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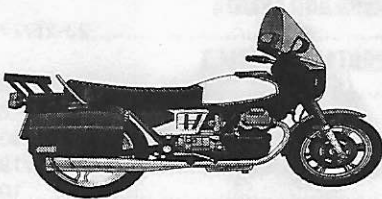
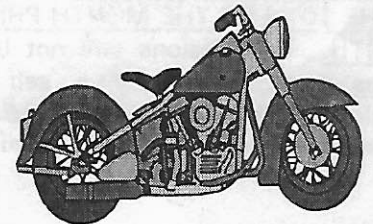
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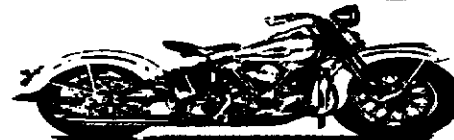
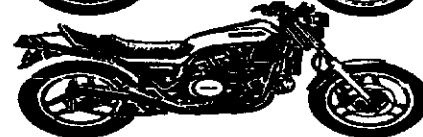
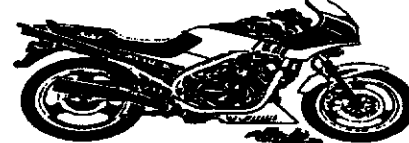
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Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1st & 3rd SUNDAY

S.E. PORTLAND

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

LINCOLN COUNTY

11:00 AM, Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport

1st SUNDAY

BLUE MOUNTAIN

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

2nd 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

3rd SUNDAY

SOUTH COAST

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

DOUGLAS COUNTY

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

SOUTHERN OREGON

12:00 Noon, Oregano'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 TUESDAY

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

N.E. PORTLAND

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

3rd THURSDAY

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

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

What bills are we asking for?

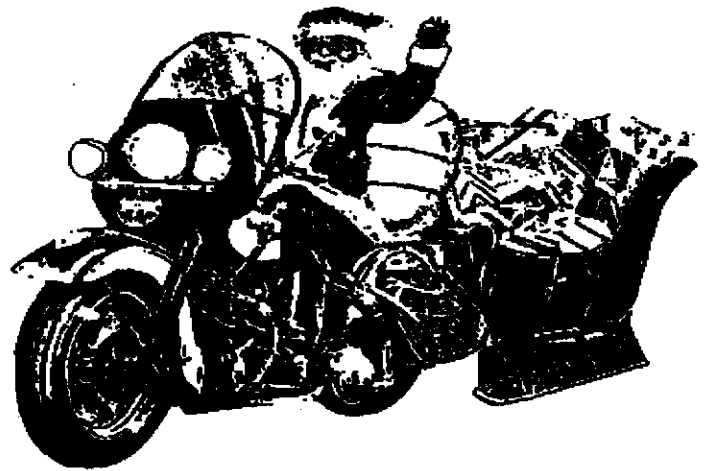
Helmet Law Reform - Our bill will seek to allow motorcycle operators and passengers age 16 and older the choice of whether to wear a helmet.

Handlebar Height - We will seek to eliminate all regulation of handlebar height on motorcycles. This is the "new" harassment tool of choice for police agencies.

Health Insurance Protection - Motorcyclists have lobbied for and won protection against discrimination in health care at the federal level. This bill would place specific language in Oregon law to back that up.

What is a Biker Day?

It's a chance for you to meet your Senator and Representative in person, and let them know what you want from them about motorcycling issues. The day starts at 9 a.m. with an orientation about the legislature and the issues. This may include visits to the House and Senate galleries to watch government in action. Later in the day we will all try to see our Representatives and Senators to get their support for our legislation. Sometimes they are hard to see in person and polite persistence may be necessary. Usually by about 4:00 things wind down.



**ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS FOR ALL TO COME TOGETHER AND MAKE THIS
UPCOMING YEAR SUCCESSFUL!**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
AND TO ALL A GREAT RIDE!**

CHAPTER REPORTS

Blue Mountain

Meets 1st Sunday, 1:00 PM
Eastside Tavern & Cafe 2209 Adams Ave., LaGrande
Chapter Address: 69873 Summerville Rd., OR 97876
Chapter Contact: Howard Butts (541)-534-5411

Report turned in at state Board, but layout already set.

Central Oregon

Meets 2nd Sunday, 2:00 PM
Moose Lodge #828, 3199 N. Hwy 97, Redmond
Chapter address: P.O. Box 816 Sisters, Or. 97759
Chapter contact: Jay Swartz 541-389-6778

Hi

At our Nov. meeting we met early and picked up trash on our stretch of adopt-a-road on the Sisters-Redmond Hi-way. After the road clean up we held our meeting at Jays place. We discussed our Teddy bear run that will be held Nov. 15th. A little late for this side of the Mt.'s but better than not at all. Hope we exceed last years 400 bears to the four Central Oregon Hospitals Emergency Rooms, They sure look forward to the bear Run.

Ride Free

Ride Safe

Ride A lot

John

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: Spike 503-252-4604

Sabotaged!!!!

What else can I say? It's okay I have proof ...You see it's like this. I'm a procrastinator, and in my laid own laid back kindda way. That seems to work. Well most times ☺

You see I like to read the newsletter. Then write my report to Gordon.. Any way, it seems Big Daddy sent it to a downed Bother and hopefully future member...(Hey you find them any way you can.) 'The Bike Trader works for me. Go get em.... Melinda.... It's a clever idea!!!(Read the State Board Nov. minutes Silly.)

Before I knew what hit me. I had missed my Deadline of the 10th. Well it didn't stop there, it seems the ingrate who received my copy of last months news letter. Wrote to tell me his personal thoughts on the matter of my writing ability. So I thought I'd like to reply to him in my next report and officially suck up... For dropping the ball last month .It won't happen again! His correspondence is as follows....

Nov.2 1998

Ms."IRON BOX" Colvin**

P.O. Box11817,

Portland, Oregon 97211

Barney Hoosegow,

Ms, Colvin

Allow me to start off this correspondence with an inquiry into your health and happiness, Which I'm sure is completely unnecessary since you are residing with a real man and have a loving Family surrounding you. Now, down to business at hand .Recently ,I was

blessed with receiving a copy of the fine publication put out by that fine organization A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon. Well while pursuing thru said fact filled sheet. I came across the paragraph that was marked in the margin as being composed by yourself .Now the content and context of the paragraph were undoubtedly well done and very revealing, however I was taken quite aback by the blatant miss spelling of that time honored and well used phrase: "Y'ALL" Possibly threw your Yankee up bring you were unaware of the proper spelling .I would like to believe that is the case. Nevertheless, Your improper spelling of its sacred term is beyond a mere "typo"(of which I never commit).

The upshot is that I have been forced to file in the 7th Circuit Court a brief that will hopefully cause an injunction being so ordered that will disallow you to use this term in the further publishing's that will be read by the general public and therefore "nip -in-the-bud" any misconceptions that poor white trash can't properly spell or convey the concept of "Y'ALL".

Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to my office, which is conveniently located in a public building on state grounds.

Have A nice Day and Drink one for me.

Love,

Uncle Barney.

Nov. 7, 1998

Dear Barney,

Let me get this right your accusing me of misspelling "Y'All"? If you recall in episode #1 The Introductory edition my illiteracy was established at said time. This would in fact eliminate any and all reasons for apologies for said infraction. ***

All seems to be running smoother this month. We have officially, finally, started Our Baby again. After many months of hard work,(Thanks Gary from Obsession Cycle, Brother Randy, Laura and Nancy from Stewart Leather) and if I might , "Proof positive that paint adds character **

Eye Candy**** By Walt Shaffer

Take a gander at page 24. The State Board Meeting minutes. This is were you find the real nuts and bolts of The news. Finally, if you turn to page 31. You can find your application for membership. Please fill it out. I'd be pleased to pass it on to Beth, our Membership Secretary. Remember to put Columbia River Chapter in the spot for Chapter. At least then when you jump my Butt. At least it's your rag your reading and not mine!!!

Affectionately,

IronBox**

I'd like to apologize to my chapter and fellow members for dropping the ball last month. Special thanks go out to Carol Clark. Had she been at last months meeting. She would have won \$91.00. Second drawing went to Rev. Jim. It pays to go to meetings..

This concludes Episode #3

Chronicles of the Corn

Collect them all.

Kornfed

*Rot Path

**For those of you not familiar with the above title" Ironbox "I picked that and Big Daddy up in Texas.

***Coordinator is an Attorney

****Paint Stupid

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

Just a reminder that December is our time for elections. Any one out there who would like to be an officer most of the office's will be open. So think about it, if you want to be come involved in this way come on in and stand up for yourself.

Also want to let everyone know that again our toy run will be on the 13th of December. We will start out at Ore Tool at noon. We will be there discussing the route and setting up everything starting at 10:30 or 11 a.m. Come on down or up as the case maybe. The more the merrier. See ya there.

Just to let everyone know the swap meet which took place on the 11th of Oct. was a huge success down here. It really attracted a lot of vendors and people for a nice showing.

Also on another note, on this weekend we lost a follow brother Joey Bloom. We had services for him and we also a quite moment at our meeting the following weekend.

Keep up the good work on supporting the candidate of your choice. Hope they were voted in, in your area. Remember your voice does make a difference.

Talk to ya later.

THE PEST

CYNDI MALEY

Keizer

Meets 3rd 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

Greetings everyone,

Keizer Chapter is still here. So we truly have something to be thankful for.

We didn't have a meeting in October. I guess not everyone has gotten the word about the change of meeting date. (It's the third Sunday now.) Also, Vern and Pancake both had to work.

Guess what though! The Covered Bridge Run was held Saturday, the 17th of October! I had to work so I missed all the fun. :(

Hopefully I'll have a full report of the run for the next newsletter. I hope the holidays will good to everyone.

R. O'Toole

"Squeaker" :-)

Klamath County

Meets 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 P.M.
Old Town Pizza Company, 722 Main St., Klamath Falls
Chapter address. 75 Main St. Klamath Falls, Or. 97601
Chapter contact: Gene Beekman 541-884-7735
Fax. 541 882-7095

Klamath county has 43 active members and invites all Indian creek members in the area to stop by and visit to see if you would like to sign up as another active member of this Chapter.

By the time you read this we will be stuffed with turkey and looking forward to the arrival of the jolly, fat man with a gray beard. Of course, every time I go to an ABATE meeting I see jolly, not necessarily fat men with gray beards, So Ho-Ho-Ho! Have a good one.

Our Toys for Tots run in conjunction with the Marine Corps League and Gold Wing netted over \$2000.00 and lots of toys. We hope to do better next year when we will have more time to plan the run.

We had a Halloween dance with Dealer's Choice (a great local band) at Linkville Station. Larry and I were honored for our 19th anniversary. There were some great costumes with a genuine Dick head. There was a \$3.00 donation at the door then the band donated 1/3 of the money and 1/2 of their takes to ABATE of Klamath County.

Five of us went to the state meeting in October. We all felt very welcome. It was fun to put the faces to the names we had been hearing about for years.

We are planning to enter the annual Snowflake Parade this year as a group. If it is snowing or icy the bikes will go on a flat bed, other wise everyone will ride. It is held on the first Thursday in December. So break out the long Johns.

Now that the election is over it is time to start contacting the newly elected as well as the incumbents on Helmet Reform laws.

Happy New Year

Judy 'Mom' La May

Lincoln County

Meets 1st Sunday, 11:00 AM
Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 614, Waldport, OR 97
Chapter Contact: Gary Ploub 541-782-3476

Greetings!

