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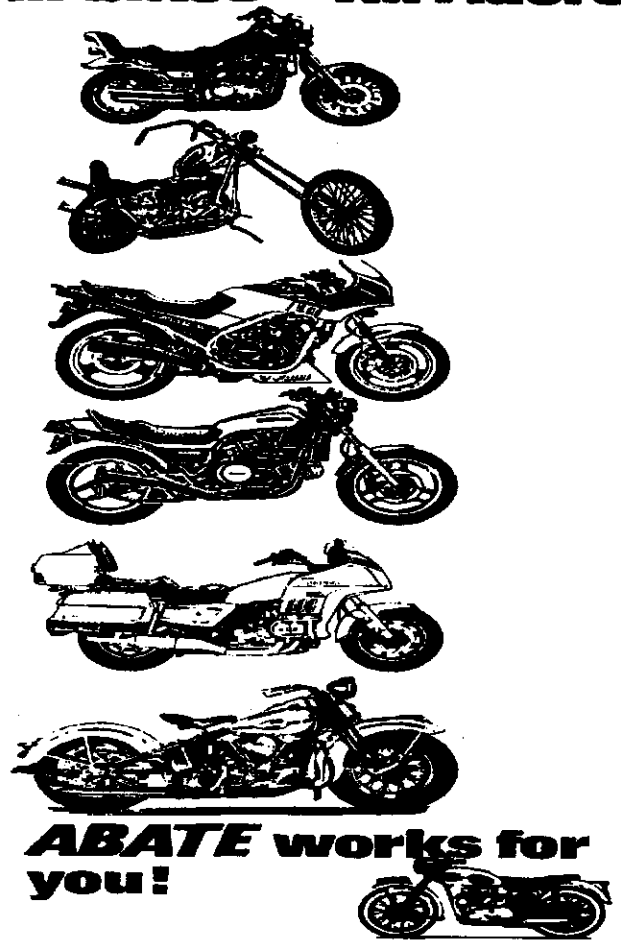
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Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1st & 3rd SUNDAY

S.E. PORTLAND

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

1st SUNDAY

BLUE MOUNTAIN

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

2nd SUNDAY

CENTRAL OREGON

2:00 PM, KC's Pizza House, 1655 N. Hwy 97, Redmond

KEIZER

4:00 PM, Call Vern Miller 503-390-7906

3rd SUNDAY

SOUTH COAST

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

DOUGLAS COUNTY

11:00 AM, 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 TUESDAYS

RIVER CITY

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

2nd & 4th TUESDAY

WASHINGTON COUNTY

7:30 PM, Pizza Hut, 3190 N.W. 185th, Portland

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

1st & 3rd FRIDAY

LINCOLN COUNTY

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

1st THURSDAY

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

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

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

Greetings from the Eastside of the state;

We had our first meeting of the new year and had a good turn out with 9 people attending. The "Foolish Fellow Award" goes to Marc who rode his bike to the meeting and walked out to snowflakes gently falling on him. Some people never learn...

We had a very good discussion of what A.B.A.T.E. means to us. The fellow asking wanted to know what we stood for and not just as a state organization but each of us sitting at that meeting. I believe that every once in a while it is a good thing to search your soul and find out what you believe in. At your next meeting, look around at the people and think about why you are sitting there with them. This isn't all fun and games, folks. We need to be united in our thinking or else we will not achieve anything we truly want. We also have extended an invitation to our state officers to hold a state board meeting over here on our side of the state.

We aren't just voices on the speakerphone and you wouldn't believe how pretty it is in the summer over here. Personally, I wish there could be state meetings all over the state but I realize that takes a lot of planning and gasoline to travel all over the place. We are really hoping you will take the time to head over this way some time.

I am looking forward to seeing some of you at the STEAM confab in Salem. I get to tag along with Howard and I am ready to share what I know about life in the slow lane, etc. etc. ...

Well, the snow is coming down as I finish this and I must run this into town before the slush turns to ice so I just want to wish everyone a Happy Valentines Day and all that mush.

Take Care,
Diane Walker

Central Oregon

Meets 2nd Sunday, 2:00 PM

KC's Pizza House, 1655 North Highway 97, Redmond
Chapter address: P.O. Box 9188, Bend, Or. 97708
Chapter contact: Jay Swartz 541-389-6773

The snow is here!

The bikes here are tucked away snugly in their garages (or livingrooms) until that cold, wet white stuff melts away. Contrary to popular belief, bikes don't get lonely if not rode within 24 hours. Due to the snow, there was a low turn out at our January meeting and we will be having nother meeting the following Sunday to tidy p some loose ends.

Things to remember in February:

All you hard core bikers don't forget your biking honeys on the 14th.

STEAM, all officers are expected to attend and all A.B.A.T.E. members are invited to attend. (I will be making a personal sacrifice attending on my birthday, so let's all celebrate afterwards.)

There is still a casino night in the works, so watch for a flier.
Sherri

Columbia River

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

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

NO REPORT, SECOND TIME.

Douglas County

Meets 3rd Sunday at 11:00 AM

Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 61, Roseburg, OR 97457
Chapter Contact: Ed Halkyard at (541) 673-6120

NO REPORT, SECOND TIME.

Keizer

Meets 2nd Sunday at 4:00 PM

Izzy's Pizza, 3400 River Rd, Keizer
Chapter Address: P.O.Box 20896 Keizer, or. 97307
Chapter Contact: Vern Miller (503) 390-7906

Hello everyone! :)

Let's see ... this is January so I'm writing for the February newsletter.... oh! - Happy Valentine's Day everyone! I don't know about you but I'm SO looking forward to STEAM this month. From what I read in the January newsletter, it sounds very informative. So everyone be there!

It's a shame the newsletter deadline isn't a day later this month. Then I could submit two chapter reports at once!

Anyway, Keizer chapter held their December meeting on Sunday the 14th at 4:00 pm. We had ten people show up, which is pretty good for a new Chapter during the holiday rush.

Oh. I forgot to report that the winner of the 50-50 drawing in November, Daryle Orpilla, donated his winnings back into the chapter fund to help us get on our feet. That was sweet of you Mr. Orpilla.

We're still trying to establish a checking account. And I guess we have to wait until a post office box opens up. Don't worry, I'll post the number right here when we get one.

Mr. Orpilla presented information on Oregon's Adapt-A-Highway program because we were considering doing that as a form of community service.

Apparently we are going to have our very own chapter flag. All we have to do is decide on the background color at the next meeting. Perhaps a lovely pastel shade would make it more visible. Anyway, a gentleman named Walt (I don't know your last name, :(Sorry.) is supposed to make it for us when we decide on the color.

Oh yes. The Keizer chapter is holding a garage sale on Saturday and Sunday, the 10th and 11th of January. I guess it's too late to attend it, but next month I'll sure let you know how it went.

Guess what! I actually won the 50-50 raffle at the close of the meeting! I was sorely tempted to put the money in my dream bike fund. But then I remembered Mr. Orpilla's unselfish example and donated my winnings back to the chapter.

Our next meeting should be on Sunday, the 8th of February 1998 at 4:00 pm at the Keizer Izzy's on north River Road. Please come by and join us.

I hope everyone has a wonderful February, the month of love.
(I'm too romantic for my own good, I guess.)

See you at STEAM.

R. O'Toole

'Squeeker' ;-}

Lincoln County

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

Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport

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

Chapter Contact: Gary Ploub 541-782-3476

HELLO!

Happy New Year from everyone in Lincoln County!
Elections are over, we all would like to thank our 1997 officers for a job well done! Our 1998 officers are as follows:

Coordinator-Gary Ploub

Vice Coordinator - Kurt Speas

Secretary Shirley Huff

Treasurer Lori Ploub

Membership Secretary-Judy Richie

Historian Jane Cutshall

Ways & Means-Darlene Main

Education Director Joe Huff

Legislative Director John Ehmer

State Rep — Gary Ploub

Public Relations' Director — Darlene Main

Sergeant At Arms — Kurt Speas & Lenny Watkins

Newsletter Editor Carolyn Reichmann

Congratulations people! It looks like it's going to be a great year. We're having a Sweetheart's Party in February 13th at Moby Dick's, 7:30 pm The Drawing for the car donated by Toby Murry Motors (all proceeds going to Mrs. Santa), 50/50, and Raffle all up for grabs!

Kurt, myself, and some of our members are excited about helping some of our local Boy Scouts with their Annual Pine-Wood Derby Jan. 26th & 27th at Newport Elks.

