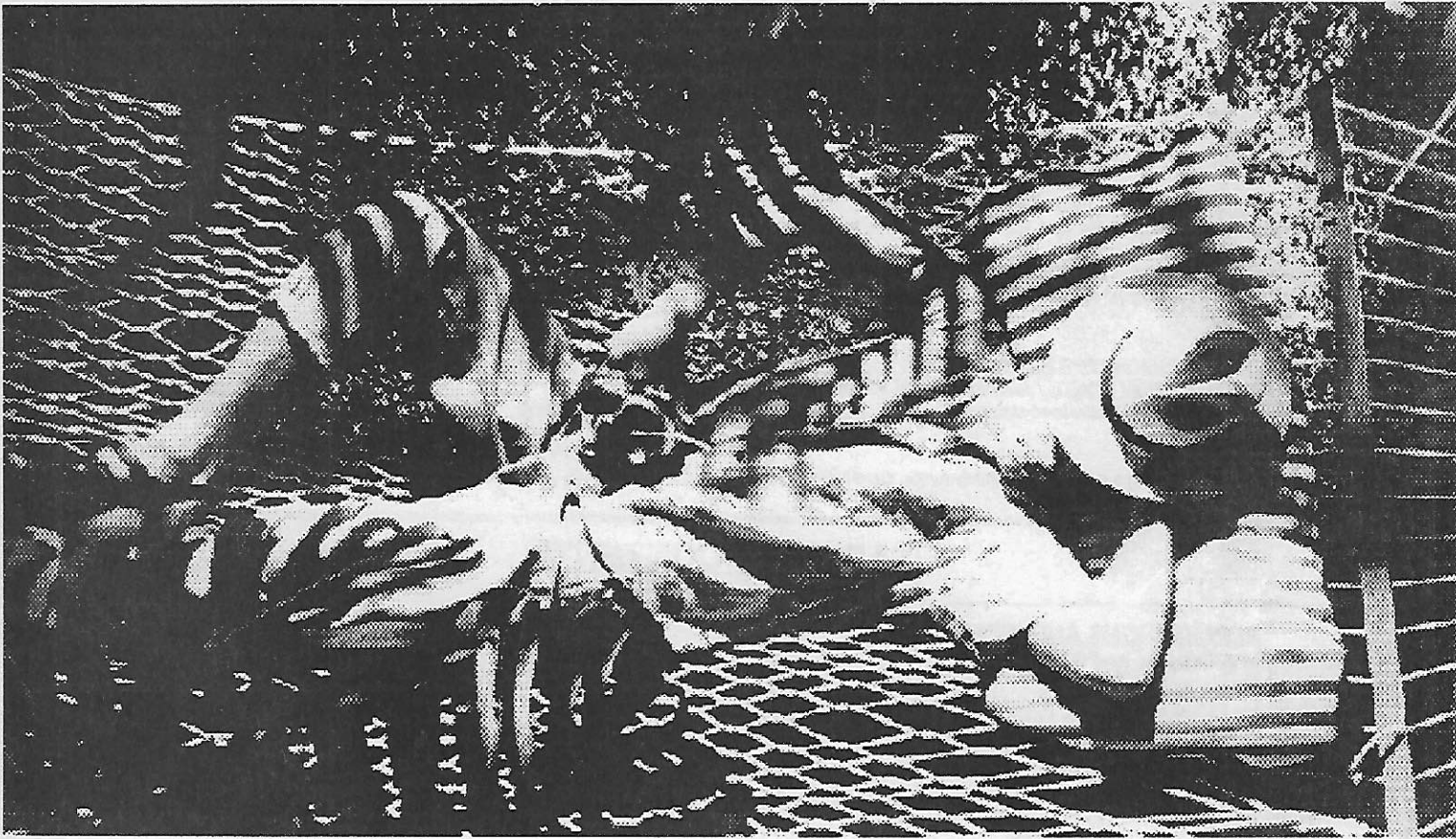


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Minutes for State Board meeting

Aug 12, 1995

Meeting was called to order at Lane County Community College at 12:11 by Vice Coordinator Mitch Maxwell. There were nine chapters present. There was a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from July.

Coordinator's Comments: None.

Correspondence: None.

Reports:

Education Director: Nic Oliver reported on a Motorcycle Awareness Class. Instructor training for MAP signed up 17 new instructors. The first certified instructors were issued their certificates. They are Jennie Lindi, Tom Halley, Walt Allegar and James Mason. Also a lifetime certification was given to Mel Yeager.

Legislative Director: Brian Stovall reported that as the House of Representatives reconvenes in September, we need to put pressure on to pass HR 899. At this point it is the fifth most sponsored bill in the 104th congress. Ron Wyden is still the only representative from Oregon who is not supporting HR899. Brian says: GET BUSY.

Membership: Mother's report shows membership at 1708 a loss of 52 since last month.

Newsletter Report: Gordon says he needs articles, preferably written by us about our summer experiences. Now that the legislative season in Oregon is over there is a need for material sent in by our own members.

Products: Angie Jensen had no report.

Public Relations: Ken Ray. The PSA tapes were returned at the start of the meeting and it was reported that the quality has deteriorated. New copies will probably need to be run.

State Run Coordinator: Rotten Roger was out of town so there was no report. For all who have not heard, the Freedom Run is canceled.

Treasurer: Joy Hoover reports account balances as of August 12 was: Checking Account: \$2,272.56, General Savings \$24,724.34, Legal Fund \$1,854.65, Education \$389.01 for a total of \$26,215.88.

Unfinished Business:

Meeting of the Minds: The need to make a decision about sending ABATE of Oregon officers to Little Rock for MOTM was discussed. A motion came from the floor from Stacey (Columbia River) to send two officers to the meeting with ABATE paying for travel and lodging. It was seconded by Jennie (Douglas County). The vote was Y(9) which was unanimous **PASSED**.

Education Director and Louisiana The request from ABATE of Louisiana to have Nic come and teach the Awareness Program was tabled until new information can be gathered.

New Business

Assistant for Education Director The need for an assistant for Nic in the education post was discussed. There was a motion from the floor by Marty Coon (NE Portland) to create the position of Education Director II. Seconded by Stacey (Columbia River). Vote was Y(9) unanimous **PASSED**.

Volunteers were requested for the newly created position and Jennie Lindi volunteered. No other nominations or volunteers were brought up so Jennie Lindi was given the position.

Sergeant at arms-South position had been left vacant so nominations were taken. Bill Woodall volunteered and no other nominations were received. Bill Woodall was assigned the position.

Brian Stovall discussed the fact that he may need to re-up for the MRF board of directors and not resign as he originally intended. He asked for a general consensus of whether the state board would support that. There was much affirmation.

Announcements:

End of Summer run tickets are available now. Call Ken Ray for details.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:55

Next meeting September 9 at Lane County Community College, Room 201. (Same as Aug) **Bring parts donations to this meeting.**

Minutes submitted by Ken Ray, State Recording Secretary.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Blue Mountain

Meets 3rd Sunday, 1:00 pm

Meeting sites vary(call first)

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

Chapter Contact: Bruce Coats (503)963-4622

Howdy from the Bluest Mountain Chapter,

We had our meeting at Joe's Place located on the Island City Strip. I think we have found a new home for our chapter meetings for the time being. Cool breezes in an open porch with excellent food and beverages just steps away. Feel free to come join us.

We had a guest speaker, Samuel Hochberg, as in lawyer. When the flesh is weaker than the bumper, call Sam. We talked about inadequate coverage and inexpensive ways to help us when "the big burn" does happen. One thing is to call Sam before you talk to ANYONE so he won't have to first get your foot out of your mouth. It will also help him find you, instead of having to chase every dang ambulance all day! Thanks Sam. Next meeting August 20th at Joe's Place.

Road Kill

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

NO REPORT, FIRST TIME.

Columbia River

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

Allbi 4024 N. Interstate, Portland

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

Chapter Contact: Angle, (503)285-4329

Was the Summer Run fun?! I hope you enjoyed it. A lot of people work hard each year to pull it together. A big thank you to the Summer Run Committee and to everyone who contributed time and energy. That's what makes it happen and it was great.

Summer has gone by fast but, there are still a few events before fall, the Freedom Run and DJ's' (Don't forget that ABATE of Oregon will again have a parts booth at DJ's. Donate any spare parts you have and be sure to stop by the booth).

Even though it is still sunny and warm, it's time to think about the Toy Run. Tickets for the motorcycle drawing are available. Everyone should be out there selling and buying them. Let's make this a great year for the Shriner kids.

Just a reminder to Columbia River members that, after a summer of just one meeting a month, we are back to meeting twice a month. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 12:30 at the Allbi, 4024 N. Interstate. It's been awhile since we've seen some of you at a meeting. Did you get lost? If you have never attended a meeting, this is a good time to give it a try. This is an organization that gets it's energy and direction from it's members. Without you, we're lost. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Remember parts for DJ's and buy those Toy Run tickets.

See you at DJ's

Janet

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 Douglas County's secretary is back, sorry everyone for not keeping it together, it's a long story. I do thank everyone who has been there for me and helped me see the light. Thanks for the help too.

Allen's ride will be over by the time everyone reads this, anyway this ride is to Allen, with love! Thanks for being there!

Hot Springs clean-up is around the corner hope to have seen you. I know we will have accomplished a lot cause that's the kind of people we are. We should be proud. ABATE does work hard, we do, do a lot. The more of us together, the more we get done and easier the task.

I hope we had a great turn out at Chemeketa for the Motorcycle Awareness class. They could use help I'm sure, they've been doing a wonderful job, they've been working hard it shows.

Well till next month, on time and everything,

Ride safe and keep it in the wind.

Love ya;

B.T.

Grant County

Meets 3rd Sunday, 11:00 am

Canyon City Cafe, Hwy 395 S., Canyon City

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, Klamath Falls

Chapter Address: 826 Upham St., Klamath Falls, Or. 97601

Chapter Contact: Bob Motschenbacher (503)884-9709

NO REPORT, FIRST TIME.

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

When this is published, Beaver Creek will be history for another year. If you didn't attend, I am sure that you were missed. If you did attend, we hope you had a wonderful time.

Not much happening in Lincoln County with us being so busy getting ready for company. Sure hope that the weather holds for Beaver Creek. It has been so gorgeous on the coast.

Hopefully, it should not be to long before our members are back to normal. We have always believed in doing things together, but this was carrying things a bit to far. Ask Vicki about it when you see her. I still can't believe it.

It won't be too long, and we will be starting plans for our Senior Thanksgiving Dinner and the Toy Run for Mrs. Santa

Claus. We don't like to have grass growing under our feet. Our members seem happiest when they are helping others.

It won't be too long when we will start with our Motorcycle Awareness Class in the schools in Lincoln County. This program brings a lot of self satisfaction. The kids seem to really enjoy it too.

Keep the rubber side down
Millie

North Coast

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

Merrytime Tavern, Astoria

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

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

NO REPORT, FIRST TIME.

N.E Portland

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

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

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

Chapter Contact: Mary Beth (503)253-7343

If this report seems different, your correct, Susie has followed her job to Albany and can no longer be our Secretary. I am not used to writing these reports and it may be a little sketchy. Thank you Susie, for all the hours you put in, your time was appreciated and we miss you. Now on to the business..... we are in need of a secretary. If you are interested please speak up at the next chapter meeting or call MaryBeth NOW!! Thank you.