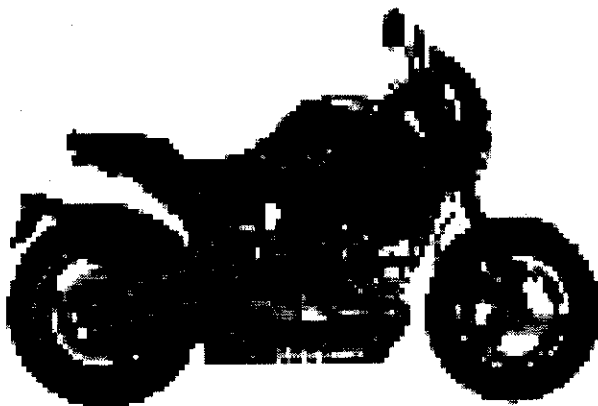
Hope everyone enjoyed their Turkey Day. Hard to believe it's December already. Next year "we're gonna party like it's 1999!" HA! HA! HA! Don't ya just love Prince? Oh ... sorry "The Artist Formerly Known As" ANYWAY... Congratulations to Klamath Falls Chapter! Our Chapter has some great friends around that neck of the woods. Good luck to you and Welcome Back!

As for November, we're cooking and serving a Thanksgiving Dinner to the seniors at the Senior Center in Newport on November 22nd. We're also working on a Toy Run for Dorothy Grover, (A.K.A. Mrs. Santa) and South Lincoln County at Christmas time.

I volunteered to be Lincoln County Chapter Secretary next year, so I'll talk to you again in January! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year EVERYBODY!

Ride Safe!

Shirley



N.E. Portland

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 PM
Round Table Pizza, 4141 NE 122nd, Portland
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 5792, Portland, OR 97228
Chapter Contact: MaryBeth (503) 253-7343

NO REPORT, FIRST TIME.

North Coast

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 PM
Astoria Eagle, 894 Commercial, Astoria
Children are Welcome
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 468, Seaside, OR 97138
Chapter Contact: Jeff Gee 503-861-1703

Greetings from the coast! Well, it's that time of year again. The days are short, and wind blows the rain upon us. Ah, winter time in the great Northwest at the coast. Not many good riding days now, and of course the holidays are upon us.

This is the time of year our chapter starts gearing up for our annual toy run. We're getting the cans put out to collect money and gathering raffle prizes for our annual chapter spaghetti feed. This year it will be on Saturday the 21st at our usual spot, the Relief Pitcher in Seaside, \$5 per person for spaghetti and the trimmings and tickets on sale for the raffle. We use this money to donate and/or purchase toys for kids. It's always a good time and a good turn out.

This year our toy run will be on Saturday the 12th. It will start at Robs Restaurant in Seaside at 10:00. This year we've decided to make it a poker run and will stop at the Workers Tavern in Astoria, then head across the river to the Chinook Inn, on to Nicks West in Long Beach and then end up back in Astoria at the Eagles.

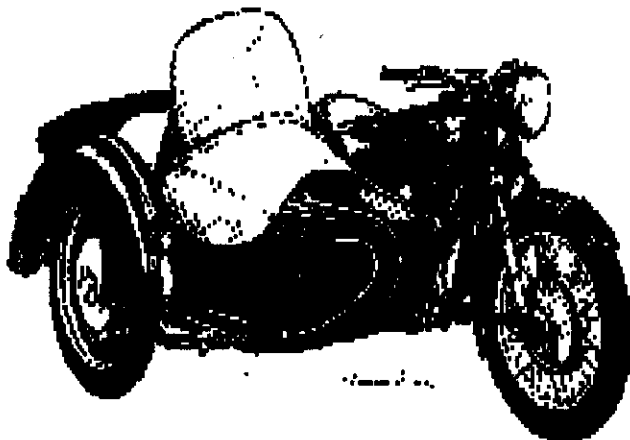
Anyone who can make it is invited to attend. Last year we raised over \$1300 and did get some good PR for our efforts.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe holiday season while enjoying their holiday cheer. I've sent a lot of flowers this last year and one of the best Christmas presents would be to not have to send anymore before the end of the year.

That's about all I can think of for this time. Next time you read my words it will be 1999!!!

Wow, I'm getting old. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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

Twas a cold dark rainy night only a few days after Halloween. Smashed pumpkins still littered the city streets as nine stalwart members of the River City Chapter made their perilous way to the meeting place at Zim's. The owner (and member) Mike put the flag and charter in place and all was in readiness. Sue led the meeting, as Dan was working this gloomy night. Some regular reports were given and some were not available. The ABATE Planning Session was well discussed. Frenchy showed us the first of the chapter patches done directly on his jacket. It looks great! Sue got us started on nominating and thinking about officer candidates for the next year. We will take nominations for the next two meetings and hold our elections on the December 17 meeting.

Brian

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: Gary an' Elaine (503)-581-0006

Har Har Har or Ho Ho Ho or something y'all,
Grey ol' rainy November day, morning of deadline day, Meredith Brooks playing in the other room. (The CD, not the person.)

Tomorrow's Veteran's Day. Don't know if the bike will be ready fer the parade in Albany.

Got the carbs cleaned out an' put back on the bike, hardly any extra parts left over. The bike seems to start an' run better now, just the idle is all over the place. New intake seals would seem to be order. Rode the bike over to Salem yesterday at sunset. (Make-or-break road test.) 'Bout the Center Street bridge finally did an instrument scan an' noticed the temp gauge approachin' red-line. That's just Rot Path's style of wrenchin': Fix one thing, something else breaks down. So tomorrow mornin' gonna try addin' engine oil an' bangin' on the thermostat housin'. If that works, Rot Path will be seein' a bunch of you other vets at the Albany parade. If not, look fer the blue cloud of cursin' hoverin' over Independence. Speakin' of Veteran's Day, only saw one business that had a sign up thankin' veterans fer their efforts. That was the Amadeus Cafe in the Salem Public Library. They're definitely gettin' Rot Path's patronage in the future.

Noticed in last Sunday's paper that Meier & Frank had a slick colour advert fer their Veteran's Day sale - an' not one word of thanks or notice of what the day was all about. Don't know about the rest of ya but Rot Path is definitely droppin' a kite on the three-piecers in M&F land pointin' out the errors of their corporate ways.

An' May have started a new Halloween tradition: a bonfire. (Okay, so maybe it ain't a new idea. We're just reviving what used to go on before.) Had several friends over that spooky Saturday evening fer lots of good chatter an' food. When the time felt right, we went out an' lit off the summer's dried accumulation of trimmings an' trash. (The startin' fluid certainly encouraged the initial flames.) We tossed in some sage fer purification, then pieces of paper on which we'd written things that bugged the hell outta us. After the flames got goin' good we started lightin' off (mostly) safe fireworks.

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As the debris began burnin' down towards coals, we got out the drum an' tamberene just to prove that we couldn't have rhythm to save our lives. Oddly enough, no one got naked. (More on that subject later.) So we decided we're gonna do it again next year. Only everyone's gonna save up all their burnables throughout the summer this time. (We're talkin' BIG bonfire.) An' since Halloween will be on Sunday next year, we'll have all day to get ready with costumes an' make-up an' such. Who knows, maybe even a spooky walk through the orchard. So if ya see a glow in the sky next 31 October accompanied by throbbin' drums an' blood-curdlin' screams, ya'll know what's up.

Salem Chapter's got their Toy Run comin' up on 13 December of this year. (That's a Sunday fer those of ya keepin' track.) The collection barrels should be in position even as ya read this rag. We'll be gettin' together at the Albertson's parkin' lot on south Commercial in Salem about 1000, headin' out at 1100. So if ya ain't a fair-weather rider, putt on down an' join the crowd spreadin' some cheer to the Youth Resource Center and Salem Outreach Center. Warm an' fuzzies.

The night before, lots of folks from Salem an' Keizer Chapters will be participatin' in the Festival of Lights Parade through the downtown area. The local HOG Chapter always has some great bikes in the there with lots of twinklies. The local television access station which has been coverin' the parade since it started got elbowed out by big money. Think them affiliates care about the local angle? An' get this: The parade is gonna stop fer two minutes every so often so the affiliate can do commercial breaks. So if yer sittin' there in the parade coolin' yer heels as yer engine heats up ask yerself if it's worth it.

The U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights guarantee our basic political rights to be free of government manipulation and control, but there ain't nothin' in there sayin' we got economic freedom. Where do we draw the line? At the bottom? How much longer are U.S. citizens going to put up with 'profit-at-all-costs' mentality of corporate America?

We're startin' to make headway on the political level. Let's not loose everything to the economically corrupt. Think before ya buy.

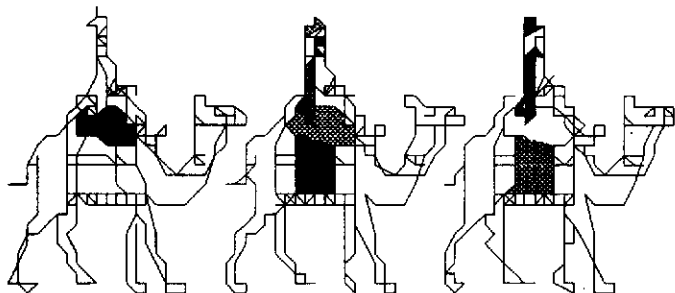
As fer nakedness an' bein', Rot Path fer one don't feel complete if there ain't sometime in the day devoted to bein' textile-free.

Evidently someone at a State Board meetin' remarked that they wished Rot Path didn't go on so much about bein' naked. (Granted, it ain't an image fer weak hearts.) No doubt the comment was spoken in jest. Thing is, social nudity ain't nasty. It requires folks to do a mental flip-flop from all the mainstream media hype that equates nudity with sexuality. Fact is, non-sexual social nudity is a great social leveler. How can ya tell a biker from a bricklayer or a banker when they is all naked? Check out the latest issue of "Nude and Natural" fer articles on religious nudity organizations. (Powell's has N&N in Portland; alternative bookstores in other villages.)

And besides, who ain't never enjoyed skinny-dippin'?

Love is the reason for the season an' don't let anyone bamboozle ya otherwise.

Rot Path



South Coast

Meets 3rd Sunday, 11 AM

Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 4175, Coos Bay, OR 97420
Chapter Contact: Bud Berliner (541)-267-2523

Greetings from the South Coast,

Our October meeting was very busy. The Sheriffs candidates, Andy Jackson, Ralls Hall and write in candidate Craig Zani attended and each spoke of their background and goals if they should be elected. We also presented LeRoy Walker from SWOYA Boys & Girls Club with a check in the amount of \$100 which was money we raised from our Show N Shine. We had guest speakers' Sondra Lesh, her friend Kelly and partner Kathy from Community Action to speak on their Christmas for Kids and Toys for Tots drive. We will donate \$100 to Community Action to purchase some toys but we will continue our Andy Proctor Memorial Toy Ride to benefit The Salvation Army, which was a unanimous decision.

Nancy gave us the break down on earnings from The Coos River Run. She had not been able to attend the meetings prior to this point due to Tom being ill. Welcome back both of you!

