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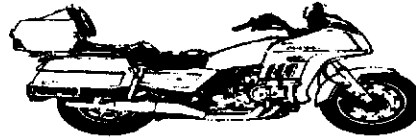
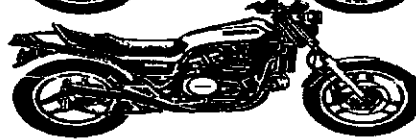
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Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1st & 3rd SUNDAY

S.E. PORTLAND

12:00 Noon, The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122nd & Division, Portland

1st SUNDAY

BLUE MOUNTAIN

1:00 PM, East Side Tavern Rest., 2209 Adams Av., LaGrande

2nd SUNDAY

LINCOLN COUNTY

7:30 PM, Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport

3rd SUNDAY

CENTRAL OREGON

2:00 PM Moose Lodge #323, 3199 N. Hwy 97, Redmond

KEIZER

4:00 PM, Izzy's Pizza, 3400 River Road, Keizer

SOUTH COAST

11:00 AM, Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend

DOUGLAS COUNTY

12:00 AM, Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg

SOUTHERN OREGON

12:00 Noon, Oregon's Pizza, Gold Hill

2nd & 4th SUNDAYS

COLUMBIA RIVER

12:30 PM, Pizza Perfect, 6815 NE Killingsworth, Portland

4th SUNDAYS

SALEM

1:00 PM, Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem

1st & 3rd TUESDAYS

RIVER CITY

7:30 PM, Zim's Brau Haus, 604 E 2nd St., The Dalles

2nd & 4th TUESDAY

WASHINGTON COUNTY

7:30 PM, Cassandra's Resteraunt, 446 SW Baseline, Hillsboro

1st & 3rd WEDNESDAY

NORTH COAST ABATE

7:00 PM, Astoria Eagle, 894 Commercial, Astoria

1st THURSDAY

N.E. PORTLAND

7:30 PM, RoundTable Pizza, 4141 NE 122nd, Portland

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

7:00 PM, Prime Time Sports Bar & Grill, 1360 Mohawk, Springfield

Coordinator's comments

Hi everybody!

This letter is to the people in our chapters who are the driving force in the chapters. You know who you are. I want to talk about something I guess I have always known about, it is just becoming acutely obvious to me now. That is the importance of the chapter position we call State Board Rep. The proper title is Board of Directors Officer. The reason I want to go here is because I see at STEAM and in my day-to-day "leadership" of this organization a lot of misunderstanding and lack of information on the part of our general membership as to what goes on at the State Board level. I am not trying to put down our Board Directors. I want to try to explain to them and the chapter members who elect them the importance and responsibility they hold.

The general membership, or in our case the chapter members, is where the real power lies and they speak to the organization through the Chapter Board of Directors Officer. One chapter, one vote. Our general membership has the right and responsibility to direct the actions of our organization through their State Board of Directors Officer. My job and the job of the Executive Board and State Officers is first to facilitate or make to happen the wishes of the membership as expressed to us by the Board of Directors. This is done through discussions, motions, more discussion, vote of Board Directors and sometimes consultation of legal assistance and opinions of other affected parties. I think the second job of the Executive Board and Board Officers is to assist the membership through their respective Board of Directors Officer in understanding the issues at hand. This is not all in our bylaws or rules of operation, they are the operating rules we must follow as an Oregon State licensed corporation as I understand it. My understanding is minimal but I'm working on that every chance I get, so correct me if I'm wrong.

The point of all this, I guess, is the Board of Director's positions are really the most important positions in our organization. Sometimes me and other State Officers feel we are lacking in guidance, input and/or representation back to the chapters from the Board of Directors, but being zealots and devoted volunteers to our goals, we usually take the bull by the horns and try to get the job done anyway and thankfully it usually works.

I am asking all you elected Board of Directors Officers to be proud of your position, you are very important. You should be proud because your Chapter had this much faith in you. You also owe it to your brothers and sisters to provide proper representation for your chapter by understanding issues, returning information and providing continuity for the whole organization by doing the job dependably month after month for your elected term so we have and endless road of understanding. All you chapter members have a responsibility to the whole organization to make sure you elect the right person for the job and make sure they have the support and guidance to do their job properly.

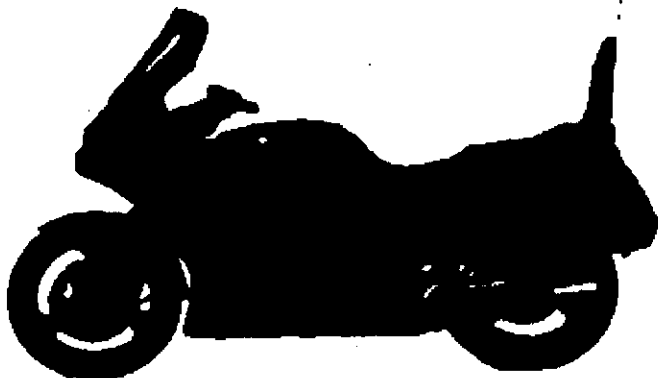
None of this is meant to belittle the importance of any other position, only to point out the importance of this one position. It takes all of us to get the job done and it's a worthy job we do friends.

Later,

Chris Vieira

State Coordinator

ABATE of Oregon, Inc.



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CHAPTER REPORTS

Blue Mountain

Meets 1st Sunday, 1:00 PM

Eastside Tavern & Cafe 2209 Adams Ave., LaGrande
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Chapter Contact: Howard Butts (541)-534-5411

Springtime Greetings everyone

Wasn't S.T.E.A.M. fun? Even if some nervous students thought the Hell's Angels were taking over the campus, I had a lot of fun meeting and almost meeting some very interesting Colic. I enjoyed listening to the history of A.B.A.T.E. and seeing how far we have come. It would be nice to have that wall chart reduced to a newsletter-sized page so others could see the progress we have made. I am impressed with the variety of presenters who were willing to stand up in front of some strangers and impart their bits of wisdom. (Even you Gordon.)

Howard and I would like to thank Jim Russell and his son for sharing their home with us. We really appreciated the hard work they did for S.T.E.A.M. and still played hosts to us. We hope to see them over here some time and return the hospitality.

May 16, we are planning a Spring Valley run with a nice picnic/B.B.Q. at Redbridge Park. May can be tricky weather wise, so we may have to think up some alternative in case of SNOW! We are in the midst of major planning for the July State Board meeting that we are hosting. It is a big undertaking since we want to plan some fun events and nice things for everyone. It would be nice if you all would show up for the meetings to help us out! I'm only one person and I try to do as much as I can but I can't do it all. We all have to be involved. See you at the April and May meetings; we have a lot of things to do.

Ridin' time is comin' I

Take care

Diane

Central Oregon

Meets 2nd Sunday, 2:00 PM

Moose Lodge #323, 3199 N. Hwy 97, Redmond
Chapter address: P.O. Box 9188, Bend, Or. 97708
Chapter contact: Jay Swartz 541-389-6773

Please notice that we have a new meeting place. The Moose Lodge 323 in Redmond is kind enough to loan us their meeting room for our monthly meetings. It is a lot quieter than the pizza house, you can actually hear what is being said by members and guests. Kids are welcome and there is room outside to wander around and play. Please come and check out our new meeting sight.

** Our April meeting will be held April 19th due to Easter being the second Sunday. **

Elections were held at our March meeting and there is still room for change. If anyone is interested in holding an office please come to a meeting and let us know. We have many positions that we would like to fill with more than one person. Also we would like back ups for all positions incase someone can't make a meeting or function the back up can do what is needed. Election results as follows:

Coordinator:	Jay Swartz
Vice Coordinator:	Loren Larson
State Rep:	Brad Peterson
Education Director:	Keri Sellers

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Bob Beasley, Rick Vanyi, and
Brad Peterson on call to
assist.

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Loren Larson & Sherri
Wingerd

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Racca

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Terri Vanyi

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Maria Racca

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Brian Wingerd, Brad
Peterson, Rick Vanyi and
Bob Beasley

Secretary:

Sherri Wingerd

Chapter Chaplain:

Bob Cline

We have a new position for Central Oregon that was voted in, Chapter Chaplain, Bob Cline was nominated and accepted. We highly welcome Bob in this new position!

We have a new year and we all have high hopes of getting our chapter back on the right track. We hope to see you at the April meeting.

Sherri:)

Columbia River

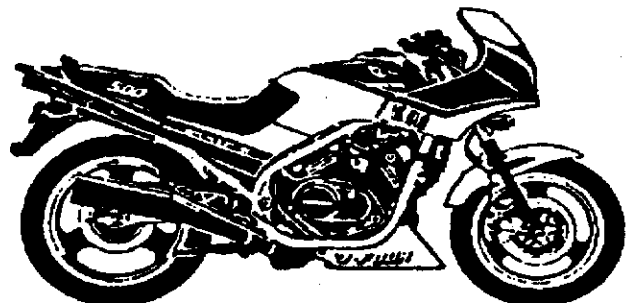
Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays, 12:30 PM

Pizza Perfect 6815 N.E. Killingsworth, Portland
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 11817, Portland, OR 97211
Chapter Contact: Angie, (503)-285-4329

I can't believe it is April already. It seems like this year has just begun. But it's time to be paying close attention to the up coming primary elections and to be supporting your candidates of choice. The run season is also just around the corner. Going to runs in not only fun but is how this organization gets the necessary money to operate and finish our mission. Fossil is our major moneymaker and it takes all of us to make it a fun and successful party. Working a few hours of security is one good way to help but there are others so stop by the information booth at Fossil and see how you can help.

We are learning a lot about local candidates and Federal issues at our Chapter meetings. This is a great way to stay informed. We continue to have fun and prizes at meetings, too It was Aaron, and not Ann, Manning who won the membership drawing in February. Gary Dashiell, our legislative coordinator, is almost always at our meetings but unfortunately had to miss the March 8th meeting due to a True Apostle swap meet. And, wouldn't you know it, his name was drawn for the membership drawing. Better luck next time, Gary.

Hope to see you at a meeting soon, Janet



Douglas County

Meets 3rd Sunday at 12:00 AM

Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 61, Roseburg, OR 97470

Chapter Contact: Ed Halkyard at (541) 673-6120

Hello from Douglas co. Chapter

It's spring time and its also the Time to let each other know what we want out of Our legislator's and reps. (just to let you know the quickest way to get out of a state board meeting is to take off with the Chapter coordinator and other officers; after meeting at his house at a specified time - you then are on the way but it's raining and all of a sudden you start to hydroplane and you end up going over the bank and setting next to the rail road tracks. So we will try to get the new officers there next meeting. We are ever so glad that our coordinator Tommy didn't panic.

We hope that they will take our cries to the house and they will Understand our needs.

See you at the May awareness meeting spread it around and maybe we can get more people there. Let them know that we would like the opportunity to let everyone know how we feel.

If the people don't know that every voice matters they won't step up and say what's on their mind. Remember you are the only one that can hake a difference...

Spread it around

Counts

Make the people aware that every voice

The pest

Do. Co. Chapter Sec

Cyndi Haley

Keizer

Meets 2nd Sunday at 4:00 PM

Izzy's Pizza, 3400 River Rd, Keizer

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 20896, Keizer, Or. 97307

Chapter Contact: Vern Miller (503) 390-7906

Hello everyone:)

Wasn't STEAM wonderful? I know I met lots of interesting people and learned a lot from the classes. And I even feel motivated! The food was really good, Salem chapter, so thank you for providing it. And thank you to CMA for having coffee there for those who use it.

We had a REALLY big meeting in February at Keizer chapter. Twenty-five people were there along with seven motorcycles. (Despite the rain!)

We have an address now!

P.O. box 20896

Keizer, OR 97307

So anyone who needs to get in touch with us can.

We finally found a bank that doesn't have a service charge so that Pancake can open our chapter account.

We should have our chapter flag by next month, so maybe you'll see it flying proudly at Ice Breaker and other events.

Our chapter may get involved helping build a skateboard facility on Keizer. Sounds like a great way to help out the kids and keep them from getting in trouble for using public places to skateboard. IceBreaker is being held Saturday, the 14th of March in the Turner City Park.

The Motorcycle Awareness Rally is coming up Saturday, the 2nd of May. Try to be there if you can.

We heard that there's going to be an Iris Festival Parade on Saturday, the 16th of May. I think several members are going to try to ride their motorcycles in it.

Chemawa will be holding a Veteran Remembrance Day on Saturday, the 23rd of May.

We've established a committee to establish run runs and other family-oriented activities for the chapter. It's being chaired by Tom Thorson with Pancake and Ken Culver as members.

Kevin Walker won the 50-50 raffle and donated all but \$5 back into the chapter fund. (He said he needed gas money.)

Margy "Murge" Gunter won a metal motorcycle model.

That about does it for another newsletter article. I hope the weather is warm and wonderful when you read this. Enjoy!

R. O'Toole

"Squeecker" ;-)

Lincoln County

Meets 1st Sunday, 11:00AM

Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 665, Newport, OR 97365

Chapter Contact: Gary Ploub 541-782-3476

YAHOO it's SPRING!

Though we had some great rides this past winter, we're still looking forward to rising temperatures and better weather.

Update: We have changed our Membership meetings to the 1st Sunday of the month 11:00Am, same location, Moby Dick's in Newport.

We're going to incorporate a group ride after the meeting. We're hoping changing the day and time will allow more of our members to attend. See you at Moby's!

By the time you read this, Lincoln Co. will have celebrated another Anniversary. I'm sure fun was had by all! Thank you to the folks in Logsdon for renting us their Community Hall. Kurt would to thank everyone who helped make this event a success! In other news; our Chapters own John Ehmer has recently returned from Washington D.C. looking forward to his report next meeting.

Our Fossil Games Committee has added 2 new games. Both are rider and passenger games. One is open to trikes and sidecars. Can't wait to try them!

With the riding season upon us, lets be careful out there!

Ride Safe!

Shirley

N.E. Portland

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

Round Table Pizza, 4141 NE 122nd, Portland

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

Chapter Contact: MaryBeth (503) 253-7343

Hey,

How's everyone doing? Things are going ok here. Business is getting done and we're having some fun too. We've been having regular meetings. In other words, we've had enough officers to hold meetings, unlike toward the end of last year.