If you happen to be one of those people who wears one of "those" helmets, you should be carrying a copy of HB 3422 with you to help educate the local law enforcement about the new helmet law, effective on the 8th of this month. It might take them awhile to unlearn the old law. Just goes to prove what a lot of hard work we did in Salem this year. Isn't it nice to reap to benefits of hard work in the same tax year!?!

Summer Run was lots of fun, all of the hard work paid off. The site was a lot better this year and there was lots of room. The bands were great! It looked like everyone had a good time. Check next months newsletter for a list of the game winners (remember, this is turned in by the 10th of the prior month)

The Toy Run party is shaping up nicely and the bike tickets are available everywhere, get yours now before they are all gone! Don't worry about winning, I have heard lots of people say that they were going to be the winner this year, yea... dream on, it's mine! I didn't pass the MRC class for nothing!

Don't forget to wrap up your old, clean blankets and bring them to the meeting for the November Mission 'blanket drive'.

Is there a job at the Chapter or State level that you've had your eye on? Well now is the time to learn the duties. Just let any officer know that you are interested in learning more about their job responsibilities, they will be glad to let you help. It's a good way to see if you have the time and energy. We need all the help we can get. Elections aren't that far away! Don't forget to thank the officers you have now, they all work hard!

Do you know someone who used to be a member, but you haven't seen them for a long time? Give them a call and come to the meetings together, they may be waiting for someone to ask.

MaryBeth

Salem

Meets 2nd & 4th Sunday, 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: Kenny "Z" (503) 363-7520

H! from Salem,

Well it's all over but the crying! "Fox Creek '95" has come and gone, and left some controversies behind it. The head count stood at approximately 1100 people at 9:00pm Friday night, at midnight on Saturday, Dewitt Security informed me there were over 5200 through the gate. After the event was over, Mark Dewitt told the promoter(Larry Bolton of San Cemente Productions) the total was 1700. Seems to be quite a discrepancy, is it possible there's money involved?

The other big issue to confront now is the unprecedented harassment experienced by the people coming to and going from the run, particularly by motorcyclists. There was a very strong presence of the Polk County, Independence City, and Oregon State Police that were stopping vehicles on flimsy or non-existent probable cause. Helmet and handlebar tickets seemed to be the order of the day and the attitude of the officers ranged from amused to menacing. The lack of discretion was almost ludicrous. Bob Avery said that the "Cruzers for Christ" were stopped and searched....JUSTICE!?! This is just one example of the ridiculous behavior of the police surrounding this event. I highly encourage anyone that was harassed(whether a ticket was issued or not) to contact Sam Hochberg through the offices of Richard M. Lester(1-800-531-2424). Sam is a very competent attorney who is assembling documentation regarding these matters. I'm hopeful that there will be sufficient evidence to justify a class action lawsuit. This is a very serious matter. In my opinion, harassment is the most important issue to face ABATE of Oregon while between legislative sessions. Please discuss it at your chapter meetings and have your State Rep bring your input to the State Board meeting.

I would like to thank all of the people, clubs and organizations that helped to put on this event. The Christian Motorcycle Association and "Cruzers for Christ" served free soda pop all weekend to the thirsty masses. The Free Souls MC did a great job of putting on the bike games and the "Classic and Antique Motorcycle Association"(CAMA) organized the bike show and provided judges. J.C. Russe of Wildcat Enterprises, made the trophies for both and wound up with his picture in the Sunday Statesman Journal. Front page news, that is pretty unusual, considering the conservative tone of our local paper. Unfortunately, due to the high production cost for the run, there doesn't seem to be any profit left for Salem Chapter to distributed the local charities we support. We had hoped for the sum of \$20,000.00 to donate to those in need. Oh well, car washes anyone?

As a side note, Larry Bolton, CEO of San Cemente Productions, states that, due to a lack of cooperation from A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, he will not renew his membership and wishes no participation in future A.B.A.T.E. events. Good luck Larry.

Kenny Z
Coordinator
Salem Chapter

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: Greg (503) 756-CARD

Terry Kepl (503) 257-0172

Dear Friends,

Our members of South Coast ABATE are enjoying nice weather and great riding. We hope you are too.

We just concluded our membership drive this month. Kurt Decker (our local tattoo artist) won first place and received a free family membership and dinner at the Red Lion. Debi Saunders won second place...a free dinner at Bennett's Restaurant.

Congratulations to Paul Basset for winning the Harley Hugger at Iron Horse! Paul represents the Pacific Northwest News Media for Thunder Press. Keep up the good work, Paul!

We enjoyed a pot luck picnic at Chuck and Debi Saunder's house. During the BBQ, Chuck's motorcycle got decorated for the North Bend Light Parade. Unfortunately, his bike didn't make it through the parade--something about a bad fuse.....

We donated \$100.00 to "Bay Area First Step", an inpatient alcoholic house.

Well, we're all off again- ready to enjoy the rest of the summer. We hope to see you at the runs remaining this season!

Have fun

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 summers coming to an end, and we only have a few more weeks of nice weather for riding.

I'm coordinating the Portland chapters family picnic, it's a late start but a lot of people sign up to help out. So come to the chapter meetings to find out more about it. It will probably be at Eagle Fern Park.

Glen Loaiza had a bike wreck July 18th after a meeting. He was able to come to the Aug. 6th meeting. He was still sore, but he still had his sense of humor, all right GLEN!

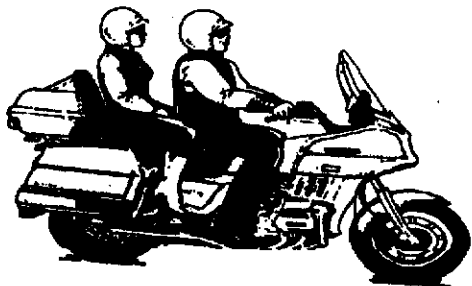
We are having our 4th Annual Poker Run Benefit for Canine Companions on the 16th of Sept. Sign-in time is 11:00am-12:30pm. The poker runs starting place is the Pizza Baron on 122nd & Division, it's also the ending place. It's \$5.00 a hand. We will have high and low winners. At 4:00pm we'll be having raffles.

DJ's is having a swap meet on Sept. 24th ABATE will have a booth to sell new and old motorcycle parts, also information about ABATE.

I hope these events interest you enough to come and join in.

ENJOY

DEBBY



Washington County

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8:00 pm

Pizza Hut, 3190 N.W. 185th, Portland

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 830, Cornelius, OR 97113

Chapter Contact: Don Murry (503)693-6465

Bill Ballard (503)640-5461

HELLO Everyone!

We just got back from Fox Creek and have to say to San Cemente and the Salem chapter that we had a great time!! The music was great and we all really enjoyed Steppenwolf John Kay sure put on a great show. Thanks again!!

Organization continues on Washington County's End of Summer run, scheduled for September 22-24. Things are really starting to come together. Horning's Hideout is a great site, with activities for children including hiking trails, a playground, swimming, fishing and paddle boats. There will be games for the kids and bike games (of course!), and a Thunder ride to D.J'S Swap Meet on Sunday. Arrangements for Music and Beverage services are nearly complete. There is still space available for vendors too, so call Bill The Bricklayer, 640-9343, Wild Bill - 640-3461 or Ken Ray - 643-3376 for more information or to reserve your space! Tickets are also available now, call to order yours!

See you in September!!

Jill (Note from Dave- Washington County Membership Secretary) Attention to all current Washington County ABATE members! If you are planning to attend our chapter's run and you volunteer for 2 - four hour shifts of duty, you can be reimbursed for your ticket fee. Apply at The gate when arriving. Thanks for your help!

Willamette Valley

Meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 pm

King's Table, West 11th, Eugene

Chapter address: P.O. Box 23325, Eugene, Or. 97402

Chapter Contact: Bob Avery (503)998-1309

Russ Lax (503) 747-4626

Whew! And we all thought that once the legislative season was over things would slow down! Boy were we wrong! We still have a plate full. Keep up the good work folks, it is a pleasure serving with you!

NEW NEW (that's no typo) meeting location. Abby's didn't work out. Nice place for Pizza, lousy place for a meeting. Too noisy, no private room. Oh well we tried! Next stop Kings Table on West 11th in Eugene. Same time, 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. Sorry to jump this around, Lets hope this works out a little better! Tell your friends about the new location!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS POKER RUN Saturday, Sept. 16th, sign in 8AM to 10AM at Greg Coen Motor Company, 151 Main Street, Springfield, Or. Proceeds go to support the Emerald Valley Special Olympics. This is a great cause to get behind. These kids, and young adults, go all out to over come their disabilities. Let's show them the BIG HEART bikers do have! In ABATE we don't have mandatory anything, but this is about as close to a mandatory event as we do have, SHOW UP, and bring someone! Besides there are all kinds of door prizes, trophies, and a good barbecue at the end. You don't want to miss this one! If for some reason you can't make it, mail your donation check or money order to our chapter PO Box payable to Emerald Valley Special Olympics.

TRASHY VIDEOS next meeting be prepared, you might want to leave the kids home (or take them out of the room) rumor has it we will finally have the "Trashy Video" and equipment to display it that has been promised for months! Now did that get you attention, or what?

Motorcycle Awareness - Instructor Certification Class - A big pat on the back for the 6 people from our chapter that attended the class. Reliable sources reported we made up about half of the class! The group that did attend was over heard talking about getting in to teach at some of the large area plants, churches, community groups, as well as the High School Driver Ed classes. Let's get those classes scheduled. The Motorcycle rider you save may be ME! Any one with contacts be sure to get them to Lynn Malsh, our education coordinator. You can see by the initial turn out she is already on the job!

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES - It's that time again! Submit your local interest articles to Rick Malsh. For that matter Gordon could also use your articles in the state newsletter also, soooo...

"Keep those cards and letters coming in folks! (and photos too!)
BLOOD BANK REMINDER Last month it was announced that we have an account set up with the Lane Memorial Blood Bank, stop down at 24th & Willamette, or call 484-9111. Tell them you want to credit to Willamette Valley Chapter of ABATE of Oregon's account. Accidents happen way to quickly, plan ahead, help a brother or sister!

CHAPTER HISTORY - We are nearing our 1st anniversary, it's time to start writing the highlights down for posterity (and good party talk in the future). Photos are good evidence also! If you've got a tid bit that you think should be recorded, or a "most embarrassing moment", you might want to be sure to submit it your self, so that someone else doesn't distort it on you! I understand Ron Graves has a story to write up for us, something about finding the extra master link on the bike a week later? Sounded like it might even be good for a newsletter article! Any way, get your stuff to Woody.

LEGISLATION - We were reminded now is a good time to let your legislators know "we're still here, and we are not going away!" Politely, of course. We need to keep n touch with them all year. Why not call or write today! Tell them how you feel about the position they took (or didn't take) and remind them we'll be back!

SPECIAL THANKS - to Nan Hall and all her helpers for coordinating the food for the State Board Planning retreat weekend. If you missed the meeting, not only did you miss a good planning session, but a lot of good food! Thanks Nan!

Ride free, free indeed!
 Bagger Bob

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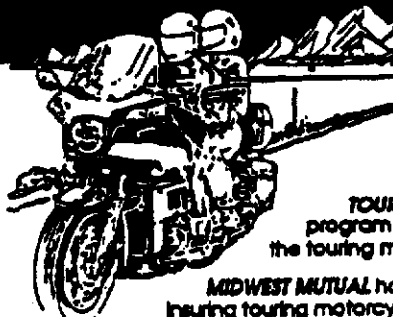
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SCHEDULED EVENTS

Friday September 8	Saturday September 9	Sunday September 10
6pm-Lost Chances Sales Open 9pm-11pm The Hard Tops	7am-Sleep Day Trials 12-6pm-Motorcycle Cruise in Approx. 30am-6pm Classic Motorcycle Auction 8pm-11:30pm The Richardson Brothers	8am-Sleep Day Trials 8am-Horse play days (annual western horserack competition) 9am-Morning service by Christian Motorcyclists Association 10am-4pm-Custom/Classic Car Cruise-In & Show

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

Call Pete at (503) 633-6246 for motorcycle entry information and vendor tables.
 Show entry for Motorcycles - Free. Vendor booths \$35.00
 Motorcycle campsites area available.