We are also gearing up for our Anniversary Party in March, Fossil, and Beaver Creek.

I believe it's been about 13 years or so since I have submitted a Chapter letter to the State, feels GOOD to be back on type! Talk to you again next month -

RIDE SAFE!

SHIRLEY

N.E. Portland

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

RoundTable Pizza, 4141 NE 122nd, Portland

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

Chapter Contact: MaryBeth (503) 253-7843

Hi everyone,

We had our first meeting of the new year and everything went smoothly with the new officers, not that it didn't last year. Maybe it has something to do with the low turnout. If that's why, I'd rather see the meetings not go so smoothly. It's sad to see the first chapter of ABATE of Oregon in this way. Out of all the people in our chapter we had 12 show up. It's time to get involved, with the new year and primary elections coming up.

We've got to stay informed of the candidates running for

office so we can get the representatives in that will work with us. Enough complaining for now, **JUST SHOW UP!**

At least to say hi. Remember our meeting place has changed to Round Table Pizza just south of Sandy on 122nd but the date and time is still the same (1st & 3rd Wed. at 7:30).

The new officers we have so far are:

Coordinator Smokin' Al

Vice Coordinator Randy Phipps

Treasurer Jeff Giddings

Secretary Marty Coon

Ways & Means Steve Baily

Public Relations open

Membership Secretary Tim Taylor

State Board Rep. Randy Phipps

Sgt. At Arms Diesel Dave

Legislative Rep. open (required office)

Historian open

Come to think of it, we haven't officially had elections, at least these are the people who said they would fill the positions (or who were rail-roaded).

It was nice to see that the Portland Shriners' toy run was such a success. Only 335 out of 3500 tickets for the bike were left. That means a lot of money for the kids, not to mention the kick they got out of seeing the people on over a thousand bikes thundering up the hill to wish them a merry Christmas. Thanks to all of those who put the run on and those who showed up for it.

Thanks again to Butch Harbaugh, BikePAC, and the rest of the people who got us so far with our efforts at the capitol last year. Also thanks to the officers who led our chapter and the state board last year.

Well that's all I can think of for our chapters report for this month.

Remember, there's strength in numbers, so come be a part of it!

Take it easy,

Marty

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

NO REPORT, FIRST TIME.

Salem

Meets 4th Sunday, 1:00 PM

Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave NE

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

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

Chapter Contact: Jim Russell 503-743-4121

Happy Heart Day y'all,

What a fine turnout we had at the December meetin'. Kinda like ol' times. Had 21 fine folks presentin' their smilin' faces at Pietro's Pizza out at Market & Hawthorne. (Right by the I-5 exit ... nudge, nudge.)

Looks like the Salem Chapter's reboundin' nicely. Hope the same can be said for all the other Oregon A.B.A.T.E. chapters that was experiencin' attendance problems. (Maybe it was just the time o' year, huh?)

One thing we did that kinda helped out was to make up reminder cards an' mail 'em out. (Rot Path also believes in makin' a few friendly phone calls to help jog what's left of people's memories.)

Look's like the Salem Chapter will be considering a suggestion from Jim Russell 'bout holding some kinda event out in Turner. (Just south of Salem.) Could be fun. An' it's got the enthusiastic okay from the Mayor and Chief of Police.

Gonna be holdin' officer elections durin' the January meetin', so here's hopin' the turnout was good. Here's a list of folks who volunteered for various positions:

- Coordinator - Jim Russell
- Legislative/State Rep - Margy Gunter (would shadow Daryle)
- Membership - Marlene Schrouder
- Treasurer - Elaine DeVore
- Secretary/Newsletter - Rot Path
- Vice Coordinator - Gary DeVore
- Ways & Means - Jim Russell

Rot Path's got a bit of that flu bug that's been goin' around, (lotta good that shot did) so this month's column is gonna be a bit shorter than normal.

Wear yer heart on yer sleeve an' a smile on yer free-ridin' face.
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

Hello,

Well our meeting for this month was short due to Officer Elections and our annual Andy Proctor Memorial Toy Run which was a huge success. Marc Proctor and his wife came to the meeting. Marc is the brother of Andy. Marc told us how much this annual memorial toy run meant to their family. We had a lot of news media coverage as well as making the front page of The World Newspaper. Thanks to local merchants, their employees and all of you, the run was great!

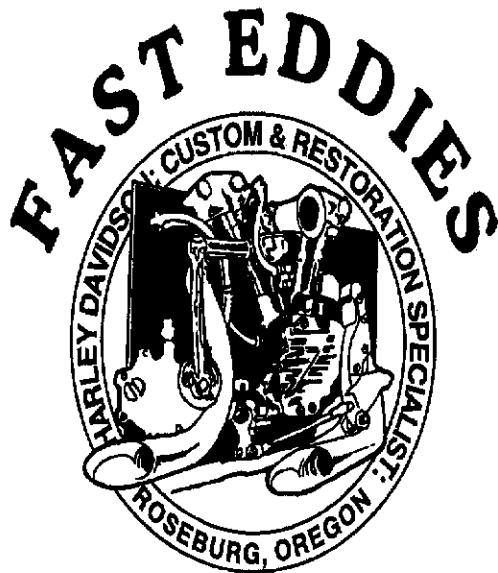
We also held Officer Elections in which these were the results;

- Coordinator Bud Berliner
- Vice Coordinator Karen McIntyre
- Secretary Charlie Hill
- Treasurer Nancy Curran
- Ways and Means Randy Christensen
- Public Relations Mary Nearpass
- State Rep Tom Curran
- Road Captain Jeff Bauder
- Sargent at Arms Rocky Spann
- Education Director Steve Corey
- Membership Secretary Karen McIntyre
- Historian Flash Baker
- Legislator Bill Paetz

Congratulations to all of our new officers and a great big thanks to the past officers for all the hard work they did throughout the year.

If you are not attending the meetings, look at what you are missing out on;

- Drawing for the door prize and 50/50
 - \$20.00 leather belt donated by The Bay Cobbler, won by Mrs. Proctor
 - \$29.95 goggles donated by Coos Cycle, won by Mary
 - \$30.00 slippers donated by Bill, won by Mary
 - \$8.95 Shell Motorcycle donated by Bay Area Yamaha, won by Tom
 - \$8.00 Tattoos donated by Far West Cycle, won by Randy
 - \$10.00 X-mas cup with cocoa donated by Far West Cycle, won by John G
 - \$9.95 leather half gloves donated by Bay Area Yamaha, won by Tony
 - \$2.00 plastic mug donated by Bill won by Sherman Acord
 - \$12.00 T-shirt donated by Bill, won by Bud
 - 50/50-\$20.00 won by Wizard
- Happy New Year!
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Charlie Hill



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

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Roberta Great 541-857-0244

Greetings from Southern Oregon Chapter-

The weather this time of year doesn't tempt most people to go on long motorcycle rides, so a lot of us just stay home and dream about the riding season to come. If you aren't one to just sit around and wait for warmer weather, I have a few suggestions that can keep you involved in the sport you love.

First on Feb 21st State ABATE will hold their annual STEAM Conference in Salem. STEAM is a training session open to All ABATE members who are interested in getting more involved with their chapters. It is a good way to preview the various officers' positions and types of activities that ABATE does each year. This Conference is something that every chapter-level officer should attend. Anyone who wants to meet members from other chapters and find out the different ways things can be done should plan on attending STEAM.

Second, over the next few months, the Politicians will start coming out to the woodwork as they start running for office/re-election. Now is the time to check out these people and find out what they stand for. If you like what they have to say (and believe them) then volunteer to work on their campaign. Politicians tend to remember the people who helped to get them elected. Having friends in all levels of government can be very beneficial at times.

Third, take some time and go over your bike from end-to-end. Tighten up all the nuts and bolts, check out your tires and battery, and do all the little things that you've been puffing off. There should be a Motorcycle Swap meet in March where you can pick up some of those parts you've been looking for. If you do the maintenance while the weather is still nasty, your bike will be ready for the season when the warm weather arrives.

Finally, now that football season is over and the holidays are but a memory, spend some time with your significant other. (You know the one that rides behind or beside you on those motorcycle rides!) Bring them to a chapter meeting, or take them to STEAM with you, they may enjoy it. Sometimes its the time they get to spend with you that counts, not where you're at or what you're doing.

Until next time-
Sandi

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)-658-4227

Someone mentioned spring being just around the corner and my heart went racing...then, it snowed. While the weather is making the indoors a more enticing place to be, think about using the downtime to get more involved in promoting awareness of ABATE and Chapter endeavors. There are several ways to help by using very little effort.