S.T.E.A.M. was, as usual, a good deal. Learned a couple of things to help me with my job and, as always, it's inspiring to hear what the leaders of our organization have to say about our past, present and future.

Thanks to Columbia River chapter for throwing a pretty good shin dig for Valentines Day at the River Roadhouse. As usual that place

packs 'em in. Jen and I had a great time. S.E. Portland's anniversary party in March was ass kickin' too! The first time I've been to the Locker Room, what a great place for a party. By the turn out there I'm sure it was prosperous for them.

It looks like I'll be going to the Best Of The West, well by the time you read this it'll be done and over (man, I sure have a hard time trying to write these reports for you guys to read a month later!). Anyway I'm looking forward to it. Lorena (a past N.E. member who lives there) is going to pick me up at the Salt Lake airport and let me crash on their couch. That'll save our chapter some cash that I won't have to spend on hotel and airport shuttle costs. I guess she's pretty active with ABATE and MRF in Utah. It was good talking to her again, ifs been a long time..

Man, I don't know about you guys, but I'm sick of winter! I'm looking forward to the good riding weather that we have in the spring and summer here. And, of course, the runs too. Summer run plans are starting to come along. It'll be at the same location as last year (Birkenfield), which I thought, was a pretty good one. I understand that improvement will be made by then like better access to the river and maybe gravel instead of dust for a road.

How about that strategy of gettin' our feet in the door of the legislature by our members becoming precinct committee persons. It's a great idea and I think I'll try it. I know a few people who have done it and it sounds easy. If you haven't heard about it, its where any person registered to vote can run for this position in their political party for each voter precinct. It only takes three votes from your precinct and there are a lot of open positions Our benefit would be, if we get enough of our people in these positions, we would be able to effectively influence the way our legislators vote on our issues at the state capitol.

That's the way I understand it anyway.

That's all I have to say this month, so keep the greasy side down and stay dry. Ya right!

Marty

North Coast

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

Astoria Eagle, 894 Commercial, Astoria

Children are Welcome

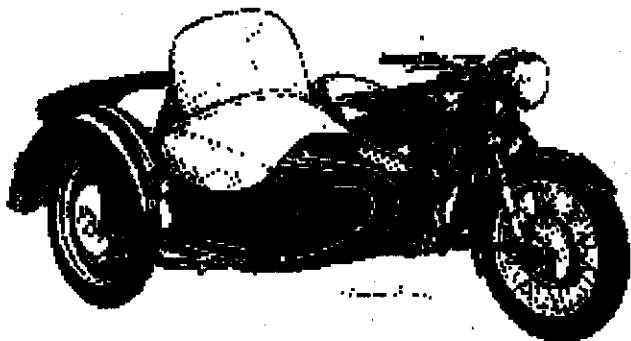
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Lots of reorganization going on now. Best to get things in order now before the good riding season starts.

Next month will be J.J.'s 7th Annual Benefit Poker Run and Pigout. I've started working on it and am looking forward to another great turnout this year. I will personally work with the Astoria police in an effort to prevent a reoccurrence of last year. For any of you who may not know last year one of Astoria's finest saw fit to stop our entire run at the edge of town.

It was fairly impressive to see approximate 150 bikes pulled over.



Traffic was plugged up all through town back to the Astoria Bridge. We were the talk of the town for about a week.

DJ's swap meet is next Sunday and hopefully the weather will cooperate so we may ride to it. Seems like every year I end up driving but then I've got room to pack all my good deals back!

Well, that's about it for now,

Happy trails..Jamye

River City

Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 PM

ZIM'S BRAU HAUS, 604 E. 2nd. St., The Dalles

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 1103, The Dalles, OR 97058

Chapter Contact: Kevin, Membership Secy. [541] 352-7471

We're discussing ways to get more of our members out and also how to just get more members. We made some chapter flyers to and out around the community. We are also fixing up a booth to use for fundraisers. We want to get out and get to know some of the other Chapters and their members, and we invite all of you to do the same.

We had a small but lively meeting on the 3rd of March. One bike was parked outside the meeting place. We hope for more by the next meeting! Our chapter is helping out with the BikePAC Awards Banquet and Planning Session on March 21-22 at the Chenoweth Grange. Good politics, good company, good food, good times!

Action Guides for federal legislation were passed out and explained. We also encouraged members to become precinct committee persons and start taking control of our political future from inside the parties.

We are making progress on our concession booth and talking about its use. Several paint ideas were proposed. It will probably end up bright orange with black trim and designs. Hmmm.

We have taken a cue from Columbia River Chapter and started a cash drawing each meeting from all known chapter members (must be present to win) and Linda Brannam didn't win because she was not there. Next time it will be \$10!

Salem

Meets 4th Sunday, 1:00 PM

Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave NE

(Call 503-581-3138 or 503- 581-8637 for information)

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

Chapter Contact: Jim Russell 503-743-4121

The Ides of April are upon us, y'all,

Yeah, other folks get all hot-n-juicy over other April events, but Rot Path has to pry open a pocket an' pay Uncle Sam even more bucks, so the month don't seem especially special somehow.

Well hey, we all survived another session of S.T.E.A.M. We're all wiser now an' our elbows a little rawer. It was rainy enough to where no one seemed to want to ride to the event. Big round of thanks an' kudos goes out to Elaine, Gary, and Jim from our chapter fer chow an' to the CMA folks fer supplyin' all them caffeine junkies amongst us. An' thanks too to everyone who de ... uh, "instructed" the sessions an' especially to all who attended. There was mention of another S.T.E.A.M. possibly happenin' this fall, so keep the wax outta yer ears.

The day after, Salem Chapter had their monthly meetin' with 7 bikes, which brought along 21 fine folks. (Hmmm... three people to a bike. Seen it done before but they was naked at the NANMRA web site.)

We was glad to see Sheryl Forrest show up fer the meetin' as a guest, since the last time she tried to come to one of our get-togethers it was a non-event.

Way to hang in there, Sheryl. Michelle even woke up long enough to join us this month. We're hopin' these two an' a whole lot more make it over to Turner fer IceBreaker on 14 March. `Course the event will be history by the time ya read this. But here's hopin' a fun time was had by all. (Rot Path won't be able to get there `til 1300, but aims to bring a couple of stomp rocket sets fer kid games.)

There seems to be a big push on fer our folks to become precinct persons in the districts where they reside. Gives us even more political clout an' don't seem to take a whole lotta time outta people's lives.

Fer those of ya who have latched onto the latest batch of A.B.A.T.E. trifold, be aware that any web heads ya give `em to are gonna have a hard time findin' our website at the URL that's printed on the trifold. It should be:

<http://www.abateoforegon.org>

Rot Path spent yesterday workin' on his own web page design instead of doin' this newsletter article. Priorities <!-- Note: Be sure to delete previous part before sendin' it to Gordon. --> If Rot Path's ISP (Internet Service Provider) ever updates the files, y'all will be able to read current an' past newsletter articles by Rot Path an' suffer through the Infrequently Unasked Questions section. Ya might even recognize the embossed image wallpaperin' the background of the page.

Oh yeah. Ya probably want a URL. (Universal Resource Locator, or possibly some mountains in Russia.)

<http://www.open.org/pwdh88/rot-page.htm>

(In this case, "rot-page" means somethin' else.)

Quite a few other things goin' on in March. DJ's ever-present Swap Meet on the 15th followed by A.B.A.T.E. bikers on Oregon Public Broadcasting TV startin' at 1800. Rot Path intends to be there even though apparently it's "not" clothin' optional. (If this hair would just grow down to knee level, who would ever know?)

Oh yeah, Chapter business.

Looks like we had a case of letters crossin' in the mail with the Forest Service where Fox Creek is concerned. Everythin' is okay now an' y'all can let yer breath out. Penny even sent us an application fer Fox Creek `98. Seems that all the Forest Service paperwork is routed through the regional headquarters at Sacramento where's it's routinely misplaced or lost. (Must have Dudly DoWrong in charge of pulp-ware.)

It's 5 minutes `til deadline, so that's a wrap, folks. Here's some stuff that was written earlier:

Will someone kindly tell ol' Rot Path what kinda mouse can eat all the peanut butter off a trap without settin' it off . . . twice? Rot Path figures the spirits of the last two mice have come back to haunt the place an' they're partial to crushed nuts.

When things get wet out here in the country, two things happen: gophers burrow under concrete slabs where it's dry and mice make their way inside where it's warm-n-cozy.

Rot Path feels kinda bad about dispatchin' any livin' critter that ain't a direct threat to life an' limb. (That first mouse was just plain clumsy. It ran under Rot Path's foot in the bathroom.)

Tried using one of them "humane" traps so's the critter could be released over in the orchard. (Or ideally, in the neighbor's orchard after dark.) But findin' mouse turds on the stove was just too much. (What do ya mean ya changed yer mind about comin' over fer dinner? Them's just real small peppercorns - I think.)

Those mice are gone to the land of abundant cheese now an' a new crop has set up house, shittin' all over things at night includin' the humane trap and even the new UPS. (Uninterruptible Power Supply) These must be real small, light mice. Rot Pat is layin' fer `em though. The traps have been restocked with peanut butter under the trigger. The trick is to remember where ya put them traps when yer padding around the livin' room with bare tootsies in the dark. Well, time to go check the trap line.

Yech!

Seems Tillamook smoked cheddar is what gets `em. By the way, if yer tryin' to use the kinda traps that capture mice live, ya outta check them traps frequently an' closely. Judgin' by the stench when Rot Path opened that one, it shoulda been looked at a couple of weeks ago.

Just remember what Cosmos sez: "Mice are like popcorn."

Rot Path

South Coast

Meets 3rd Sunday, 11 AM

Gino's Pizza, 1824 Virginia Street, North Bend

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 4175, Coos Bay, OR 97420

Chapter Contact: Bud Berliner (541)-267-2523

Hello,

Our February meeting was pleasantly short. The bad thing was we had a poor turnout of only 13 members plus 3 officers.

Bill had to step down as our Legislator Director due to family matters. If anyone is interested in this position, please contact Bud.

If you didn't attend the potluck at Buds house, you missed a lot of good rood.

A reminder, May 9th and 10th is the Mall Show at Pony Village. This is a display only show and not a competition. The show is in conjunction with the bike shops, clubs, and private collectors and will feature bikes, quads, and jet skis. This is one you don't want to miss!

April kicks off Sunday rides, meet at Taylor Maid Donuts at 10:00 a.m. For more information contact Jeff or Karen.

We didn't have our raffle drawings or 50/50 this month due to Jack of participation at the meeting.

Ride safe,

Hello,

Our March meeting was informative. Karen gave the Legislative report and informed us that she spoke with Marlee Newton who is willing to come to one of our meetings and speak with us. Karen and Jeff are going to try to arrange for her to come to our April meeting.

We were sorry to hear about Tom Curran, he had to have surgery but fortunately is doing fine now.

Steve is moving right along on the MAP course working with the High School in Gold Beach.

Bud and Randy have Fossil tickets, so get yours now. Randy also has T-shirts and his other usual stuff for sale

We are going ahead with Coos River Run for this year. Also, we are going to purchase a cash register to help Nancy keep track of the accounting at the run. If you're interested in volunteering to help on the run committee let Bud or Karen know.

Don't forget to drop off your cans and bottles at Tom Crowls and bring your food donations to the meeting and/or drop those off at Wandas,

Drawing for the door prizes and 50/50:

\$15 Wilier T-shirt donated by Thomas & Sons was won by Steve

\$9 Collector's can of Harley Davidson Beer donated by Finches
 Jewelry was won by Sud
 \$30 Slippers donated by Sill Paetz was won by Miton a.k.a.;
 Wizard
 \$10 Harley Bandana donated by Sherms Cycle Products was won
 by Jeff
 \$3 screwdriver Set donated by Sherms Cycle Products was won by
 Randy
 \$2 Cold Cup donated by Sherms Cycle Products was wan by Tony
 \$15 Pizza donated by Ginos was won by John
 \$4 Sandwich donated by Ginos was won by Mike
 \$12 Cap donated by Smcelin & Yeager was won by Mike
 \$12 Cap donated by Snap On was won by Randy
 \$12 T-Shirt donated by the Navy was won by Tom
 \$2 Water Bottle donated by the Navy was won by Tom
 \$31 30-piece Socket set donated by Far West Truck won by Tam
 Crow

Finches gave away some ink pens
 Coastguard gave away some 6 rulers
 50/50 was won by Randy for his first time; he took home \$13 and
 the chapter got \$13. Total amount collected for the raffle was \$51
 for our meeting deposit In the amount of \$64.

The weather is changing this we know,
 so it's time to hit the road,
 with wind in hair and sun in race,
 go for a ride anyplace.
 Feel file thunder thru your bones,
 grab your bags,
 next stop Fossil so away we go.

See ya there

Southern Oregon

Meets 3rd, Sunday, Noon
 Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 2031 Grants Pass, Or 97528

Chapter Contact: Tom Orsini (541)-479-8635

Roberta Great 541-857-0244

Greetings from Southern Oregon

It's already April and things are really starting to pick up. This is
 the last month for us to make sure everything is finalized for the
 rest of the riding season.

This year we're doing something a little different with one of our
 events. Along with our normal Poker Runs and overnight chapter
 campout event, we're going to put on a "Tour" of Southern Oregon
 and Northern California: "The State of Jefferson"

Every year we have had some complaints from people in the area
 that they can't participate in the events we hold because of work,
 or other scheduling problems; so we've come up with a Do it at
 your own pace, at your own time event. The participants have (4)
 four months to go to (40) forty points we have chosen in the (9)
 nine counties of the Southern Oregon and Northern California
 border area. You can go to the points on your bike, in your car (if
 the bike's down, or you want to take the kids), on a bicycle, or any
 way you want. On September 13th, we will hold a barbecue (free
 for Tour participants) to award trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
 places and draw for doorprizes. The event is open to all bikes and
 bike groups. We are also going to invite the Antique Car and
 Truck clubs to participate since they usually invite us to show our
 bikes at their shows. The Tour starts on May 1st and closes the
 last day of August.