The ribbons for the Show N Shine were presented as follows:

Pre 84 Dresser was won by Jeff Bauder

Dual Purpose was won by Jeff Bauder

Late 85 Dresser & Newer was won by Tom Curran

Cruiser was won by Jerry Dean

Custom was won by Mike Richards

Rat was won by Flash

Sport was won by Jerry Ulmer

Pre 50 was won by Steve Martinez

Trike was won by Robert Hyatt

ATV was won by Bud for his HD Golf Cart (he took it on the beach one day)

Foreign was won by Tom Crowl

And Peoples Choice was won by Tom Crowl

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Drawing for door prizes:

T Shirt donated by Thomas & Sons was won by Bud

Sharps beer donated by Thomas & Sons wads won by Gordon

MGD Hat donated by Thomas & Sons was won by Monty

Gift Certificate donated by Wandas was won by Jeff

Mt. Hood Bev Sign donated by Wandas was won by Jeff

Wow! What a meeting that was

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Charlie Hill

Southern Oregon

Meets 3rd, Sunday, Noon

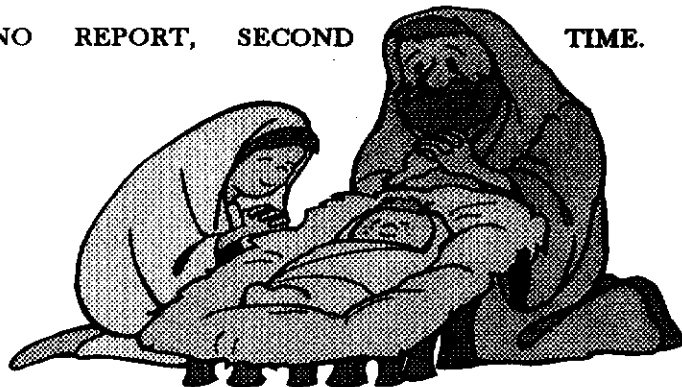
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Chapter Address: P.O. Box 2031 Grants Pass, OR 97528

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

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NO REPORT, SECOND TIME.



S.E. Portland

Meets 1st & 3rd Sundays, 12 Noon

The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122nd & Division, Portland
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 90233, Portland, OR 97290
Chapter Contact: Lee Austin 503-760-9015
FAX 503-760-9013 E-Mail la44@qcsn.com

Hi Folks,

A new item to our chapter meeting agenda is the Chapter Coordinator's Comments. At the November 1st meeting, Lee had this to say: "As the year comes to an end, I would like is to see this chapter grow. We are already the number one chapter in the state for responding to the call of arms whenever we are asked to do something, also, we are the first to take a chance at doing something new or even go where others seem to fear. In the next year we as a whole will set goals and pursue them to the limit. Let's make 1999 a good year going into the year 2000. There are many active people in this chapter, and deserve a "well done" and a big hand for yourselves. My hat is surely off for all of you!"

Also, at the November 1st meeting, the following officer nominations were made: Coordinator - Lee Austin; Vice Coordinator - Kerry Trotter; Treasurer - Debbie May; Secretary - OPEN; Legislative Director - OPEN; State Representative 1 & 2, Jim Niece and Brenda Huber; Education Director - OPEN; Public Relations - Bill Cameron; Historian - Brenda Huber; Ways & Means - OPEN; Products - OPEN; Chapter Chaplain - Vic Voltz; ABATE Cisco L. Canned Food Drive - Gail and Glen Loaiza; Toy Run Representative - Terry Schaefer; Chapter Webmaster - Kerry Trotter; Sgt. At Arms 1 - Terry Schaefer; and Sgt. At Arms 2 - Lloyd Stevens. Come to the next meeting to check out your new officers and see if there is still an opening for your service.

Chapter member Helmar Johanesin lost out on winning \$30 at the October 18th meeting, and at the November 1st meeting, member Jerome Beattie was not present to win \$35. Remember, by attending chapter meetings, you not only can win up to \$50 in the membership drawing, but, most important, you can become informed as to making a difference in this state when it comes to motorcycling and your rights as a citizen of this state and country.

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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 Bricklayer (503) 640-9543

NO REPORT, FIRST TIME.

God Bless You
at Christmas

Willamette Valley

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5729 Main Street P.O. Box 256, Springfield, OR 97478
Chapter Contact: Bob Avery (541) 998-1309
Russ Lax (541) 747-2787

For those of you who haven't been keeping up with the chapter's activities, the season has already started tossin' us around like a triple trailer passin' on the freeway. For those who've been in the thick of it: thanks for all the help, but hold on to those grips 'cause it ain't over yet!!

The State Planning meet in Cottage Grove breezed through after a week of frantic preparations. Our chapter was able to organize kitchen help enough to provide four solid meals to all those in attendance: eggs, potatoes, sandwiches, beverages and Roxanne's famous Italian sausage spaghetti. I just want to say what a great job she did planning and preparing the set up even while covering much of what took place at the meeting. And to all the rest of us who showed up to wash dishes, cook eggs and clean up, thanks again. (We even had a little profit to stick in the bank!)

It was a great opportunity to meet some of those folks who run things at the State level and to get a feel for where all those ABATE directives and activities originate. It was well structured (laid back!) and to the point (Rotten Roger kept everybody awake!).

Now we're putting flyers out and calling you all in preparation for the Casino Night Benefit Event on 11-22 at the Time Out tavern.

Taking up a lot of time looking for donations, dealers and stirring up interest. Looks like a good turn out in the making though. Proceeds will go toward our chapter Christmas benefit in conjunction with the Free Souls' Toys for Tots Run this year. Be ready to join us all on that brisk winter ride with Santa and all his helpers!

Voter turn out, as usual, was down, but some interesting results popped up. I'm sure that all of you got out and voted (especially after all the reminder calls Rick, Gary, Bob and I made!!). Looks like we've still got a lot of work to do on the legislative front next year. I didn't see a lot of winners who'll take the biker agenda as far as we'd all like, but there is a spark of libertarianism and freedom of choice still nestled in some pretty solid places.

And, as if we really needed more, our slot was drawn by the DMV to provide coffee and cookies, etc. at the Gettings Creek Rest Stop southbound I-5 the weekend of 11-13, 14, 15. It should be a big fundraiser for us if we can get enough volunteers to man the booth for those 72 hours. My information says you meet a lot of interesting travelers at all hours doing these coffee services and make a pretty penny in donations to boot!

Most of this will be history by the time you read this report, but I'm sure it will have all been a great success. Hope your Thanksgiving was bountiful and that your Christmas season will be a happy one. See ya next year!

Michael



November 15, 1998

To the members of the Keizer and Central Oregon Chapters:

Effective 11/14/98, your chapter's charter is suspended. The Chapter charter will be revoked effective 12/31/98 unless your chapter comes into full compliance with the rules of operation of our organization. All funds and property will revert to the State Organization, and will be returned promptly. All memberships will be transferred to Indian Creek or individual members may request transfer to an active chapter. This decision was reached only after long discussion and only after many attempts by the State Treasurer and the State Coordinator to assist your chapter in complying with the rules of operation. These rules are in place so that our Organization is in compliance with Federal and State laws. We regret that things have reached this level, but it is imperative that all chapters comply fully with the Rules of Operation.

Please contact any officers or other members involved now to correct this problem, as nobody wants any chapter to fold.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors
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EDUCATION DIRECTOR REPORT



During the last month I have not received any reports of MAP classes having been taught. I did order and have not yet received the ten video tapes from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation in California. This is something that I have to check out.

In the meantime, I have been setting up the program for the STEAM conference to be held on February 20, 1999, at CHEMEKETA Community College in Salem. The rough draft of the program has been given to other officers for their suggestions and recommendations. After I get them back, I will fine tune the last details and forward the info to Gordon for inclusion in the January and February Issues of the ABATE Newsletter. In the meantime you need to talk up this seminar among the chapter officers and make plans now to attend.

Invitations will also be sent to brother and sister Motorcycle Rights organizations in Oregon and Washington. As in the past we expect that several of them will be represented here. This is a great opportunity to mingle with others and to exchange ideas. It is one of the highlights of the year for me.

Mel Yeager
Education Director



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COPENHAGEN (Reuters) -

A Danish man bade his dead father farewell by taking his corpse for a motorcycle ride over the weekend, stopping at a bar for beer and a cigar.

Flemming Pedersen, 37, asked the staff at the hospital where his 86-year-old father died if he could be left alone with him for a while, the tabloid BT reported on Monday.

Pederson dressed the rigid corpse in leather gear, boots, a helmet, and dark sunglasses and walked it out of the hospital. Then he strapped the body to the seat of his Harley Davidson with elastic straps and drove around metropolitan Copenhagen for three hours, visiting his father's favorite spots.

He stopped at a curbside bar, where he bought two beers and stuck a lit cigar between his dead father's lips.

Pedersen said he had taken the last ride with his father to have a chat with him and that he felt good about it afterward.



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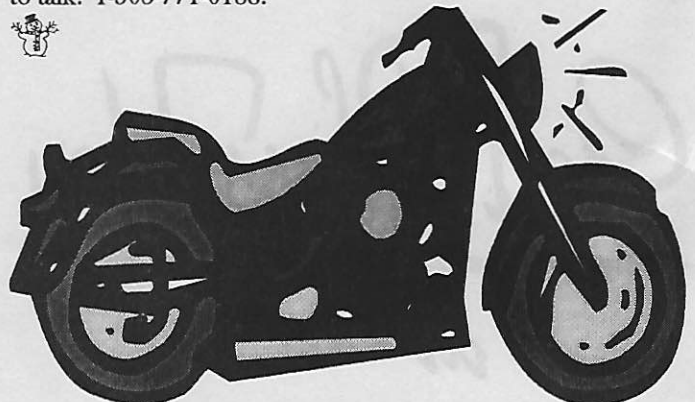
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Can't remember when that am is? Somebody else misplaced the newsletter? Call and find out what is going on in the next couple of weeks. It will be updated about the 1st and 15th of the month.

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The line they pay for to get legislative information to you is being lent for this purpose. When the Legislature reconvenes we will start with a mixture of both. Just remember at that time the politics will take priority so the other information will get a little thinner. The privilege of selecting what information goes here is mine. Edd Dahl. A life member of A.B.A.T.E. of OREGON, INC and a member of S.F. Portland chapter. Want to talk? 1-503-771-0188.



NHTSA Releases Helmet Law Video

Washington DC

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, NHTSA, is releasing the video and information package entitled "Without Motorcycle Helmets We All Pay The Price". This is the video that created such an outrage in the motorcycling community in June 1997. The cost to the taxpayers of this video and associated publications was \$149,000.

In a press release dated June 27th the MRF informed the Motorcycling community of NHTSA's intent to let a contract for the production of "a media package that includes a 12 to 15 minute video presentation and a complementary "white paper" that presents the injury prevention and economic benefits of enacting mandatory helmet laws for all riders. The package will also include a video news release and brochure each serving as an executive summary of the appropriate counterpart."

In a meeting October 29 NHTSA officials stated the video would be placed on the publications list maintained by NHTSA. The information packet will be distributed to the regional offices and made available to any one requesting a copy. The entire packet publication number is DOT HS 808 600, the white paper is DOT HS 808 601, the quad fold brochure is DOT HS 808 602, the video is DOT HS 808 603. Copies of any or all of the above publications should be requested directly from NHTSA.

After viewing the video at the Mid South Mile Mark Buckner, President of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, commented, "There are no surprises here.

We are seeing the same arguments we have countered for years." Steve Zimmer, Vice President of Government Relations, stated, "We all have to keep in mind the bottom line here, this is our tax dollars being used against us." Zimmer went on to say, "The video continues to emphasize the 'social burden' of motorcyclists without helmets. We need to stress the fact that motorcyclists are not indigent ne're do wells who do not pay taxes, work, or participate in the system. Motorcyclists pay their fair share, have insurance, and should have every right to make a claim for services we help pay for."

The MRF will utilize this blatant example of a federal agency using our tax dollars to lobby an issue that has clearly been defined as a states rights issue to continue to put pressure on Congress to tighten the controls over NHTSA.

For further information contact Steve at 202-546-0983 or by e-mail at

<steve@mrf.org>



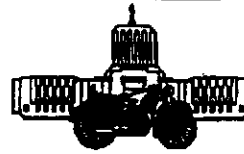
Historian's Report

Since we continue to make history each day, let us make history worthy to report for posterity.

Iris

State Historian

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Here are a number of websites you may find useful. The State Law: State & Local Gov. website gives you access to all state governments on the web, so it can be used to compare laws or governments across the country. The possibilities are endless!!