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BikePAC Report

by Brian Stovall

At the BikePAC meeting in July, everyone got together and made lists of things we did right and wrong and the things we need to address in the coming months. Butch, Teresa and I worked over the lists and came up with this outline. This is a starting point for the work of the next two years. It is by no means complete, so if you read it and wonder at something that's missing, let us know so we can be more complete. Everyone is always welcome to attend and be heard at BikePAC meetings. We encourage and appreciate everyone's participation. There is a lot to do to protect our freedom.

Legislative Strategies

- I. Mistakes, at least partly
 - A. No companion bill
 - B. Talking to the enemy without realizing the consequences
 - C. Too complex information
 - D. Use complex background and simple reminders
 - E. Communication incompleteness
 1. Breakdowns in phone trees
 2. Short timelines
 3. Not enough fax machines
 - F. No access to membership by voting districts
 - G. Members don't understand process and what we expect them to do
 - H. Had only one lobbyist, male
 - I. Irregular newsletter
 - J. Green book has too much detail
 - K. Incomplete understanding of committee process
- II. What we did right, at least partly
 - A. Biker Days!
 1. Educated members about how legislature works
 2. Helped people understand their own power
 3. Made legislators aware of us
 - B. Facts and communications
 1. Green Book
 2. Action Guides
 3. Fact Sheets
 4. Fax Tree
 5. Phone Tree
 - C. Legislative Retreat -- planning/strategies
 - D. Demeanor and attitude - aggressive/professional/courteous
 - E. Legislative Buddies
 - F. Grassroots lobbying
 - G. Voters guide
 - H. Personal involvement
- III. Topics to be addressed
 - A. Calendar for plan of actions
 1. Goal: to control our own destiny
 2. More legislative retreats
 3. Biker days need PR

4. Thank yous
 - a) Acknowledgement dinner
5. Education ahead of time - how to lobby, process, how to get to people
6. More dollars for lobbying etc.
 - a) Second lobbyist needed (female)
 - b) Need to be able to buy lobbyist time
7. Additional membership
8. Elections -
 - a) Question the legislators (what is their opinion)
 - (1) What did we do right?
 - (2) Wrong?
 - (3) Multiple choice
 - (4) Legislative buddy follow up
 - (5) Personal interview with candidate for voters guide
 - (a) Question on where they stand
9. Membership records must contain legislative district info
 - a) Target legislative districts by membership
10. Townhall meetings
 - a) To see and understand the candidate/legislator
 - b) To be seen and understood by candidate/legislator and public
11. Capitalize on news media friends
 - a) Need to make it happen for us instead of let it happen to us
 - b) Image - Promote the positive
12. Communications
 - a) How to improve communication within chapters
 - b) Phone list - refine
 - (1) Some people want maximum information
 - (2) Some people want simple information only - few calls
 - (3) Some people don't want to be called at all
 - c) Improve communications with other than motorcycle groups
13. Social Burden
 - a) Hospitals
 - b) Studies
 - c) Doctor Long
- B. Economic issues
 1. Tourism - internal & external
 - a) Tourism questionnaire
 2. Local shops
 3. Demographics - who we are/ABATE/BikePAC
 4. Solid economic study
- C. Influence the committee
 1. Identifying the enemy and knowing what to say or not say
 - a) Intelligence - what is the opposition saying
 - b) Understand the process better
- D. Expand knowledge of legislative process so we can better predict what will

happen



You Are Invited

**BikePAC
of Oregon
ANNUAL
MEETING**

and Over-Night Party

Fund Raiser Dinner Saturday Night

Catered by Butch & Brian

Cruise Home On Sunday!

September 16-17, 1995

Chenoweth Grange Hall, 3903 Chenoweth Road West, The Dalles, Oregon
and Brian & Teresa's place, right next door

4:00 p.m. Saturday - Annual Meeting and Election of Secretary/Treasurer

5:00 p.m. - Adjourn to Stovall's Yard for Cocktail Hour

6:00 p.m. - Fund Raiser Dinner, \$10 a Plate
(more if you want us to be really well funded for the next legislative battle)

Awards and Recognition After Dinner

PLUS! - Rest and Relaxation!

Camp Out or Sleep in the Grange Hall or Rent a Room or Hang Upside Down from a Tree Limb

We'll provide a keg and some other fluids, you bring some too.

RSVP by September 1, 1995

to

Brian Stovall, 3909 Chenoweth Road West, The Dalles, OR 97058

Call us for local motel info or directions - 503-298-1317

ELECTION OF SECRETARY/TREASURER

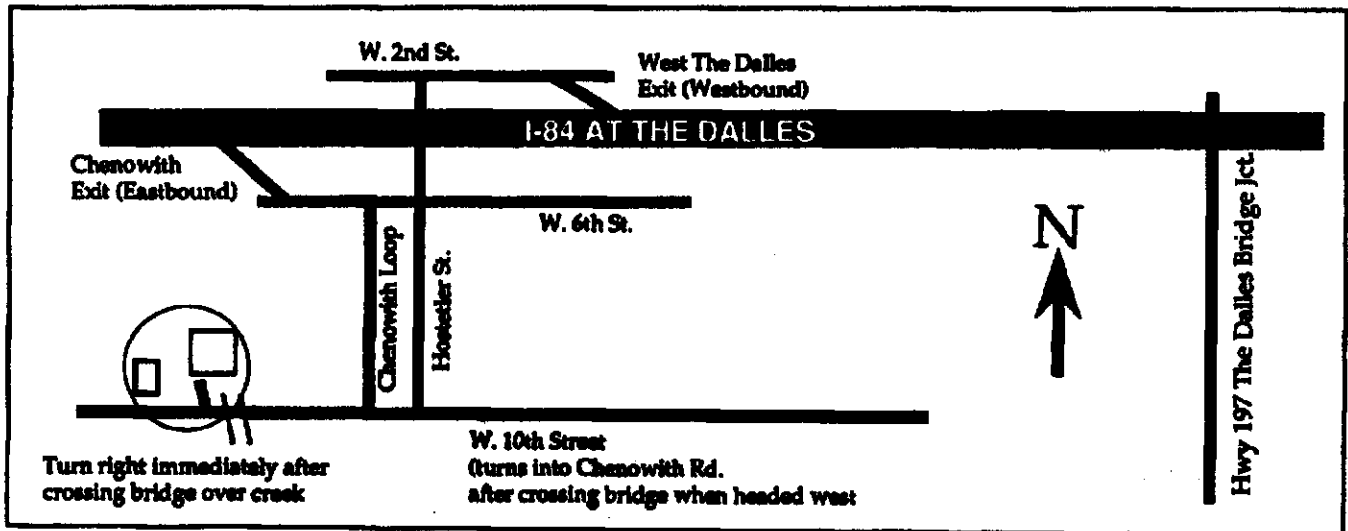
BikePAC Annual Meeting
4:00 P.M.
Saturday, September 16, 1995

Chenowith Grange Hall
The Dalles, Oregon

CANDIDATE'S RESUME

Steve Benson

- OBJECTIVES** To work within the legislative system to help bring about positive changes in motorcycle legislation.
- BACKGROUND** Born October 11, 1953, Longview, Washington
Oregon resident most of my life
Married, with two children
- EDUCATION** Graduated, South Salem High School
Graduated, Salem Industrial Arts College
Glendale Community College
Chemeketa Community College
- EMPLOYMENT** Neilson Manufacturing - Precision Sheet Metal
Clackamas Community College - Instructor
- COMMUNITY SERVICE** Former Legislative Officer, Salem Chapter,
ABATE of Oregon, Inc.
Secretary/Treasurer, BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.
- HOBBIES** Indian Motorcycles
British Cars





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Mr. Larry Schalk,
ABATE of Oregon Inc.,
S.E. Portland Chapter,
P.O. Box 90233,
Portland,
OR. 97290,
United States of America

21st April 1995

Dear Larry,

Many thanks to you and the Brothers and Sisters of Abate of Oregon S.E. Portland Chapter. Your cheque for \$179 was most gratefully received.

Please accept our most sincere thanks for your support. The issues that we are facing are very serious and their outcome will undoubtedly determine what we ride, how we ride and, indeed, when we can ride in the 21st Century. Your donation has greatly strengthened our ability to meet these challenges and your support gives us great encouragement. Furthermore, you are helping to ensure that the spread of European standards will not adversely effect the freedoms you have in your country.

Currently the proposals from the European Commission, under the heading of the Multi-Directive, are seeking to further limit noise and exhaust emissions and introduce the principle of anti-tampering. The consequence of these measures could be the demise of the air-cooled and the two-stroke engine and the end of home maintenance and tuning.

Subjects for future legislation include leg protectors, air bags and protective clothing. A European technical control system for cars is being introduced and is likely to be extended to motorcycles at a later date.


Once again many thanks for your support. You can be sure that your money will be put to good use in our endeavours to ensure a future for motorcycling free from unnecessary rules and restrictions.

With my very best wishes in the hope that, by working together, we can continue to ride free and ride safely.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Simon Milward', written in a cursive style.

Simon Milward
General Secretary

ACTIVIST REVIEW

A publication of 

This Month: Missouri gets rider-education, Ruger goes into hiding, Massachusetts seeks to ban off-highway recreation and more.

July 21, 1995

Missouri governor signs rider education bill

Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan has signed legislation that will establish a self-funded rider education program in the state. The law makes Missouri the 45th state to offer motorcycle training to its residents through a program paid for by motorcycle riders.

With less than two weeks left in Missouri's scheduled legislative session, it appeared that time was running out for passage of a rider education bill this year. But motorcycle activists, led by the AMA-chartered Freedom of Road Riders of Missouri, found an unrelated bill in the state's House of Representatives to which they could attach their rider education legislation.

The House bill, H.B. 717, originally addressed commercial vehicle and federal compliance issues, but the bill's sponsor, Rep. Don Prost (D-Caruthersville), agreed to attach the rider education amendment to it. The bill passed the Legislature with the amendment intact and will take effect August 28.

The new rider education program will be funded by a \$2.75 surcharge on motorcycle instruction permits and a \$5 court fee on traffic violations involving a motorcycle. The court fee will be doubled to \$10 for infractions involving alcohol. The money will be deposited into a motorcycle safety account that will be

used to administer the program. Successful completion of the program will enable new license applicants to obtain a motorcycle endorsement without having to take the skills test at state licensing agencies.

An additional amendment attached to H.B. 717 will reduce the penalty for not complying with the state's mandatory helmet law. Previously, riders convicted of violating the helmet law were subject to fines of up to \$500 and the possibility of up to a year in jail. The new penalty equalization amendment treats helmet

violations as a traffic infraction, carrying no points, no jail time and a maximum fine of \$25.

New law chart available

Are you touring across the country this year? If so, you may want to obtain a

copy of the AMA's new guide to state motorcycle laws.

