefly describe the evidence you presented at your trial (or include a copy) _____

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

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

Label permanently fastened inside? YES NO

Was helmet modified? YES NO

If modified describe: _____

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Dear Concerned Oregon Motorcyclists:

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Employee discrimination survey

Are you a victim of discrimination in the work-place? If you are, this is your chance to be heard. By completing and returning this survey, you'll be arming the AMA with the information we need to combat the attacks on motorcycling employees from coast to coast.

Please complete this questionnaire and send it, along with any documentation you can provide, to: Victims, American Motorcyclist magazine, P.O. Box 6114, Westerville, OH 43081-6114.

1. Have you ever been told that your employer-sponsored health insurance coverage would be or had been reduced because you ride a motorcycle?
Yes _____ No _____

2. Have you ever been told that your employer-sponsored health insurance coverage would be or had been eliminated because you ride a motorcycle?
Yes _____ No _____

3. Have you ever notified that your employer-sponsored health benefits would not cover injuries related to a motorcycle accident?
Yes _____ No _____

4. Have you ever been told that you would have to pay more for your employer-sponsored health insurance coverage because you ride a motorcycle?
Yes _____ No _____

5. Have you ever been notified that another member of your family would not be eligible for your employer-sponsored health benefits because that person rides a motorcycle?
Yes _____ No _____

6. Have you experienced any of the forms of discrimination described in questions 1 through 5 in connection with union-sponsored health insurance benefits?
Yes _____ No _____

7. Have you ever been denied employment because you ride a motorcycle?
Yes _____ No _____

8. Have you ever been informed that you would be dismissed or passed over for promotion because you ride a motorcycle?
Yes _____ No _____

9. Have you ever faced any other form of discrimination in the workplace because you ride a motorcycle? (Please give details on a separate piece of paper.)
Yes _____ No _____

10. Do you have documentation that would verify the work-related discrimination described in any of the questions listed above?
Yes _____ No _____

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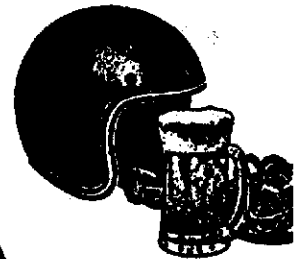
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How about these stories taken out of American Motorcyclist Apr '95?

California EPA Developments

Pending court approval, plans to make California's already stringent emissions standards for motorcycles even stricter appear to have been put on hold.

The decision, which follows an agreement reached between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency(EPA) and members of the Coalition for Clean Air and the Sierra Club, is likely to have a significant impact on both road and off-road motorcycles sold in the state.

Originally, the EPA had planned to establish new clean-air regulations that would have applied to all motorcycles sold in California after 1995. Industry sources speculated that the new regs would effectively ban the sale of two-stroke off-road motorcycles and likely require the use of catalytic converters on street bikes in the state.

Under the terms of the agreement, California officials now will have two years to develop an alternate clean-air plan that will replace the sweeping changes proposed by federal officials. More importantly, the delay will give the motorcycle industry additional opportunities to help shape the final regulations.

"The real significance of the Federal Implementation Plan(FIP) delay," noted a memo circulated within the industry, "is not in the additional time provided for compliance, but on the focus and commitment for completion and implementation of a California States implementation Plan which will replace the FIP when approved. The motorcycle industry has worked closely with the California Air Resources Board to retain current motorcycle emissions standards in the State Plan."

The agreement must still be approved by the U.S. District of California. But that approval is considered likely, putting the two-year delay into effect.

FIGHTING MANDATES

It seems motorcyclists are always trendsetters. We were seeking out "Blue Highways" long before William Least Heat Moon. We were wearing leather before MTV. And we were way out front on the latest fad to hit Washington D.C.: opposition to unfunded federal mandates.

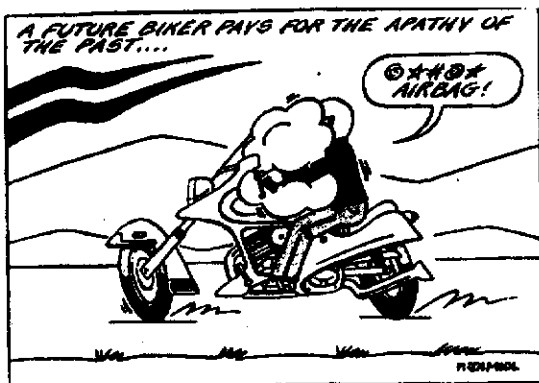
We didn't invent the term "unfunded mandates," which is being used to describe the process by which the federal government orders states to institute programs without coughing up any money to help pay for them. We called that process federal blackmail. But it's the same thing. And we've been fighting this battle for years, particularly when it comes to one issue--mandatory helmet laws.