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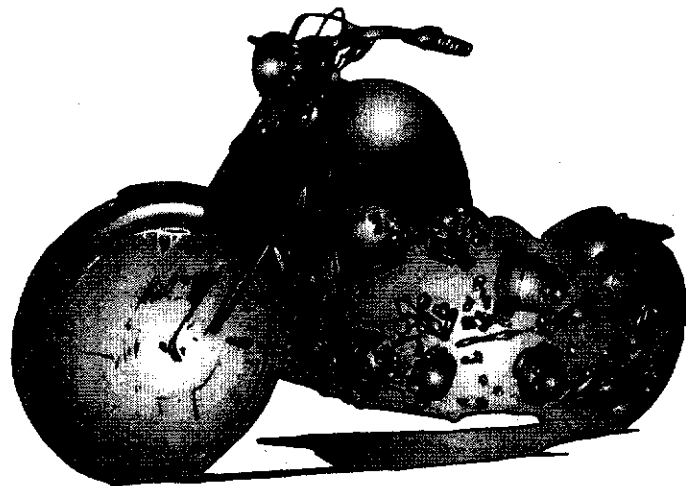
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A quote in retrospect

This is from the Watergate scandal - Nixon era:
 "Yes, the President should resign. He has lied to the American people, time and time again, and betrayed their trust. He is no longer an effective leader. Since he has admitted guilt, there is no reason to put the American people through an impeachment. He will serve absolutely no purpose in finishing out his term; the only possible solution is for the President to save some dignity and resign."
 William Jefferson Clinton, 1974

Something to think about?



Sonny-side up

Its December again and with Thanksgiving behind us it's time to look forward to Christmas. Not "X-MAS", with the "X" which stands for the unknown mass, but the "C-Mass", and we know what that is. By now some of you have "winterized" your scooters and haven't begun to feel the withdrawal from riding yet. Others like Becky and I are waiting for the toy runs before we call it a year. 'Tis the season you know, time for special friends and family get-togethers. Cold nights by warm fires, with holiday decorations and special foods that only come out once the year... what a great time!

And then the onslaught of advertisers start by trying to sell you something you don't need, or trying to convince you that you can live without it. The kids see a bazillion things they 'JUST GOTTA HAVE', and you're trying find him enough time to 'JUST GET IT TOGETHER'. Sound hectic? Are you stressed yet? Got more things to do than time to do them?

STOP, and take notice. The reason for the season surely didn't intend for this to happen. In fact, He said, "Come to me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28). For the one who says "yes" to Him, not only receives this rest but a peace that can only come from Him. A piece that "surpasses, all comprehension (Philippians 4:7). If your soul seems to be stirring in restlessness put it to rest. Just give Jesus the chance. Ask Him to come into your life, and believe on Him - THE REASON FOR THE SEASON. Have a wonderful Christmas.

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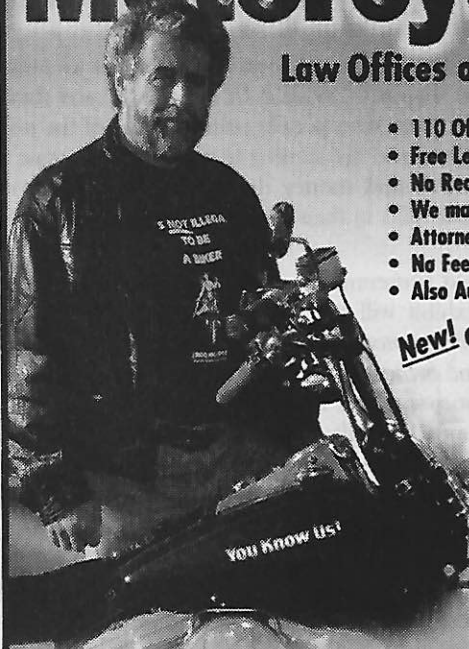
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GUNNY'S SACK

In the last several months, I've said goodbye to a lot of friends and brothers and sisters in the biker world. It just doesn't seem to stop. Here in Oregon, we just recently lost Joe Ploom from Roseburg. He was beginning to be a real help in our fight for our freedoms, too. Joe crashed his scooter and did not survive. Oilpan and Debbie from Washington county ABATE had an auto accident and we lost Oilpan. We offer our condolences to the families, and be assured we won't forget these hard-working freedom fighters. Being creatures of habit, it's hard for us to work to make changes. There are people riding motorcycles in Oregon that have ridden under a helmet their entire riding career. The idea that we need a helmet law to protect us doesn't mean the same thing to them that it means to those of us that remember when we had freedom of choice.

We have been giving up little freedoms so long that people think it's normal. This next legislative session, we need to come up with a different method of operation that reminds our lawmakers of the guarantees in our Constitution and Bill of Rights. These documents were put in place to protect the rights and freedoms of all Americans.

We all need to read these documents and learn to quote them word for word. We need to explain to our lawmakers (so they understand, without upsetting their dignity) that they must conform to the wording in these documents because they are the law of the land, or we will lose the battle again.

Our focus ought to be on our Constitutionally guaranteed freedoms that are being taken from us under the guise of protecting us from ourselves, rather than extended discussions on the lack of safety inherent in some helmets. We need to persuade our detractors that if they don't ride, they shouldn't regulate us unless we are intruding on the public in general.

I know, the argument is then made that we're a public burden. We should show that there are *other* menaces that are far more costly and dangerous than the very small part of our population that chooses to ride. We have proof that we are not a public burden. Our real burden is that we need to convince a lot of people that don't know anything about us to begin with that we are no more and many times much less a burden than ordinary Joe and Jane public are.

Let's get our lawmakers to focus on some of the waste in government. A good example of waste, in my mind, is information that the government has given DOT (The U.S. Department of Transportation) \$53,000,000.00 in grant money to dole out to states that come up with ways to "enhance" the use of seat belts. Oregon is the recipient of \$1,486,400.00 of that money. You don't want to get caught not wearing the damn thing or you will add your contribution to that bank account. It rubs your nose in it when *your own tax money* is used to harass you in your car. I have to say that money would be much better spent in schools for the education of our youngsters. Other states are getting an even bigger piece of that porkbarrel.

The only time I see that bikers waste government money is when the government spends it to regulate us when we don't need it.

This is a huge job folks and we will need every one, riders and non-riders alike, to help. *WE* need to become an active part of our communities. When people get to know us as neighbors, it's amazing how well they will listen to us and help us because they have many of the same problems we have.

News bits'n pieces: China: There is a surplus of THREE MILLION new bikes in this country, and they are still pumping them out at the rate of TEN MILLION NEW BIKES a year. It might be a good idea for H-D to look at their production methods. Maybe we wouldn't have to wait for six months or a year for a new scoot. Guess we could go to China for a cheap one if we could ride it home from the dealer.

Smart Money Magazine, in the November issue, has identified a new phenomenon they call "WHEEZY RIDERS," and they say there are more out there than people realize. Some of the not-so-wet behind the ears crowd are starting to ride again now that they can spend more time and money doing what they want to do. We're talking about folks in their seventies and eighties. Go fer it Grampa!

Chicago: The Field Museum announced that the "Motorcycle as an Art Form" exhibit will be underwritten by Sam Zell. Zell commented, "*The motorcycle is the great equalizer. Once helmeted everyone is the same, all chasing freedom.*" This is the exhibit that was so popular at the Guggenheim Museum in New York City. Sounds like this thing will be traveling around the country. If it's near your town, don't miss it.

Copenhagen: A Danish man here took his dead father on his last ride. He strapped his dad's body to his bike and rode all around the country visiting the places he knew his dad loved. If I did that I'd get arrested. The article didn't say whether or not he did. Hope not. Seems to me it was a great gesture on his part for his dad.

Los Angeles: Here's one for our Jewish brothers. It's getting to be time for holidays again and that includes Chanukah. This year, it seems Chanukah's been put on wheels, with a "motorcycle menorah!" It holds a candle for each of the eight days of the holiday, like any other menorah, except it's a bike! Doesn't look like a Harley, though. The menorah comes from the Museum of Tolerance over on Pico Blvd, in L.A..

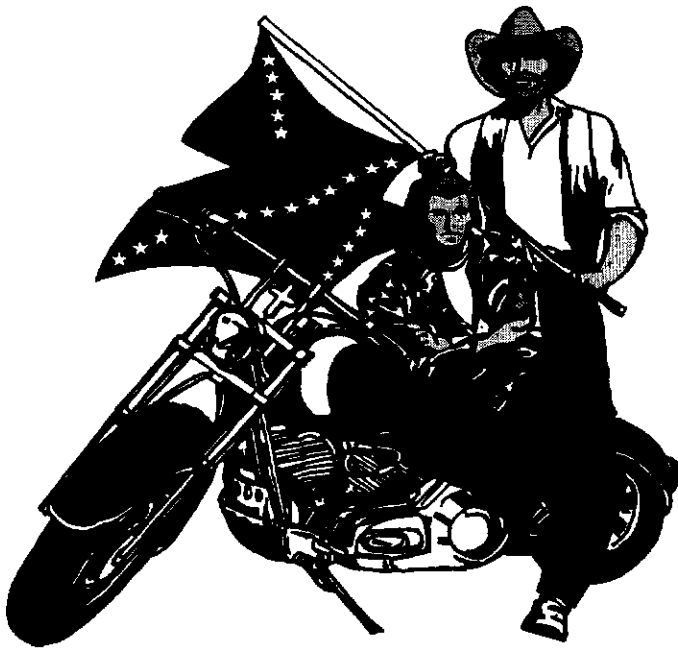
Washington,DC: 1997 was America's safest year on the highways. Unfortunately, there were 42,085 persons killed on our road system, or 1.7 deaths per 100,000,000 miles traveled. Motorcyclists were 2,106 of that number, or .47% of the deaths. That's a good figure, but it still leaves 2106 of our people in their graves and all their families grieving.

We can improve still more if we can get our people to *stay away from their motorcycles when they decide to drink, even one beer*. Beer and booze are the number one killers of bikers. Please! DON'T DRINK AND RIDE OR DRIVE. It might not be you that gets killed, it might be your child.

Sam's AIM Tip O' the month: If you go down because of a hazard in or on the road, it's tough to make a claim if you don't document it. They're difficult claims in the first place. For example, if you go down because of chuckholes in a bad spot, GET PHOTOS right away. If you have a claim against any government body or employee, most states require you give "TORT CLAIMS NOTICE" as a pre-requisite to making any claim, and there is usually a very limited time period to give specific sorts of notice. If the hazard is from a spill, most areas track that through a gov't agency, to find the culprit. If there's a road hazard claim, CALL AN ATTORNEY right away, to find out the tort claims law in your state. AIM attorneys, of course, are always there at 1-800-On-A-Bike. They're the guys who ride. Sam Hochberg hangs around at 503-224-1106, or 1-800-347-1106, and he's also SamBikeLaw@aol.com. If you SEE a road hazard and don't

go down, REPORT it to the proper authority! Do it IN WRITING with the AIM Road Hazard Cards. One goes to the road authority, the other to AIM, to try to get the folks to FIX the hazard. Call AIM to get some for your group. If you're a NEW RIDER, by the way, please remember that those LEAVES ON THE ROAD can be deadly, and you can go down, just like a patch of diesel fuel or ice. So ...Keep the round side on the bottom!

Gunny,
Oregon AIM Chief of Staff



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1998 ODOT SAFETY CONFERENCE REPORT

by Randy Phipps

Day One - Wednesday October 28*

Registration started at noon and I arrived there at the Hood River Inn about that time. After registering and receiving my packet of information, schedules, etc. I had time to speak with some of the other folks who were in attendance, in an informal setting. Basically introducing our organization and ourselves. I handed out some copies of our newsletter and the July issue of the MRF newsletter, which had the article on the airbags for bikes. Several people were shocked by the picture that when the airbag goes off, your hands appear (from the photo) to be forced away from the controls.