Our Public Relations officer, Bill Cameron, needs an extra hand to get ABATE materials out to establishments around the

Portland area. Bill covers several of the bike shops and some taverns, but he's not on the list to be cloned and could use your help. If there's a biker friendly establishment nearby your house or job site, ask if you could bring in a stack of newsletters or flyers for an upcoming event. Bill can have them ready for you, and the best place to pick them up would be to come to a meeting. Remember, any business with a place for community information would be great to get the word out about our work to curious folks.

Another way to help is to contact our Education Director, Jud Witcher, and let him set up a time for you to spend a couple of hours educating high school students about motorcycle safety. Yeah, this one takes a little more effort while doing it, however, Jud has it all set up and all you have to do is know your shit and show up to teach for a couple of hours. This one is a real immediate "feel good" endeavor and can be done as often as you like. The more folks Jud has to help facilitate a class, the more often it can be done and the more likely we'll be on the road with safer drivers and fellow riders.

Here's one more way that will help our Chapter directly, volunteer to hold the office of Ways and Means. Our Chapter needs this source of income. Do it for one or a few meetings. Chapter Chaplain Vic Voltz volunteered his time for two or three meetings and was very creative about it. I did it myself all of last year, and it was quite painless. I got to make some friendly acquaintances, and had an excuse to educate non-biker folk about a very active and progressive political group turning heads in State legislative politics. For more info, contact Chapter Coordinator Lee Austin. Yes, our Chapter has been focusing on ways to "get the message out" and we do need your involvement to keep the Chapter thriving. If you think you aren't needed to help out, or think someone else will do it, just show up at the next meeting. It is your Chapter and you did join ABATE for a reason and there's an opportunity to support that reason whether it be political or social. Speaking of memberships, according to our Membership Director Craig Blair, several of you are due for membership renewal. Pull out that card and check it, or give Craig a call to check your status. Last, we're getting near to our Chapter Anniversary and, of course, a party plan is in the works. Look for it to be in March, if you would like to help plan it, contact Vice Coordinator Kerry Trotter. Find out more details in the newsletter or, better yet, come to a meeting.

Get involved.

T

Washington County

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

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

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 830, Cornelius, Or 97118

Chapter Contact: Ted Tracy (503) 640-5766

Bill the Bricklayer (503) 640-9543

Hello

I'm Ed, the new Washington County Chapter recording secretary. I am happy to be a part of this organization. WaCo has some big plans coming up this year. First thing is the Pool Shoot, scheduled for Saturday, March 7th. Contact Ted Tracy for more information. We also have a Poker Run lined up for May, and now famous Roll n' Ride/Family Picnic in June. The End of Summer Run is scheduled for September 18th, 19th and 20th, and the Toy Run is going to be held on November 21st. Hope to see you at some of these functions. See you on the road!

Ed

Willamette Valley

Meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 PM
Prime Time Sports Bar & Grill
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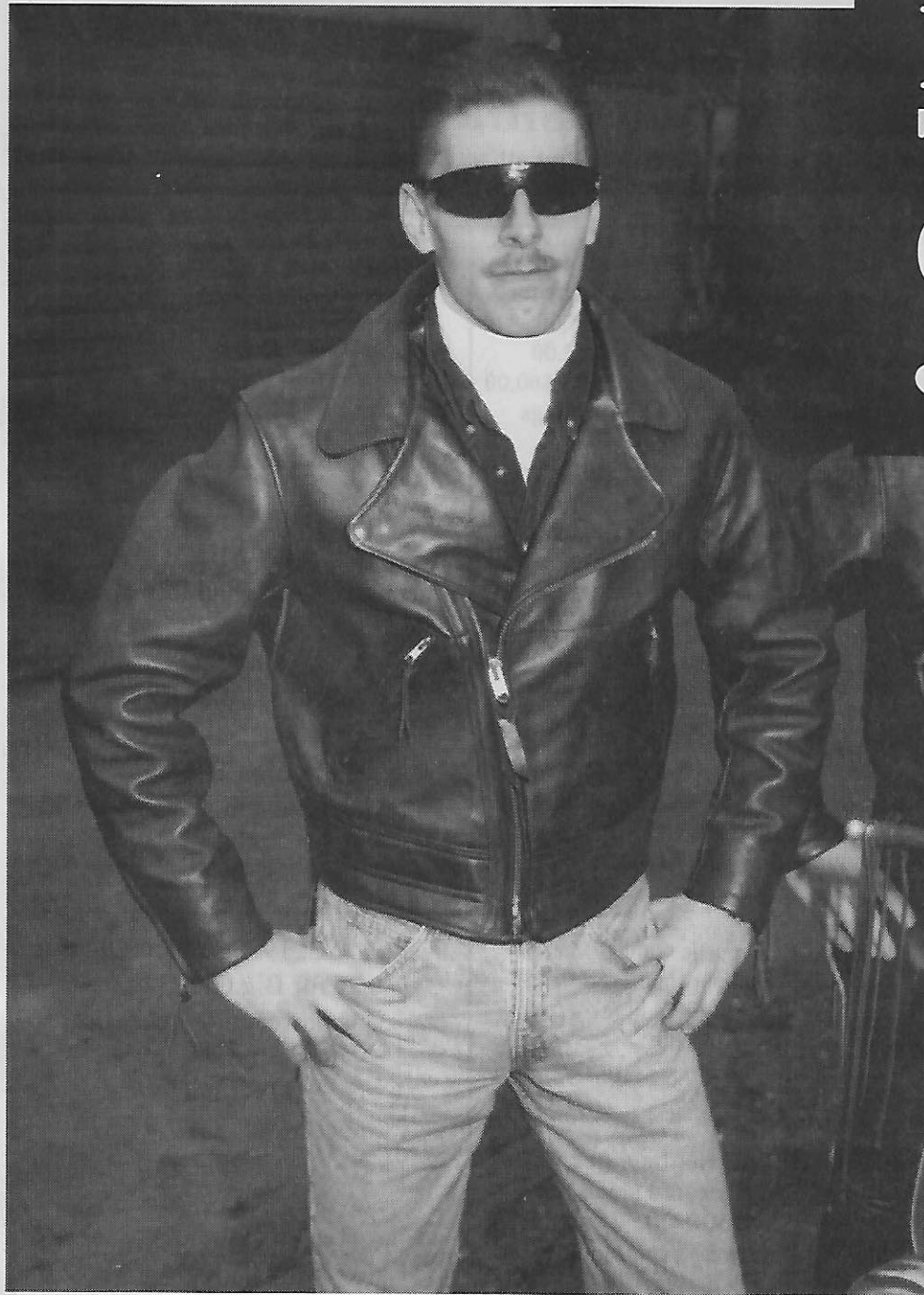
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From The

GUNNY'S SACK comes:

The AIM. . .ing POINT

This year starts on a sorry note with the untimely deaths of two famous people. They both died from injuries sustained due to head-on collisions with trees while skiing. The outcry I'm hearing scares me because suddenly we hear that skiing is a dangerous sport that needs regulation. The American Medical Association is already up in arms over these tragedies in the person of Dr. Carolyn Ferree. She says these two deaths may prompt the nation's largest organization of doctors to press for mandatory ski helmet use for adults. In other words, skiers don't have the sense to avoid trees so maybe there ought to be a law that says they need helmets on their heads.... WHOOPS!

According to a news story in the New York Times on January 7th, you are 10 times more likely to die riding a bicycle than skiing, 300 Americans die every year from falls in the bathtub (mandatory shower helmets are next?), and that helmets give wearers a false sense of security. Nevertheless, skiers purchased over 80,000 helmets last year. That's FREEDOM OF CHOICE.

When these same arguments were used by safetycrats to advocate for mandatory bike helmets, everybody said, "ah don't worry it will never happen." WHOOPS! When we next looked around we had lids stuck on our noggins and were getting arrested for illegal head gear if the cop didn't like the looks of the lid. When we would ask about why the ticket we'd get a rash about the legality of the helmet on our heads. Now we're having a hell of a time getting rid of the stupid laws.

Now, I don't recall the numbers that were used to cause the uproar over bikers but the numbers I'm hearing on the ski issue, again according to the New York Times piece, is that 39 people died last year in ski accidents.

We need to keep a weather eye on this problem because it has a direct effect on how much harder it's going to be to get rid of the stupidity we are dealing with right now. Government will, if given the opportunity, limit us to the point of rebellion. The next thing I look for is a Dr. installing a helmet on a baby in the birth canal prior to the completion of the birth process in order to safeguard the child against the odd chance of the obstetrician dropping it on the floor and causing injury.