Late in 1991, the U.S. Congress passed a major transportation bill that included a mandate intended to coerce states into enacting helmet laws covering all road motorcyclists. As with so many other mandates, the federal government didn't offer to help with the costs of enforcing such a law. In fact, using federal highway construction grants as a club, the federal government actually worked out a way to punish states financially if they refused to pass mandatory helmet laws.

When we said that was unfair--that the federal government had no business blackmailing the states into passing traffic laws--we looked a bit like David facing Goliath. But three years later, it now seems that the notion of state sovereignty is becoming popular again; and motorcyclists aren't the only people tired of having their decisions made for them on Capitol Hill.

In early February, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved legislation that would prevent the federal government from enacting unfunded mandates directed at the states. The Senate passed a similar bill earlier this year. This legislation, if signed into law by President Clinton, would affect only future federal programs, so it would not repeal the helmet-law mandate. But it does indicate an important change in policy in the nation's capital.

"It means we're taking a great step back from the arrogance of Washington, D.C.," says Rep. Deborah Price (R-Ohio), a supporter of the bill.



And it appears that this trend isn't likely to end there.

"Our job now," says Ohio Gov. George Voinovich, "is to convince Congress to reassess existing mandates, which drain our resources and prevent us from providing the services that our constituents pay for with their hard-earned dollars."

Ohio is one of 25 states without a helmet law that meets the federal requirements. The others are: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Since last October, those 25 states have been penalized for their non-compliance by having a portion of their highway construction funds diverted into other programs.

But help may be on the way in the form of legislation to dismantle unfunded mandates that are already in place.

On February 10, Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) introduced H.R. 899, a bill to repeal the federal helmet law penalties. He recently circulated a "Dear Colleague" letter to other members of Congress in which he began gathering support for that repeal.

Rep. Scott Klug (R-Wisconsin) has gone one step farther. He has introduced a bill that he calls the States' Rights Empowerment Act of 1995. This bill, designated H.R. 607, has a broader target.

"The legislation," says Klug, "would do away with federal regulations that blackmail states to implement laws governing the use of motorcycle helmets and seat belts, mandate minimum speed limits, and set 21 as the age for legal drinking.

"It's time to move away from the 'papa knows best' form of governing at the federal level," he adds. "I strongly believe the decision-making authority should be returned to the states."

Klug says he is not opposed to the intent of these laws, but he feels that the use of millions of dollars in highway construction funds to pressure states into doing the federal government's bidding is unfair.

"Wisconsin would lose \$26 million if it failed to comply with these laws," Klug notes. "I am confident

that if freed from this financial blackmail, each state's officials would use their own judgement to evaluate the merits of each of these proposals."

Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-Colorado), a longtime supporter of motorcycling issues, echoes Klug's views. In a speech on the Senate floor introducing a bill that would relieve states of the burden of complying with the federal helmet mandate, Campbell drew a distinction between the merits of helmet use and the issue of federal blackmail.

"Mr. President," he said, "let me be clear. I am not opposed to people wearing helmets. Quite the contrary. What I am opposed to is the federal government blackmailing states to pass laws. It simply is not good policy to force states to funnel funds from one state transportation activity to another. It should be pointed out that the money the federal government wants to redirect is tax revenue already paid by state residents."

Campbell's bill, designated S. 234, would exempt states that do not have mandatory helmet laws from federal penalties as long as those states have motorcycle safety programs in effect. The bill would also delay the effective date of the federal penalties to allow states to develop safety programs.

In addition, Sen. Bob Smith (R-New Hampshire) has introduced a bill, designated S. 360, that would repeal both federal helmet and seat-belt mandates. And freshman Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-Maine) is putting together support for her helmet-mandate repeal bill, S. 388.

"State governments are closer to their citizens than the federal government is to its constituents," Snowe explains. "Surely, these democratic institutions understand the best interests of their citizens on this issue, and the federal government should respect their decisions."