Welcome and Legislative Forum:

Everyone met in one of the large rooms and met a panel of 6 people from assorted agencies that were to talk about the goals of the conference. They were:

Troy E. Constales, Manager ODOT Transportation Safety Section, State Representative Bob Montgomery, Joan Plank, ODOT Government Relations, Jean Canfield, Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII, Kevin Campbell, Oregon Association Chiefs of Police and Helen Liere, ACTS Oregon (Alliance for Community Traffic Safety in Oregon).

These people each spoke about the aims of their various agencies or committees and gave a general overview of what was expected to happen during the conference. After this session was over and people were waiting for the next session to start, Rep. Montgomery stopped to talk with us and thanked us for attending the conference and stated that he would continue to be a supporter of our aims in the future. I thanked him for his help in the past and told him that we were looking forward to working with him in this next session. Something to think about however. This is his last session, due to term limits. He did make mention of this fact.

Organizing for Public Policy Change

Wayne Reece, Reece & Associates, Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Reece gave a "Pep Talk" on how to motivate people into coming into your (ODOT's) line of thinking and how to go about setting up future conferences and getting 'corporate sponsors' to pay most of the costs associated with this type of event.

He went on to speak of how different government agencies could get large corporations to foot most or all of the expenses when the subject matter of the conference is in line with their type of work. Sounded kinda like an 'Amway' presentation on how to do things. Not really something that would apply to ABATE per se, but not bad info to have if we were to want to try to go this route sometime in the future. This took about an hour, then we went on to the reception and mingled with folks, and I had several of them approach me, concerned as to why ABATE would be interested in a meeting of this type.

I explained that we were just as concerned about traffic safety as the state was, and using some of the documentation that the state provided in a separate room. Static displays from such as Team Oregon, Trauma Nurses Talk Tough, ACTS, Oregon SAFEKIDS Coalition, Oregon DMV, and an industry display that showed an 'intelligent' traffic light system and the new 'signage' colors which will be hitting the street in the near future.

More reflective and visible at greater distances for night and day viewing.

I also pointed out to the safety manager for Region 1 (from Astoria to Hood River) about some defective displays in signage right there in Hood River, within about 3/4 mile from the conference site. As you approach the exit for downtown Hood River and pass around the curve which leads towards The Dalles. Just under the bridge, right where you see the merging traffic sign we are all familiar with, you will see a small sign (roughly 2 1/2 wide by 3 foot tall) that states 'Motorcycles Use Right Lane'. Doesn't say how soon you need to move over, why you need to do so, such as road damage, or how long you have to stay over in the right lane.

In fact, their safety manager had to make a special trip back down the road and look at the surrounding area and still could not figure it out. I pointed out a metal 'expansion joint' in the roadway, which parallels the flow of traffic and asked if he would like to get his front tire stuck in that groove, and if he could imagine the consequences? He stated that he had not even seen the sign when he drove to the conference. I used that as a prime example of how car drivers don't always see things that might affect bikes on the road. He stated that they would see about moving the sign and placing it farther back down the road to give a little more advance warning to bikers and possibly avert a serious accident in the future. I told him that I would check back with him in about 2 weeks which would put it right before the next state Board. Ask me if it was fixed at that time. This ended day one of the conference and we all went off to wherever we were to spend the night.

Day Two

New Technology in Engineering

This was the first and seemed to be the most popular of the subjects that were offered in the first work session. It was standing room only, and there was a panel of ODOT experts who offered examples in the new signage. They talked about roundabouts (where the traffic goes around an intersection, instead of straight through or making a 90 degree turn, see Buckingham Palace), and how the Intelligent Highway system is supposed to promote safety on our nation's highways. No mention of how bikes would fit in this plan and we were not allowed the opportunity to ask how they were planning to 'protect' us.

New Developments in Pedestrian Safety

This class covered assorted (and scattered) thoughts on how to make pedestrians safer on streets and highways. Subject matter also was presented on how Portland is coming out with a new way for the police to enforce laws concerning 'jaywalking'. The law states that if you are within 150 feet of a traffic signal, you are required to go to that signal and cross at that point. Many folks just cut across the street wherever they might be standing and don't really worry about the traffic. Depending on where you are in the particular traffic flow, as to where you are breaking the law. In Portland, if you are in the bus mall with one way streets, you can cross just about anywhere, as long as you look out for vehicles traffic and avoid it. If you are on a two way street, you are required to cross at the corner. The local law is going to start enforcing (?) laws concerning vehicles that cut off pedestrians who are crossing a street legally and are cut off by a vehicle. They claim that if this is done more regularly, the amount of accidents between vehicle and pedestrian will decrease. DUH!

How to Win Legislators and Influence Legislation

This turned out to be a re-hash of the stuff that ABATE went through at the start of the 95 session. Remember the cartoon piece that was published in the newsletter and was available through efforts of many of our members. Well, it showed up in this class and was used as a main training aid for those who are new to the legislative process and how it works.

It was pointed out how citizens could work within the system and possibly swing legislators over to their side of an issue and get the kind of legislation that they want. ABATE was pointed out as one such group, working together, who managed to influence and arrive at a law that was needed and or wanted by a certain group. Our efforts on HB3422 were cited as a prime example. Nice to know we are serving an example of togetherness for the average Joe Citizen out there. At least the folks down in Salem still remember us. I was asked if I knew what type of legislation we would be looking at this session and I stated that I had not been in on the final planning of what subjects we would be addressing this year. Keep 'em guessing, eh?

Issues of the Maturing Driver

This class was about how DMV and 55 Alive are combining efforts to keep the maturing (older?) driver safe and on the road, or how they go about removing said mature driver. The talk was about how traumatic losing one's license and mobility could be to an older driver and how new exams are being sought to have a driver come in, take the driver skills (hands-on), and written test to be able to maintain a license to operate. There is a move afoot in the DMV to change renewals from every 4 years to every 8 years, since they claim this cuts down overhead costs and would save the taxpayer money in the long run. Watch for it to come about, in the near future.

Also had a chance to speak with John Meredith of 55 Alive, Eastern Oregon Director, about a lack of co-operation, about being able to present our Motorcycle Awareness Program to the 55 Alive folks. He said that there was no such idea. We explained how we on the West Side had run into roadblocks in trying to share our information and program and he stated that he would welcome such an educational program to be used within his area of the 55 Alive program. Got contact numbers and such, so we shall see.

Dinner

The dinner speaker was:

Adele Derby, Associate Administrator for State and Community Services, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

After dinner, the speaker got up and told us of some new things coming down the road from NHTSA in the near future. She spoke of the TEA-21, funding for state and local governments which would be forthcoming, and told Troy Costales, from ODOT how much money the state would be getting from the Fed for having certain safety programs already in place. Also to help finance new programs which the state had applied for. Millions of dollars coming into Oregon to help with maintaining and building roads, paying off police departments of assorted "safety" programs and to help hire new officers for the State Police down in Salem.

Day Three

Meet the Transportation Safety Staff

This one was a gathering of all the department heads and a brief description of what their different departments do.

Several of them have comp changed jobs within the last 30 days and some of them were new to ODOT completely. Not a very encouraging note, but everyone has to start somewhere, sometime. This was one of those sessions where you get to meet the department heads by simply being in the same room with them. They were talking to the room and there was very little change for one on one meeting. Had better luck out in the halls and in the breaks between sessions.

Driver's Ed and Graduated Licensing - What's Happening?

Just when you thought it was safe to get back on the road, here comes a new twist. ODOT wants to take over Drivers' Ed. State-wide and set one lesson plan and certify instructors with one lesson plan for all schools, which would stabilize and make sure that all the kids are getting the same instruction, regardless of what part of the state they live in. This removed Driver Ed. From the Education Department and makes it part and parcel with the DMV being able to check more closely on whether the student has, indeed, passed his/her Drivers Ed class and how that would effect the Graduated License.

Graduated Licensing:

Following the lead of several Eastern states, and California, Oregon is looking at the possibly (very strongly looking, I might add) at changing the licensing program for younger drivers, certain types of licenses will be available for certain time periods. Lighting conditions (day/night), distances (to school/work) and driving certain other restriction placed on the license until the new driver has had the time to get some experience in driving in the 'real world'. Most of these restrictions would apply to younger drivers (21 or less) and would also apply to some of the older drivers who have shown problems with certain weather/traffic/lighting conditions. Does not apply to most of us on the road today, but is another method of 'control' which big brother is bringing to our lives. This is not a matter of choice which the public will be asked to vote on, such as taxes are, but will be imposed when Salem is ready to follow through with it.

Lunch and Award Presentation

After another fin (?) meal, various awards were presented to attendees who worked for various departments. There were plaques in the shape of the outline of the state with a brass rectangular plate identifying who and what for. Rather interesting to watch them all pat each other on the back for a 'job well done'.

Only a couple of awards made sense. One for a lady who coordinated the efforts at Fred Meyer in having child safety seats checked for customers and advising them of the proper way to install and checking also to see if there was a recall on their particular brand/model of seat. This might possibly save a few young lives and make it a safer place for our children.

Coming Legislation

Another item to watch for shortly on our streets in a new wording on the school area signs. Someone finally questioned the statement about 'when children are present'. What does that say, really?

What it is going to say is that when children are on the side of the road, waiting to cross the roadway or walking alongside some of our rural roads, near a school building. How about the high school in Eastern Oregon that is in a 55 MPH zone? How far does this ruling run, along the side of a road? Until you see a sign saying it is ended. Or you see a speed limit

sign. Until then, the school area speed limit is 20 MPH. What time of day does this apply? 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. From Jan 1 to Dec 31. Makes it real easy. This is one piece of legislation which makes sense and will also make it clearer to drivers what exactly the law is, in accordance with kids in the neighborhood.

This has already been submitted the Legislative arena and assigned an LC (Legislative Concept) number along with other items from ODOT>

NOTE: The pedestrian 'Sting' is already in use in Hillsboro and Beaverton, outside of Portland, see the paper from the first of this week and the TV news articles.

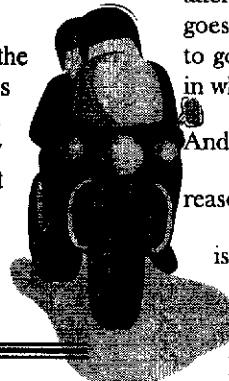
Recommendation:

Next year, I would suggest that we have a couple of alternates on standby, just in case something comes up that one of the original attendees can't make the conference. That way ABATE of Oregon, Inc. doesn't end up spending extra monies for the conference and would be able to cover all sessions of same, instead of missing out on part of the information given out at this event.

Thank you the chance to attend this conference. It was very educational, for me, at least. I would also enjoy doing it again next year, if possible.

Respectfully,
Randy Phipps

EDITORS NOTE: I received an additional article on the same conference. I will run it next month in the hopes that we can catch the attention of a few more readers. I would like to thank the writers (both Randy and Gary Ploub) for getting these articles in so quickly, it is not often I receive too much of a good thing!



Donations to the state include SouthEast Portland Chapter's \$100.00. This was made towards the MRF pledge. Thank you from the State Board.



BikePAC FUND RAISER

THANKS TO ALL,

I want to thank everyone who attended the fund raiser we had on November 7th at Nobody's we all had one good time, I want to thank every one who help me put this together and all who gave me a hand at the event.

The party turned out great and the food was fantastic! THE BAND (MARQUEE) was great, the music seemed to turn everybody on to a dance mode I even danced a few myself. Also thanks goes out to my ways and means for collecting all those door prizes from Obsessions m/c Langletz Leathers, and to Nobody's for all there donations and to T for her donation and Bill and Judy for theirs, all and all we had some real nice stuff.