This handy guide fits easily in your tank bag yet can advise you on a variety of state requirements including helmet use laws, eye protection requirements, equipment regulations, helmet speaker restrictions and much more. For the first time, the guide also reports on the availability and requirements for state funded rider education programs.

The guide is free to members and you can obtain your copy by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the American Motorcyclist Association, Government Relations Department, 33 Collegeview Rd., Westerville, OH 43081-1484.



Desperately seeking Ruger

Bill Ruger, where are you?

We're thinking about organizing a search party to locate the head of Sturm, Ruger and Company. We know he must be lost, because we were promised he would meet with us several weeks ago, and since then we've been unable to reach him by phone or by mail.

Ruger became a household name among AMA members when his gun manufacturing company started discriminating against its motorcycle-riding employees last year. No employee would be covered for injuries resulting from a motorcycle accident, the company decreed, unless the employee was wearing a helmet and eye protection at the time of the crash. This, in spite of the fact that New Hampshire, Arizona and Connecticut, the three states where Ruger is based, don't have helmet laws covering adult motorcyclists.

Of course, car-driving Ruger employees aren't facing similar restrictions. They can drive without wearing seat belts and still qualify for health-care coverage. They can even do something illegally irresponsible like drinking and driving without losing their health insurance. Only motorcyclists have been singled out.

That policy drove a wedge between Ruger and many motorcyclists. And now, company President Bill Ruger Jr., himself a motorcyclist, is allowing the situation to deteriorate even further. After we were given assurances that he would sit down with us to discuss our concerns face-to-face, Ruger apparently has decided to stonewall us. All of the AMA's attempts to contact him and set up the meeting have gotten no response.

The promise of a face-to-face meeting seemed to be a real breakthrough in this controversy, which has now lasted a

full year. After we reported what was going on at Ruger last year, a large number of AMA members who are also gun owners wrote to say that they would not purchase Ruger weapons until the company reinstates health-care benefits for all motorcyclists. Many of them noted that it seemed particularly strange for a gun manufacturer to discriminate against employees' lifestyle choices on the basis of perceived risk. Some even sent their Ruger guns back to the company in protest.

Early this year, the issue entered a new phase when the Riding Ruger campaign was started by a group of activist motorcyclists, including AMA Trustee Rick Gray. The idea was to encourage motorcyclists to buy shares of Ruger stock and then protest this policy at the company's annual stockholders meeting in late April.

Robert Rasor, AMA vice president of government relations, and Gray both attended the stockholders meeting to voice our concerns about the company policy. Shortly before the start of the meeting, they approached Stephen Sanetti, vice president and general counsel of Ruger. Sanetti said Ruger was willing to meet with Rasor in the near future to discuss the health-insurance issue. During the meeting Rasor publicly thanked Ruger for his commitment to discuss the issue.

On May 8, Rasor called Sanetti and proposed a meeting date during the week of June 5. Sanetti said he would try to firm up a date at Ruger's convenience during that week. Rasor followed up his phone call with a letter to Sanetti on May 15.

Sanetti responded in a letter dated May 30, stating, "I immediately passed your request on to William B. Ruger Jr. on May 8. He indicated he would get back to you regarding dates. To expedite this, please contact William B. Ruger Jr. directly. Many thanks for your

courtesies and cooperation."

Since then, Rasor has attempted to do exactly what Sanetti suggested. He called Ruger on June 5, 6 and 7. Each time, the company president was unavailable. So Rasor wrote Ruger a letter on the 9th and waited for a response. On the 22nd, Rasor called Ruger again.

As this story is being written, the date is mid-July, more than a month after the meeting was supposed to be held. So far, Ruger has failed to respond with either a telephone call or a letter. And the "courtesies and cooperation" Sanetti noted in his letter to us are starting to wear thin.

"We have conducted our business with Sturm, Ruger and Company in a non-confrontational manner," says Rasor. "That approach appears to have gotten us a string of promises, but no action whatsoever. It is now time to rethink our tactics.

"The Riding Ruger campaign," Rasor adds, "is already preparing for the 1996 shareholders meeting. While we maintained a low profile at the last meeting, we may have to take a more active stance to make certain that our concerns are addressed."

What can you do? The first step is to buy even a single share of Ruger stock, which is currently trading on the New York Stock Exchange for approximately \$30. It is important that your name appears as the stockholder of record. This will ensure that you can assign your voting rights to another motorcyclist if you are unable to attend the next shareholders meeting.

Then, write a letter to William B. Ruger Jr., president, Sturm, Ruger and Company, Lacey Place, Southport, CT 06490. Tell him that as a stockholder, you're concerned about the direction your company is taking. And add that you're disappointed at his failure to live

up to the commitment he made to meet with the AMA.

Next, contact the AMA's Government Relations Department at (614) 891-2425, or write to the department at: 33 Collegeview Road, Westerville, OH 43081-1484. We are taking several steps now to prepare for next year's company meeting, and will use your letters to build an activist mailing list of AMA members who are Ruger stockholders.

"Our approach to the 1996 meeting," promises Rasor, "will have a decidedly different tone than the last one. We want Ruger to know there are too many of us to ignore."

Massachusetts trail lockout

Officials in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Department of Environmental Management (DEM) are considering a proposal that would prohibit any form of recreational trail riding in all of the state's forests and parks.

The proposal, circulated in a memo from Commissioner Peter C. Webber to DEM board members, would permit only special one-day events sponsored by what state officials identified as an "appropriate organization."

Webber summarized the sweeping nature of his proposal in his memo, stating, "Any off-road vehicle in the forest on a non-event day will be breaking the rules, period."

The Massachusetts proposal has already attracted national attention within the off-highway recreation community. Cliff Glidden, deputy director of the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division, wrote to Webber offering to share his experience in how to construct a management program that would safeguard the environment while also being responsive to the needs of the state's tax-paying off-highway enthusiasts.

You can comment as well. Send your letters to Peter C. Webber, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management, 100 Cambridge St., Boston, MA 02202; or fax them to Webber at (617) 727-2630.

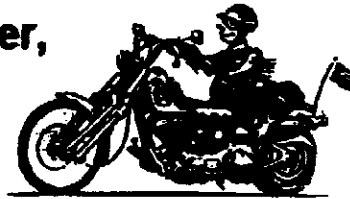


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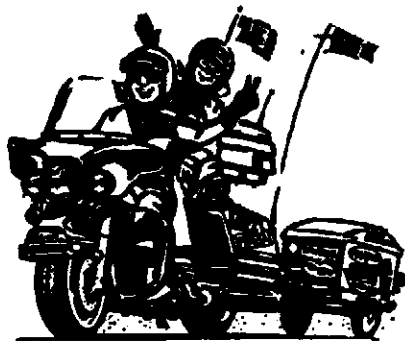
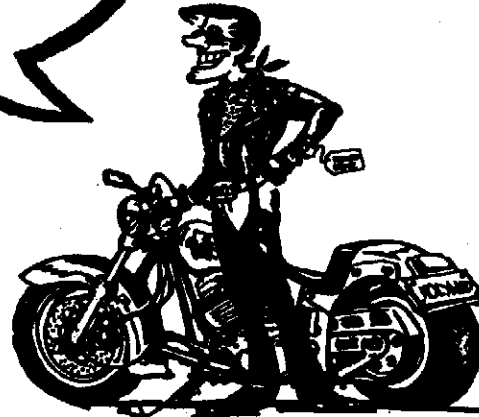
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September 22-24 1995



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Thunder Run To DJ's Swap Meet Sunday Morning.
All Families and Friends Welcome!
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Bill the Bricklayer

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March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation

Sunday,
October 8th
Call 503/222-9434 for Details

8-10a.m. Registration
75 Mile Scenic Route
Starting at the
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I-5 South, Exit #279
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\$25 Entry Fee includes —

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Additional prizes for top pledge earners

FOURTH ANNUAL POKER RUN BENEFIT



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All Motorcycle and Car Clubs Welcome!!!



Portland, OR

September 16, 1995

Portland, OR

Sign-In 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M. — Drawing 4:00 P.M.

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\$5.00 A Hand — High & Low Hand Winners

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**All Proceeds Will Benefit
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A non-profit organization which provides assistance dogs for people with non-visual disabilities.

MOTHER ANSWERS SOME MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE INDIAN CREEK CHAPTER, WHY AM I A MEMBER AND WHY DON'T I GET THEIR NEWSLETTER?????

Indian Creek Chapter is ABATE of Oregon's chapter at large meaning there are no officers, meetings or newsletters. You become a member of Indian Creek in one of two ways:

1)When you sign up and decide that you are too far away from an organized chapter, or that you prefer not to have a formal affiliation with a local chapter and choose to be an Indian Creek member.

2)When your chapter folds, unless you notify me that you want to belong to another chapter, you automatically become a member of Indian Creek.

For all of you Indian Creekers, there are active new chapters. If you want to transfer your membership, let me know. Remember we believe in freedom of choice. You aren't locked into membership in any chapter.

HOW DID MY NAME GET SO MESSED UP?

Blame it on the Henry's, when I try to read some of that writing on the applications.

WHY DIDN'T I GET MY NEWSLETTER?

This answer won't help anyone not getting their newsletter, but if someone asks you, the answer is:

1)Have you moved?(Did you place a change of address?)

2)Is your membership expired?(Make them show you their card)

If you have any other questions about your membership, give me a call at (503) 255-7793. If you get the machine, please leave your membership number and the problem, so I can have an answer when I call you back.

Ride FREE,
Mother

To whom it may concern;

I am writing this in an effort to make this organization run more efficiently. It has come to my attention that there is a communication problem or is it just a lack of proper procedure protocol? I hope to clear any or all of these possibilities up with this letter. What am I talking about you must be asking yourself by now. I am talking about the newsletter monthly chapter reports or highlights as some people call them.

To begin with, there is a deadline for getting them turned in for publication. The date each month is by the 10th calendar day. This does not mean the 11th nor any other date of the month past that. I do wish to express the understanding of having a life or other commitments, however this is a commitment also. I have in the past taken late submission and this practice is coming to an end. If your report is not post marked by the 10th of the month it will not be in the newsletter. I am "on-line" at OREABATE95@aol.com. I also have facsimile capabilities. The number for that is 503-254-3259. I usually have the machine on during "normal" business hours, however if I receive a call and arrangements are made, then each situation is different. This is in an effort to work with you all in getting info submitted.

Now the content of said reports should be in a readable form. Typed or printed is preferred, however the best way is in form of a disk in Word Perfect 5.1/5.2 . It is a big problem sometimes reading reports that are scratched out on toilet paper...they will not be accepted any more in this fashion.....If I can not read it, it is not accepted. The content should be in regards to what is going to happen in the month that the newsletter will be printed for. This is to say, if you are submitting for the July issue, first it must be in by the 10th of June and tell about things that are happening in July or August or September. This is probably the hardest part of the report, thinking

a month ahead and forecasting the turn out of something that has not happened at the time of writing. Here is a few helpful hints as to how to write a month a head.

1) look at the calendar for the month ahead

2) if you talk about a run, remember last years and make it sound better.

3) plan your events(poker runs/day cruises and the like) at least four months in advance, it helps to write about it in advance.

4) DO NOT WAIT TO THE LAST MINUTE. Planning is everything!

5) Have the whole chapter write it at the last meeting of the month, it makes it easier if a lot of people help.

Now there are a few other things that should be covered in a chapter report. These include what is going on in the meetings, anniversaries, birthdays, special speakers, awards given, projects, and any other chapter event or invitations. Once again it is hard to tell the future, so plan for the future in plenty of time to tell before it is to happen.