Now I know I'm being a little silly about helmets in the womb, but you know we didn't worry about helmets on bikers when the talk started up about it, and I'm old enough to remember. We didn't think it would happen, and in many states, even kids on bicycles must have helmets to be legal and they don't need a license or have to pass any skill tests to ride peddle bikes as far as I know.

The point I'm getting at is if skiers wind up with helmets for recreational skiing we will have suffered another little chip in our right to make our own decisions. We can't afford to allow safetycrats to run with this. If we do, they will run amuck and we'll lose the freedom to make adult decisions about anything. There are alarm bells are going off all over the place and we better pay attention.

News bits'n pieces:

Washington, DC: The MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation) is asking interested persons for comment on the proposed "Intelligent Highway System" that our government is looking into to reduce highway crashes across the country. Initially motorcycles were not included in the studies. We need to be sure motorcycles are a part of any federal highways system put into use. We pay taxes just like the cagers. Contact: Steve Zimmer at 202/546-0983.

Penn: Bikers there working hard on the repeal of their helmet law got a boost when the courts found the law is unconstitutional because no one understands FMVSS-218 and there is no list of approved hats as required by that state. Bikers are getting tickets for illegal hats and claiming they bought in good faith and had no guidelines.

Pakistan: 22 people were killed in a funeral procession when 2 people on a motorcycle opened fire as they rode by. I don't think I will attend any funerals in that country.

Europe: Bikers here send us New Years greetings and some optimism with some of the things happening there. Rider education has surfaced with a great deal of support from governmental agencies in general. Now all that's needed is to keep the momentum up. Discrimination still exists in the area of recycling of motorcycle parts and aftermarket parts ventures, due to governmental moves to try to limit what parts can be used.

China: Stock market trading is on the increase in motorcycle manufacturing because of the rise in profits of the leading manufacturers in this country.

Bikes are really popular in China because they are affordable to the masses as a transportation option.

Northwestern University: Carlton Sams from Motorcycle City has discovered a course called "Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs". The subject matter includes reference to: Colors, Biker women, Runs, Clandestine laboratories, and much more. Information is available by calling 1-800-323-4011. It's a sad situation when institutions of higher learning jump on the bandwagon encouraging discrimination against lifestyles or anything else in this country.

Kansas City, MO: Harley-Davidson is celebrating the beginning of production of "Sporty's" in this brand new 330,000 square foot, 85 million dollar plant. This should make a big difference in deliveries of bikes of all kinds from H-D. It shouldn't hurt K-C's economy with the creation of more jobs in the area either.

New Jersey: BMW announced 1997 as a banner year for their motorcycle sales. The determining factor appears to be the increasing use of motorcycles by police departments all over the country. Many police agencies are upgrading to the new more powerful R-1100 RT-P models, specially equipped to run the additional police devices.

Sam's AIM Tip'O the month: Your bike is totalled in a wreck or a theft. Your attorney says to just make

your own deal on the value of the bike. You've put \$15,000 into the bike, and they want to give you \$9,000, and 6,500 if you keep the salvage. Is this FAIR? Sam sez there's just one measure of that ride, and it's showroom floor value (fair market value, or FMV), and not what you put into it. Same goes for cars, by the way. Get your best FMV estimate by having people who deal in your bike *look* at the bike (pix alone often won't cut it). Be there when this goes down, so you can explain the goodies on the bike. Use the best estimates for the insurance company, because they'll use the worst ones they can find. Call Sam for more tips, if you're in that spot.

Gunny again: Just one more blurb about event schedules. Please send me your calender so I can plan to be there with the AIM/NCOM booth. After all, that's what I'm all about, getting folks set up so they are protected in the unhappy event they get clobbered. As always **Sam Hochberg**, our Oregon AIM attorney and I are as close as your nearest phone. Call **224-1106** in Portland and if it's a toll call use **1-800-347-1106**. Nationaly, use the AIM number, **1-800-531-2424**. My home number is **503/436-5668**. Our electronic address via E-mail are SamBikeLaw@aol.com, and AIMGunny@aol.com.

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Gunny, Oregon AIM Chief of Staff 🇺🇸

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SUNNYSIDE UP

It's February, and it's probably cold and wet outside or wet and cold. It doesn't matter, because either way, it doesn't make for good riding conditions. All we can do is wait for those occasional clear days when we just "have to" go for a putt. You pile on the winter gear, and before you get out of the house you're sweating, then; you get the bike out, throw a leg over the seat, and it hits.... where's my key? You know the rest. Once you're in the wind, it was worth all the inconvenience because this is what we love to do love and where we love to be.

Speaking of love, it's hearts and flowers time again...yeah, Valentine's Day, What a great time to show the one you love how much you really appreciate them. O.K. men, plan ahead, go out and get some flowers, a box of candy, or some other special thing, (make reservations at her favorite place) and treat her special. And ladies, (this is Becky talking), you can do something special for him too. A romantic card in his lunch box, having a big bouquet of balloons with candy attached delivered at his work place is fun. (Go ahead, intimidate his masculinity a little. He may complain, but he'll be the envy of all the guys). Maybe send the kids to grandma's and surprise him with his favorite dinner by candle light. Or, if he's the forgetful type, you make the reservations and take him out someplace special. Whatever works, do something special. It does a lot to keep that spark alive in a relationship.

Think about this, what if the one, You loved walked out the door tomorrow morning and was suddenly taken from you? What would your last memory of them be? When was the last time you said, or better yet DID something that says, "I love you" in a special way. Speaking of great love and memories, do you know there was one who loved you so much he allowed himself to be beaten and then nailed to a cross to prove it. He died, and was buried. But the good news is, he rose after three days, just so we can live free from the bondage of this life, and into the next. That's an eternal promise. Romans 5:3 tells us, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners (and far from Him) Christ died for us. Have you said "yes" to him and his love?

God Bless,
Livin'on the Sonny-side,
Don, Chaplain 

A PLEA...

Under any other circumstances, this "letter to the editor" would seem to be something to pass off as just "another letter". But this is a plea to the NEW ABATE STATE OFFICERS to please sit down and take a long hard look at this organization and to also to listen to what is being said.

The membership also needs to hear this and to make steps towards giving ABATE another chance.

The Symptoms

OREGON ABATE is an organization that is fast loosing pace with the needs and respect of its members.

I know that is a bold statement, but it is true. Hell, we have 3 or more chapters that are bordering on closure because people don't want to step up to the challenge of keeping it going. Why you ask? A lot of people have lost their faith in this "brotherhood". ABATE is the only insulation between us and "the system". If ABATE falls, then we will have to eat (*and be satisfied with*) every little law that comes down the road at us, because we won't have the power of an "organization" to back us up.

In the words of Larry Schalk "*it wont be long and ABATE will no longer be great*" (Dec.'97 Newsletter)

The Cure

There are many problems that we can all think of, but let me try to point out THE NUMBER ONE REASON. The #1 reason is simply respect.... ABATE OF OREGON is losing respect for itself and its people, and it stands to reason especially after the blow we took from the governor this year. If we quit now, he wins. We have to save this organization from its demise and its up to ALL of us.

The respect thing is important to recognize, because people that earn it should receive it. People that don't, should at least be given the opportunity to a fair chance. Respect should be given to members and non-members alike, after all we are all still human beings. A member that has "a say" in what their organization does with their time and money is a happy member. If this one single right (as a member of any organization) is taken away, then that member does not feel needed or part of the cause, and he/she will leave. Members are feeling disconnected from the leadership of STATE

ABATE, and some from their chapter leaders. This has got to change in ABATE of OREGON.

The Membership

Membership is in a downturn, participation is falling off, and volunteerism is at an all time low. I've been hearing this personally from members, new and old. I've had it pointed out to me by members of other groups, clubs and people. And it was made real apparent to me while visiting another organizations business meeting recently. I used to visit other meetings, stand up, introduce myself, and tell them where I was from because I was proud to say it. I felt that ABATE was a source to be reckoned with and that we were somebody. Afterwards I felt almost embarrassed that I had actually said that I was an ABATE member. They did not dis-respect us in any way, but the point was clear, that we no longer operated very well as a group or offered recognition when it was deserved. ABATE, as an organization is losing its respect in other people's eyes and that is not something we can afford to lose.

Changes

Respect for our people, recognize them and say "how's it goin".