This event is designed so that you can participate in other eves
 during the summer and while traveling to or from those eves,
 you can visit some of the points included in the State of Jeffers
 Tour. Since this is our first year for puffing on this kind of eve,
 we will let you know how well this type of event goes over. T:
 flyers for this and our other events will be out shortly.

Well, that's all for now

Ride Safe

Tom

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Happy Spring!

I turned on the tv the other night and saw some familiar faces from
 our chapter answering phones at the OPB telethon fundraiser.
 Thanks for volunteering your time.

We're sending two chapter reps to Best of The West. Hope you
 find your way back home Lee and Mad Dog, can't wait to hear the
 info and stories.

If you have an artistic nature that extends beyond that great
 polishing technique for your chrome, try your hand at submitting
 a design for the Summer Run t-shirt. Deadline for submissions is
 in May.

AIM has donated use of their legislative hotline to be used for
 obtaining Run information. Chapter member Ed Dahl has
 volunteered to be the recorded voice and organizer keeping the
 hot-line updated. The number is 972-3434. See article in this
 edition of the newsletter for more info.

By not being at the chapter meeting on February 15, Harry Mills
 lost out on \$35 and March 1, Cindy Degner lost out on \$40 when
 their membership numbers were drawn. See you at the next
 meeting.

Washington County

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

Cassandra's Restaurant, 446 SW Baseline, Hillsboro

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

Chapter Contact: Ted Tracy (503) 640-5766

Bill the Brickayer (503) 640-9543

Hi,

A lot of things have gone on since the last report, the
 Sweetheart Dance, Steam, S.E. Chapter's anniversary party, and
 our own pool shoot, and dart tournament. By the time you read
 this we'll be past DJ's Swap Meet, and Best of the West, and be
 coming up quick on the May Awareness Rally in Salem on May
 2nd, and our poker run on May 3rd.

We had a good turnout for our pool shoot, with the four top
 places going to Mike Hawey, Mike Klein, Jodi Moorins, and Russ
 Berg respectively. Winners in the dart tournament were Larry
 Sullivan in first and Corey Wilson in second. Thanks to Maguff's
 for providing the tables and a place to shoot.

The poker run committee seems to have things well on the way
 to providing a fun day, with a new route, and a bike show before
 the run begins. We are starting at Burgerville on
 Cornell in Hillsboro this year and if you can't find a flyer or need
 more information contact Paul Christoferson.

Our education director felt the need to resign, so we nominated and elected new member Mary Tate to the office. Congratulations.

Plan to go to the May Awareness Rally, the more that show up the better, and it sounds like the people in charge have an interesting day lined up. If you feel like getting involved but aren't sure what to do, come to a meeting it's a good place to start. See you on the road. Ed

1998 WACO CHAPTER POKER RUN and BIKE SHOW
This year WACO has put together a Show and Shine Bike show to go together with the start of its annual Poker Run. The Bike Show starts at 10am and entrants are asked to be there a little early to make their bikes ready (if you have preparations) This will be just a 'public opinion' judged show and awards will be given to the best of each class. There will also be some local dealers out there showing off some of the new bikes for 1998. Burgerville U.S.A. in Hillsboro is sponsoring this show and we hope to have a good turnout. Be there.

The POKER RUN will start at 12 noon from the Burgerville U.S.A. and will encompass about 110 miles of the north-west corner of Washington County.

The actual course is a secret until you reach each checkpoint to get a new card and directions. The course includes some old sites along with some new sites that hopefully, not everyone has already seen before, there's a lot of countryside to see out there and too little time. There will be a 50/50 drawing and lots of nice door prizes to be given away. Please join us for this event on Sunday May 3rd at 10 am at the Burgerville USA on the corner of Cornell Rd. and 25th St., right next to the Hillsboro Airport. Keep the shiny side up!

Willamette Valley

Meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 PM

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Chapter Address: please address to:

5729 Main Street P.O. Box 256, Springfield, Or. 97478

Chapter Contact: Bob Avery (541) 998-1309

Russ Lax (541) 747-2787

Greetings from Willamette Valley!

Trouble, Double Trouble. Haven't done well lately in getting our Chapter Reports in as needed...Besides we work better under pressure. But we're back in tune and looking at 1998!

Our last meeting was Feb. 5th, had a little better than normal showing of members, 14 in all. Russ opened the meeting with comments and a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of Bill Hansen a Local Biker, Friend and member of WV ABATE who passed away on the 1st of February from heart failure.....Will all miss Bill and Give Connie and the Family our Best. Bob Lowell, our Chapter Chaplain spoke a few words...many of us will be attending his memorial service this Saturday.

Reviewed our current membership situation, Russ Challenged us, 'Our Chapter is in the 2nd biggest metropolitan area of the state and we should have a membership that shows that', but we don't!

Russ challenged us to get out and get our membership up. How do we Sell ABATE to Other Bikers we ALL KNOW...Why Should Others / Bikers Belong to ABATE?

Discussions Followed...Besides the greatest of friendships that are developed, with the Best of Best Camaraderie's that are ever shared, the chance to Help Others That Are in Need...It is one of

the Leading Organizations for Protecting and Fighting for our Rights as Bikers and Speak As One To Our Legislator.

Election of Officers for 1998

Chapter Coordinator

Russ Lax

State Representative

Rosie Singhose

Treasurer

Bob Avery

Membership & Chapter Secretary / Editor

Rick Maish

Sergeant-at-arms

Dave Morgan

Chapter Chaplain

Bob Lowell

We decided with the short number of committed people at our meetings, we would just fill the minimum Officer Positions needed...makes sense doesn't it?

We're finally getting another PO Box for our chapter. Took up a collection "since we're broke" and Rick has the task to set it in place. Will get the info. out when it happens, well it happened.....It's 5729 Main St., PO Box 256, Springfield, OR., 97478

Bob Avery attended the last State Board Meeting. Talked about getting out, finding out who supports us, finding out who's running and may be in support, get them to our meetings. Get to know our local legislators.... Pumped a few of us up to attend STEAM.... So we will be seeing Ya All there come Feb. 21st.

Can't Stop Now...I'm on a Roll!

Visitors at our February Meeting,

John Van Metes of the Christian Motorcyclists Association talked to us about the Point Man Ministries that supports War Vets. It's a program to help Vets get through some of the issues encountered when overseas in war situations, and their problems associated with those activities. Contact Joe Glasscock (541) 726-0433

'JC' Jim Russel talked with us about the next IceBreaker that the Salem Chapter is pulling together, asked for, and received our commitment to support them with the 98 IceBreaker.

Well that's enough for now. This was my first report, hope it fits what's needed.... Till Next Time.

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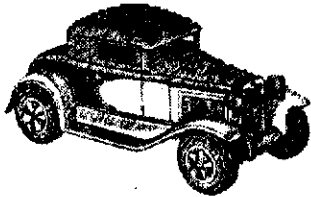
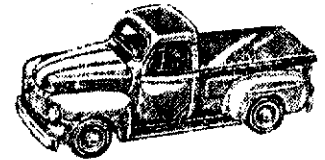


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Reaching Out

by Anna Marie Schwin

ABATE of Virginia, Inc. & NCOM Convention Committee Chairpers

Reaching Out is the theme for the Lucky 13th Annual NCOM Convention this Mothers' Day weekend in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, and with good reason.

Who are we reaching out to? **EVERYONE!**

First and foremost, NCOM believes that it is our duty as a national motorcyclists' rights organization to reach out to the bike on the state level. You are the freedom fighters in the trenches. The strongest arm we have is communication and that's what NCOM Convention is all about! Meeting with bikers from across the country and across the globe to brain storm for the preservation of motorcycling's future. Attending seminars about how to do what we do...only better! Seminars such as:

- Intelligent Highways: Friend or Foe?**
- Slider Gilmore's motivational rev-up**
- Panel Discussion on Insurance Issues**
- Regional Meetings for SMRO's**
- Anti-Discrimination Seminar**

Secondly, let's reach out to those who ride, but have no idea of what it takes to keep pro-motorcycle legislation in place. It's not an easy task, but what choice do we really have? Anyone on two wheels should be considered a brother or sister in the wind.

Who else do we need to reach out to? Never underestimate the value of educating the general public. Rider awareness programs such as MAY (Motorcycle Awareness & You) have proven to be widely successful. Who doesn't get a smile when you see a "Watch for Bikers" bumper sticker?

Rider education is another area that is crucial; and it does double duty...it teaches folks how to ride and educates everyday people.

Every year since 1988, the highlight of the annual convention has been the NCOM Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday evening to honor outstanding members of the motorcycling community for their contributions to our sport and lifestyle. This year's Silver Spoke recipients are: Government - Wisconsin State Senator **Dave Zien** & South Dakota State Representative **Jim Putnam**, Entertainment - Country Western Star **Dwight Yoakam**, Media - TV Host & Cookbook Author **Biker Billy**, Legal - Florida A.I.M. Attorney **Steve Tishler**, Commerce - President of Polaris Victory Motorcycle Company **Terry Nesbit**. Because this year's convention is an international one, we will be awarding the Fred Hill International Award to **Jan Watson** of the Ontario Confederation of Clubs. The 1998 Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award, named in memory of the late California freedom fighter and NCOM Legislative Advocate, will be presented to **Charlie Umbenhauer** of ABATE of Pennsylvania. The 1998 Convention will be dedicated to the memory of Lou Kimsey, co-founder of *Easyriders Magazine* and originator of the early National ABATE network.

The 13th Annual NCOM Convention will be held May 7-9 at the Harvey Hotel DFW Airport. For reservations, call (972) 929-4500. Convention registration is \$50, including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet, or \$25 without banquet.

Whether you're new to the biker rights movement or a seasoned veteran, an NCOM Convention is worth the trip! **See you there!**