The reports are for inspiring people to turn out at your meetings and events, so make it sound as upbeat as possible. If you have an issue that needs to be addressed, (personal complaint) a suggestion is that you write a separate letter to the Editor. If you want to complain about something, do it at the proper place and time. Make each report sound like the people who are not attending are really missing something fantastic or inviting for them to be involved.

I hope this has made it just a little clearer as to what the monthly reports should have in them and what is expected. If it does not, then please call me and ask. I am always willing to help out those who really need it. I believe that we are all capable of doing this. Please do not write any more two liners. The smaller your report, the smaller your turn out will be. If you can not think of what to say,

then use the space to tell what the chapter needs to make it a better chapter, or ask for suggestions from your members.

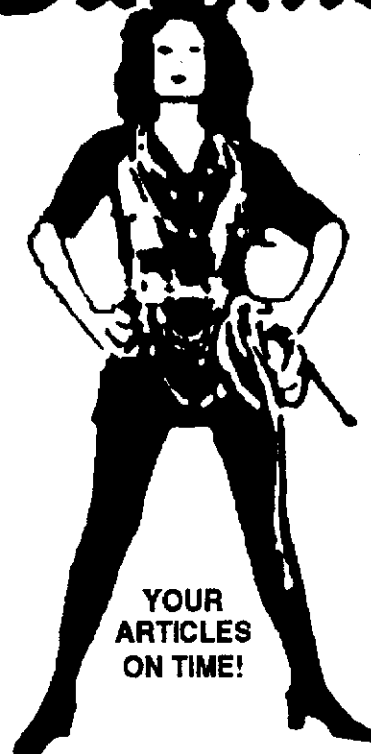
As always there is a slight bit of room for adjustments and if this does not work for you or your chapter, then contact me and we will work something out. There is a solution to every possible conflict and those that are willing can and will work it out.

Oh yeah, on a closing note, the newsletter is not for personal gripes against shops or other organizations....please do not send me any "HATE" mail. If you have a complaint about me or my style, that is one thing. I will print both the good letters and the bad letters about me.....

O.K.Love ya, Bye-Bye
Gordon

Editor and ink pusher

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**YOUR
ARTICLES
ON TIME!**

**YOUR DEADLINE IS THE
10th OF EACH MONTH!!!**

	TOTAL	GAIN/LOSS	EXPIRED\TRANSFER	TOTAL
CHAPTER	8/1/95	8/1/95	8/1/95	7/1/95
BLUE MOUNTAIN	48	-5	6	53
CENTRAL OREGON	194	-9	17	203
COLUMBIA RIVER	72	-4	4	76
DOUGLAS COUNTY	112	-5	5	117
GRANT COUNTY	18	0	0	18
INDIAN CREEK	268	17	7	251
KLAMATH COUNTY	49	1	0	48
LINCOLN COUNTY	127	0	3	127
NE PORTLAND	171	-18	19	189
NORTH COAST	54	4	0	50
SALEM	99	-8	10	107
SE PORTLAND	231	-3	6	234
SOUTH COAST	64	2	0	62
WASHINGTON COUNTY	104	-7	9	111
WILLAMETTE VALLEY	97	3	4	94
YAMHILL COUNTY	0	-20	0	20
TOTAL	1708	-52	90	1760

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Are you a member of a state motorcyclists' rights organization? Y / N Name _____

What talents do you have that might benefit motorcyclists' rights and the MRF? _____

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ABATE PARTS DRIVE!

FALL 1995

All money goes to fight for OUR MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS!

Big Parts Drive at DJ's
September 24th Swap Meet & Show!
At the Wa. County Fairgrounds.
"Just about everyone has an old dead part
laying around in the garage. Some of you
probably have a whole box. Why not put
all that clutter to good use."

Says ROTTEN ROGER

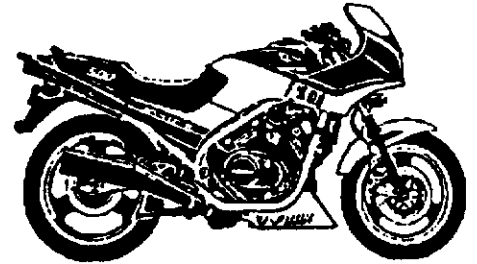
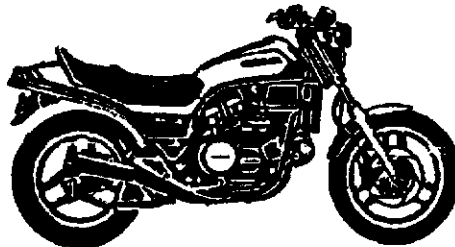
ABATE STATE COORDINATOR

"One person's trash is another person's
treasure."

Members are urged to Donate ONE or
MORE used Motorcycle Parts to be
sold at the upcoming Swap Meet.

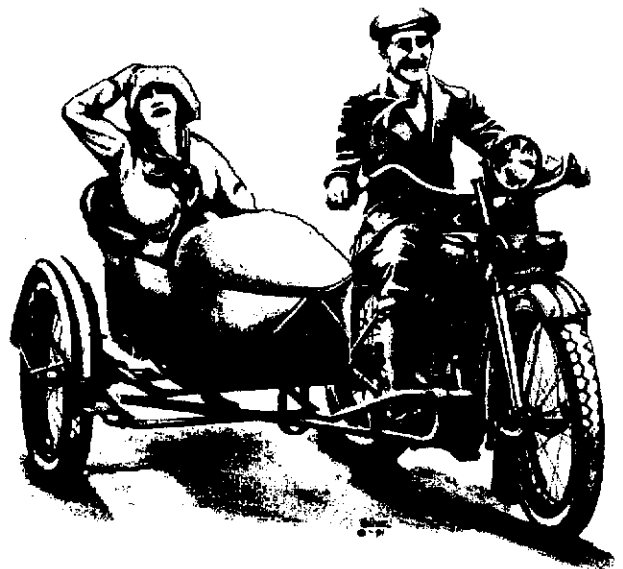
DJ's Portland Motorcycle Swap
Meet & Show is Donating A BIG
Covered area with table &
signs for ABATE of OREGON to
sell donated parts!

HERE IS HOW IT WORKS:



ABATE members
wishing to donate parts should bring them to Chapter meetings in
August. Parts will be gathered by designated individuals in each
chapter and brought to the September State Board meeting....
Contact Larry Schalk for Information..... (503) 774-2479

We made about \$2,000.00 in the Spring...help to make even more "Fall" this
time...It is time to "Fall"ow through with a commitment.



A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon's MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFIEDS

NOTE: All ABATE of Oregon members may run their ads FREE for 3 months. The date in parenthesis () is the last month the ad will run in the newsletter.

Call Gordon at (503)253-7343 to place your classified with us Today!

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(10-95)

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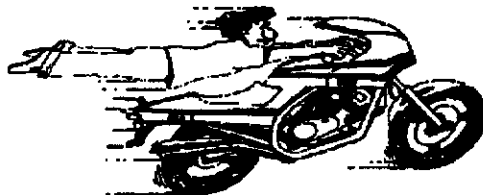
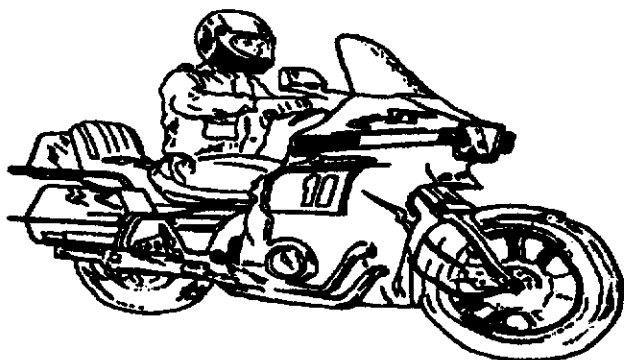
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Bikers in Cyberspace

Oregon Motorcyclist take the information superhighway on ramp!

ABATE of Oregon has recently entered the "information superhighway". We now have a membership to America On Line (AOL), a popular "on-line" service. This will allow our members and chapters that have access to computers an additional tool for communication. The state News Letter editor, Gordon H., is our contact point. This offers chapters, with computer access, another means of delivering chapter reports and other correspondence to our state organization in a timely fashion. With the legislative issues moving as quickly as they are - every additional means communicating with our members is important.

Our chapter (Willamette Valley) is using this to put together our first chapter news letter. It was found at a recent meeting that several members are already on AOL. Since our chapter news letter editor was one, it made sense to transfer articles to him "on line". We'll let you know how this works out. (Ed. It worked GREAT!)

If you have no interest in computers you may want to stop reading now!

If you are already on AOL come join the message area and keep up to the minute on "What's Happening". From the pull down "Go To" menu click on "Keyword" type "EXCHANGE" in the box. Then choose "OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES" icon in the upper right hand corner, and click on "Motorcycle Message Ctr". You'll get a list of all kinds of motorcycle message areas, including Harley Tech tips, Harley Talk, Woman Riders, Northwest Motorcyclist, Ride listings and the most important LEGISLATIVE ISSUES. This last one is where you can find out just what's happening and what you can do to help.

You can also send private E-Mail. To do that you need to know the E-Mail address for the person you want to write to, kind of like

their "US Post Office" address. Here are a few E-Mail addresses to get you started:

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If you have an E-Mail address you want published please e-mail it to me, BaggerBob@aol.com, and I'll keep it on the list. I'll keep two lists 1)Public - available to anyone that asks.

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If you have a computer and want to know more about AOL call me and leave your mailing address on my answering machine (503-998-1309) I'll see about getting info sent to you. I'm not a sales men for AOL, just like the service. By the way along with your "free" start up kit you get the first 10 hours "On Line" free. The service cost about \$10 per month after that plus what ever phone cost you have accessing the service. There are several local numbers for the larger cities here in Oregon.

Enough Computer juke for now.
Ride Free - Free indeed!

Bagger Bob

**SUNNYSIDE Up
THE OUTLAW**

Some say He was an outlaw, that He roamed across the land with a band of unschooled ruffians and a few old fishermen. No one knew just where He came from or exactly what He'd done, but they said it must be something wrong that kept Him on the run.

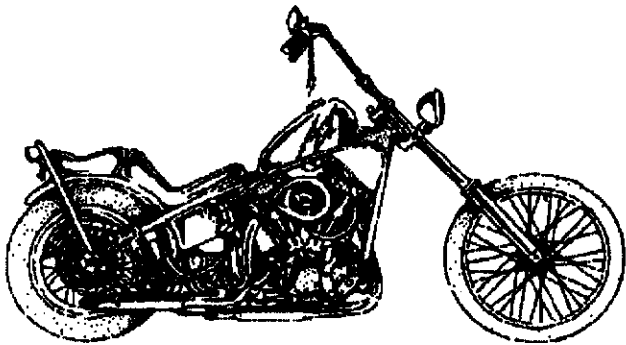
Some say He was a poet that He'd stand upon the hill, and His voice could calm an angry crowd or make the waves stand still. That He spoke in many parables that few could understand, but the people sat for hours just to listen to this man.

Some say He was a sorcerer, a man of mystery. He could walk upon the water, He could make a blind man see. That He conjured wine at weddings and did tricks with fish and bread. He talked of being born again and raised people from the dead.

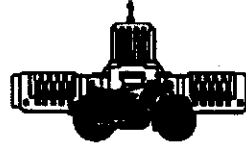
Some say a politician who spoke of being free. He was followed by the masses on the shores of Galilee. He spoke out against corruption and He bowed to no decree. They feared his strength and power so they nailed Him to the tree.