Recognize other bikers for whatever they are, they're our only allies in this fight, we need them all.

Regain the respect for our Organization and our Leaders.

Our Leaders need to respect the word of it's membership, allow the membership to make their words heard. Make it convenient for the members to speak, not by driving 200 miles to a meeting, but by mail. Each and every member receives a newsletter. That can be our media in which to VOTE our opinions on crucial matters. The members that are not able to vote on these things are the ones that are *mad as hell*.

You members that are "*mad as hell*" need to speak up and make yourself heard. Stop standing by and bitching about things, get the word out and yourselves and make the difference.

ABATE can not afford lost membership and bad publicity travels a lot further then good.

There are many parts to a relationship, but the most important of those are respect, admiration and communication. If "*THE NEW ABATE of 1998*" can realize how these important parts fit together then there will be no stopping us... ever! I for one, am stepping up to the challenge of making ABATE

of OREGON a better organization for it's members and for all bikers.

As the new Vice Coordinator for WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAPTER ABATE I welcome all of you to join this challenge to regain our place as the leaders in *THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM OF BIKERS*.

**Paul Christoferson, Vice- Coordinator WACO
ABATE** ♡

From a Florida newspaper:

A man was working on his motorcycle on his patio and his wife was in the house in the kitchen. The man was racing the engine on the motorcycle and somehow, the motorcycle slipped into gear. The man, still holding the handlebars, was dragged through a glass patio door and the motorcycle dumped onto the floor inside the house.

The wife, hearing the crash, ran into the dining room, and found her husband laying on the floor, cut and bleeding, the motorcycle laying next to him and the patio door shattered. The wife ran to the phone and summoned an ambulance.

Because they lived on a fairly large hill, the wife went down the several flights of long steps to the street to direct the paramedics to her husband. After the ambulance arrived and transported the husband to the hospital, the wife up righted the motorcycle and pushed it outside.

Seeing that gas had spilled on the floor, the wife obtained some paper towels, blotted up the gasoline, and threw the towels in the toilet. The husband was treated at the hospital and was released to come home. After arriving home, he looked at the shattered patio door and the damage done to his motorcycle. He became despondent, went into the bathroom, sat on the toilet, and smoked a cigarette. After finishing the cigarette, he flipped it between his legs into the toilet bowl while still seated.

The wife, who was in the kitchen, heard a loud explosion and her husband screaming. She ran into the bathroom and found her husband laying on the floor. His trousers had been blown away and he was suffering some "serious" burns in some strategic areas. The wife again ran to the phone and called for an ambulance.

The same ambulance crew was dispatched and the wife met them at the street. The paramedics loaded the husband on the stretcher and began carrying him

to the street. While they were going down the stairs to the street accompanied by the wife, one of the paramedics asked the wife how the husband had burned himself. She told them and the paramedics started laughing so hard, one of them tipped the stretcher and dumped the husband. He fell down the remaining steps and broke his ankle. 🐼

COPING WITH THEM HOLIDAY LIGHTS

- Rot Path -

Come on, admit it. How many of yous still got yer holiday lights an' decorations up despite all the hecklin' an' naggin' yer gettin'?

Get them paws up there.

Thought so.

Rot Path's got some strategies ta pass on to y'all that should get them nit-pickin' folks off yer back:

Logical/ guilt: "I just gotta put `em back up again in a few months so why endanger life an' limb takin' `em down now? Ya don't want me gettin' hurt do ya?" (If ya get a positive response or none at all to this one, consider the relationship on shaky ground.)

Logical confusion: "Let's see, I put up the lights and decorations in 1997.

It is now 1998. You expect them to be put up again in 1998. It's already 1998.

Therefore it's already done." (The important thing ta remember if ya use this one is ta keep a straight face while recitin' it an' ta get out of the room as quickly as ya can afterwards before anyone can think about it too much.)

Mechanical: In February, put duct tape over over all the lights except the pink an' red ones. Tell everyone yer celebratin' Valentine's Day. In March pull the tape off the green lights an' put it over the red an' pink ones an' claim it's St. Patrick's Day yer observing. Ya see the pattern developin' here? Just keep exposing the lights appropriate fer whatever month it is until December.

Then ya can take out a second mortgage ta pay fer all the electrical juice ya wasted throughout the year an' to buy new lights `cause the ol' ones are all gummed up with duct tape adhesive.

Along the same lines, ya can leave all them plastic lawn ornaments up year `round an' just put different decorations on `em as the seasons change. (Ya might wanna hide the reindeer durin' huntin' season.) An' just think, when it snows, ya won't

hafta send the kids out ta make snowpeople `cause they'll already be there.

So relax an' enjoy yer holiday decorations -- no matter what time of year it is. All it takes is a bit of creative thinkin'. 🐼

EDUCATION DIRECTOR REPORT JANUARY, 1998

The Holidays are behind us now and there are two important things looking at us at this time. Getting out there and doing the Motorcycle Awareness program in our local schools and STEAM '98.

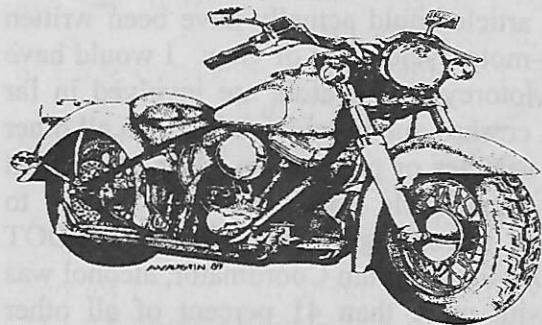
The first one is a given, and this is just a reminder to do it. The second is something important enough that we/you need to contact other motorcycle groups in your area to let them know that the training is available. Talk it up at your chapter meetings. You will be seeing more of the information in print as we can publish it. We will send it out with the newsletter, and will mail a couple of copies to each chapter coordinator as well. We are planning a very important session and need your participation.

Some Motorcycle Awareness class reports are trickling in. Guess who has the big dog's share of the classes taught? Todd Plaster, of course. On October 13 he taught 2 classes at Reynolds High School, Students taught totaled 64; on October 29, he was at Sandy High School where he taught 22 kids. On November 11, he taught 29 kids at Sandy High School. From Douglas County comes a report of two classes taught at South Umpqua High School by Jenni Lindi and Tom Haley. Total students taught 50. Mr. Klanecky gave nice comments about Tom and Jenni's participation.

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Mel Yeager,
Education Director 🐼



This article was submitted to me by ABATE member Harold Klierer:

State and local law enforcement agencies will have extra officers on duty Friday through Sunday as part of National Holiday Lifesaver Weekend. Police will be looking for impaired drivers and motorcycle operators, speeders, and aggressive drivers.

The effort will begin on Friday, when police ask all drivers to keep their headlights on all day as a reminder of the problem of drunken driving and in remembrance of those killed by impaired drivers.

According to Oregon State Police and the Oregon Department of Transportation, 4,029 traffic accidents were reported in December 1996, with 36 deaths and 2,555 others injured. From Dec. 20, 1996 through Jan. 1, 1997, 14 people died and 802 were injured in 1,307 accidents.

Alcohol was involved in more than 41 percent of the fatalities last year, according to Debra Downey, ODOT impaired driving program coordinator.

Nationwide, 30 percent of motorcycle operators involved in fatal crashes are intoxicated, and more than one-third of pedestrians killed in traffic accidents are intoxicated.

December is National Drink and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.
Albany Herald

What makes this an interesting article is how poorly it is written. Harold was upset because of the police targeting "impaired drivers and motorcycle riders." It wasn't until I read it for the third or fourth time, over a couple of days, that I realized that the author meant to say "all motorized vehicle operators." As it turns out, this article really isn't insulting, even if it was the author's purpose in singling us out. It could have been bad writing, but it smells fishy.

This same article could actually have been written from a pro-motorcycle point of view. I would have written, "Motorcycle operators are involved in far fewer fatal crashes due to intoxication than all other motorized vehicles or pedestrians. Only 30 percent of fatal motorcycle accidents are due to intoxication. According to Debra Downey, ODOT Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, alcohol was involved with more than 41 percent of all other

motorized vehicles resulting in fatal crashes. More than 33 percent of all pedestrians killed in traffic accidents are intoxicated." (Bikers are suggesting making helmet usage mandatory for all pedestrians...just joking!)

Because, I've seen these numbers in work with BikePAC, I know statistically that the specific numbers of fatalities would back up my first statement.

Well, what do you think? Come to STEAM and find out how to write better than the professionals.