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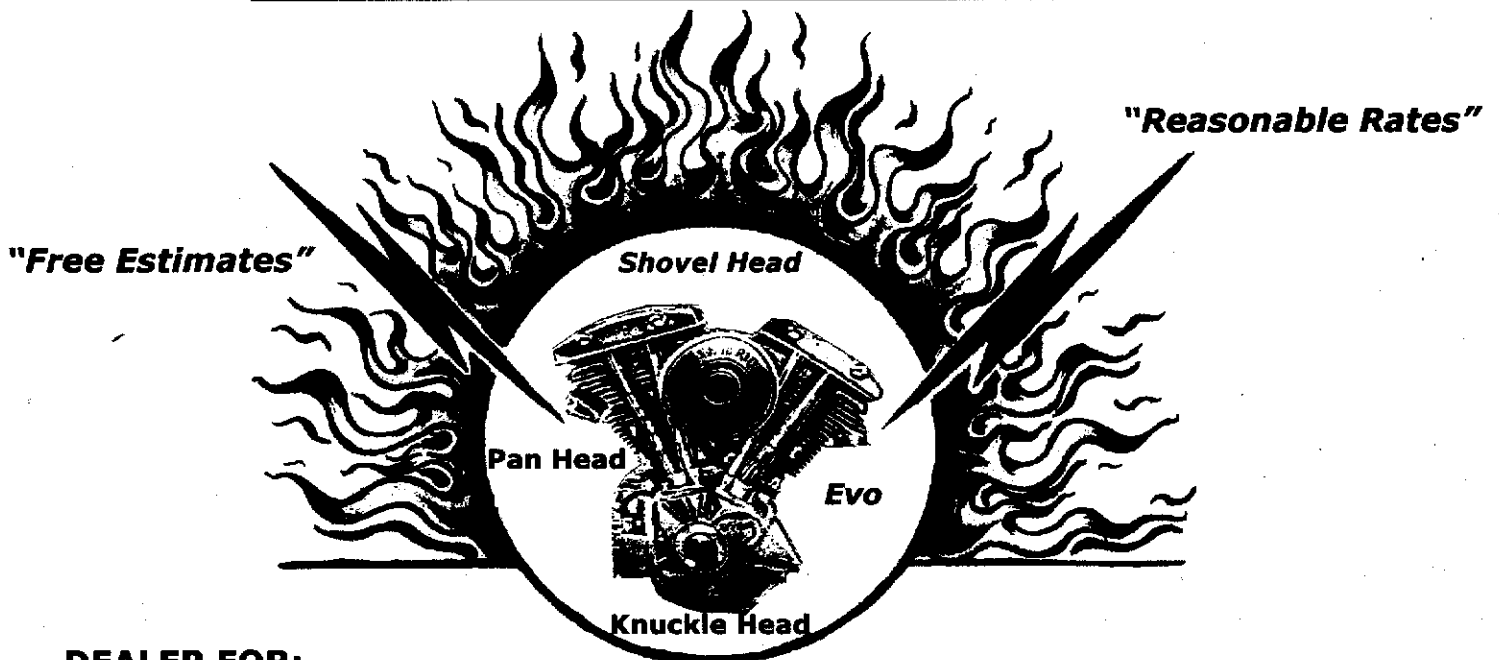
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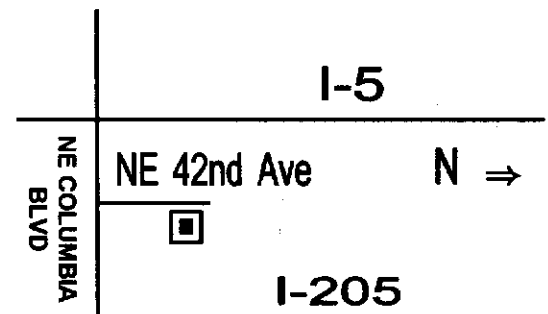
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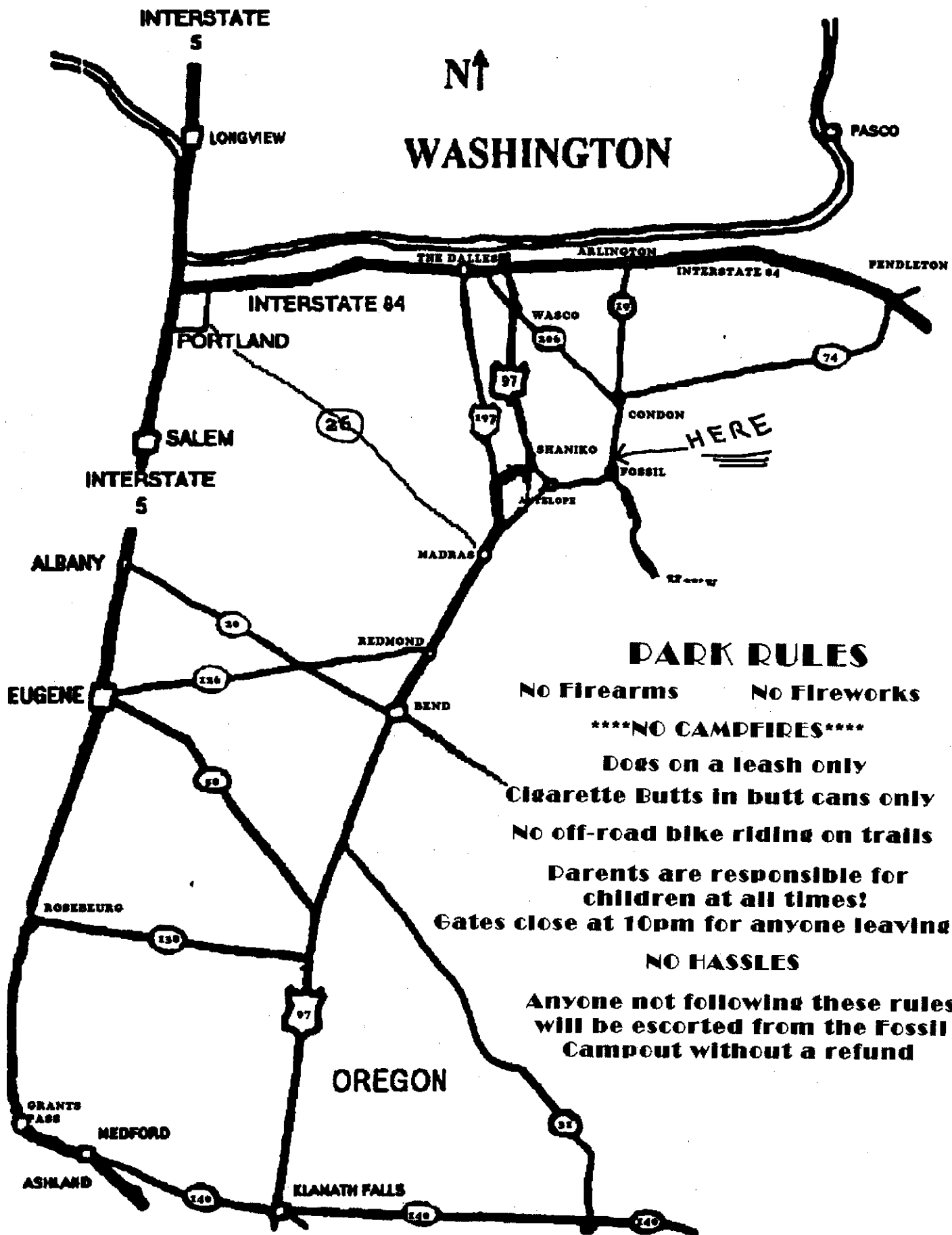
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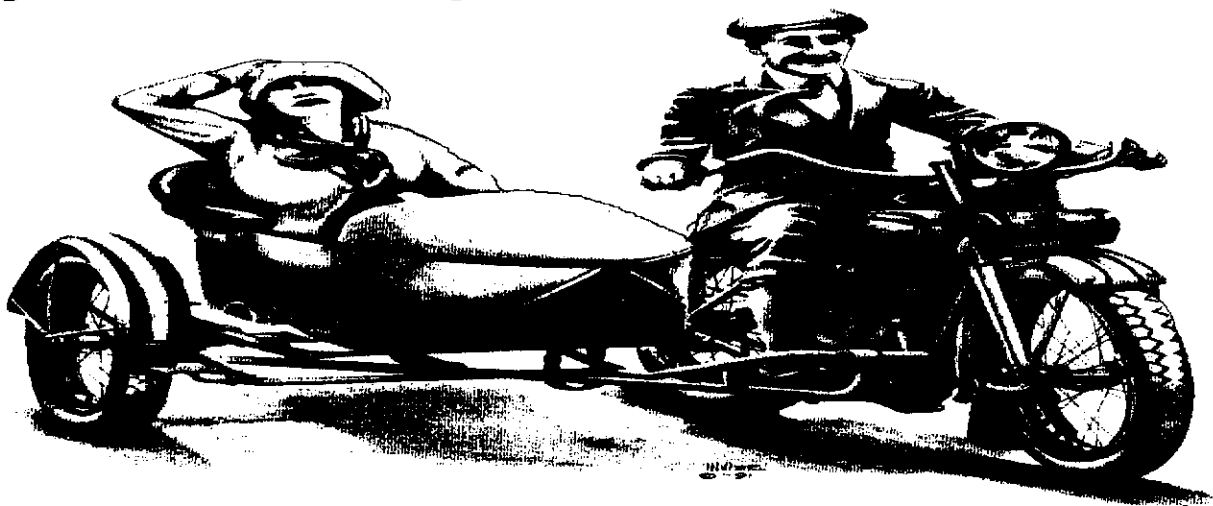
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AMA Board of trustees resolves to oppose discriminatory helmet law repeals

WESTERVILLE, Ohio - The American Motorcyclist Association's (AMA) Board of Trustees has voted to oppose any legislative initiatives that place further government restrictions on motorcyclists in exchange for loosening current state helmet-use requirements. This action by the board, taken at its February 21 meeting, was in response to a growing number of bills being considered by various state legislatures, most notably in Kentucky, Florida and California, which would require motorcyclists to obtain health insurance in order to legally operate a motorcycle without a helmet. The trend of trading additional governmental mandates for more relaxed state helmet laws began last year, when motorcyclist rights advocates in Texas accepted additional health insurance mandates in exchange for legislation weakening that state's helmet law requirements. The AMA believes that by accepting health insurance mandates in exchange for the ability to ride helmetless, the supporters of these bills are conceding-erroneously-that motorcyclists, and the costs related to their potential injuries, are a drain on taxpayer dollars. In fact, studies completed by the University of North Carolina's (UNC) Highway Safety Research Center have shown these claims to be false. UNC researchers examined health-care costs between helmeted and unhelmeted riders, as well as motorcyclists and other motorists, and found that motorcyclists are just as likely to be insured as other motor-vehicle operators, and the costs of their injuries are actually slightly lower than other accident victims. Additionally, the presence or absence of a helmet was not shown to affect injury costs.

The AMA Board of Trustees resolution states: "The American Motorcyclist Association reaffirms its position in support of voluntary helmet use. The AMA opposes provisions conditioning rider choice on economic criteria such as, but not limited to, additional insurance coverage, which is based on the negative and incorrect view that motorcyclists are a social burden. The AMA believes that accepting such requirements is contrary to the long-term interests of motorcycling."

"We have supported, and will continue to support, helmet-law repeal efforts that allow adult motorcyclists to evaluate safety issues for themselves," notes Robert Rasor, vice president of AMA government relations. "But under no circumstances will we accept the notion that motorcyclists, helmeted or unhelmeted, constitute a financial burden of any sort on society. The facts don't support this claim, and we will oppose any legislative provisions based on claims like these."

For more information, visit the AMA web site at <http://www.ama-cycle.org>.

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OUR TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.

March, 1998

John Ehmer and I spent a few days coordinating our activities while we were to be in Washington. John spent a lot of time calling the various Senators and Representatives for appointments while we were there. Ken Ray arranged our flight tickets then he and Brian Stovall met with us during STEAM '98 to brief us on what message we should take to our elected officials. We were fully aware of the issues when we left Oregon on Saturday, February 28.

Upon arriving in St. Louis, Mo., we had to hustle to make our connecting flight to Washington. There was twenty minutes to make the hike from gate 51 to gate 31. For someone who is healthy it is not such a big deal. John doesn't get around so quickly any more because of his injuries and surgeries. We did make it, however.

When we got to Washington, we were met by Lynne Niznik, Asst. to the Coordinator of the Olde Dominion Chapter of ABATE of Virginia. She took us home to Alexandria, Virginia to put us up for our stay while in the Washington, D.C. area. There we met Mike, her husband, who is the Coordinator of the chapter.

Alexandria is about ten or so miles out of Washington and is connected by freeways that get impossibly clogged during rush hour at both ends of the day. We were advised to use the METRO whenever we wanted to commute to D.C. Lynne and Mike both work and were unable to drive us around so we rented a car to use to get to the commute point of the METRO and to do some sightseeing in the Alexandria area.

It was tough to get our bearings because the sky was overcast and we didn't get to see the sun until Wednesday. During that time we had to rely on common sense and landmarks to steer us to our destination. Until we saw the sun and got oriented, neither of us could tell which way was North, South, East, or West. The maps we obtained were of minimal help till we got ourselves oriented, then it was time to go home.

We got to Wash D.C. Saturday night. We spent Sunday with the Nizniks looking over some of the sights and locating the METRO station we would be commuting to and from. It was about 5-7 miles to the METRO point from the Niznik's home. Mike and Lynne eat at restaurants a lot and they introduced us to some of their favorite eating-places. It was in the evening when we arranged the rental of the car for our use.

On Monday we got up and drove to the Metro point to be sure we could find it and get ourselves to Washington and back. We also needed to know how long it took to get to MRF headquarters from "home". Arriving at MRF Headquarters takes us a about an hour and a half. Driving would take us considerably longer and parking is impossible there. The cost for parking at the METRO station is \$2.25/day and riding the METRO is \$2.20 non-rush hour, and \$3.00 rush hour for each person each way from our stop to the Capitol.

Steve Zimmer, Wayne Curtin's replacement was there when we arrived. He showed us around the area and took us to the Senatorial Office Buildings and the Congressional Office Buildings. These places would be where we would be seeing our elected officials.

In case you haven't been inside the Capitol building, you have

missed one of the most wondrous sights in the United States. The building is enormous and the great dome is just beautiful. There are statues of everyone who has ever been a famous statesman or important to the development of this country. John and I spent most of the day sightseeing on foot around the Capitol. We found a couple of cheap (?) places to eat and logged them for future use. We met Steve's wife who was house shopping for them, and her son. We went to the Olde Dominion Chapter meeting and met some of the members as well as Beverly, The MRF secretary and receptionist.

On Tuesday we met at MRF office where Steve took us under his wing and proceeded to the Senatorial office Buildings to see our senators. Upon arriving at Ron Wyden's office we were sitting in his reception area when The Senator walked through and shook our hands. He announced that he had to be in committee right away so "could we walk and talk as he went to the Capitol to his meeting?" Steve Zimmer elected to do that as John and I waited there for our appointment person, Ron Wyden's counsel Joshua Sheinkman.

At the appointed time we had our meeting. John and I were able to tell Joshua why we were here and why we were concerned about NHTSA and the proposals of ISTEA.

He took careful notes and we gave him a copy of the Lobby Package - Reports that was generated by Wayne Curtin and forwarded to me by Brian Stovall. It contains a listing of our concerns in outline form and detailed arguments to follow up each of the points of concern. It was a great help in keeping us on track and helping explain why the Senator should also be concerned. Steve Zimmer returned just as we were winding up our discussion and was able to help us explain some of the background of NHTSA's activities and what they were doing now.

Following our visit to Ron Wyden, we went to see Sen. Gordon Smith. There we were met by Jennifer L. Dock, his Legislative Correspondent. She listened quite attentively as we explained why we had come to Washington, and our concerns. We again gave her a copy of our lobbying package and discussed the points one by one. She seemed to understand the concerns and stated that she would advise the Senator when she had his ear. Sen. Smith had a breakfast at 08:30 for his constituents every Wednesday morning; so John and I decided to be there so we could meet Sen. Smith and give him our message personally. It was the only time we could see him one-on-one.

Next day was Wednesday. Our busiest day. We got up at 05:00 to get to breakfast and to the METRO so we could be to the Capitol on time for the breakfast with Sen. Smith. All went as planned. We arrived just at 08:30 after going through the metal detectors again. There was coffee and juice along with doughnuts and muffins and bagels. The Senator came in through a door that I deliberately stood in front of so he would have to see me or knock me down to get to anyone else. John and I were able to explain our concerns in five minutes and got his statement that he was "Definitely leaning in that direction". We also got our photo session with him at that time.

After the breakfast we had no appointments till 1:00PM, so we elected to go to the WALL. John wanted to and I didn't, so I reluctantly accompanied him there. Upon arriving at the WALL, neither of us could go any closer than 100 yards. Two grown men crying like babies. What a scene!! We caught a taxi and headed back up to the Hill. We got there in time to meet Steve and head out to our next appointment. It was about then that I lost count of who we saw, and when.

I believe the first one we visited was Rep. Elizabeth Furse, who came into the office just after we did and sat in discussion with us for some time asking questions and showing genuine interest in what we were there to say. Her Legislative Director, Christopher M. Porter, was given a copy of the MRF packet to look at. We left there after a photo session and felt good that we had gotten our points across.

From there we saw Elizabeth G. Humphrey, Rep. Earl Blumenauer's Legislative Assistant. She showed compassion for the things we were telling her and accepted the MRF packet of information to help explain why we needed Rep. Blumenauer's help in passing the proposed amendments to the ISTEA agenda.

Continuing our mission, we went to visit Rep. Peter Defazio. Just as we walked in the door, the bell rang to announce that all House members were to assemble to vote on some issue. Rep. Defazio has, in the past, been a good friend to motorcyclists and we have his promise to continue to look after the rights of the citizens first. He took time to have a photo session with us before rushing out to vote on the bill or whatever it was. Kathie Eastman, Rep. Defazio's Press Secretary, and Senior Legislative Assistant, was given the MRF package to study and report to Rep. Defazio. It won't take much because he is already aware of what is going on.