With all this talk about limiting the federal government's power and repealing federal mandates, Congress is beginning to sound a little like a meeting of motorcyclist rights organizations. And we wouldn't be surprised to hear a congressman or senator take the floor sometime this session and utter the words many helmet-law opponents have been using as a slogan for years:

"Let those who ride decide."

LOCK, STOCK & BARREL

America: I love this place! Not only do we have the greatest country on earth, but also some of the most inventive people you'll ever meet. Take Bill Ruger Jr. and Rick Gray, for instance.

Bill is president of Sturm, Ruger and Company, a gun manufacturer based in New Hampshire and Connecticut. Those two states don't have helmet laws covering adult motorcyclists, and that apparently doesn't sit well with Bill. So his company enacted its own helmet law: It denies health insurance coverage to employees injured on motorcycles unless they were wearing helmets.

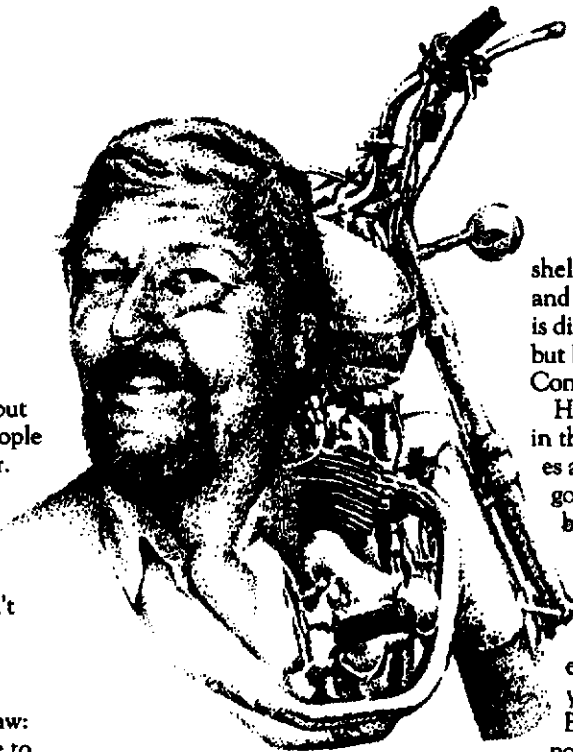
What if the rider is blameless and obeys every traffic law? What if the motorcyclist is hit by a driver who runs a red light, or has been drinking?

Tough luck, Ruger says. Should have worn a helmet.

Now, I like helmets, and I always wear one when I'm riding. But this is insurance discrimination, plain and simple. Especially considering that Ruger doesn't require car-driving employees to wear seat belts to qualify for insurance.

If you've read our letters section lately, you've seen a lot of reaction on this issue. Many of you have been outraged that a gun maker would discriminate against an activity based on its perceived risk, and some wonder how Ruger would react if motorcycle companies cut health benefits for employees injured while hunting.

Bill Ruger has been inventive in his responses. First, his company sent out a letter from a guy who said he was a motorcyclist and a Ruger employee. He allowed as how Ruger "was really trying to work with us on this." How? By handing out the telephone number of



the New Hampshire chapter of a head injury organization.

It was creative PR, but you didn't buy it. This is about insurance discrimination, you told Ruger in your letters, not about helmets.

That wasn't the only thing you said you weren't buying. Individuals, clubs and entire police departments wrote to Bill, pledging not to purchase Ruger guns until he began treating motorcyclists like other employees.

The next letter Bill sent was addressed to me. Again, he tried to turn this into a debate about the effectiveness of helmets. We printed part of his lengthy letter in January, and asked him to explain why car drivers who don't use seat belts, drunken drivers and people who eat fatty foods all qualify for coverage under Ruger's insurance plan, but law-abiding motorcyclists don't.

Your letters continued to arrive. So in his latest attempt to quiet the storm, Bill is sending out a form letter that claims we didn't print his letter. Read that January issue again, Bill.

Ruger is also taking a new tack with his latest mailing. He's dropped the

shell games about helmet effectiveness, and is now telling the truth: Sure, this is discrimination against motorcyclists, but by God, that's Ruger's Constitutional right.