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LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

January 1998

Teresa Hepker

The reason that we as ABATE members participate in the legislative process, is to preserve our freedom of the road. ABATE of Oregon, Inc. cannot, within the law, give direct financial support to candidates, or support or oppose ballot measures. However, ABATE of Oregon, Inc. IS legally able to spend a percentage of its income to advocate for its members' interests in the legislature, and we have been accomplishing that by contracting with BikePAC of Oregon, Inc. to lobby on behalf of motorcyclists.

It is the Board of Directors' responsibility to learn how to do the job right: to be responsive to the needs and opinions of the membership, to provide leadership to help achieve our goals, and to stay within the law.

ABATE LEGISLATIVE GOALS FOR THE ORGANIZATION

1. Encourage members to support those candidates who support their views, and to become active in the political party of their choice.
2. Invite the candidates or people holding public office to come to chapter meetings. Ask them to speak on the issues, meet us, learn our views, and let us learn theirs.

3. Communicate ABATE of Oregon's goals to our members, the public, and the legislators.
4. Be informed about events in the legislature and around the country, and how that affects motorcycling.
5. Build coalitions. Support other groups in the state that share common interests, and seek their support.

FOR THE INDIVIDUAL

1. Register to vote, and then VOTE.
2. Know your legislator personally. Your knowledge and opinions are valuable to legislators, especially when they must deal with a subject they are not familiar with.
3. Seek appointment to public councils or committees. For example, most towns and cities have community traffic safety committees, which welcome interested volunteers. The Governor's Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee periodically needs new members, and can have considerable impact on legislation and development of public policy.
4. Run for political office. A number of motorcyclists around the USA have successfully run for office, and now serve in their state legislatures or as county or city officials. ♡

Historian's Report

Have been reading up on past history, quite interesting. Hopefully I will learn enough to make a useful being of me.

Iris ♡

Motorcycle Future Shock

Reprinted from AMERICAN Motorcyclist
January 1998 by Ed Youngblood

In October, Scientific American magazine published a theme issue titled, "The Future of Transportation." The issue contained

aspect of the past and future of global mobility. Yet it also forecasts trouble.

In his foreword, Editor in Chief John Rennie explained that the purpose of this special issue was to highlight "some of the more important trends and innovations that will shape transportation—over the land, through the air, across and under the oceans, and into space—for the next few decades."

According to SA, trains and ships will become faster in the near future. And while commercial aircraft are not expected to go supersonic, more efficient computer-driven air traffic control systems are expected to make flying more direct with less waiting.

The magazine also anticipates the introduction of vertical take-off technology in commercial aviation, and the development of the VentureStar, a surface-to-orbit vehicle that will make commercial space flight feasible.

In addition to those mass-transportation trends, the magazine predicts that we will continue to rely heavily upon personal transportation vehicles. And while the internal-combustion engine is not slated for obsolescence yet, greater emphasis will be placed on cleaner operation and improved fuel efficiency through sophisticated fuel and combustion management, and new technologies like energy-storing flywheel drive systems.

Governments, the magazine suggests, will continue to invest in electric vehicles, but these will likely evolve toward hybrid systems combining fossil fuel engines, electric motors, new fuel cell technology, and energy-managing drivetrains.

Transportation systems, SA predicted, will become safer and more efficient through the development of smart highways, intelligent vehicles and robotic systems that will reduce the amount of personal judgment involved in driving a car. Computers will be programmed to indicate traffic and advise us in advance of alternate routes so we can avoid congestion.

For those who want to get away from motorized travel altogether, there was a story about the cutting-edge technology being applied to bicycles—advanced, lightweight materials and more aerodynamic designs.

Some of this future-think may seem pretty dull and boring, but SA reminded us that

getting there can still be exciting and even a bit outrageous. Articles appeared about human-powered aircraft and one-person microsubmarines, which SA described as "the perfect vehicles for chasing dream." And one story chronicled the race between American Craig Breedlove and Englishman Richard Noble to break the sound barrier with a land vehicle.

You may be starting to sense the problem. SA's tribute to transportation provided plenty of informative and entertaining reading, but what I found most troubling was what the magazine's vision of our future didn't include.

Throughout 156 pages of photos, charts, graphs, footnotes and exhaustive text, the word "motorcycle" did not appear once. As I searched in vain, I felt as if someone had just walked across my grave.

It isn't as if Scientific American addressed only mainstream transportation. There were reference to elevators, moving sidewalks, hovercraft, Zeppelins, ampicars, even James Bond rocket belts, but nary a mention of motorcycles.

Over the past two decades we have worried mightily about the bike-banners, the safetycrats, Joan Claybrook, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and variety of other motorcycle haters, all of whom have seemed bent on abolishing what we do. These, I believe, are not our ultimate nemesis. We have engaged them in an ongoing social discourse that, like all fair and vigorous debates, may in the end be productive and healthy.

A greater threat to motorcycling is to be utterly ignored by the transportation industry and the scientific community. Public perceptions concerning the issues of safety, convenience and societal relevance will decide whether motorcycles receive enough technical and commercial investment to remain viable in the 21st century.

The fact that a publication as authoritative as Scientific American would fail to mention motorcycles in a transportation issue makes me worry that some opinion-makers may have already written us off. This is something we can't allow to happen.

When the AMA discovered that motorcycles had not been provided for in smart

highway planning, we became a member of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America in order to make our opinions known. When we realized that some government relations challenges were originating in Europe, we helped a variety of European motorcycling organizations come together and pool their efforts. We look for every chance to help Discover Today's Motorcycling present it's positive a message about the enjoyment and benefits of motorcycling. But the silence directed at motorcycling in a forum like this indicates that may not be enough.

We need your help to speak with a louder voice. If you have friends who want to ride to the next century—if they hope that their children will have the opportunity to ride motorcycles—please ask them to join the AMA. ♡

Government Update

Reprinted from AMERICAN Motorcyclist
January 1998 by Chris Kallfelz

IQ Test - Just how smart is an intelligent highway?

It's a scene you've probably witnessed before...maybe daily. A semi-comatose commuter glides down the highway wrapped in two tons of steel, sipping coffee and reading the newspaper.

Scary, isn't it? But this could become standard commuting practice in a future that relies heavily on intelligent highways.

You've probably heard about intelligent-highway technology that would automatically adjust a vehicle's speed to suit traffic and road conditions, and could even take over steering duties. And you may have wondered how motorcycles fit into this brave new world. Us too.

Sean Maher and Dana Bell of the AMA Government Relations Department recently attended a demonstration of this technology that could revolutionize how Americans travel in the next century.

The demonstration, conducted on a closed section of Interstate 15 outside of San

Diego, featured a particularly unnerving sight.. a platoon of eight specially prepared Buick LeSabres running nose to tail, their drivers not even touching the steering wheels.

Guided by magnets embedded in the roadway and controlled by on-Board computers, the conga-line of Buick's accelerated and decelerated as a group without a single input for the occupants.

That demonstration focused on the Automated Highway System, the most visible part of a massive project the federal government refers to as Intelligent transportation Systems (ITS). Visibility aside, thought, it's only a small piece of the overall package.

"I think there's some misunderstanding about just what ITS is," says Maher, who is a member of the Safety and Human Factors Committee of ITS America, the group responsible for developing these new technologies. "ITS is much more than automated highways and hands-off driving. Everything from automated toll collection, already in place in parts of the country, to sophisticated collision-avoidance systems falls under the purview of ITS.

"Basically," he adds, "ITS encompasses any technology that can be employed to either enhance mobility or increase highway safety. And our challenge is to make sure motorcyclists are a part of the planning going on in these emerging technologies."

The need for motorcyclist representation is clear from recent developments in the New York City area. When the city's Metropolitan Transportation Authority implemented an automated toll collection system at many of the city's tunnels and bridges, commuters responded enthusiastically. They could now funnel through toll booths in record time, avoiding the tie-ups associated with drivers fumbling for money and toll-takers handing out change.

But while this was great news for car drivers, two-wheeled commuters were faced with a quandary.

Since they contribute less to traffic congestion and highway damage, motorcycles have long enjoyed discounted tolls of \$1.75 at the city's bridges and tunnels rather than the \$3.00 that cars are charged. Unfortunately, the

E-Zpass toll system wasn't programmed for the lower motorcycle rate. So motorcyclist can use the E-Zpass assigned to their cars, and be charged the correspondingly higher automobile rate, or wait in line to pay the lower rate in cash.

In short, one of the first real-world applications of ITS wasn't intelligent enough to distinguish an automobile from a motorcycle.