At the end of a long day, we visited the office of Rep. Robert F. (Bob) Smith. We spoke with Christopher L. Matthews, Director, Special Projects. He was given a copy of the MRF packet and was engaged in discussion with the three of us for about twenty minutes.

During this time, we used the same tactics we had been using successfully all of our visits. One of us would start with an issue and when he would bog down or run out of things to say, one or the other of us would pick up the conversation by linking to a point made by the previous speaker or would introduce the next concern. In this way we were never at a loss as to what to say. we were very effective doing this and were all thoroughly aware of the messages we wished to make.

Steve was of the utmost help in our efforts. He was right there with us all the way. He could make points much more clear because he lived closer to the heart of the issues and had the latest information that helped fortify our concerns. He was able to supply times and dates that set in stone the fact that we knew what we were doing, and why we had a right to fear what NHTSA had planned for us. We always made the point the NHTSA should be proposing alternate transportation modes instead of planning the future of our country around gas hog automobiles only.

In retrospect, I am glad ABATE of Oregon trusted John and me to take our message to our Nation's Capitol. I am glad we have friends like the NIZNIKS on the East coast to put up with us and put us up as well. They have a great deal of love and respect for those they have met from ABATE of Oregon and give you their heartfelt love and best wishes.

In case anyone wants to thank them personally their e-mail is: NIZNIK@erols.com Their address is: Mike and Lynne Niznik

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Today, the Senate voted on S.B. 1173, and amended it to the ISTEА bill. S.B. 1173 was the bill containing blackmail penalties for states that did not lower their drinking and driving laws from 0.10 BAC to 0.08. It passed 62 yeа votes to 32 nay votes.

You thought I was steamed before...you ain't seen nothing! BOTH of the senators from my state voted for it! One of them is up for re-election this year; can't let his opponent (whoever that may be) say he's soft on drunk driving, I guess.

I understand that this is not a "motorcyclist" issue, but I figured that some of what we had been preaching to our legislators about freedom of choice and allowing states to choose would have sunk in and carried over to this issue. Two other senators that have supported motorcyclists in the past, Carol Mosley-Braun, and Olympia Snowe, also voted FOR this bill.

Time is short, and the Senate is moving on their version of ISTEА before the House is. I bet that if the Senate votes first, the House will not be able to strip that amendment out.

If you want to see how your senators voted, the results are below.

March 4, 1998, 10:31 AM

BILL NO.: S.1173

AMENDMENT NO.: S.AMDT.NO. 1682

TITLE: DeWine/Lautenberg amendment (sp1682)

REQUIRED FOR MAJORITY: 1/2

RESULT: Amendment Agreed to YEAS—62

Abraham	Durbin	McCormell
Akaka	Faircloth	Mikulski
Biden	Feinstein	Moseley-Braun
Bingaman	Frist	Moynihan
Bond	Gorton	Murkowski
Boxer	Gramm	Murray
Breaux	Harkin	Reed
Bumpers	Hatch	Robb
Byrd	Helms	Rockefeller
Chafee	Hollings	Roth
Cleland	Hutchison	Sarbanes
Coats	Johnson	Shelby
Collins	Kennedy	Smith (OR)
Conrad	Kerrey	Snowe
Coverdell	Kerry	Specter
D'Amato	Kohl	Stevens
Daschle	Lautenberg	Torricelli
DeWine	Leahy	Warner
Dodd	Levin	Wellstone
Domenici	Lieberman	Wyden
Dorgan	Lugar	

NAYS—32

Allard	Ford	Lott
Ashcroft	Graham	Mack
Bennett	Grams	Nickles
Brownback	Grassley	Reid
Bryan	Gregg	Santorum
Burns	Hagel	Sessions
Campbell	Hutchinson	Smith (NH)
Cochran	Inhofe	Thomas
Craig	Kempthorne	Thompson
Enzi	Kyl	Thurmond
Feingold	Landrieu	

UNANSWERED 'PRESENT'—1

McCain

PRESENT AND GIVING A LIVE PAIR, AS PREVIOUSLY RECORDED—1

Baucus, against

NOT VOTING—4

Glenn	Jeffords
Inouye	Roberts

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March 11, 1998 Phone: 202-546-0983

Senate BANS NHTSA LOBBYING!!!

As debate continues on the reauthorization of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) our amendment to prohibit NHTSA from lobbying has been voted on by voice vote and passed. It will be included in the final version of ISTEА II that is expected to pass the Senate this week. After being added to the list the vote was taken today at approximately 11:45 a.m. The MRF staff continues to monitor progress as we watch for consideration of our other amendments for inclusion in the ISTEА reauthorization. The amendment to stop National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration (NHTSA) from lobbying state legislatures was offered by Senators Campbell (R-CO), Gramm (R-TX), and Moseley-Braun (D-III).

Reads as follows:

CAMPBELL (AND GRAMM AND MOSELEY- BRAUN) AMENDMENT NO. 1959

Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mrs. Moseley-Braun, and Mr. Gramm) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to amendment No. 1676 proposed by Mr. Chafee to the bill, S.1173, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

SEC. . LIMITATIONS.

(a) Prohibition on Lobbying Activities.—(1) No funds authorized in this title shall be available for any activity to build support for or against, or to influence the formulation, or adoption of State or local legislation, unless such activity is consistent with previously-existing Federal mandates or incentive programs.

(b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit officers or employees of the United States or its departments or agencies from testifying before any State or local legislative body upon the invitation of such legislative body.

We at the MRF are extremely pleased with the inclusion of this very important language. We feel this language will provide for a more level playing field at the state level when dealing with helmet legislation. It will remove the ability for NHTSA to come to a state without invitation and "taint the water" regarding helmet laws. It will stop federal tax dollars from being used to lobby against us in our own state capitols.

Steve Zimmer Vice President of Government Relations at the MRF stated, "This is a major step forward in our legislative efforts. Having this language included in the Senate version of the ISTEА reauthorization strengthens our position for its inclusion in the House version, BESTEA.

OREGON'S EXPANDED STOP LAW

In an unfortunate continuation of the growth of the Police State, the Oregon legislature passed last session an expanded stop law, which is now in effect. Previously, a police officer who had reasonable suspicion that a person had committed a crime was authorized to stop, detain and question that person in order to dispel his suspicions. Now, an officer who has reasonable suspicion that a person had committed or was about to commit a crime can stop, detain and question that person. That is, the officer now gets to anticipate criminal conduct and interject himself into the situation.

Once an officer stops a person, he can ask that person questions. However, the person has absolutely no obligation to answer any of those questions. If the person is driving a motor vehicle, that person does have to produce an operator's license and vehicle registration and insurance documents but he does not have to answer any questions or say anything at all.

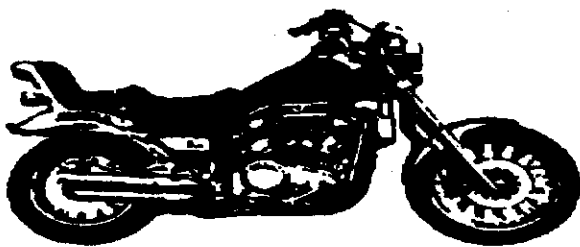
Typically, passengers are asked for identification but unless that passenger is to be cited for a violation of the law, such as a seat belt violation, a passenger has no obligation to produce any identification or answer any questions. Police officers will usually try to trick a person into answering questions or producing identification and rely upon the public's ignorance of their rights under the law. Don't be fooled. Tell the cop: "I want to speak to an attorney."

If a person is stopped by a police officer, that officer can pat search that person for weapons if and only if the officer has a reasonable suspicion that the person is presently armed and dangerous. It is my position that the mere possession of a concealed weapons permit is not sufficient grounds for a pat search. However, if the officer insists on searching you, do not resist.

At the same time do not consent to a search. Express your refusal to a search in clear and unambiguous terms: "I do not wish to be searched. I do not give my consent to a search of my person or effects or vehicle" Do not let a cop talk you into consenting: "What's wrong, you go something to hide?" The correct responses are: "I am only asserting my constitutional rights. I want to talk to a lawyer." Exercising your constitutional rights such as refusing to consent to a search or refusing to answer questions or asking for an attorney does not provide a police officer with probable cause; the exercise of those rights is not supposed to be something that a police officer can use against you.

Next year at STEAM I will be speaking about your legal rights during stops, arrests and searches. In the meantime, I will try to provide the membership with legal updates in these areas of the law. Future topics: "Can I and my passengers be ordered out of a vehicle during a traffic stop?" "What can happen to me in Portland if I do not cross a street at an intersection?" (You will be unpleasantly surprised by the answers to these questions.)

Spencer M. Neal- Attorney at Law



Dear Brothers And Sisters of ABATE,

I would like to introduce myself to those of you that do not know me yet. My name is Tina Wright. I have been involved with ABATE for three years now. Those who don't know me have seen me at the gate at both Fossil and Chilikuan.

My first involvement with this organization came at Fossil '95. I got hooked in a bad way. I became a member of Douglas Co. in '95 and moved with my boyfriend to Toketee Ranger Station. There I met Chris Vieira then Vice-Coordinator South. Needless to say the more I learned about ABATE the more I wanted to be involved. In '97 I was elected Sgt.-At-Arms for Douglas County. This year I accepted the position of Sgt.-At-Arms South for the State.

It has always amazed me how by pulling together so few people can put on a production like Fossil. I have always thought as a member of this Organization it was my duty to help it in any way possible. I started by helping at the gate a few hours here and there. Then the Legislative Session started and I began going to Biker Days.

I'm not sure if it was the people or the cause that hooked me the hardest. All I know is the more I give to ABATE the more I get back as satisfaction to my mind, heart, and soul.

So here it is folks. Fossil is just around the corner. I'm asking all of you to look at yourself and the reason you are in ABATE of ORE. Fossil is the way we make our money to be able to do the things we do legislatively. To be able to make either of these things happen and work we need your help.

If all our members could donate 2 or more hours of this weekend to manpower to help us either at the gate or security the burden of hours could be shared by all. Not to just the few that put in 12, 24, and yes even 36-hour shifts with out sleep. We do this out of love and need to our purpose, so we ALL can have a fun and enjoyable time.

Please consider the walking dead that could use your few hours of help. The more of us that help the merrier we all can be.

Thanks to all of you who put in countless hours already. We could not do it with out you. For those of you who would like to help by donating a few hours here and there it would be greatly appreciated. Start by contacting your Sgt.-At-Arms or chapter Coordinators and letting them know where and when you would like to help.

In theory each Sgt.-At-Arms State will take a 24-hour block of time and fill it with help from their chapters. The more people helping the fewer hours anybody has to put in. These 24-hour shifts will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday these days being the ones with the most traffic and influx of people. Thursday and Monday will also need volunteers to cover the whole weekend. Help where you can. Every little bit counts.

Don't forget you can pick up free garbage bags and butt cans at the INFO booth. Take these back to your camp and please use them. Somebody has to clean things up after you are on your way home.

Sorry to sound like I'm whining I'm not here to do that! COME JOIN THE FUN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!

Love to all,
Tina Wright
Sgt.-At-Arms South

From The
GUNNY'S SACK

I found something of interest off the Internet this month, for those of you who don't have it. My information comes from a fellow who calls himself "hdcowby@cvn.net". His piece came to me in an e-mail dated March 3rd, 1998. I have condensed this information to save space, and thrown in a bit of my own thoughts here and there. The deal is this: There is a study that's been available for a little while that unequivocally refutes the earlier pro-helmet law study done in Seattle at their Harbourview hospital. Here is the meat of it:

STUDY SHOOTS DOWN SOCIAL BURDEN THEORY ON HELMETS

A study conducted by Dr Jan Stutts of the University of North Carolina from 1987 to 1990 was presented at the annual conference of the Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine in Toronto, and printed in the AMA magazine. It reveals some very interesting information.

The study concluded that motorcyclists involved in accidents were NOT a public burden. The research covered medical costs for all accident victims from eight trauma centers across North Carolina, not just one hospital, as did the Harbourview study that's been used against for so long.

It turns out that motorcyclists are just a tiny portion of public monetary burden to society. They are no more nor less responsible or irresponsible than anyone else, in terms of having medical insurance to cover injuries.

During the period of the study, there were 708 motorcyclists and 8,961 victims of motor vehicle accidents requiring medical treatment. The average cost for treatment of motorcyclists was \$15,801. Nobody disputes that's a lot of money, but the average treatment cost for *other* victims was \$17,892 or \$2,000 more!

Not a huge difference when the whole picture is in focus,

comparing costs to auto accident victim costs. And, according to my figures, which I pulled from NHTSA, bikers comprise only .079% of all vehicular injury accidents.

Lack of insurance is a problem of society as a whole not just motorcyclists. It's interesting that the average for all accident victims covered by insurance is 50.4% and motorcyclists alone are 49.45. It's even more interesting when you consider the majority of all motorcycle accidents are caused by drivers of cars - on the order of 72%, again according to NHTSA's own figures.

The motorcyclists' portion of costs were \$5.5 million or roughly \$2 million per year over the study period, but 72% of those costs are attributable to the negligence of the motorists that caused the accident in the first place, not the biker. This reduces the biker public burden even more.

Looking away from bikes, the social burden of other motor vehicle accident victims was in the order of \$80 million over the study period or about \$32 million a year.

Motorcyclists comprise only .062% of the total costs, and at fault motorists are included in that figure. The idea that motorcyclists should carry catastrophic insurance because they are a public burden is preposterous when the facts from this study are presented.

News bits'n pieces: New Hampshire: Elected members of the House of Representatives here refused by a voice vote to pass a bill requiring adults 18 and older to wear protective headgear when riding motorcycles. The bill (HB1367) was based on the premise that bikers were a social burden when injured. The House Transportation Committee felt they had not heard credible evidence to back that up, and viewed this legislation as Governmental intrusion into the public's lives without justification) and they voted 17 to 0 to recommend the bill as Inexpedient To Legislate. These are intelligent people.

Kentucky: The governor of this state showed his support for

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freedom by signing into law the "Adult Helmet Law" for motorcyclists. This is the third state to repeal or amend old helmet laws since the blackmail provisions were removed from ISTEA, according to the NCOM Press Release I read.