Some say He was the Son of God, a man above all men, but He came to be a servant and to set us free from sin. Who do you believe He was? What do you believe? Perhaps you should get ready, 'cause someday you'll have to leave. (borrowed from Larry Norman)

Ridin' on the "sonny-side",
Don Garino, Christ's Disciples
Douglas County ABATE



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Dear ABATE of Oregon,

We are writing to thank you for the hospitality you showed us on our recent trip to your beautiful state. Probably most of you don't know about our visit, so I will explain. We had to be in Portland on business for the Confederation of Clubs of Southern California a few weeks ago. As there was an Amway convention in town, we were unable to find a motel room any closer than Salem. Some of your members found out about our problem and immediately went to work on our behalf. At their own expense, they made numerous phone calls, including some to Southern California.

When we arrived, one of your members met us and guided us to his house where we stayed the night. He and his wife provided us with a fine meal and a comfortable bed to sleep in. The next morning they offered to guide us to the Fox Creek Run in Independence. Although we decided to make the trip on our own, they checked on us during the run and even offered their house to us while they were away.

Although we did not use their house beyond the aforementioned night, we were thoroughly impressed by the fact that they would make such an offer to people from out of town and that they didn't even know 24 hours earlier. Their hospitality was beyond any experience we have encountered thus far as we travel around the country.

We can only say to you, that if Gordon and Mary Beth(N.E. Portland Chapter)are an example of the quality of your members, then you have something to be proud of. With this type of people in your organization, we have no doubt that you will achieve your goals.

We don't want to leave out Butch(BikePAC), who was very helpful to us; and, our buddy Gunny(AIM), who did on this trip, and has in the past, done so much for us. We believe these two people are also ABATE members; if so, then you have even more to be proud of.

Our hope is that this letter gets into your statewide newsletter, but we are also aware of the fact that your editor may delete this item for obvious reasons. We hope not!

We wish you all the best in your efforts to gain back the freedom of choice for those in your state.

Sincerely Q.R. & Buffy

Dear Editor,

In last month's newsletter there was a plea for contributions to the newsletter. Because this summer has been a time of thanksgiving for me, I decided to take the time to publicly and personally thank a few people. First on my fan list are Gordon and Mary Beth because of the stellar job they do on the newsletter every single month. I just finished working on a newsletter and realized the amount of time they must contribute month after month.

When I was working a difficult job and raising a baby, the ABATE newsletter was the only contact I had with the biker community for years. It has been my favorite mail and worth the entire membership fee by itself. I always sit right down and read it from cover to cover the same day it arrives in my home. And, I'm proud to hand them out to the bikers I meet in my own neighborhood. Thanks to all of you who contribute articles as well and past editors too. It was a real kick this year when I went to Salem and got to meet the names I've come to know through the regular chapter reports.

I also want to thank all the phone tree people who keep us informed and never fear talking to answering machines. Once again, it wasn't until I volunteered to cover this duty during the last legislative leg that I realized the huge amount of time these unsung soldiers spend on the cause...my cause. So thanks to everyone for all the behind the scenes work that ABATE gets done on a regular basis and especially during Oregon's legislative session.

My final acknowledgement is to the members of the SE Portland chapter who show up and make meetings so informative and enjoyable throughout the year. All of you make being a motorcycle enthusiast a most pleasurable experience. I'm glad I've gotten to know all of you. So, that's it from me. 'Nuff said.

Melinda McCrossen



Oregon Helmet Law Defense Summer, 1995 Update

"As long as it has a DOT sticker"

By Sam Hochberg

AIM Attorney for Oregon

The New Law: The 1995 Oregon Legislature passed a landmark bill that is intended to reduce police harrassment of bikers for wearing so-called "illegal" helmets. Generally, under HB 3422, passed unanimously by both houses and signed by the Governor, the Federal standard for helmets no longer applies. It also reduces the fine for violating the helmet law from a Class D to a Class C infraction. The new law becomes effective September 9, 1995; probably only as to citations arising on or after that date.

Summary: Effective September 9, 1995, if it looks like a helmet, and it has a DOT sticker on the outside back of the helmet, it's legal to use in Oregon. See below for details.

The New Standard: The Federal standard under FMVSS (Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard) 218 is no longer directly applicable to the enforcement of the helmet law. You, the police officer, and the judge are no longer responsible for trying to figure out whether your helmet passed all the tests and specs set out in the FMVSS. Instead, there is a new, simplified definition:

'Motorcycle helmet' means a protective covering for the head consisting of a hard outer shell, padding adjacent to and inside the outer shell and a chin-strap type retention system with a sticker indicating that the motorcycle helmet meets standards established by the United States Department of Transportation.

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Note that the requirement is merely that there be a STICKER indicating that the helmet meets DOT (this refers to the FMVSS) standards; in other words, that it have a DOT STICKER on the outside, which is described in FMVSS 218. This is the only reason you would look to the FMVSS, for the description of a DOT sticker. The labelling INSIDE the helmet, which is required by the FMVSS is NOT a sticker, it is NOT the label designated to indicate compliance with the FMVSS, and I believe that the new law does NOT require that you have a label inside the helmet, but only a DOT STICKER on the outside.

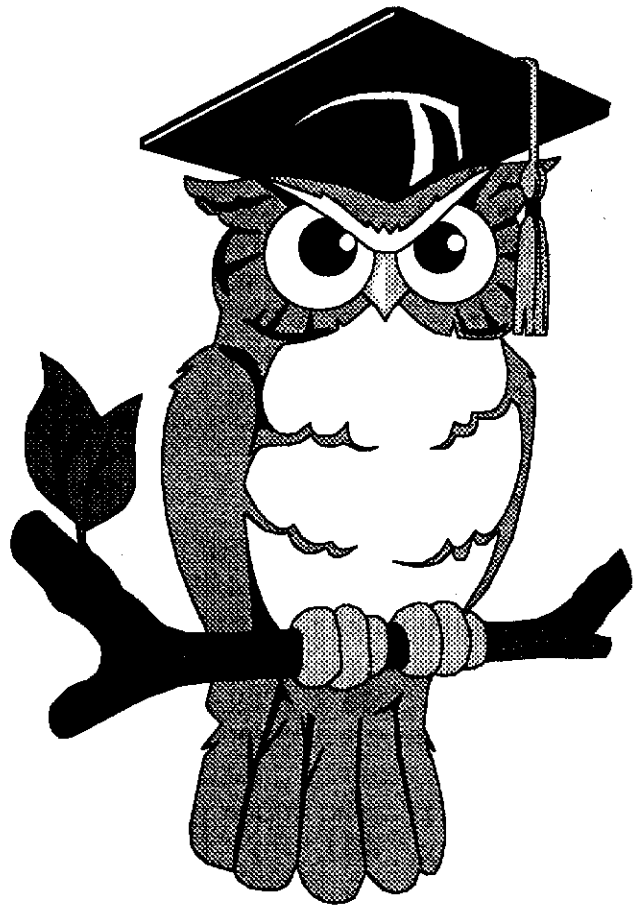
But My DOT Sticker Fell Off: This is a tough problem, because a legal DOT sticker, according to the FMVSS, is one placed there by the manufacturer. Perhaps you can submit your helmet to the manufacturer, through your local shop, to have a new sticker affixed. If anyone besides the manufacturer puts a DOT sticker on your helmet, it is technically not a legal sticker. If you put one on yourself, although the helmet might then appear to pass legal muster, you may be putting a sticker on what actually is an unsafe helmet, and you may also expose yourself to criminal prosecution, if you are found out.

Should I wear my beanie now? There are two areas to consider, the law and safety. As to the law, the intent of the legislature was, I believe, to eliminate ticketing and harassment for people wearing helmets, and the new law SHOULD eliminate ticketing if the beanie has a DOT sticker. But, I fear, so many police learned how they thought they could identify "illegal" helmets under the old law, that it may be some time before all the police are re-educated. So, you may well still be stopped and ticketed. If you are, please be sure to call my office and talk to me or to Gunny to get some help. I'm at 224-1106 in Portland, or 1-800-347-1106.

As a matter of safety, I think the beanie poses some problems. I don't know of any studies, but I've heard anecdotally of several accidents where it appears the beanie-style helmet was effective in preventing injuries, and at least one other where the light weight of the

beanie may have stopped serious neck injuries from become paralyzing injuries. On the other hand, there is less skull coverage area, a thin shell, and almost no impact-absorbing padding. And, I know of at least one instance where the beanie shattered into shards, going into the biker's head, killing him.

I own and occasionally use a beanie helmet. All in all, I personally opt for the full half-shell, police-style shortie helmet over the beanie. But at least now, we have freedom of choice over the style of helmet that we didn't have before. ...as long as it has a DOT sticker.



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WHO SHOULD KNOW YOUR RIGHTS???
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YOU SHOULD KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!
DO YOU KNOW THEM?????
Learn them at your local meeting or contact SamWhat you don't know can hurt you!

The AIM. . .ing Point

GUNNY'S COMMENTS . . .

Well, there's another survey out that says 79.2 per cent of the people in the United States oppose repeal of motorcycle helmet laws. Of course, you don't see too many car drivers wearing those helmets they'd like you to wear. Make no mistake here, I personally advocate the wearing of protective headgear when on a motorcycle. I've seen lives saved. I simply don't believe the wearing of helmets should be mandatory. **HELMETS DON'T PREVENT ACCIDENTS.** It takes education, not bad laws or heavy handed enforcement. It's just a matter of freedom of choice. But I'm probably preaching to the choir.

If you want to talk about head injuries, I'm sure there are more as the result of people slammed about inside cars than there are from motorcycle mishaps. Head trauma and twisted lower back injuries in cars are more expensive to treat, and the treatment takes much longer on the average than motorcycle injuries. This information comes from the North Carolina Hospital study.

INTOXICANTS . . .

This is still the biggest problem we have in all facets of driving is the drinking or substance abusing driver. When we figure out how to eliminate this, we will save thousands of lives each year. Nearly sixty per cent of the deaths from motorcycle accidents are alcohol or substance abuse related. Like it or not, *just one beer* is all it takes to impair your judgment. On a bike, that can KILL you. 'Nuff said.

PUBLIC BURDEN . . .

Motorcyclists are just as likely to pay their medical bills as anyone hospitalized from any accident. Some people talking to the Oregon legislature quoted the Harborview study, and said 63.4% of the injured bikers relied on public funds to pay their bills. Yeah...the same study said 67% of the overall hospital population also relied on public funds. Motorcyclists look fairly good when the whole truth is known. Particularly, when only point six-four per cent (.64%) of the trauma victims hospitalized in this country are motorcyclists. Based on that

information my elementary math tells me we are point four-two per cent (.42%) of the hospital's public burden. That's 42 cents of every 100 dollars spent. There is probably more spent on kids scalded with hot water in homes around the country than that. Falls from **horseback** are the number one cause of head injuries in this country, not motorcycles!

Children injured and killed from parental abuse is a far larger and more expensive problem in this country than medical costs resulting from motorcycle accidents. We are not the burden that some people claim we are. Some priorities need adjusting.

NCOM Regional:

The annual Region One NCOM conference is in Honolulu, HI on Oct. 7, 1995 at the Holiday Inn, Honolulu Airport. There is a special room rate of \$70.00 plus tax (cheap for Hawaii), a free shuttle from the airport, and 10% off in the bar and restaurant. Pepper Massy-Swan, the Executive Director of NCOM, tells me that Randy, our Hawaiian connection, is working on a Luau for us on Sunday, after the conference. The phone number for reservations is 808 / 836-0661. Be sure to ask for the NCOM conference rate. You really don't want to miss this event.