Here's how Bill puts it: "We believe in the freedom to make personal choices and the non-intervention of government into insurance issues; but we cannot be expected to insure all our employees for every conceivable enterprise that they may wish to undertake."

In short, it's horrible if the government screws you, but it's OK if your company does. Safe choice, Bill. Since this isn't a government policy and you aren't an elected official, there's no way we can vote on it.

Or is there?

Enter Rick Gray, the AMA's newest trustee. Gray was meeting with AMA, ABATE and Motorcycle Riders Foundation members recently when they came up with a brilliant idea.

Sturm Ruger, you see, is a publicly held company, with shares traded on the New York Stock Exchange. And a stockholder with even one share of stock is entitled to attend Ruger's annual meeting, vote for the board of directors, and publicly question the officers of the corporation.

Rick bought some shares in Ruger. So did Rob Rasor, our vice president of government relations. Both plan to attend Ruger's annual stockholders meeting May 19 in Phoenix.

You're welcome to join them. All it takes is a single share of Ruger stock.

Can't make it to Phoenix? No problem. You can assign your vote to a proxy, like Rob or Rick. You'll find all the information you need in our story on page 62.

I sure hope Bill Ruger has special motorcycle parking set aside on that day. I suspect he'll need it. ■

FLIRTING WITH THE IMAGERY

In February, we published a story entitled "Caught in the Crossfire," documenting a resurgence of outlaw motorcycle gang activity in the United States. Our story noted that an outbreak of gang violence during the summer of 1994 resulted in several killings and prompted a reaction by law enforcement agencies over half the nation.

The increased visibility of these outlaw groups has already had a direct and adverse effect on responsible motorcyclists, and many fear that media treatment of these events could propel us back to 1947, when a motorcycle event in Hollister, California, took an ugly turn. Life magazine's coverage of that incident indelibly tarnished motorcycling as an activity for drunks, misfits and destroyers of public property.

Just about the time we were exploring this unpleasant subject in American Motorcyclist, the major motorcycle manufacturers were releasing their 1995 advertising campaigns. One of the new ads carries the headline: "You don't have to cause trouble. Just look like you're capable of it." The copy for the ad goes on to say, "Just once, wouldn't it be cool to ride into town and have the sheriff look at you and mutter, 'Better keep an eye on this one.'"

Cool, indeed! Just like the couple we wrote about who found themselves staring down the muzzle of a policeman's shotgun after innocently riding into Hackettstown, New Jersey, last summer in the wake of a shooting at a motorcycle event. They must have looked "capable" of causing trouble.

Another ad presents a dark and gloomy picture of a motorcycle sitting beneath a prison wall. The copy suggests that the bike is so "bad" it could only have been spawned in a jailhouse.

There are other ads, though not as



explicit as these, that toy with the images and ideas which caused the myth of the American motorcycle outlaw to take root.

These advertisements confound me. Some of them would be bad under any circumstances, but their appearance during this resurgence of outlaw motorcycle gangs is inexplicable. The notion of manufacturers flirting with this kind of imagery makes you wonder if they are even in touch with the reports of gang activity broadcast in major markets from New York to Chicago. Is there really anyone in America today who doesn't get CNN?

It also makes you wonder what these manufacturers must think of their customers. Do you believe that motorcycling gets a bum rap from Hollywood and the news media? Then just step back and take a look at how it is depicted by some of the very people who take our money in exchange for motorcycles.

Why must our own industry joke about and exploit motorcycling's dark side? What is wrong with messages about mobility, pleasure, freedom, camaraderie, excitement and joy? I've always thought those were the reasons that responsible people buy motorcycles.

But maybe that's the problem. Maybe some of the manufacturers have decided that responsible customers just don't provide a large-enough market. If you believe that's the case, then surely there are

misfits, troublemakers and losers out there who can come up with the price of a new motorcycle. All you have to do is get their attention by appealing to their seediness and sense of alienation.

Flirting with this kind of imagery is a dangerous game. It serves only to validate and reinforce the picture of motorcycling that Life magazine created nearly 50 years ago. The same picture that has been perpetuated time and again by public officials, the entertainment media and corporate giants like American Express. Motorcycle manufacturers who indulge in this kind of image-making are only further endangering an industry that is already vulnerable enough.