The new law has an insurance rider that requires they carry health insurance. Many bikers rights activists have expressed serious concern that accepting a health insurance rider is an admission of public burden. There may be something to that, but studies like the one by Dr. Stutts (see above) should be used by us to prove the real truth.

Insurance schemes are just obstacles we have to figure out how to get around, and eventually we will. My opinion, for what it's worth, is that at least we can ride hatless while we get rid of this nonsense. We are getting our freedoms back a piece at a time just like they were taken from us. It doesn't mean we are settling for less *forever*. So, let me say CONGRATULATIONS, YA'LL in Kentucky!

Washington, DC Again: Our elected officials have voted to place another blackmail in the ISTEA II legislation. It now requires states to have a .08 blood alcohol law on the books or forfeit highway funds, the same way they did with helmets and seatbelts in the old ISTEA legislation. Our Oregon Senators voted for this amendment. Sorry folks, I'm ashamed of 'em and they *will* receive mail to that effect. We need to voice our displeasure at this turn of events to ALL of our elected officials. These are the kinds of decisions that are responsibilities of each state, NOT the feds. Remember now, we fought *exactly* this battle in earlier highway bills to stop the feds from requiring states to have helmet laws in order to get better federal highway funding.

Minnesota: The legislature just passed a bill that forbids

discrimination by denial of service at a public facility because of mode of transportation, or the wearing of the name of an organization on clothing. The vote was 129 to 1. We ARE winning some battles and we WILL win the war if we don't give up folks. This is the result of a two-year struggle by organized bikers in this state. The Confederations of Clubs, started through the efforts of NCOM countrywide, concentrate most of their efforts along these same lines. Discrimination of any kind can no longer be tolerated in this country.

Sam's Tip'O the month: A short one this month from our Oregon AIM Attorney, Sam Hochberg. He says that you need to make sure you give yourself a little SPRING INSURANCE TUNE-UP on the bike, right along with changing old oil and checking the tire tread. The short word he gives is just to call your agent NOW, and ask for the highest coverage you can get on Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist coverage. I know it's Sam's old song, but it's a real good one. In fact, he or I will send you one of his nifty Oregon Insurance Tune-Up brochures just for the asking. He's not selling insurance, he's just after our safety. Call us here in Portland, Oregon at 503-224-1106, 1-800-347-1106, or e-mail at "SamBikeLaw@aol.com." And you know me - I'm always out there in cyber-space as AIMGunny@aol.com.

Gunny again: Be sure to plan for the NCOM Convention coming up May 7-9 in Irving, Texas. It'll be another big one. For room reservations, call the Harvey Hotel at DFW Airport, at 972-929-4500. Mention the NCOM Convention for the special rate of \$55.00 Single or Double per night. This year it's the "International" gathering. C U there!

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HAS AMERICA OUTGROWN THE CONSTITUTION?

Before the Constitution was ratified, heated debates took place between the Federalists and Anti-Federalist. Regarding the latter, with memories of British oppression fresh in the minds of many Americans, the thought of creating a central government was not very appealing. "The first thing I have at heart is American liberty; the second thing is American Union," said anti-federalist, Patrick Henry.

The Anti-Federalists went on the offensive, analyzing everything the Federalist were purposing—the Federalist on the defensive, forced to explain, in great detail, the benefit of a federal government and how it would operate. This conflict created compromises on both sides. Without this conflict more authority would have been allocated to the federal government and we would have a Constitution much different than what we have today. It was through the efforts of the Anti-Federalists that gave us our Bill of Rights—something the Federalists' "...held firm against...because they feared that scrupulous attention to individual liberties would impair the efficiency of the powerful government they wanted. Partisans of a bill of rights worked from a theory of limited government that, despite their professions, the Federalists did not share." (A Son of Thunder, by Henry Mayer, p. 429). When the federalists opposed a Bill of Rights, Henry asked sarcastically, "Why not? Is it because it will consume too much paper?"

The end result of these debates gave us our current form of government and two great books, The Federalist Papers and the Anti-Federalist Papers. They're both available at your local Barnes & Noble and if you haven't read them your missing one of the greatest political debates ever recorded. The following is just a short summary of one such debate:

Anti-Federalist, Robert Yates, was opposed to a Representative Republic—not because he thought it was a bad form of government—but because it was not suitable for a large nation.

"The territory of the United States is of vast extent; it now contains near three millions of souls, and is capable of containing more than ten times that number. Is it practicable for a country, so large and so numerous as they will soon become, to elect a representation, that will speak their sentiments, without their becoming so numerous as to be incapable of transacting public business? It certainly is not.

"In a republic, the manners, sentiments, and interests of the people should be similar. If this be not the case, there will be a constant clashing of opinions; and the representatives of one part will be continually striving against those of another."

No one who has listened to Liberals, Conservatives, Republicans and Democrats screaming at each other ad nauseum over legislative issues, or, tune in to C-SPAN during a filibuster can doubt the accuracy of Yates' prediction.

"This will retard the operation of government, and prevent such conclusions as will promote the public good.

History furnishes no example of a free republic, any thing like the extent of the United States. The Grecian republics were of small extent; so also was that of the Romans. Both of these, it is true, in process of time, extended their conquests over large territories of country; and the consequence was, that their governments were changed from that of free governments to those of the most tyrannical that ever existed in the world," said Yates.

Tyrannical is an understatement: both the Grecian and Roman empires are cited in the books of Daniel and Revelation as "Beast" governments. What our republic has, or had, that the

Grecian and Roman empires lacked was a strong Christian influence, which said influence may have prevented America from becoming another "Beast" empire. But with Christianity under constant attack from many quarters, that influence is rapidly disappearing.

Yates continued, "In so extensive a republic, the great officers of government would soon become above the control of the people, and abuse their power to the purpose of aggrandizing themselves, and oppressing them. The trust committed to the executive offices, in a country of the extent of the United States, must be various and of magnitude."

Yates then quotes Montesquien:

"It is natural to a republic to have only a small territory, otherwise it cannot long subsist. In a large republic there are men of larger fortunes, and consequently of less moderation; there are trusts too great to be placed in any single subject; he has interest of his own; he soon begins to think that he may be happy, great and glorious, by oppressing his fellow citizens; and that he may raise himself to grandeur on the ruins of the country. In a large republic, the public good is sacrificed to a thousand views; it is subordinate to exceptions, and depends on accidents. In a small one, the interests of the public is easier perceived, better understood, and more within the reach of every citizen; abuses are of less extent, and of course are less protected." Baron de Montesquieu, Spirit of Laws, chap. xvi, vol., 1.

The central theme of Yates' letter is that a Republican form of government will cause "a constant clashing of opinions" and "representatives of one part continually striving against those of another," because of the size and scope of the country.

Yates' letter appears in print on October 18, 1787. Just 34 days later, November 22, Federalist James Madison responded with a rebuttal (Federalist #10). Madison starts off by agreeing with Yates in reference to republicanism, saying; "However anxiously we may wish that these complaints had no foundation, the evidence of known facts will not permit us to deny that they are in some degree true."

Madison points out, however, that faction and strife are a part of free government because men are allowed to express their opinions. There is no faction or strife under a totalitarian regime—not without severe consequences—which explains why Hitler was ever booed at a political rally.

"The latent causes of faction are thus sown in the nature of man; and we see them everywhere brought into different degrees of activity, according to the different circumstances of civil society," said Madison.

"There are two methods of curing the mischiefs of faction: the one, by removing its causes; the other, by controlling its effects.

There are again two methods of removing the causes of faction: by destroying the liberty which is essential to its existence; the other, by giving to every citizen the same opinions, the same passions, and the same interests.

"It could never be more truly said than of the first remedy that it is worse than the disease. Liberty is to faction what air is to fire an element without which it instantly expires. But it could not be a less folly to abolish liberty, which is essential to political life, because it nourishes faction than it would be to wish the annihilation of air, which is essential to animal life, because it imparts to fire its destructive agency."

Madison goes on to point out that a central government, in the long run, will be better off for the nation, and actually do more to prevent factions. "Among the numerous advantages promised

by a well-constructed Union, none deserves to be more accurately developed than its tendency to break and control the violence of faction." If there's one thing the federal government has learned to do well it's how to "break and control the violence of faction," as the Civil War, and more recently, Waco demonstrated.

Madison counters Yates' argument directly when he says, "By enlarging too much the number of electors, you render the representatives too little acquainted with all their local circumstances and lesser interests; as by reducing it too much, you render him unduly attached to these, and too little fit to comprehend and pursue great and national objects. The Federal Constitution forms a happy combination in this respect; the great and aggregate interests being referred to the national, the local and particular to state legislatures."

The type of government envisioned by the Anti-Federalists, a Federation: states remaining sovereign and "every man under his vine and under his fig tree" would've been totally inadequate for the 20th century and never would have lasted. World events would have forced us to adopt a central government. And there was no guarantee that there would be no factions between neighboring sovereign states.

In all fairness, however, it should be noted that there was a certain amount of naivete on the part of the Federalists as well. They seemed oblivious to the level of degradation men would sink once in positions of power. It's safe to say that the Federalists never envisioned the level of usurpation's coming out of Washington today.

What would Madison and other Federalists think if they saw the creation of federal bureaucracies such as the departments of Justice, Defense, Education, Energy, Transportation? The FBI, CIA, BLM, DEA, OSHA, EPA, RICO, FEMA, Medicare, Social Security, Executive Orders by the president, passage of the 16th Amendment, Federal Reserve and IRS? And a proposed health care plan than could land some doctors in prison who violate it? Not to mention outside influences such as the UN, global environmentalism and a NWO mentality in the Capitol. And the list goes on.

It was Madison who said, "You must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place, oblige it to control itself." How? Anti-Federalist, Patrick Henry, asked, "Show me that age and country where the rights and liberties of the people were placed on the sole chance of their rulers being good men, without a consequent loss of liberty? I say that the loss of that dearest privilege has ever followed with absolute certainty, every such mad attempt." This prompted Henry to push for a Bill of Rights.

It was Madison who said, "Do not separate text from historical background. If you do, you will have perverted and subverted the Constitution, which can only end in a distorted, bastardized form of illegitimate government." But how do you legislate this principal when it's based on integrity--which cannot be legislated? Therein lies the Achilles heel of our Constitution:

It was designed to be in the control of men with integrity. Even Madison, in his rebuttal to Yates, admitted, "Enlightened statesmen will not always be at the helm." But how do you word a Constitution that will remain insoluble even when in the hands of men with no integrity? If the Bible can not promote integrity because of free will, how much less the Constitution?

The fact of the matter is America hasn't out grown the Constitution--Washington has bastardized it. Which said bastardization renders the current government, according to

Madison, "illegitimate", and one definition of the word illegitimate is: illegal. If you strive for original intent, as chief architect of the Constitution Madison suggests, your efforts will be labeled anti-government.

In the final analysis, was the Constitution the Framers gave us the best? In a word: Yes. However, if the Framers had the insight of the Anti-Federalists, perhaps they would've imposed more stringent limitations on the federal government. But even that would be no guarantee that things would be different in Washington today.

Who won? Tough choice if you consider the situation we're in today. We have neither form of government that Yates and Madison championed.

Who was right? Both sides. The Federalists gave us a form government that far exceeded anything the world had ever seen, and the Anti-Federalists were correct in pointing out its weaknesses and, with uncanny accuracy, the futuristic consequences of those weaknesses.

Who lost? Both sides. If Patrick Henry could speak today he'd probably say, "I told you so." If Madison could speak he'd probably say, "What the hell happened!?" We can speak, but too few are listening.

The solution? Unless more Americans get involved, there is no solution. Washington will not self-correct.

MEDICAL ALERT: EATING CANDY BARS MAY BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH

When 17 year-old Andre Burgess was walking down the street in Brooklyn eating a Three Musketeer candy bar, U.S. Deputy Marshall William Cannon mistook the candy bar for a gun--so he shot him.

"It's sick, you can't even walk down the street eating a candy bar anymore," said Burgess from his Jamaica hospital room with a leg wound.. "He didn't give me a chance to react. I turned to see what was up, and boom I'm hit and fell to the ground. I'm laying there bleeding, waiting to go to the hospital, and he's shaking hands with the other cops, or agents, whatever they were," said Burgess.

The AP reported that Marshall Cannon was hunting for a fugitive involved in a 1982 shooting of a customs agent. It's doubtful that 17-year-old Burgess could be a suspect in a 1982 shooting--he was only two years old at the time.

Marshall Cannon has been put on leave with pay after the shooting. No comment from the Marshall Service.

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THE PATRIOT QUIZ

When Unibomber, Ted Kaczynski, was caught, he had in his possession a copy of Al Gore's book 'Earth In The Balance,' filled with handwritten notes. It seems that Kaczynski and Gore share common beliefs about the environment.

Listed below are 10 quotes: Five by a sick, psychotic, depraved, demented, demonic, psychopathic killer. And five by our sane, knowledgeable, clear headed, sagacious, intelligent and beloved Vice President, "Owl" Gore, from his book, Earth In The Balance.

Read all ten quotes and see if you can guess which five belong to Kaczynski and which five belong to Gore. (Note: One quote was edited because it contained the word "campaign" which would be a dead give-away for Gore).

Quote #1 "Technological progress marches in only one direction. It can never be reversed. Once a technological innovation has been introduced, people usually become dependent on it, so that they can never again do without it, unless it is replaced by some still more advanced innovation."

Quote #2 "Like the Sorcerer's Apprentice, who learned how to command inanimate objects to serve his whims, we too have set in motion forces more powerful than we anticipated and that are harder to stop than start."

Quote #3 "No one knows what will happen as a result of ozone depletion, the greenhouse effect and other environmental problems that cannot yet be foreseen. And, as nuclear proliferation has shown, new technology cannot be kept out of the hands of dictators and irresponsible Third World leaders."

Quote #4 "I focused on global warming, ozone depletion and the ailing global environment and declared these issues, along with nuclear arms control."