NEWSBITS AND PIECES . . .

Amsterdam : Local *police working with bikers* are staging a rock concert with bike games and driver demonstrations with an eye toward education for the young riders in that country. Why can't we do that?

Belgium : Bikers are having a problem with more road bans. The Flemish government says if they want bans lifted come up with noise limitations for motorcycles. We are having similar problems in this country in some residential communities and AMA has instituted suit in some cases. We call it **DISCRIMINATION** in America.

Austria : A producer of crash barrier post protectors has announced a big reduction in price. This is expected to reduce fatality rates over there, from bikers hitting barrier support posts in accidents. Way to go! Let's get some **ROAD** safety going, not just bike safety!

Sri Lanka : Midwives are given

motorcycles to reach their pregnant clients. It seems they can cover their territory much faster that way, and they are more efficient in their work. Why didn't I think of that?

Italy : In Naples the Italian police now have a patrol called *Falchi* or "Street Falcon". These guys, on Honda 650 Dominators, romp after bike-riding purse-snatchers and arrest them almost immediately after the crime. This came about to combat the rising numbers of purse snatchers using motorcycles for snatching and fast get-a-ways. Ride 'em cowboy.

U.S.A. : In Key West, Florida, Chi Chi, a pot-bellied pig resident of this town, is in imminent danger of losing his reproductive prowess over his attempt to impregnate a brand new Harley-Davidson. Sentencing ideas run from barbecue to castration. There is even a "Free Chi Chi" defense fund. One Chi Chi friend

offered him a home with his own scooter. A bike dealer considered offering him a free nights stay in his bike shop to satisfy the pig's mechanical attraction. His crime is an alleged sex act against a Harley, and they aren't sure if that is a felony. The president of the Monroe County Bar Assn. is handling the case *pro bono*. I guess CHI CHI went HOG wild.

GUNNY AGAIN . . .

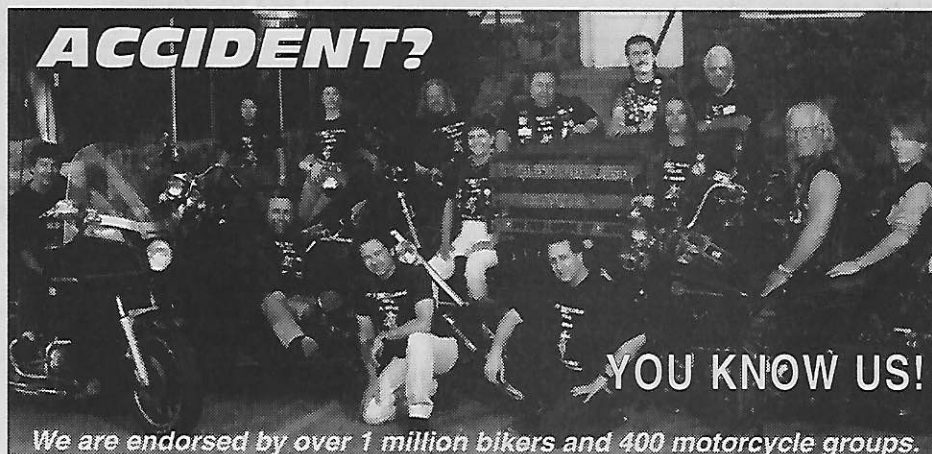
A small reminder, Sam and I both look forward to speaking at your gatherings. Sam Hochberg of course is our "Home Boy" AIM attorney in Oregon. Sam talks about the law as applied to motorcycles and our insurance needs as bikers. I of course talk about the Aid to Injured motorcyclists program. Call 224-1106 locally or 1-800-347-1106 to arrange a free talk.

Keep the round side on the bottom.

GUNNY
Oregon, AIM Chief of Staff

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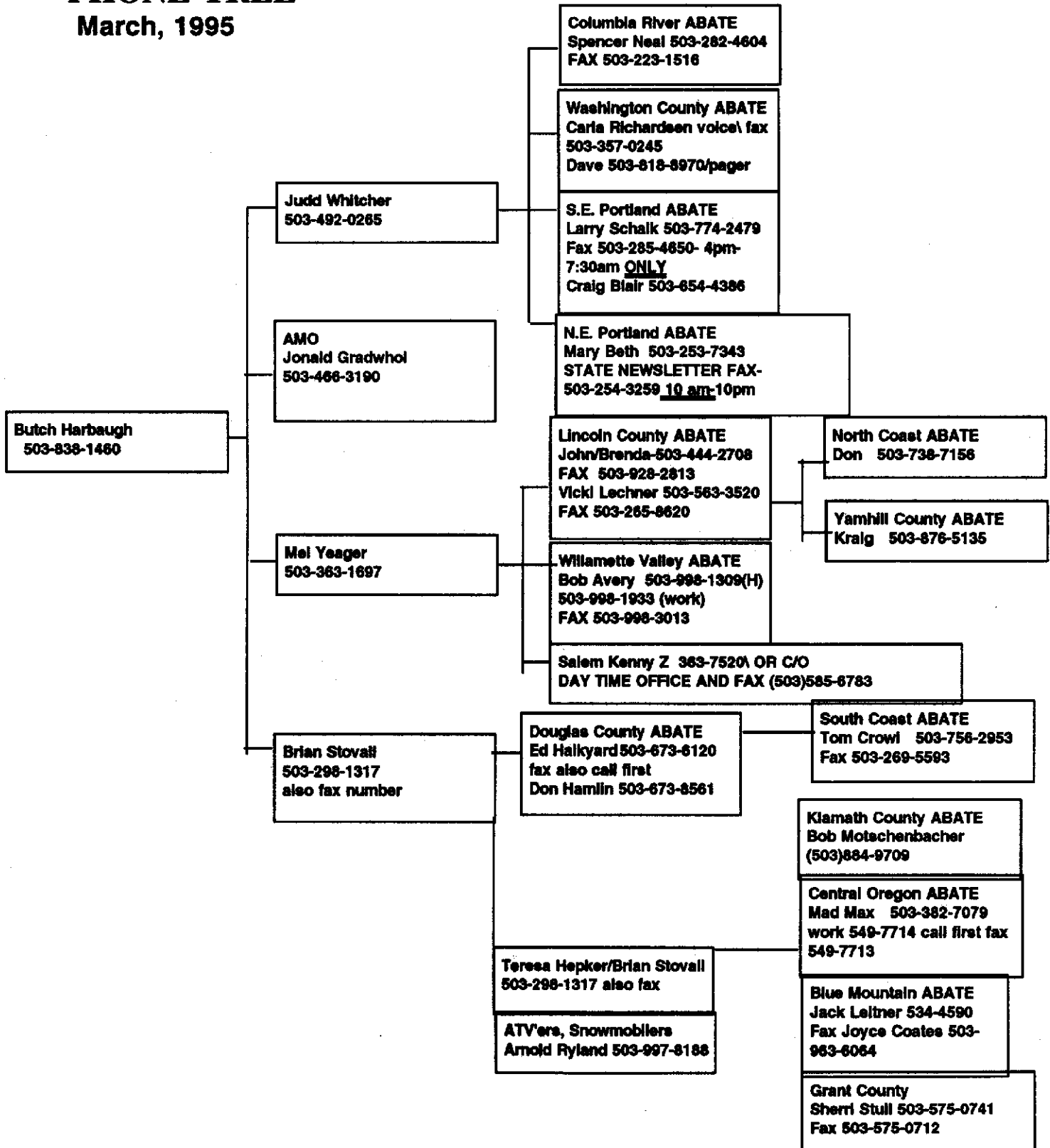
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PHONE TREE

March, 1995



HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

This information may be presented to state and federal legislators as well as police or DOT administrators. The purpose is to ensure appropriate lawmaking and reasonable enforcement. Please provide as much detail as possible. Attach extra pages if necessary. Phone 1-800-347-1106 or 224-1106 in Portland if you have questions, and ask for Gunny. Thank you for your cooperation.

PLEASE SEND TO: Sam Hochberg, A.I.M. Attorney, 750 Morgan Bldg, 720 S.W. Washington, Portland, OR 97205, ATTN: Gunny Hutch.

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____
STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____
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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_____	AYP5	Year Pin - 5 yr. member - white/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP6	Year Pin - 6 yr. member - black/orange	3.00	_____
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_____	AYP13	Year Pin - 13 yr. member - green/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP14	Year Pin - 14 yr. member - black/red	3.00	_____
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_____	AYP16	Year Pin - 16 yr. member - grey/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP17	Year Pin - 17 yr. member - copper/black ..	3.00	_____
_____	AYP18	Year Pin - 18 yr. member - light blue/gold ..	3.00	_____
_____	AYP19	Year Pin - 19 yr. member - purple/gold	3.00	_____
_____	AYP20	Year Pin - 20 yr. member - red/white/blue ..	3.75	_____

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ABATE PINS				
_____	ALAN	ABATE Anniversary Pin	3.25	_____
_____	ALPIG	ABATE Logo Pin - gold	5.00	_____
_____	ALPIS	ABATE Logo Pin - silver	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIS	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, silver	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIG	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, gold	5.00	_____
_____	AWP	ABATE Wing Pin - silver	5.00	_____
_____	AWPG	ABATE Wing Pin - gold	5.00	_____
_____	ASP	ABATE Supporter Pin	4.00	_____
_____	AUWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing Pin - 5 color	4.00	_____
_____	ALOP	ABATE Oval Logo Pin - black/gold	4.00	_____
_____	AFP	Fossil Pin	3.75	_____
_____	A#1P	ABATE #1 Pin - small, 3 color	2.25	_____

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MISCELLANEOUS				
_____	AFFB	ABATE Freedom Of The Road Belt Buckle - pewter	15.00	_____
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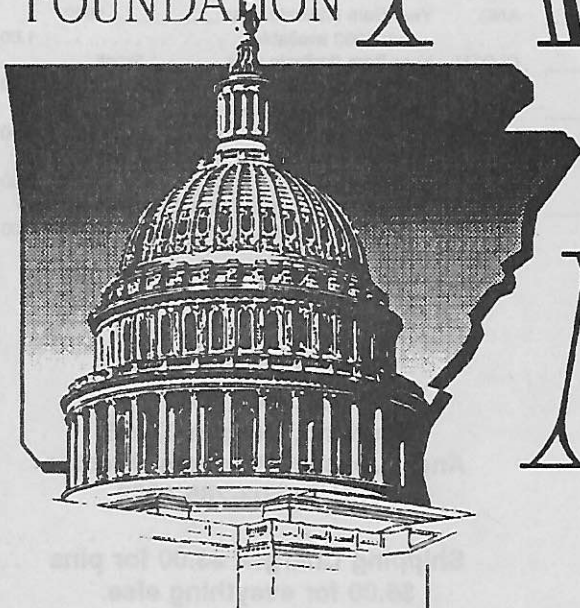
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FEDERAL HELMET REPEAL BILL SCHEDULED FOR ACTION IN THE HOUSE

The following letter from Wayne Curtin, our Washington, DC lobbyist, tells you everything you need to know about the situation in the nation's capitol.

August 9, 1995

Dear MRF Member:

I am writing you because we are at a critical point in our effort to repeal the federal Section 153 penalties on states without helmet laws. Your action and help are needed, TODAY, to help us push for, and win, a vote for freedom in the U.S. House of Representatives.

WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR - Victory in the Senate

On June 21st, the United States Senate voted 64 to 36 to repeal the mandate of Section 153. As a result of that vote the Snow-Campbell Amendment became Section 142 of the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 (S.440).

This key victory for motorcyclists' right to ride free was won in the face of the bill's manager, Senator John Chafee, fighting the repeal of his beloved federal helmet law. This victory gives our issue a major boost as our efforts are now shifted to the House of Representatives.

The efforts of the almost 300 motorcyclists that have been sent to Washington by the state motorcyclists' rights organizations from 37 states have laid a strong base of support in the House of Representatives. When Congress adjourned for its summer recess on August 4th, there were 201 sponsors of Rep. Don Young's bill H.R.899, which would repeal the Section 153 penalties on states without helmet laws. Two hundred and eighteen members is a majority of the 435 member House of Representatives. H.R.899 is the 5th most sponsored House Bill in the 104th Congress!

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT - The House to Act in September

When Congress returns in early September, the House will begin immediate consideration of its version of the National Highway System (NHS) legislation. Rep. Bud Shuster, chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, is expected to introduce the House version of the NHS legislation when the House of Representatives returns at noon on Wednesday, September 6th. The surface transportation subcommittee will then mark-up that bill later in the day, September 6th. The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is planning on marking-up the NHS bill on Thursday, September 7th.

This quick action by the committee would allow the House of Representatives to take floor action on the NHS legislation during the week of September 11th. Once it passes the House there will be a conference committee to work out the differences between the House and Senate bills. Both the House and Senate must pass, and the President must sign, the conference reported NHS bill before September 30th, or all 50 states will lose close to \$6 billion in highway funds.

THE PROBLEM - Chairman Blocking Action

Chairman Shuster has stated he wants a "clean" NHS bill. By this he means he does not want the NHS bill to include any policy changes to the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). What he wants to do is include a provision in NHS that would force ISTEA to be re-authorized in 1996, instead of 1997. Then, in 1996, he would consider policy changes to ISTEA during the re-authorization process.

We have been told that the NHS bill will include a one year moratorium on the Section 153 penalties. If that provision became law

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it would mean the penalty on states without helmet laws would be suspended for one year.

As General McAuliffe, commander of the 101st Airborne, said to the Germans when they demanded he surrender Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge: "NUTS!!"

THE SOLUTION - Grass Roots Activism

During Congress' summer recess, we need to create enough grass roots heat in congressional districts that Members of Congress come back to Washington, on September 6th, demanding a vote on including H.R.899 as an amendment to the NHS legislation.

YOUR ACTION IS NEEDED - Voice of Constituents

Between now and September 6th, your Congressman or Congresswoman will be back in their congressional district. During that time you need to speak to your Member of Congress. You need to impress on them the importance of having the text of H.R.899 amended into the NHS legislation.

There are three ways you can go about speaking to your representative. First, you can call their district office and ask for an appointment to meet with them. Second, if you can not get time off work or arrange to meet with them personally ask to talk with them on the phone. Tell the staff it is important you meet or talk with them because they will be voting on an issue important to you as soon as they return to Washington in September.

If your representative does not meet or speak with you on the phone then your last resort is to find a "town meeting" the Member of Congress is having in the district and you can try to catch them there. Or, you can go sit in their district office for a few days until they meet with you.

You should also get your friends, family and other members of your state motorcyclists' rights organization to call or write your Member of Congress.

Your representative must go back to Washington in September committed to do several things:

- 1) To vote in favor of an amendment, the text of H.R.899, to the NHS bill.
- 2) If they are not already a cosponsor of H.R.899, we need them to sign-on as a cosponsor when they return on September 6th.
- 3) To speak to Chairman Shuster, and subcommittee chairman Rep. Tom Petri, about the importance of including H.R.899 in the NHS legislation.
- 4) To oppose any Rule to bring up the NHS legislation on the House floor, unless H.R. 899 was amended into the bill in committee or the Rule provides for offering H.R. 899 as an amendment on the floor.

Your action today is important to our goal of repealing the Section 153 penalties on states without helmet laws in 1995. REPEAL, not suspension, of this federal mandate is our goal.

Your personal contact is more important now than every before. The recent lobbying campaign on the House version of the Telecommunications bill has created a controversy. Thousands of telegrams were sent to Congress in a "manufactured grass roots ad campaign".

Several Members of Congress have charged they receive telegrams from people who did not know of the issue, who were young children, who are dead, who have been out of the country for several months, and in one case a Member claims to have received a telegram from himself. If you talk to them face to face or on the phone your Member of Congress will know it is the opinion of a real grass roots constituent.

In closing, please act today! The most important action for you to take is to call your Member of Congress and ensure they will vote for repeal of Section 153 penalties on states without helmet laws.

If you have any questions, or need assistance in contacting your Member of Congress, please contact me, or Carol Simpson, in the MRF Washington Office at (202) 546-0983. We look forward to helping you to be effective in protecting motorcyclists' rights.

In the Fight For Freedom,

Wayne T. Curtin
Vice President of Government Relations

P.S. If you want to apply extra grass roots pressure, you might want to consider coming to Washington for the committee votes on September 6th and 7th. If you are interested in doing so, please contact Carol Simpson at 202-546-0983.

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FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ALERT

Although the U.S. Senate included a repeal of the federal helmet mandates in S. 440, the Senate's version of the National Highway System (NHS) bill, concerned motorcyclists must continue to press the House of Representatives to include similar repeal language into the House NHS bill. Then, both bills will go to a conference committee to reconcile any differences between the two proposals and recommend a final version for passage. If both the Senate and House bills contain a repeal of the Section 153 ISTEAs penalties against states without helmet laws, it greatly increases the likelihood of a repeal being included in the final legislation. However, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee chairman Bud Shuster (R-PA) has stated he wants no demonstration projects or ISTEAs "cleanup" amendments included in the House NHS bill. Please contact your Congressional representatives, especially those on the transportation committee, and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 899 by Rep. Don Young (R-AK) and to support including such repeal language in the House NHS bill. H.R. 899 currently has 198 cosponsors. Keep up-to-date on our efforts to repeal the national helmet law by calling the NCOM Legislative Hotline at 1-(800)-300-NCOM.

VIRGINIA HOV STUDY SUPPORTS MOTORCYCLE USAGE

Besides requiring states to pass helmet and seat belt laws, ISTEAs also mandated that motorcycles be permitted to travel on federally funded high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes unless they created a safety hazard or adversely affected HOV operations. Although motorcycles had previously been banned from traveling on Virginia's HOV lanes, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) begrudgingly complied and authorized motorcycle travel as of September 21, 1992 for a two-year trial period. At the same time, according to the Virginia Coalition of Motorcyclists (VCOM), founded by Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) attorney Tom McGrath, the CTB authorized the Virginia Department of Transportation to conduct a study in hopes it would show that motorcycles did indeed present a safety risk on HOV lanes and would justify reinstating the ban. The study, which cost over \$140,000 in taxpayer funds, found that "motorcycles account for as much as 3% of the annual traffic on some HOV lanes...however, in the 2 years after the CTB authorized their travel, there were only five motorcycle crashes on HOV lanes." Contrary to anticipated findings, "The study recommends that the CTB allow motorcycles to continue to travel on HOV lanes."

DATA SHOWS HELMET LAWS INEFFECTIVE

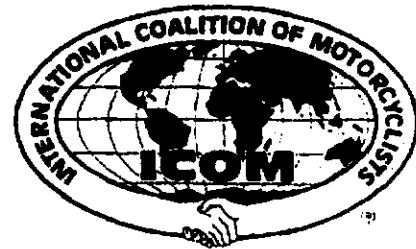
An analysis of 1993 motorcycle accident and fatality data, compiled by the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) from official transportation sources in each state, shows that the 25 helmet law states account for 61% of all motorcycle registrations (2,352,293 out of 3,850,216 total), but are responsible for 64% of all accidents (52,270 of 81,332) and 64% of all fatalities nationwide (1,557 of 2,401). In addition, helmet law states have a higher fatality rate per 10,000 registered motorcycles (6.62 versus 5.64) as well as fatalities per 100 accidents (2.98 vs. 2.90). A related report from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reveals that 54.4% of the 2,394 motorcyclist fatalities in 1992 were wearing helmets!

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BIKERS UNITE BELFAST & DUBLIN IN BIGGER THAN BORDERS DEMO

ICOM, July 28, 1995 – Irish and English motorcyclists gathered in Belfast on July 22 for a historic ride to Dublin. Craig Clinch (Motorcycle Action Group Ireland/ICOM European Coordinator), one of the individuals organizing the Demo stated, "Three thousand bikes made the Bigger Than Borders Demo run between Belfast and Dublin, which is a really significant event as no one has been able to do this before because of the war in Northern Ireland." European riders proved that they can rise above sectarian differences for unity and freedom of choice.

The Demo was held to protest the European Commissions proposals for the dreaded Multi-Directive. "For years we have been one of the few sections of the community who have been quite happy to be united in our enjoyment of motorcycles", said Liam Gallagher of MAG Northern Ireland. "Now our freedom is under threat from the draconian measures proposed by the European Commission and we intend to use our unity in the fight against these proposals. We will not be legislated off the road!"

Representatives from the Federation of European Motorcyclists, MAG Ireland, MAG UK Northern Ireland and three other European riders groups, made speeches on O'Connell Street in Dublin outside the building which marked the start of the Irish uprising against the English in 1916. Then MRO representatives from north and south exchanged the Irish Tri-color flag with the Union Jack, something which has never been done before.

The run was over 150 miles, the longest motorcycle demo ever held in Europe and passed off without incident. "Lots of good feeling all around about this one", said Clinch. "The thousands of English riders who came over loved it! We feel that riders rights not only leads the way politically in Europe, but also can rise above the problems of national divides, something that is really important to us."

European riders are to be congratulated on a job well done in the name of unity, liberty and peace.

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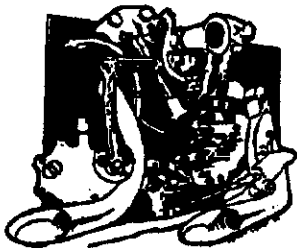
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Well now here it is Fall season upon us and the run season is almost over. I want to thank all those who help to support the runs by working and/or showing up. The wife, kids and I all are out riding and just hacking around. Thanks to all who speak up and voice their opinion on my work, it helps me to keep trying harder! Let us get ready for the "thanks and giving" season ahead.....OK SEE YOU IN THE FUNNY PAGES GWH(editor)

Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1st & 3rd SUNDAY	S.E. PORTLAND	12:00 Noon, The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122nd & Division, Portland
3rd SUNDAY	SOUTH COAST	11:00 am, Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend
	BLUE MOUNTAIN	3:00 pm, Sites Vary call 1st 503-963-4622
	DOUGLAS COUNTY	11:00 am, Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg
	GRANT COUNTY	11:00 am, Canyon City Cafe, Hwy 395 S. Canyon City
2nd & 4th SUNDAYS	COLUMBIA RIVER	12:30 pm, Alibi 4024 N. Interstaste, Portland
	SALEM	1:00 pm, Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem
3rd MONDAY	KLAMATH COUNTY	7:30 pm, Inge's Cheese Haus, 4023 S. 6th, Klamath Falls
2nd & 4th TUESDAY	WASHINGTON COUNTY	8:00 pm, Pizza Hut, 3190 N.W. 185th, Portland
1st & 3rd WEDNESDAY	NORTH COAST ABATE	7:00 pm, Merrytime Tavern, Astoria
	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, King's Table, West 11th, Eugene