Will American Motorcyclist decline this kind of advertising? That's a tough call. While I deplore the idea that our own industry would stick demeaning or insulting messages under the noses of its own customers, I also believe that people (and corporations) have the right to express their own views, regardless of the fact that they may be ill-advised, mistaken or stupid. It is not up to the AMA to become the moral watchdog for the motorcycle industry, though I realize that some of our members believe we should.

We've already received bitter complaints about some of these new ad campaigns. For the most part we'll make our position known and hope that advertising directors and their agencies become more mindful of their responsibilities to the motorcycling community and more sensitive to the feelings of their customers.

But in the most egregious cases, we'll draw the line. In fact, we already have. One such ad was rejected from this issue. ■

AMA Washington Report

Rob Dingman, the AMA's Washington, D.C., representative, offers the following briefing on legislative activity in the nation's capital.

With the 104th Congress well into its first 100 days, during which the House of Representatives has promised action on measures contained within the "Contract with America," some very exciting things are already happening with regard to motorcycling.

For instance, a number of bills have been introduced concerning motorcycle helmets. In the House, Rep. Scott Klug (R-Wisconsin) has introduced H.R. 607, designed to remove the federal mandates which have been imposed on states that do not have mandatory helmet or seat-belt laws, a 55-mph speed limit, or a 21-year-old drinking age.

The idea behind the Klug bill is that states should be free to make their own decisions regarding these matters and not be subject to coercion from the federal government. Rep. Klug is quick to point out that if he were a state legislator, he would support mandatory helmet laws. Not surprisingly, H.R. 607 faces opposition from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). That opposition could work in motorcyclists' favor, however.

Even members of Congress who would otherwise be supportive of a measure to reduce federal infringement on states' rights may be reluctant to do so over the objection of MADD. So, at the request of Alaska motorcyclists, Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) has introduced H.R. 899, which repeals only the penalties on states that do not have mandatory helmet laws. Rep. Young's bill provides members of Congress with a more politically viable alternative.

In the Senate, freshman Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-Maine) has maintained a tradition she started in the House by once again introducing legislation to address the helmet issue. Sen. Snowe's bill, S. 388 is the same as Rep. Young's bill. Motorcyclists all over the country owe a debt of gratitude to Olympia Snowe, who has chosen to champion our cause in the Senate after being such a strong advocate for motorcyclists' rights in the

House.

Although the Snowe bill will be the primary focus of motorcyclists' lobbying efforts, other bills have been introduced in the Senate. Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-Colorado), who in addition to being an original co-sponsor of S. 388, has introduced S. 234, which would eliminate penalties on states without mandatory helmet laws if those states have motorcycle safety programs.

Campbell introduced S. 234 as a possible alternative in case S. 388 doesn't garner enough support. Legislation introduced by Sen. Robert Smith (R-New Hampshire), S. 360, would repeal both the helmet and seat belt penalties. The state of New Hampshire is one of three states that will face penalties for not having mandatory seat belt laws.

The potential for full funding for the National Recreational Trails Trust Fund is encouraging news on the off-highway front. The Coalition for Recreational Trails (CRT) deserves much of the credit for securing the Clinton administration request of full funding for the program. The CRT worked with Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell to solicit the support of Transportation Secretary Federico Pena.

The CRT is simultaneously working another strategy. Last year the House passed legislation containing provisions concerning the trails fund. Among these provisions was one which would provide contract spending authority for the program in the amount of \$6 million with the ability to secure additional funding through appropriations. The CRT is currently exploring the possibility of having the House-passed provisions regarding the Trails Act introduced as a stand-alone bill in both the House and Senate.

The stand-alone bills will help build grassroots and therefore congressional

support for the measures which will be essential to secure their passage. The ultimate objective will be to have the stand-alone bills incorporated into a larger piece of legislation such as that designating a National Highway System (NHS), which must be passed by September 30 of this year.

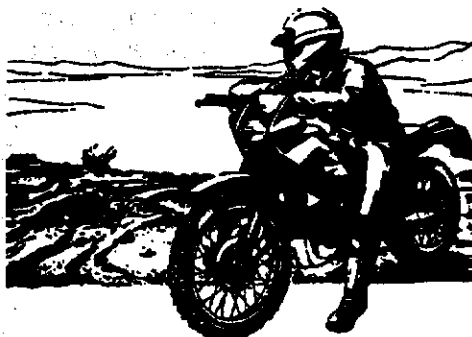
The NHS legislation is also another possible vehicle we hope to use to repeal penalties on states without helmet laws. With these two issues on the line, the NHS becomes a very important piece of

legislation for motorcyclists. Rep. Bud Shuster (R-Pennsylvania), chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which will write the NHS legislation, has laid out a very ambitious schedule for his committee so that when the House has dispensed with the "Contract with America" it can turn its attention to items under the jurisdiction of the Transportation Committee, such as the NHS.