Quote #5 "Artificial needs are created. Advertising and marketing techniques have been developed that make many people feel they need things that their grandparents never

desired or even dreamed of. It seems for many people, maybe the majority, these artificial forms are insufficient. A theme that appears repeatedly in the writings of the social critics of the second half of the 20th century is the sense of purposelessness that afflicts many people in modern society."

Quote #6 "Whenever any technology is used to medicate our experience of the world, we gain power but we also lose something in the process. The increased productivity of assembly lines factories, for examples, requires many employees to repeat the identical task over and over until they lose any feeling of connection to the creative process--and with it their sense of purpose."

Quote #7 "Oh," say the technophiles, 'Science is going to fix all that! We will conquer famine, eliminate psychological suffering, make everybody healthy and happy!'

Quote #8 "Some argue that a new ultimate technology, whether nuclear energy or genetic engineering, will solve the problem. We have also fallen victim to a kind of technological hubris, which tempts us to believe that our new powers may be unlimited. We dare to imagine that we will find technological solutions for every technologically induced problems. Technological hubris tempts us to lose sight of our place in the natural order and believe that we can achieve whatever we want."

Quote #9 "Very widespread in modern society is the search for 'fulfillment.' Yet for the majority of people whose main goal is fulfillment, (technology) does not bring completely satisfactory fulfillment."

Quote #10 "Industrial civilization's great engines of distraction still seduces us with a promise of people whose main goal is fulfillment. Our new power to work our will upon the world can bring with it a sudden rush of exhilaration. But that exhilaration is fleeting. It is not true fulfillment."

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"I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon the principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to live, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

FINAL REPORT S.T.E.A.M. '98

At Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Oregon, ABATE OF Oregon provided STEAM '98 for the education of their members and new officers. February 21, 1998 was the date of the activity. I received 60 registrations prior to the event and had 31 more register at STEAM. I made an actual headcount and there was 99 attending the opening session. There were probably 10 more that arrived later. Our approximate total was about 110 students, staff, and support staff there.

Actual count of names from all registrations reflected the following:

- ABATE of Washington 2
- Redeemed Riders CMA 3 (I know there were more but they didn't sign in)
- ABATE of Oregon
- SE Portland 13
- Blue Mountain 2
- Central Oregon 5
- Keizer 6
- South Coast 6
- Douglas County 5
- Southern Oregon 3
- Columbia River 10

- Salem 11
- River City 4
- Washington Co. 10
- North Coast 0
- NE Portland 3
- Lincoln Co. 4
- Willamette Valley 4
- Indian Creek 3

A round of applause to all of you. YOU are the reason we put on this seminar.

It was my impression that the activities progressed smoothly and was kept pretty much on time during the day. All of the classes were well attended and the critique sheets returned to me reflected that the instructor and the content of the class material were well accepted. In the event that there were remarks reflecting a different point of view, the matters have been taken care of as appropriate. We always strive to put on a better class in the future and can do it only by the input from those attending. Thank you for those comments.

In the words of our fearless leader, Chris Vieira, "Take this information back to your chapters and discuss what you learned with the other members. Teach them from your experience."

Larry Schalk, Past Coordinator, ABATE of Oregon was the driving force behind this seminar. Ken Ray and Teresa Hepker also gave me the guidance that I needed to arrange the classes and the instructors in such a way that the most important matters would be covered and still leave time for the students to attend a couple of classes of choice. Every effort was put forth to provide interesting and informative material for the classes. A hearty "thank you" from me!! Most of all I wish to thank the instructors who took the time and effort to share their memories, experiences, and training in order to insure that this motorcycle rights organization will be on the right track to the future.

The future leaders of ABATE of Oregon, ABATE of Washington, and the CMA were given something this weekend that can help them do their jobs in the future. They now have more tools available to them. They have developed a rapport with others that they can call on and use if they have a need. The future is for the young because the old wear out. That is why we make this prodigious effort each year. Keep the effort alive to protect the rights of ALL motorcyclists. If you don't, it won't get done.

Mel Yeager
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Gunny Hutch	503-463-6668	X	X	X	X	X	X	Salem/Kaiser
Bob Avery	541-9981933	X	X	X	X	X	X	Junction City
Bill Foster	541-847-6238	X	X	X	X	X	X	Monroe, Or
Jim Singhose	541-942-2971	X	X	X	X	X	X	Eugene, Or
Tom Carr	541-334-0686	X	X	X	X	X	X	Eugene, Or
Rick Wadkins	541-484-1855	X	X	X	X	X	X	Eugene, Or
Pappy Brown	541-485-3550	X	X	X	X	X	X	Eugene, Or
Sid Ingham	541-342-3303	X	X	X	X	X	X	Eugene, Or
Greg Coen	541-461-4638	X	X	X	X	X	X	Eugene, Or
Bill Balveal	541-741-0565	X	X	X	X	X	X	Springfield, Or
Russ & Barb Lax	541-741-2787	X	X	X	X	X	X	Eugene, Or
Tamara&Jay Reynolds	541-383-3418	X	X	X	X	X	X	Eugene, Or
Rick Jobe	541-383-1758	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Lori Vitaris	541-383-3654	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Rebecca French	541-383-7327	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Charlie&Vee	541-383-1929	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Jay&TotsycSwartz	541-389-6773	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Mitch Maxwell	541-382-7079	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
James Hale	541-382-8701	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Jason Knoke	541-389-7327	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Don Darms	541-548-0020	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Mark	541-548-3153	X	X	X	X	X	X	Redmond, Or.
Ron or Rene Duran	541-548-3824	X	X	X	X	X	X	Redmond, Or.
Tom & Lorrie Kent	541-923-3334	X	X	X	X	X	X	Redmond, Or.
Ted & Hiedi Adams	541-548-5772	X	X	X	X	X	X	Redmond, Or.
***Tim Rhoda(Renegade)	541-858-9796	X	X	X	X	X	X	Medford, Or.
John Newman	541-573-2076	X	X	X	X	X	X	Burns, Or
Eric & Sherry	541-367-8689	X	X	X	X	X	X	Sweet Home
Don & Becky	541-679-7729	X	X	X	X	X	X	Roseburg
Dave & Joy	541-673-1304	X	X	X	X	X	X	Roseburg
Bob & Jennie	541-673-1282	X	X	X	X	X	X	Roseburg
Fast Eddle	541-673-8120	X	X	X	X	X	X	Roseburg
Tim & Cindy	541-672-3210	X	X	X	X	X	X	Roseburg
Bill	541-440-9307	X	X	X	X	X	X	Roseburg
Randy & Tina	541-498-2519	X	X	X	X	X	X	Roseburg
Pat	541-672-9695	X	X	X	X	X	X	Idle Park
Gary	541-459-1851	X	X	X	X	X	X	Roseburg
Bill	541-672-4886	X	X	X	X	X	X	Roseburg
Tommy & Sally	541-459-9457	X	X	X	X	X	X	Roseburg
Bill & Mary	541-673-8843	X	X	X	X	X	X	Roseburg
Bud Berliner	541-267-2523	X	X	X	X	X	X	Roseburg
Randy Christensen	541-269-2998	X	X	X	X	X	X	South Coast
Mary M. Nearpass	541-888-9003	X	X	X	X	X	X	Coos Bay
Jeff Bauder	541-756-5407	X	X	X	X	X	X	South Coast
Rocky Spann	541-396-5831	X	X	X	X	X	X	South Coast
Tom & Sandy	541-479-8635	X	X	X	X	X	X	South Coast
Deby & Gene	541-882-4738	X	X	X	X	X	X	Grants Pass
Pat Allen(Spanky)	541-479-6838	X	X	X	X	X	X	Klamath Falls
or page me at	541-474-4729	X	X	X	X	X	X	Grants Pass
Jim Broman	541-955-8764	X	X	X	X	X	X	Grants Pass
Kevin	541-474-6843	X	X	X	X	X	X	Wilderville, Or
Jim Wilson	541-878-8341	X	X	X	X	X	X	Trail/Shady Cove
Phil	509-698-4330	X	X	X	X	X	X	Selah, Wa.

LAST MINUTE STUFF FROM THE MRF

Okay folks, this is it. We can gag NHTSA so they won't be interfering in our state fight next year. Call, fax or e-mail only your own representative and be sure to include your mailing address so they will know you are from their district. DeFazio and Blumenauer can be contacted by all of us. As the only Oregonians on this committee, they represent all Oregonians. DeFazio is solidly with us and Blumenauer needs convincing. The contact information follows this press release.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation - E-MAIL ACTION ALERT
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Steve Zimmer

March 21, 1998 Phone: 202-546-0983

HOUSE Legislative Action Alert!!!

Washington DC ... March 18, 1998 ... Following final action on ISTE A II

(S.1173) by the Senate on Thursday March 12, the House Transportation Committee released their schedule for completion on the House version of ISTE A Re-authorization, BESTEA (H.R. 2400).

The time frame for this important piece of legislation is as follows:

The full Transportation Committee will mark up the bill for final committee vote on March 24th. The bill will then move to the Ways and Means Committee by the end of that week. On Monday the 30th of March the Rules Committee will grant the rules by which the floor debate will proceed. The final vote on BESTEA in the House is expected before the end of that week (April 3rd) at which time the House and Senate will adjourn for spring recess. The committee staff will work on the conference issues during the recess and the House and Senate will reconvene the week of April 20th.

During the final two weeks of April the conference committee will resolve the differences between the Senate and House versions with final approval of BESTEA expected by the 1st of May.

Motorcyclists are in good position regarding most of the issues including re-order of NHTSA priority of "accident prevention" over "injury reduction" in motorcycle safety; inclusion of the needs and concerns of motorcyclists in the goals of the Intelligent Transportation System, and, in the House version, language that would prohibit the banning of motorcycles from highways and roads that utilize federal highway funds.

The only remaining HOT ISSUE REQUIRING GRASS-ROOTS ACTION BY MOTORCYCLISTS is to STOP NHTSA lobbying efforts against motorcyclists.

Motorcyclists' actions in the House need to be aimed at ensuring all of these provisions are included in the final version of BESTEA that is passed by the House in 1998. Thanks to Senator Bob Smith (R-NH) a provision virtually identical to the House language on ITS is already included in S.1173. The NHTSA LOBBY BAN AMENDMENT is included in the Senate version thanks to the efforts of Senators Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO), Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL), Phil Gramm (R-TX) and John Warner (R-VA) and their comments on the

Senate floor will add further support to the issue as the bill goes through the conference process. The re-authorization of ISTE A will be done in both houses by spring recess at which time our objective will be to maintain our position throughout the conference process.

Please contact your Representative NOW! Thank them for the congressional support of motorcyclists' issues already included in BESTEA and ask them to support efforts that may be offered to stop NHTSA from lobbying. The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (listed below) will act on this bill Tuesday (March 24) the House will debate the bill the following week and call for a vote not later than Friday, April 3rd. Conference committee staff will work during the spring recess and Congress will return on April 20th. The conference committee will meet then and finalize the bill for Congressional approval by May 1.

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 105th
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US Library of Congress
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State Law: State & Local Gov
<http://lawlib.wuacc.edu/washlaw/uslaw/statelaw.html>

BikePAC of Oregon
<http://www.open.org/sdbpac/bikepac.htm>

Oregon Governor's office
<http://www.governor.state.or.us/governor.html>

Frank Saxton's person website
www.europa.com/~frankie/election.htm

Brian



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1998 RUN CALENDAR

APRIL

5	South Coast Sunday ride	Bud 541-267-2523
5	ROSE CITY 250	JOHN 503-641-4734
19-19	OMRRA Practice/Racing	Janice Logan 503-221-1487
19	MT. SCOTT OFF ROAD EVENTMIKE	503-659-7213

MAY

1- Aug. 31	State of Jefferson Tour	Tom Orsini 541-479-8635
2	MAY AWARENESS RALLY	TERESA 541-298-1317
3	South Coast Sunday ride	Bud 541-267-2523
9	OREGON 500	Rose City m/c JOHN 503-641-4734
9	South Coast Mall Show	Bud 541-267-2523
16-17	Rhododendron Run Festival	Florence, Oregon
16	OMRRA practice/ Novice school	Janice Logan 503-221-1487
17	OMRRA Racing	Janice Logan 503-221-1487
17	MT. SCOTT OFF ROAD EVENTMIKE	503-659-7213
22-25	FOSSIL CAMPOUT	ROGER 503-285-4329
31	Southern Or. Spring Poker Run	Tom Orsini 541-479-8635

JUNE

5-7	North Idaho Spring Opener	Steve 509-922-8361
7	Central Oregon Chapter Swap Meet	Jay 541-389-6773
6-7	WESTERN STATES 1000	JOHN 503-641-4734
13	Starlight Tour	Dale 503-234-5266
13-14	MT. SCOTT OFF ROAD EVENTMIKE	503-659-7213
18-20	Spring Opener	ABATE OF WASHINGTON Jay 509-894-4871
27-28	Run to the Sun	Angie 503-285-4329 Columbia River Chapter
27-28	Lawman 1000	
28	OMRRA Racing and Harley DAY	Janice Logan 503-221-1487

July

5	South Coast Sunday ride	Bud 541-267-2523
12	Poker run SALEM HOG	Walkers Cycle 503-363-0634
12	AMA NATIONAL Poker run	mike 503-362-9855
17-19	Coos River Run	Bud 541-267-2523 South Coast Chapter
18	Southern Or Summer Poker Run	Tom Orsini 541-479-8635
17-19	Cowchip Boogie	Cowlitz Co. ABATE Argy 360-577-7905
17-19	OMRRA Practice/race/PRO race	Janice Logan 503-221-1487
18	fun run District 28 AMA	503-538-0979
19	Poker run ROSE CITY HOG	503-281-7798

25-26	Central Oregon Poker Run	Jay 541-389-6773
August		
2	South Coast Sunday ride	Bud 541-267-2523
2	Washugal Nationals	ken 360-837-3975
2	Mt Scott ROAD Event	MIKE 503-659-7213
3-9	Sturgi	
7-9	Beaver Creek	Lincoln County 541-563-3520
14-16	Summer Run	ne se col. river chapters Angie 503-285-4329
20-23	Ore state hog rally	Charlie Ray 503-648-6760
22-23	OMRRA Practice/race & Italian DAY	Janice Logan 503-221-1487
September		
4-7	Chiloquin Motorcycle Rally	Roger 503-285-4329
5-7	Poker run/campout	Sunset hog 503643-7111
13	Show & Shine	Bud 541-267-2523
18-20	End of summer run	Wa Co Ted 503-640-5766
18	OMRRA Practice & Novice school	Janice Logan 503-221-1487
19	OMRRA VINTAGE DAY	Janice Logan 503-221-1487
20	OMRRA RACING	Janice Logan 503-221-1487
27	March of dimes	Kathy 503-222-9434
27	Dj Swap meet	
October		
4	South Coast Sunday ride	Bud 541-267-2523
4	OMRRA Racing	Janice Logan 503-221-1487
11	Mt Scott Grand Prix (PIR)	MIKE 503-659-7213
November		
8	District 28 Calendar meeting	Butch 503-538-0979
21	Washington county toy run	Ted 503-640-5766
28	Vancouver Hog Teddy bear run	
December		
5	Shriner toy run	

January 1, 1998 Polar Bear Run Trinity Road Riders Dale 234-5266

This is the calendar as submitted by Roger as of the 1st day of 1998. If you or any other organization have events that are worthy of noting, please submit them to me, THE EDITOR, by the 10th of the month. I would love to print the calendar with all the happenings around the state and close area there about. Also, if you have fliers for any event, please get them in, say three months in advance..... BEST WAY to have people show up is for them to know about it in plenty of time and to be able to plan for it. Good luck in any event you have planned and keep on support those others that put on events for your enjoyment. PARTY SAFE AND SMART!