A special thanks to SAM HOCHBERG For his special prize an Easyrider collectors knife which Ted Tracy ran a special raffle that created an additional \$70.00 for BikePAC and Spike Neal for his donation of \$20.00 and to Craig and Debby Mae for their \$50.00 contribution. These people weren't able to attend but they made sure they got something done, my hat goes off to you too. But bottom line is that we all raised \$558.00 to go into our lobbyist fund to fight for our personal freedoms in which is in very deep trouble at this point.

And to the ones who couldn't make the fundraiser for one reason or another sit back and think very seriously about what is happing to your personal freedoms and what can happen, then sit down and send a donation to BikePAC. No matter how much you can afford to send every little hit will go a long ways anyway what price do you put on freedom.

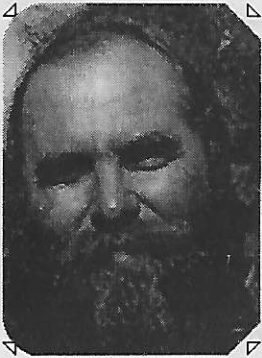
(Think about it).

LEE A. AUSTIN

S.E. Portland Chapter Coordinator



COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS



Greetings,

I hope this newsletter finds you and yours well in this Holiday Season. I just had a talk with Ken Ray from BikePAC about the election results and what we as activists need to do between now and the opening of the 1999 Legislative Session.

It sounds like the election went fairly well from ABATE's point of view. Ken also says the Republicans retained the majority in the House and Senate. I want to thank everybody who got involved in the political process, from voting to supporting candidates with time or money. As hopeless as politics seems, it is the only way we will retain our fragile freedom in America.

If we are going to be successful in the 1999 Legislative Session, we have a lot of work ahead of us. This is going to be the first year we have to deal with term limits. Along with regular election-day attrition, we are going to have a lot of freshman legislators. That means we have a lot of educating to do real fast, because once the session starts there will be a lot of divergent influences and pressure on these new legislators as well as on

the old boys and girls. We now know who our Representatives and Senators will be, so the thing to do is contact them now. If they are new, start talking about our issues. Get to know them. Show them what cuddly, lovable folks we are. Find out where they stand and report their positions to BikePAC please! We are going to try to plan early Biker Days for this reason. BikePAC also has a new lobbyist, Lyle Irons, and Butch Harbaugh is going to try to help him out and introduce him as time will allow, but he is going to need support from all of us.

Responsibility is what it's all about. Responsibility for the freedom that this country was founded on. Responsibility for our children's future and freedom. Responsibility for each other.

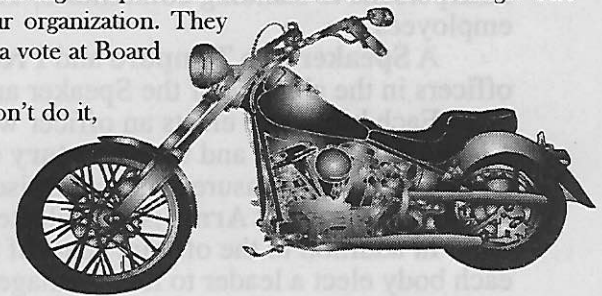
I've had many discussions over the years with members about membership, activism and why people join ABATE. I've heard it said many times that some people join ABATE for the social aspects of the organization. I see ABATE as a family. We may be dysfunctional at times, but family none the less. Family takes care of each other, supports each other and works for the good of the family. There is roughly 2000 of us in this family, but we are one of the very few families looking out for Freedom of the Road in this state. Freedom needs 2000 good men and women to survive in Oregon. I'm asking you now to spend some time in the next year to get involved, support your family. Whether it's taking an office, helping with a fundraiser, legislative work or just going to your local meeting to show support for those who are in deep, please help. And please, all you members insist on having a representative at State Board meetings. The Board of Directors (the Chapter Rep) position is the most important job in our organization. They represent the general membership and are the Chapter's vote. The only ones with a vote at Board meetings.

So that's my thoughts for this month, for what their worth. Just remember, if we don't do it, nobody will. Freedom isn't free. Happy Holidays!

Chris Vieira

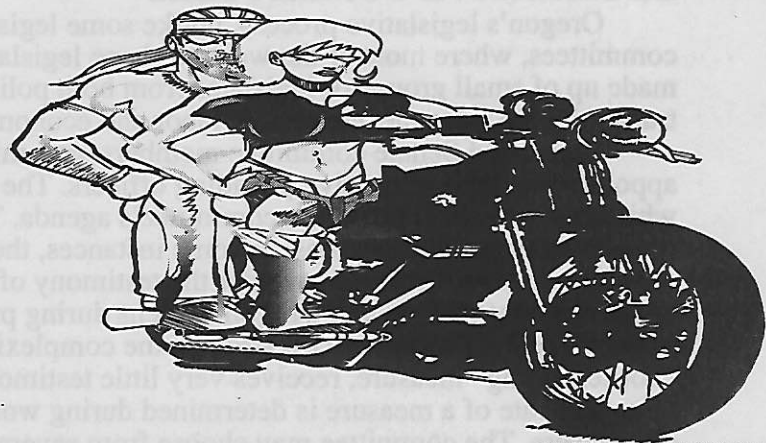
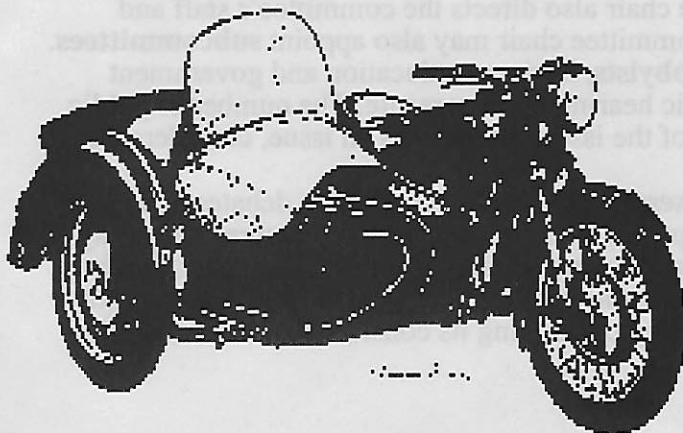
State Coordinator, ABATE of Oregon, Inc..

PS Check out ABATE's website. Maddog is doing a great Job!



THANKS

The State Board thanks the South Coast Chapter for their donation of \$250.00.



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An Introduction to Oregon's LEGISLATIVE PROCESS



*From the Oregon Legislative Guide, 1995
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CONVENING OF THE LEGISLATURE

The Oregon legislature convenes every two years in regular session, on the second Monday in January during odd-numbered years, a date set by statute. The Oregon Constitution does not specify a limitation on session length.

If an emergency arises during the interim period when the legislature is not in session, the Governor or a majority of both houses of the legislature may call a **special session**. Special sessions have been called as recently as 1992 when the Governor convened the legislature to address tax reform legislation.

In 1976, a constitutional amendment was passed, authorizing the legislature to call itself into special session. That power has never been exercised.

LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP

The **Speaker of the House** and **President of the Senate**, the two most significant leadership positions in the legislature, are elected by the majority of their respective houses to preside over daily sessions and perform other duties prescribed by rule, custom and law.

The Speaker and President are empowered to assign members and appoint chairpersons and vice-chairpersons to standing committees. They refer measures to committees, and oversee their respective employees.

A **Speaker Pro Tempore** and **President Pro Tempore**, who serve as the temporary presiding officers in the absence of the Speaker and President, are also elected.

Each body also elects an officer who is not a legislator to manage internal operations. The **Chief Clerk of the House** and the **Secretary of the Senate** provide parliamentary assistance, maintain legislative records and measures and supervise the personnel managing the legislature's paper flow.

A **Sergeant at Arms** is also elected in each chamber to maintain order.

In addition to the official posts of the Legislative Assembly, the minority and majority parties of each body elect a leader to help manage party affairs. The House and Senate **majority and minority leaders** retain permanent staff to provide **constituent** relations, public information and general operation services for each caucus.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

Oregon's legislative process, unlike some legislature in the nation, is dominated by legislative committees, where most of the work to shape legislation and public policy is done. Committees are made up of small groups of legislator from both political parties, who deal with related issues such as transportation, revenue, education, labor and economic development.

House and Senate committee members, **committee chairpersons** and **vice chairpersons** are appointed by their respective presiding officers. The committee chairperson has the power to determine which measures will be on the committee's agenda. The chair also directs the committee's staff and presides over its deliberations. In some instances, the committee chair may also appoint **subcommittees**.

Committee members consider the testimony of **lobbyists**, business, education and government agency representatives and Oregon citizens during public hearings on a measure. The number of public hearings held on a measure depends on the complexity of the issue. Sometimes an issue, considered a "housekeeping" measure, receives very little testimony.

The fate of a measure is determined during **work sessions**, when the committee debates and votes on measure. The committee may choose from several options when dealing with a measure. They may or may not choose to **amend** it. If they decide to report a **measure** out of committee, they may attach a recommendation to the body of do pass, do pass with **amendments**, or no recommendation. A committee may also choose to **table** a piece of legislation, whereby postponing its consideration until a motion is adopted to take it from the table.

HOW AN IDEA BECOMES LAW

The legislative process is governed by rules, laws and procedures, making it somewhat mechanical in nature. Although the legislative process is long and complex, all laws begin as ideas.

An idea for a law can come from anyone; an individual or group of citizens, a legislator or legislative committee, the executive or judicial branch, or a lobbyist. By statute state agencies must pre-session file bills. But during session, only a legislator or a legislative committee can introduce a measure to the House or Senate for consideration.

Legislators may file an unlimited number of measures between the general election and the time the legislature convenes. Once the legislature convenes, Senators are allowed unlimited introductions for the first 36 calendar days; Representatives for the first 36 days.

If deadlines are missed, the Senate Rules Committee or the House Committee on Legislative Rules and Reorganization must approve requests for drafting and/or introduction. Appropriation or fiscal measures sponsored by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means are exempt from filing deadlines and may be introduced at any time.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION

The Oregon Constitution provides that laws become effective 90 days after adjournment of the Legislative Assembly unless the bill indicates otherwise. Some bills contain a clause which specifies a particular effective date. Still others may have emergency, sunset or referendum clauses attached.

LOBBYING AND LOBBYISTS

Lobbyists serve as information agents for both legislators and the organizations represented, including businesses, trade associations, labor groups, civic organizations, public interest groups and governmental entities. Lobbyists either serve as witnesses or locate expert witnesses for hearings. They also develop background material and provide information to lawmakers.

Lobbyists are required to register with the Oregon Government Standards and Practices Commission and are guided by state laws, administrative rules, and House and Senate rules relating to lobbying.

LEGISLATIVE RECORDS AND PUBLICATIONS

The Oregon Constitution requires that each house keep a journal of its proceedings. The *Senate & House Journal* is published after each legislative session.

A *Joint Legislative Calendar* is published daily during session. The *Final Calendar* is a compilation of floor and committee action of all bills introduced during the session and is published shortly after session adjournment.

The *Oregon Legislative Guide* is published at the beginning of each legislative session and serves as a general directory for members, legislative employees and those working with the legislative process.

The *Joint Legislative Schedule* is produced daily for the Legislative Assembly and interested parties, and the *Weekly Cumulative Index to Legislative Measures* is published and updated weekly.

Listings of the *Senate and House Third Readings* are published for each day the respective bodies meet, listing those measures coming before the bodies for debate and vote.

TYPES OF MEASURES

The Legislative Assembly can accomplish tasks in addition to creating, amending or repealing laws. It can honor a distinguished Oregonian, propose an amendment to the Oregon Constitution, or send a message on behalf of the Oregon legislature to the President of the United States. In these instances, a bill is not the appropriate form of measure.

There are six types of measures: a **bill**, **joint resolution**, **concurrent resolution**, **resolution**, **joint memorial** and **memorial**.