Inclusion of our issues in the NHS legislation is not a done deal. While Rep. Shuster was one of the authors of last year's NHS bill which included the Trails Act provisions, he has opposed previous efforts to remove the penalties on states without helmet laws. It won't be any easy in the Senate, either. Sen. John Chafee (R-Rhode Island), chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee, which will write the Senate NHS legislation, championed the imposition of the federal penalties in the first place. Also, last year's NHS bill did not include the Trails Act provisions.

We've got our work cut out for us. We can only make things happen if members of Congress hear from their constituents: YOU!

—Rob Dingman
AMA Washington Representative



Portland International Raceway

1995 Event Schedule

PIR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday Nights: ICU Skate (roller blades) - June 5: July 3, 17 & 31: Aug 7 & 21: Sept 18
USCF Bicycle Races - May 8 & 22: June 12 & 26: July 10 & 24: Aug 14 & 28: Sept 11

Tuesday Nights: Bicycle Races - May 2 to Sept 12 (Excluding 6/20, 7/4 & 7/19)

Wednesday Nights: NHRA E.T. Drags - April 5 to Oct. 25 (Excluding 6/31 & 7/19)

Thursday Nights: Motocross - April 13 to Sept 28 (Excluding 6/22 & 8/20)

February

4 BMW Club
5,12,19,26 NHRA - E.T. Drags
17,18, Audi Quatro Club
25 Alfa Romea Club
27,28 Pittarresi Racing School

March

1,2 Pittarresi Racing School
3,4 SCCA School, Races & Solo II
5,12,19,26 NHRA - E.T. Drags
11, Portland Karting Races
18 Cascade Driver Training
25 T.C. Driver Training
27,28,29,30 Pittarresi Racing School

April

1,2 Pittarresi Racing School
7,8,9 SCCA School, Races & Solo II
14 Porsche Club
15 Portland Karting Races
16 ~Easter - PIR Is Closed~
17,18,19 Pittarresi Racing School
21 BMW Club
22,23 Cascade Sports Car Club Races
29,30 Oregon Motorcycle Road Racing

May

1,2,3,4 Pittarresi Racing School
6,7 SCCA School, Races & Solo II
12 High School Drags
13,14 Oregon Motorcycle Road Racing
20,21 Portland Karting Races
22,23,24,25 Pittarresi Racing School
26 Porsche Club
27,28 PNAIC Memorial Weekend Pow-Wow
28 Run, Ride and Roll

June

2 Shelby Club
3 T.C. Driver Training
4 Oregon Motorcycle Road Racing
5,6,7 Pittarresi Racing School
8 Pioneer Motorsports Club
10,11 Cascade Sports Car Club Races
13 Pittarresi Racing School
16,17,18 Rose Cup / Scca Races
23,24,25 Budwieser/G.I. Joe's 200
IndyCar Races

July

1,2 SCCA Races & Solo II
4 Oregon Motorcycle Road Racing

July (cont.)

6 Pittarresi - Historic School
7,8,9 Norm Thompson's Historic Races
11,12,13 Pittarresi Racing School
14 Cascade Driver Training
15,16 Cascade Sports Car Club Races
21,22,23 IMSA Gran Prix - World Sports
Car Races
29 **Harley Davidson**
30 VW Bug-In - Swap & Drag Races
31 Pittarresi Racing School

August

1,2,3 Pittarresi Racing School
4,5,6 SCCA Races & Solo II
7-11 1995 Porsche Parade
12 T.C. Driver Training
13 Tri Club Day
19,20 Goodguys NW Get Together
25,26,27 WEBA Pro Motorcycle Races
28,29 Reg Pridmore Motorcycle School

September

2,3 All British Field Meet
4 Run, Ride and Roll
5,6,7 Pittarresi Racing School
8,9,10 SCCA Races & Solo II
15 Shelby Club
16,17 Cascade Sports Car Club Races
23,24 Oregon Motorcycle Road Racing
25,26,27,28 Pittarresi Racing School
29,30 Portland Karting Races