ABATE OF OREGON

STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 1998

Chris Vieira, Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 12:20. There were 11 chapters represented, with 10 eligible to vote. Phone connection with Blue Mountain was not made, due to an equipment malfunction.

Coordinator's Comments: STEAM has been here and gone, the History of ABATE was great to see. Sanctioning checklists must be in by April, all events using the ABATE name must be sanctioned. When sending mail to the PO Box, please address the envelope to the attention of the appropriate person or office, i.e.. Membership Secretary...This makes the job easier for Roger, the mailroom boy. Several people have expressed an interest in participating on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety. Chris will follow up with Captain so they are alerted when applications will be accepted. Several Chapters have overdue meeting minutes. Please get your chapter up-to-date. Thanks.

Correspondence: MRF Board of Director's meeting minutes. BikePAC meeting minutes. STEAM final report. NCOM report. ABATE #6 of California legislative education material packet, newsletters from various states' MRO's, E-mail letters.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Legislative Director: Teresa has printed cards with information regarding "Critical Primary Races". "Murge" Gunter gave a special report on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety. John and Mel both presented reports on their trip to Washington D.C. The May Awareness Rally planning is well on it's way. Permits have been secured, and a master copy of the flyer has been made available to all chapters. Thanks to Murge and Jim Russell for all their hard work on this project. Several ABATE members are running for precinct committee person in their areas. Look for their names on your ballot.

ABATE's BikePAC Representative: Ted is resigning this position, as he has accepted the position of Development Director.

Education Director: Judd Witcher attended the OTSEA Conference, Mel gave his report. Mel also distributed cards with road maintenance phone numbers so those road hazards can be addressed to ODOT. Mel also reported on his trip to Washington D.C.,

Membership Secretary: No reports

Newsletter Editor: Chapter reports must be in by the 10th of the month. Some problems have been encountered with e-mail and fax, if possible back-up reports with mailed reports.

Products Director: Angie has T-shirts from the 96' Chiloquin and Fossil runs on sale. Pick some up for your chapter's door prizes.

Public Relations Director: Fossil flyers sent to ABATE of Idaho, Montana, North Idaho, Nevada, Washington California, and Cowlitz County ABATE, along with flyers to Easyriders magazine, Thunder Press and Harley Women. Oregon ABATE Run Calendars are also being sent to these organizations. See newsletter for full report.

State Run Coordinator: Artwork for '98 Fossil T-shirts due today. Fossil posters are also available. EMT's are still needed for Fossil.

Treasurer: Clark reported balances as of 2/28/98: Bulk Mail \$1393.77, Checking \$147.28, Savings General \$9566.14, Savings Legal \$1566.82, for a grand total of \$12674.01. Central Oregon requests a computer to convert their Treasury. Roger has a computer available, will bring it to the next State Board meeting.

Historian: STEAM was great, and several original incorporation certificates surfaced at that event.

Web Page Editor: No report, not in attendance.

Sergeant at Arms North, South, and East: Work is under way to staff Security for Fossil.

Vice-Coordinator North, South, and East: Work is under way for the Fossil Gate assignments.

Committee Reports:

1. Membership Committee: No report
2. Bylaws Committee: The Media Guidelines has been busy meeting over the last four weeks through e-mail technology. Rights and responsibilities of the Newsletter Editor, Web Page Editor, and PR Director are being detailed for both board and chapter levels. I am very happy with how chapter members' rights and responsibilities are developing as well. We are making good progress and expect to have a full report for the Board at the April meeting. Thanks to Sam Hochberg, Teresa Hepker, Gordon Hieronimus, Chris Vieira, and Bob Avery for their participation.
3. Sanctioning Committee: Please remember that all events bearing the ABATE name must be sanctioned. If you have questions, please check with a member of the Committee.

Unfinished Business

1. May Awareness Rally- See Legislative Director's report.
2. Motion logs / Minutes Records: Individual secretaries have been responsible for maintaining their copies of past minutes. Chris has decided to form a committee to recover and maintain a library of past minutes and motions. Jill Tracy and Iris Yeager have been named to this committee.

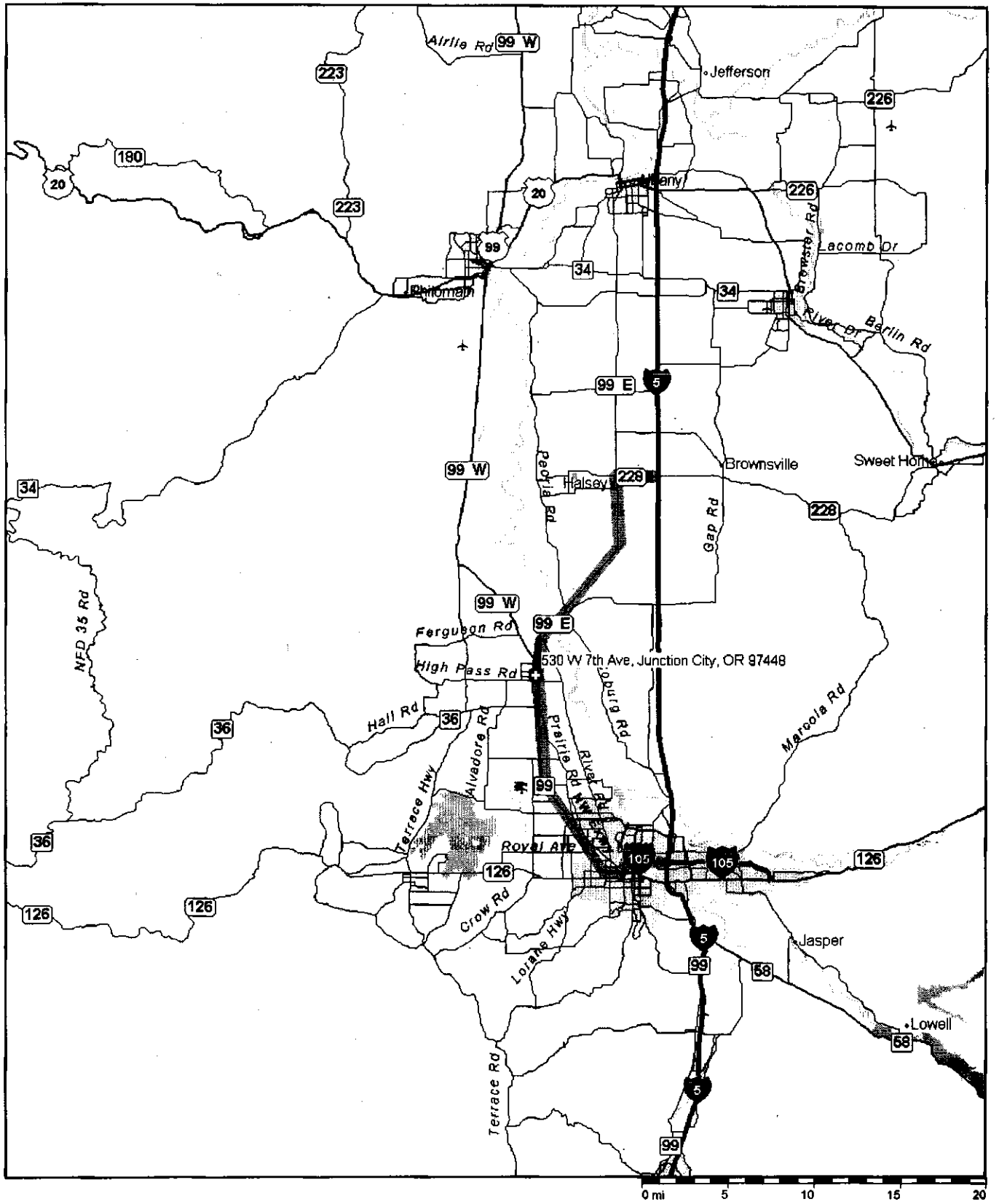
New Business:

1. Motion made by Gary Ploub to hold the August State Board Meeting in Newport, at Moby Dick's Restaurant, to coincide with Lincoln County's Beaver Creek Run. Seconded by Bricklayer. Discussion regarding availability of a larger facility, as last year's meeting drew more than the banquet room was able to handle. Gary will investigate. Tabled motion until April meeting.
2. ABATE's Representative to BikePAC. Nominations: Marge "Murge" Gunter nominated. Murge accepts this nomination. Vote 8 aye
3. Fossil T-shirt artwork. 2 pieces of art sent in. Piece #1, "Dino couple on bike, Piece #2, Flames surrounding Fossil name. Vote, 7 for #1, 1 for #2.
4. Roger had been directed to investigate the costs for new radios to be used by security. He was able to locate a distributor of Motorola single-channel radios for \$295 each. Roger felt that a minimum of 8 radios was needed to adequately staff security, with a radio at the Gate and at the Information Booth. Motion by Teresa to approve spending \$2360 for 8 new Motorola radios. Seconded by Bricklayer. Vote 7 for, 2 against. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Brad Peterson to hold 1 State Board meeting in Central Oregon. Seconded by Teresa Hepker. Vote, 8 for, 0 against. Discussion of date availability. Decision to hold September Board Meeting in Redmond, at the Moose Lodge. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Brad Peterson to publish the ABATE Member Handbook quarterly in the ABATE newsletter. Seconded by Murge. During discussion, it was explained that all new members would be receiving this booklet when they signed up. Vote 1 for, 8 against. Motion failed
7. Motion by Bricklayer to hold 1 State Board meeting in Portland Metro area in June, with the meeting place to be announced. Seconded by Gary. Motion tabled until April, until suitable meeting place located.
8. Motion by Murge to replace Web Page Editor. Second by Bricklayer. During discussion, it was decided that we should allow the current editor a chance to respond to Chris's request for information. Motion tabled until April.

Announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned at 4:11 PM.

The next State Board meeting is scheduled for April 11th, at noon in Junction City, OR. 530 w. 7th street, cross street, Kalmia.

Minutes submitted by Jill Tracy, State Recording Secretary



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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

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

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

**You should IMMEDIATELY obtain LEGAL ADVICE
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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

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

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Only the foolish ride under the influence of drugs or alcohol! Don't be the fool, ride clean and sober. If not for me then for your friends and loved ones! I'm not fooling, help lower the rate of alcohol related accidents by not having them at all...If you drink, don't ride. If you ride DON'T DRINK! ENOUGH SAID (GWH)!

Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1 st & 3 rd SUNDAY	S.E. PORTLAND	12:00 Noon, <i>The Pizza Baron</i> , S.E. 122nd & Division, Portland
1 st SUNDAY	BLUE MOUNTAIN	1:00 PM, <i>East Side Tavern Rest.</i> , 2209 Adams Av., LaGrande
	LINCOLN COUNTY	7:30 PM, <i>Moby Dick's Restaurant</i> , Newport
2 nd SUNDAY	CENTRAL OREGON	2:00 PM <i>Moose Lodge #323</i> 3199 N. Hwy 97, Redmond
	KEIZER	4:00 PM <i>Izzy's Pizza</i> , 3400 River Rd, Keizer
3 rd SUNDAY	SOUTH COAST	11:00 AM, <i>Gino's Pizza</i> , 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend
	DOUGLAS COUNTY	12:00 AM, <i>Round Table Pizza</i> , Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg
	SOUTHERN OREGON	12:00 Noon, <i>Oregano's Pizza</i> , Gold Hill
2 nd & 4 th SUNDAYS	COLUMBIA RIVER	12:30 PM, <i>Pizza Perfect</i> , 6815 NE Killingsworth, Portland
4 th SUNDAYS	SALEM	1:00 PM, <i>Pietro's Pizza</i> , 1637 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem
1 st & 3 rd TUESDAYS	RIVER CITY	7:30 PM, <i>Zim's Brau Haus</i> , 604 E 2nd St., The Dalles
2 nd & 4 th TUESDAY	WASHINGTON COUNTY	7:30 PM, <i>Cassandra's Restaurant</i> , 446 SW Baseline, Hillsboro
1 st & 3 rd WEDNESDAY	NORTH COAST ABATE	7:00 PM <i>Astoria Eagles</i> , 894 Commercial, Astoria
	N.E. PORTLAND	7:30 PM, <i>RoundTable Pizza</i> , 4141 NE 122 nd , Portland
1 st THURSDAY	WILLAMETTE VALLEY	7:00 PM, <i>PrimeTimeSportsBar&Grill</i> , 1360 Mohawk, Springfield