A bill, the most common type of measure, is a proposal for a law. All statutes, except those initiated by the people or referred to the people by the legislative assembly, must be enacted through a bill.

The path of a bill, from the time it is just an idea to the time it arrives at the Governor's desk for approval, is paved with many detours. In order for a bill to become law, it must be passed by both houses in the identical form.

NEXT MONTH:

A step by step example of how a bill becomes law.

BikePAC: They Work Hard but We Still Have To

Quote: Define Insanity - “Doing the same thing in the same way and expecting different results.”

I want to introduce myself and let you know why I do this type of volunteer work. This organization has given back to me personally something that I can be proud of. In times when I did not think I could go on I always had a job to do for ABATE of Or. It has been the balance when all had been wrong. Realizing this I dedicated myself to the goals and mission of ABATE. My first meeting at the Red Baron with the SE Chapter gave me the job of secretary. This was in 1981 and I had been involved with ABATE of California Imperial Beach Chapter in 1977-79. Even before this I have found that M/C people are just good people.

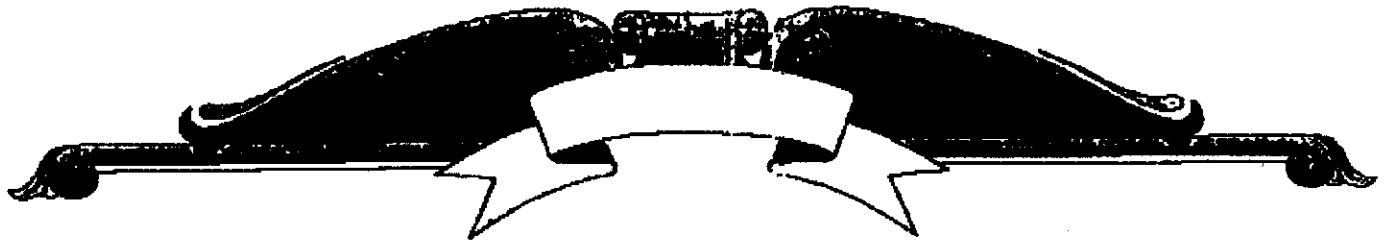
I was instrumental at getting the now Salem Chapter going a lot of people came together then in the winter months we held two meetings and then received our charter. This was a great learning experience and I envisioned starting other chapters around the state but that did not happen. After a year in Salem and being very active with the Better Biking Program I moved to Klamath Falls where I held many offices even the State Paraphanilia Office (Now Ways and Means) for a term. I got a chance to be coordinator and have a successful year for the Klamath Falls Chapter. I still consider Klamath Falls my home and do plan to return someday. It was really good to have the three members from Klamath to help us with the planning session held in Cottage Grove this year.

I have a B.S. in Information Technology Management and I work as a Technical Computer Support person on the Helpdesk for the Department of Human Resources. I enjoy my work and my interest are going more and more toward Politics. I became Precinct Committeewoman for my neighborhood in Precinct 1 this year. It is a continous learning experience.

The work I do for my Chapter is Legislative Officer and the voting Salem Chapter Rep to the State Board in our organization. I am looking forward to continuing this work for one more year I have so much to learn about the legislative process that I want to hold the office during the session this year. This is the first time I have taken on the Legislative Office and I want to see it through.

Some thing about BikePAC. Did you know that BikePAC was developed to support the goals of ABATE of OR, Inc. ABATE contracts with BikePAC for Lobby services and watchdogging the Bills that affect our way of life. Where we as individuals do as we like for, with, and about Candidates ABATE as an organization can not. So out of a basic need BikePAC was formed. BikePAC is not held to the same constranints and can endores or choose not to recommend candidates.

Submitted by MURGE (Margy Jane Gunter) BikePAC Representative for ABATE of OR



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Invites you to ride with us on our 10th Annual

TOY RUN

Bring a toy and meet us at
ROB'S Restaurant
1815 S. Holladay, Seaside, OR

Saturday, December 12, 1998

Meet at 10:00 A.M., leave at 11:00 A.M.

This years Toy Run will also be a Poker Run!
Poker hands available for \$10.00/extra hands \$5.00
(There will be a rain schedule in case of bad weather)

♦ Raffle Prizes ♦ Food ♦ Fun
All for a great cause! The Kids!

For more information contact: Jeff Gee
(503) 861-1700

OR

Janye Lucier
(360) 665-6513

All Proceeds go to Clatsop County Volunteer Christmas Program & Ocean Park Eagles Aerie #3602

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**SALEM CHAPTER
A.B.A.T.E. OF OREGON, INC.
COLLECTING DONATIONS
FOR
ANNUAL TOY RUN TO BE HELD
December 13, 1998 11:00 A.M.**

BENEFIT

Salem Outreach Shelter
And
Youth Resource Center

Items Needed

Toys ages 0-18 years
Items for older children (Teen's)
Hand held games for teens
Hair Accessories
(Combs, Brushes, Ribbons, Clips)
Back Packs
Bath Soap
Bath Towels & Wash Cloths
Paper Towels
Dish Soap
Laundry Soap & Bleach
Pine Cleaner
Coffee, Tea & Sugar

CONTACT:

J C Russell (503)743-4121
Elaine DeVore (503) 581-0006

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**ABATE of Oregon, Inc.
Douglas County Chapter**

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TOY RUN

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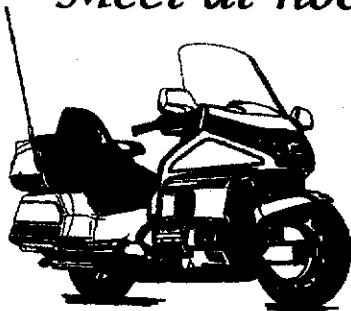
Oregon Tool

*276 S.E. Stephens, Roseburg OR
on*

Sunday, December 13, 1998

Toys to Benefit Foster Parents Association

Meet at noon, ride out at 1:00



Contact: Ed Halkyard
(541) 673-9120

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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon's MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFIED'S

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

**YOUR AD COULD
HAVE BEEN HERE!
WHY NOT
GIVE IT A
TRY?**

For Sale: Two 50 X 15 tires mounted on Chrome Spoke Wheels. 5 bolt Dodge Ramcharger bolt pattern. Real nice wheels and tires. \$50.00 O.B.O. call Bill 503-257-7390 (2/99)

For Sale: 1972 Honda 350SL Chopper, lots of extras, runs great. \$350 Firm. Contact Terry Schafer @654-3687 (2/98)

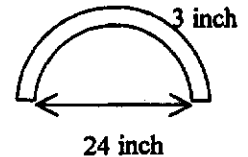


1991 Jeep Wrangler
MANY EXTRAS
\$8,000 OBO
1995 Suzuki Intruder M/C
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1989 Chevy 1 ton p/u
454, four speed, lumber rack
\$7,000 OBO
MUST SELL due to health.
541-782-3476
(12/98)



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WANTED:
1 or 2 Used Fenders for my trailer.
Honda front fenders work pretty good.



Mel Yeager
541-967-1286
evenings after 7 PM
call if you have something close to this size
(12/98)



ATTENTION ALL FAITHFUL READERS: The classified ads are for personal items only. If you have a business or service, please be honest enough to place a commercial ad with the NEWSLETTER. Page two (2) has all the info you need to place an ad that sells. I have enjoyed seeing all that there is to sell. Thank you!

S.E.PORTLAND CHAPTER PRESENTS
EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY PARTY
You're Invited

CONTACT: LEE 760-9015

WHERE: TASKAS 10845 S.E.HALSEY

WHEN: MARCH 13TH

TIME: 7:30 PM TO 1:00 AM

DONATIONS: \$5.00 SINGLE \$8.00 COUPLES

ENTERTAINMENT: LIVE MUSIC, BROOM STICK POOL TOURNAMENT
SINGLE ELIMINATION, PARTNERS , BLIND DRAW, \$3:00 ENTRY, SIGN
UP 7:30 PM START 8:00 PM.

RIDE IN BIKE SHOW "PEOPLES CHOICE"

RAFFLES, CHAPTER AWARDS, GOOD FOOD, FAVORITE BEVERAGES,
MEET NEW FRIENDS, DANCE, FUN FOR EVERYONE.



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS AND EDUCATION
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STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 by Tina Wright, Sergeant at Arms South. There were 12 chapters in attendance, with 10 chapters eligible to vote.

Coordinator's comments: Chris welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Chris is having to learn to work the computer.

Correspondence: NCOM report regarding the no-fault insurance law that died in the last legislative session, but may resume in January. Cell phone call tracking approved by FCC. NHTSA releases their helmet law video. Portland, Or. Police include motorcyclists on their 'Gang-list'. HOV lanes in Portland area allow motorcycles. Thank-you letter from the care center in Fossil. Plaque from MRF noting inclusion of helmet-law reform language in Republican Party Platform. Thanks for this go to Ken Ray and Bob Avery.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Legislative Director: Discussion regarding the release of the helmet law video by NHTSA. Handout regarding the legislative process in Oregon.

BikePAC Representative: Fund-raiser last weekend was a success. Thanks to Lee and SE Portland chapter. Biker Days dates set as follows: Thursday, Jan. 14th, Friday, Jan 22nd, Monday Feb. 1st, Friday, Feb. 12th, and Monday, March 1st. Make your plans to attend at least one of the Biker days, and think about making it a trip with the whole family. Discussion about the 3 bills planned to be presented at the upcoming session.

Governor's Advisory Board on Motorcycle Safety Representative: Captain is on the board and came to our meeting to advise us of two open positions on the board. If you are interested or want more information, contact a State officer who can assist you. The Board has received a grant and is considering the best ways to utilize these funds. A possibility of producing Public Service Announcements was discussed.

Education Director: During the last month I have not received any reports of MAP classes having been taught. I did order and have not yet received the ten video tapes from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation in California. This is something that I am following up on. In the meantime, I have been setting up the program for the STEAM conference to be held on February 20, 1999 at CHEMEKETA Community College in Salem. The rough draft of the program has been given to other officers for their suggestions and recommendations. After I get them back I will fine tune the last details and forward the inf to Gordon for inclusion in the January and February Issues of the ABATE newsletter. In the meantime, you need to talk up this seminar among the chapter officers and make plans now to attend. Invitations will also be sent to brother and sister Motorcycle Rights organizations in Oregon and Washington. As in the past, we expect that several of them will be represented here. This is a great opportunity to mingle with others and to exchange ideas. It is one of the highlights of the year for me.

Membership Secretary: 1,778 members currently.

Newsletter Editor: Challenge for cover art for the January 1999 newsletter must be in Gordon's hands by the December State Board Meeting. If there is nothing submitted, we may have a blank cover in January. Thanks to the chapters who have been getting their reports in on time: Klamath Falls, Lincoln Co, Blue Mt. Central Oregon, River City, South Coast, Willamette Valley, Keizer Salem, North Coast, Douglas County, and SE Portland. Several chapters have missed the newsletter deadline this month: Columbia River, (Second time, no vote this meeting) NE Portland (first time), Southern Oregon (Second time, no vote this meeting), Washington County (first time). The deadline for submissions will be hard and fast on the 10th of the month from now on. Gordon has tried to be flexible, but can no longer wait until the last minute for submissions. Call me if you need help! Please update the Road List information, by chapter preferably. Gordon still needs everyone to submit things for the newsletter, like articles, stories, pictures, etc. Looking for someone interested in taking the on the Editor position. Gordon will even stay on for another year to train the new officer. Contact Gordon for more information.

Products: SE chapter asked about ABATE antenna flags. Any one interested in this item? Contact Nancy or Brad Brooker for more information.