October

1 Portland Karting Races
6 Porsche Club
7 Alfa Romeo Club
8 Motocross Gran Prix
13,14 Cascade - 6 Hour Enduro
15 Oregon Motorcycle Road Racing
17,18,19 Pittarresi Racing School
20 SCCA Races & Solo II
21 T.C. Driver Training
22 Pioneer Motorsports Club
27,28 Portland Karting Races
29 BMW Club

November

4 Cascade Driver Training
5 Porsche Club
7,8,9 Pittarresi Racing School
23 thru 1/1/96 "Celebration of Lights"

Rep. Name, Party-District	Legislative Buddy	Supportive?	Meeting
Adams, Ron	R-27		
Baum, Ray	R-58		
Beyer, Lee	D-42		
Brian, Tom	R-9		
Brown, Kate	D-13	Larry Schalk (SE)	
Carpenter, Chuck	R-7		
Carter, Margaret	D-18	Ike Rowe (SE) & Rotten Roger (NE)	03/17/95
Ciarno, Bev	R-55	yes	02/21/95
Corcoran, Tony	D-44		
Courtney, Peter	D-33		
Eighmey, George	D-14		
Fahey, Michael	D-17		
Federici, Tony	D-1		
Fisher, Bill	R-45	yes	02/02/95
Gordly, Avel	D-19	Cindy Wilson (NE)	
Grisham, Jerry	R-23	Brenda Huber (SE)	
Hayden, Cedric	R-28	open	02/20/95
Johnson, Eldon	R-51		
Johnston, Bryan	D-31		
Jones, Denny	R-60		
Josi, Tim	D-2		
Lehman, Mike	D-47		
Lewis, Leslie	R-29		
Lokan, Jane	R-25		
Luke, Dennis	R-54		
Lundquist, Lynn	R-59		
Mannix, Kevin	D-32	Darrell O. (Salem HOG)	yes 02/28/95
Markham, Bill	R-46	original co-sponsor	02/08/95
Meek, John	R-5		
Milne, Patti	R-38	Marty Coon (NE)	yes 03/07/95
Minnis, John	R-20	Heather & Michael Smith (SE)	
Montgomery, Bob	R-56	Judd Whitcher	yes 02/21/95
Naito, Lisa	D-15	Carolyn Meyer (SE) & Cindy Wilson (NE)	open 02/02/95
Norris, Chuck	R-57		open
Oakley, Carolyn	R-36		open 02/04/95
Parks, Del	R-53		
Piercy, Kitty	D-39		
Prozanski, Floyd	D-40		
Qutub, Eileen	R-8		original co-sponsor
Rasmussen, Anitra	D-11		
Repins, Bob	R-49		
Roberts, Lonnie	D-21	Sue Hutchenson (NE) & Chris Higgins (SE)	original sponsor 03/02/95
Ross, Barbara	D-35		
Schoon, John	R-34		
Shibley, Gail	D-12		open
Shields, Frank	D-16	Gordon W. Hieronimus (NE)	open
Snodgrass, Lynn	R-10		
Sowa, Larry	D-26		yes
Starr, Charles	R-3		
Strobeck, Ken	R-6		
Terno, Veral	R-48		
Thompson, Terry	D-4	Bear	yes
Tlernan, Bob	R-24		yes
Uherbelau, Judith	E-52		
VanLeeuwen, Liz	R-37		yes 02/21/95
Watt, John	R-50		
Wells, Larry	R-30		
Welsh, Jim	R-43		
Wooten, Cynthia	D-41		
Wylie, Sharon	D-22		yes (?)
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Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1st & 3rd SUNDAY	S.E. PORTLAND	12:00 Noon, The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122nd & Division, Portland
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, LaGrande
	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
	SALEM	1:00 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	7:00 pm, 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
1st THURSDAY	WILLAMETTE VALLEY	7:00 pm, Red Rooster Restaurant, Eugene
3rd SATURDAY	GRANT COUNTY	11:00 am, 858 E. Main (Stull Residence), John Day
3rd MONDAY	KLAMATH COUNTY	7:30 pm, Inge's Cheese Haus 4023 S. 6th St., Klamath Falls