PR Director: Melinda working on a media lead with Lars Larson of KPTV. I am retiring this month as the SE Chapter PR Director, so that I can concentrate on the State PR job (if reelected). My personal long-term goals are to create an annual report and historical video documentary celebrating the 25th anniversary of ABATE of Oregon.

Run Coordinator: Roger attended the AMA sanctioning meeting. Washington County and SE Portland are the only ones who have submitted their run dates, the other chapters need to get this information to Roger ASAP. Discussion about "regional run" concept. Discussion regarding planning session proposals.

Treasurer: Clark reports balances as of 10/31/98 are Bulk mail: \$2,749.06, Checking account: \$6,680.23, General Savings: \$17,561.81, Legal Savings: \$1,595.43 for a total of \$28,586.53. Please remember that the State Treasurer must be on the signatory card for the chapter accounts. Also remember that chapter money cannot be invested where there is a possibility of loss. NE Chapter presented a check for 25% of the profits from Summer Run, and 1/3 of the cost to repair the golf carts damaged during the run. South Coast also presented several checks from various fund-raisers this past year. \$200 to MRF, \$250 to ABATE of Oregon and several chapter members joined BikePAC. Thank you!

Historian: Received MRF plaque and several thank-you letters.

Web Page Editor: Not present, report presented by SE Chapter representative. Updates to the web page are in progress. If you note an error, please advise Maddog, but be specific about which page the error is on (noting the address of the page is very helpful). If you have any submissions, please send them to Maddog.

Vice-Coordinator North: Position Open

Vice-Coordinator South: Keep up the work for your favorite political person.

Vice-Coordinator East: Not in attendance

Sergeant at Arms North: Officer elections are coming up, think about stepping up and accepting a position.
Sergeant at Arms South: Chiloquin thank you's are going out soon. Please remember to print legibly on sign-up log next year.
Sergeant at Arms East: Not present

Committee Reports

1. Membership Committee: No report
2. Sanctioning committee: Several events have completed the sanctioning process. Please remember that beginning in January, any event submitted for sanctioning must be submitted at least 30 days before the event, or it will not be sanctioned.
3. Records committee: Jill and Iris have waded through all the past newsletters and have assembled a reasonably complete set of State Board Meeting Minutes. Motion Logs are also completed from the past several years. The assembled records will be available at STEAM for interested parties to review.

Unfinished Business:

1. Fact finding survey: Have not gotten much participation on this project from the chapters. Possibility of the Governor's Advisory Board on Motorcycle Safety helping on this project.
2. Chapter Non-Compliance: Treasury- all chapters except Central Oregon are up to-date. Chapter meeting Minutes: Chapters are mostly up to-date. Chapter reports to the Newsletter: most chapters have kept up to date. Chapter Representative at the State Board Meeting: all chapters except Keizer have been represented at most meetings this year. The Chapter Representatives have directed the executive board to draft a letter to the 2 chapters who are not in compliance with the rules of operation advising them of the suspension of their charter, with revocation on 12/31/98 unless they come into compliance. Please see the letter printed elsewhere in this newsletter.
3. Cycle Trader Ad: Melinda submitted a tentative advertisement, and it was approved to run from mid-December to mid-January.
4. Planning Session: Copies of minutes distributed please review for further discussion next month.

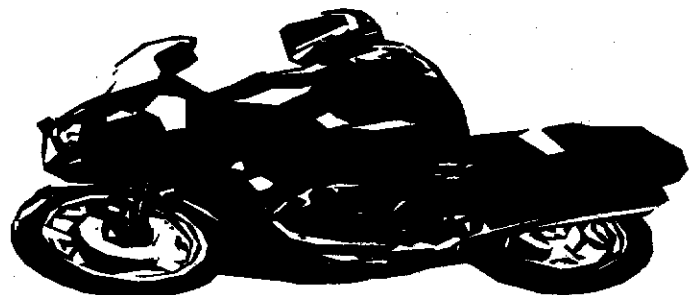
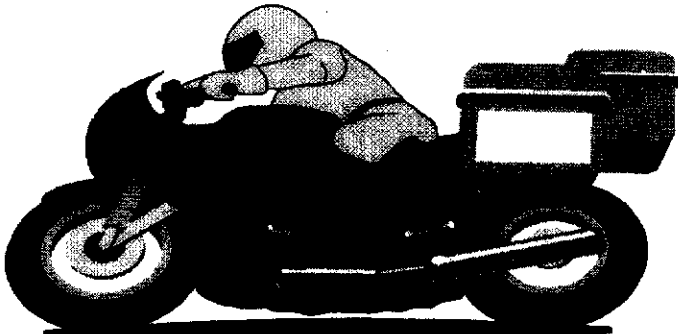
New Business:

1. Motion by Bob Avery to make a donation to the Confederation of Clubs to show our support of their civil rights. Seconded by Randy. Vote: 8 yes, 1 no. Motion carries.
2. Officer Nominations for 1999. Nominations will also be accepted in December. Remember all offices are available!

Coordinator:
Vice-Coordinator North:
Vice-Coordinator South:
Vice-Coordinator East:
Membership Secretary:
Secretary:
Treasurer:
Newsletter Editor:
Legislative Director:
WebPage Editor:
Sergeant at Arms N:
Sergeant at Arms S:
Sergeant at Arms E:
Products Director:
Education Director I:
Education Director II:
PR Director:
Run Coordinator:
Run Coordinator II:
Historian:

Chris Vieira
No nomination
Gary Ploub nominated, not in attendance to accept.
Gene Beekman nominated, not in attendance to accept.
Mother
Jill Tracy
Clark Brooker
Gordon Hieronimus
Frank Saxton
Maddog
No nomination
Tina Wright
Scoff Greenfield nominated, not in attendance to accept.
Nancy and Brad Brooker
Mel Yeager
Judd Witcher nominated, not in attendance to accept.
Melinda McCrossen
Rotten Roger Hendricks
Bud Berliner nominated, not in attendance to accept.
Iris Yeager

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 1998 in Junction City. Minutes submitted by Jill Tracy, State Recording Secretary.



Advance, Not Retreat!

The rain is falling on Clark's trailer outside of the Cottage Grove VFW Hall. The laptop is glowing and before I go off to party, I have to write an article for the newsletter. "It's your duty!" says Clark, so matter-of-factly.. So, the story begins with an early morning drive through the beautiful Willamette Valley. I walked into the meeting, only a half-hour late and faced a group of well-fed bikers hard at work.



Chart paper pages were tacked across the room. The laundry list of work to be done and issues to be addressed was long. The group was busy lumping topics together, so as to facilitate committees. The first two committees to meet were Membership/Communications and Run Events. As you can imagine, the conversations were lively. Many of these issues

seemed heavy and awkward in the beginning, but they really broke down easily once we got into committees. There was no pie-in-the-sky stuff but what we did have was a list of real tasks, which could be accomplished with our greatest resource, our membership, and the people who are actively involved.



Everyone in my group ha' terrific ideas and we seemed to surface with concrete suggestions and practical goals. We came together to share our committee reports with each other and it looked like a year's worth of work ahead of us but it was all do-able. Do-Be-Do-Be-Do. Lunch was served and we continued to chat about all of the great ideas flying around. The best part of lunch was when we were all standing outside the door, wishing for a double rainbow and low-and-behold, there it was, a reminder of the power of a group of hard working bikers who put their minds together to work as a team.

Back from lunch and to work on time. Chris is such a taskmaster, but I think it is actually the Sargent-At-Arms who was keeping us in line. The second round of committees were Fundraising/Treasury and Organizational/Corporate Health. These committees were just as hearty and robust in ideas and differences of opinion. We all managed to come up with a long list of things that will work for us. At this point we were tired but we pulled together to share our direction.

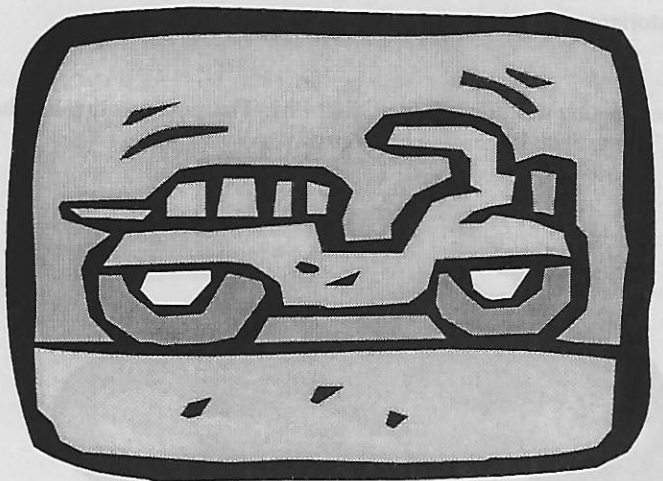
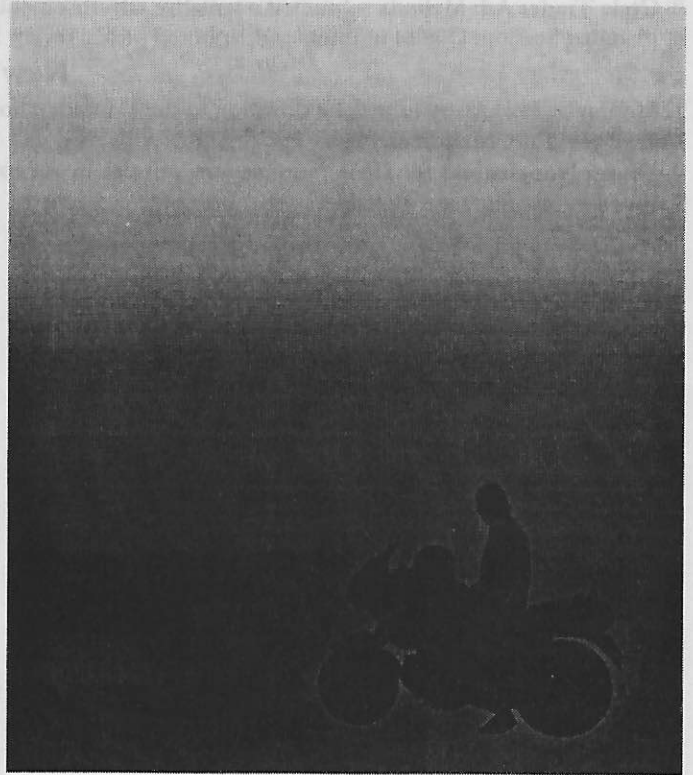
Many of our ideas were overlapping and we felt good that there was enough unity on several issues that we could move forward with common organizational goals. At this point, we began to discuss sanctioning of events, an issue that had not been discussed in committee due to lack of time. Tension was high as we discussed liability, both personal and organizational. Looked like more work for more committees. Anyway, we all agreed on the fact that it was dinner time. Good sense and empty bellies prevailed.

Which brings me to my after dinner activity of writing this journal entry. Clark commented about the rain beginning again and you know I haven't even noticed the rain. It's the quality of the company that I notice at these retreats. New faces, old energy, and a comfy meeting place. It's time for me to join my friends in the cheer that seems to accompany such hard work. What a

tremendous group of people. I am fortunate in being able to hang and discuss the nature of ABATE and our future together as valuable members. We always seem to find that we have more in common than we have problems.

If you want to know what was decided... If you want to know what happened on Sunday, then I guess you should have been here. Every year, I wonder, where the heck were you? You, the one who complains about "the state" with no hesitation. We are all the state, and we need your involvement. We are shaping the future of motorcycle riding right here, right now. Your input would have been valuable. There's still time for you to get involved. Come to STEAM. Come to a board meeting or a chapter meeting. Help us face a future of hope together and not a future where we are wondering where you were when we needed you, our scooters banned from the beautiful Oregon roads. Get off your butt and become part of the team. Now

Melinda McCrossen



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January 1, 1999



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Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

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