That's about to change, thought Working with Michael C. Ascher, president of New York's bridge and tunnel authority, Maher has gotten a commitment to fix the system.

"While a motorcycle tool under E-Zpass is not technically possible in our existing system," Ascher noted in a recent letter, "I have asked my staff to pursue the technical changes necessary on an accelerated basis. I expect the change for motorcycles to be completed before the end of the year."

But automated toll collection is just the beginning of a whole series of highway changes that are in the pipeline and defining the role of motorcycles in this changing transportation system won't be easy.

For instance, most planners now feel that vehicle-control devices like those demonstrated in the Automated Highway System won't be very adaptable to motorcycles. And many motorcyclists aren't interested in riding computer-controlled machines anyway. If those systems are put into place...and that's still a big if...motorcycles might be accommodated in non-automated lanes only.

On the other hand, research into collision-avoidance warning systems has significant implications for motorcyclist. Again, it's unlikely that the radar and infrared warning systems being discussed for cars will be offered on motorcycles any time soon, but if those systems are calibrated to detect motorcycles, they could prevent a lot of car-bike accidents and make the roads safer to ride.

For that reason, Maher is staying in touch with ITS officials, and Rob Dingman, the AMA's Washington representative, is lobbying on Capitol Hill to see that our interests don't get lost in the drive toward more ITS technology.

"We are working closely with congressional leaders," says Dingman, "to incorporate language into various transportation bill before Congress. Those provisions will

require the U.S. Department of Transportation to consider the needs of motorcyclist in the research and deployment of ITS. Essentially, we are laying the groundwork for tomorrow."

At this point, it's too early to tell exactly where ITS is headed. There's plenty of talk about all of the above, plus head-up displays, night-vision enhancement and even computerized "black boxes" that would locate you and notify police in case of an accident.

The AMA will keep monitoring developments to see where we fit in. and you can, too---right here. ☹

Nationwide: Not on Our Side

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Company buys political involvement with blue jeans...

Some people lobby because they care deeply about an issue being considered by public officials. Some people lobby to earn a living. And at the Nationwide Insurance offices near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, some people have been lobbying because it gets them the right to wear jeans to work

The lobbying effort represents the insurance giant's novel attempt to generate opposition to SB279, a bill that would repeal Pennsylvania's mandatory helmet law for adult motorcyclist. Nationwide officials clearly don't like this development, so they circulated a memo encouraging employees to participate in a "phone blitz" to persuade state legislators to vote against the repeal legislation. And to sweeten the deal, company executives came up with an incentive plan.

"Anyone participating," the memo said, "will receive a casual dress day to be used at their discretion. We look forward to your participation."

It's a not-so-wonderful example of democracy in action... a group of employees who really couldn't care less about motorcycle helmet laws coming across as concerned citizens because they get to throw away the tie for a day.

What's next, a free day off if you vote for the presidential candidate of our choice? ☹

Motorcycle fatalities plummet

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Riders drop stats, not bikes

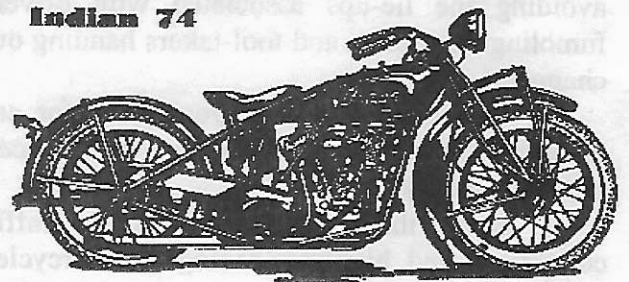
Motorcyclists have worked hard over the past two decades to promote two-wheeled safety. Rider-training programs, founded by motorcyclists themselves, now cover 45 states. Licensing standards have been raised. Campaigns have warned of the dangers of alcohol and drug use. Public-service spots have helped make car drivers more conscious of motorcycles on the road.

And all that effort is paying big dividends. 2,075 in 1996, the lowest figure since federal officials established the Fatal Accident Reporting System in 1975. In the past 10 years alone, motorcycle fatalities have decreased by over 50 percent.

During the same time period, automakers introduced a number of new safety devices...most notable anti-lock braking systems and air bags...yet passenger vehicle fatalities have actually increase slightly over the past decade.

"There are those in the safety community who continue to portray motorcycles as a form of transportation suited only for those with certifiable death wish," notes Robert Rasor, AMA vice president of government relations. "But what the federal government's own figures show is that we should instead be a model for how to improve highway safety." ☹

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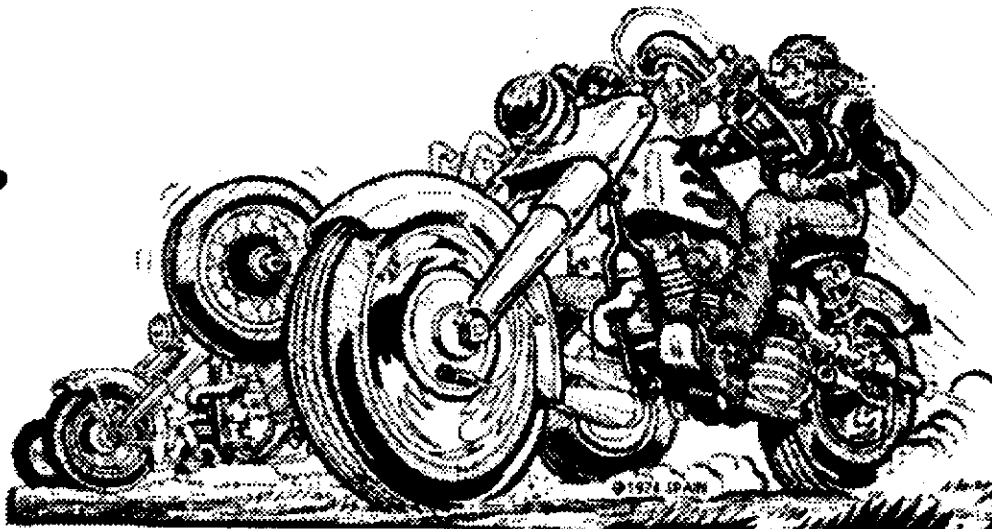
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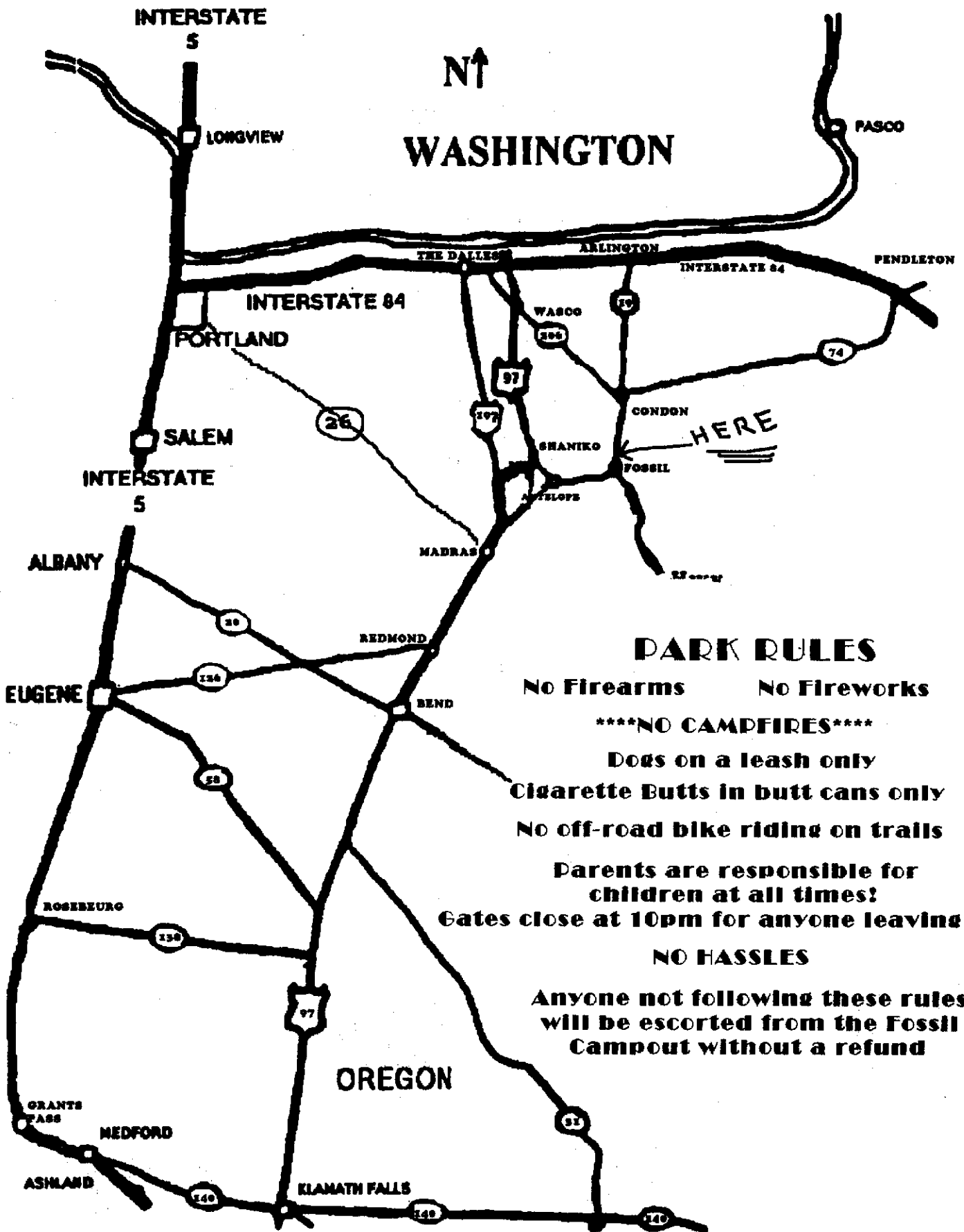
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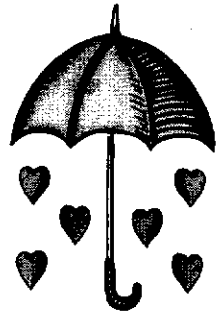
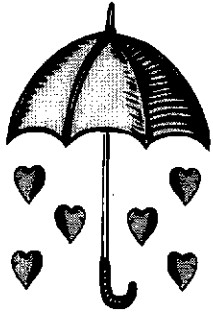
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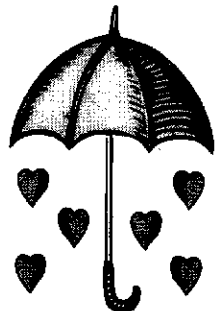
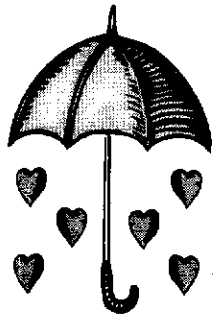
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ABATE OF OREGON, STATE BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 10th, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 by Chris Vieira, State Coordinator. There were 13 chapters represented, with 11 eligible to vote.

COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS: Chris welcomed everyone, and went around the room for everyone to introduce themselves. Chris stated that he accepted the Coordinator position to help this organization along, that he doesn't want to spend valuable time chasing down chapter minutes and treasury reports. Please make an effort to get these in on time. Chris is still working on a report for the DRE Program (Drug Recognition Expert), and hopes to have it ready to present soon.

CORRESPONDENCE: STEAM flyer. Notices from DOT regarding several issues, including the restricted license proposal. Letter and ballot from MRF for the SMRO representative position on the Board. Vote to occur during new business.

OFFICER REPORTS

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR: The reason that we as ABATE members participate in the legislative process is to preserve our freedom of the road. ABATE of Oregon, Inc. cannot within the law give direct financial support to candidates, or support or oppose ballot measures. However, ABATE of Oregon, Inc. IS legally able to spend a percentage of its income to advocate for its member's interests in the legislature, and we have been accomplishing that by contracting with BikePAC of Oregon, Inc to lobby on behalf of motorcyclists. ABATE's legislative goals are:

FOR THE ORGANIZATION

1. To encourage members to support those candidates who support their views, and to become active in the political party of their choice.
2. Invite candidates or people holding public office to come to chapter meetings. Ask them to speak on the issues, meet us, learn our views, and let us learn theirs.
3. Communicate ABATE of Oregon's goals to our members, the public and the legislators.
4. Be informed about events in the legislature and around the country, and how that affects motorcycling.
5. Build Coalitions. Support other groups in the state that share common interests, and seek their support.

FOR THE INDIVIDUAL

1. Register to vote, then VOTE
2. Know your legislator personally. Your knowledge and opinions are valuable to legislators, especially when they must deal with a subject they are not familiar with.
3. Seek appointment to public councils or committees.
4. Run for political office.

If you have questions about any current races, Ken Ray can help answer those questions for you. You can reach him during the day at 1-800-460-5292.

EDUCATION DIRECTOR: The planning is complete... STEAM 98...Be There!

Todd Plaster taught 3 classes since my last report, for a total of 115 students. I also have a report from Jenny Linde and Tom Haley with a total of 50 students taking our class. Mr. Klanecky also gave some nice comments regarding Jenny and Tom's work.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Current membership totals stayed pretty steady since December. One request: Get your list of new officers to Mother ASAP.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: No report, not present.

PRODUCTS DIRECTOR: No report, not present.

PR DIRECTOR: Not present, report presented by Chris

STATE RUN COORDINATOR: Most of the 1998 Run Calendar has been established, but still need dates from Central Oregon chapter and Salem chapter. The May Awareness Rally is coming up soon, Teresa is looking for assistance.

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LEGEND

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

NAME	PHONE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Randy & Debbie	541-563-2398	X	X	X	X	X	X	Central
Gary & Vicki	541-563-3520	X	X	X	X	X	X	Coastal
John & Brenda	541-444-2708	X	X	X	X	X	X	Region
Rich Rau(R&R Hawg Shop)	541-265-7628	X	X		X	X		Area
Bill Gabrielsen	503-640-9543	X	X					Washington Co.
The Peck Rat Ranch	541-324-8142	X	X	X				Banks, Or
Don & Rose Murry	503-693-8465	X	X	X	X	X	X	Hillsboro, Or.
Bill Ballard	503-640-5461	X				X		Hillsboro, Or.
Rocket Motors	503-985-7738	X	X		X	X	X	Gaston, Or.
Terry & Carla Richesin	503-367-0245	X	X			X		Hillsboro, Or.
Ted & Jill Tracy	503-640-5766	X	X	X		X		Hillsboro, Or.
Gordon & Mary Beth	503-253-7343	X	X	X	X	X	X	PTLD
Roger & Angie	503-285-4329	X	X	X	X	X	X	AREA
Crazy Steve	503-282-9434			X				PTLD
Carol W.	503-239-8167			X		X	X	AREA
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Dale & Judy	360-892-1583	X	X	X	X		X	Vancouver, Wa.
Anna & Ron	503-252-5645	X	X	X	X	X	X	S.E.
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Rusty	503-777-5121		X			X		S.E.
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Jim L.	503-658-2206	X	X				X	Clackamas, Or.
Mike & Delese	541-386-8744	X	X	X	X	X	X	Hood River
Howard Butts	541-534-5411	X	X	X	X	X	X	Summerville
Brad & Peggy Peterson	541-447-6158	X	X	X	X	X	X	Prinville
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Gunny Hutch	503-463-5668		X	X	X	X	X	Salem/Kaiser
Bob Avery	541-9981933	X	X			X		Junction City
Bill Foster	541-847-6238	X	X	X	X	X	X	Monroe, Or
Jim Singhosa	541-942-2971	X	X					Eugene, Or
Tom Carr	541-334-0686		X	X				Eugene, Or
Rick Wadkins	541-484-1855	X	X					Eugene, Or
Pappy Brown	541-485-3550		X	X				Eugene, Or
Sid Ingham	541-342-3303	X	X					Eugene, Or
Greg Coen	541-461-4638	X	X	X	X	X	X	Springfield, Or
Bill Belvael	541-741-0565	X	X					Eugene, Or
Russ & Barb Lax	541-741-2787	X	X			X		Eugene, Or
Tamara&Jay Reynolds	541-383-3418					X		Bend
Rick Jobe	541-383-1758	X	X	X	X		X	Bend
Lori Vitaris	541-383-3554		X			X	X	Bend
Rebecca French	541-383-7327		X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Charlie&Vee	541-383-1929	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Jay&TotsycSwartz	541-389-6773	X	X	X		X	X	Bend
Mitch Maxwell	541-382-7079	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
James Hale	541-382-8701		X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Jason Knoke	541-389-7327	X	X	X	X	X	X	Bend
Don Darms	541-548-0020	X		X	X			Redmond, Or.
Mark	541-548-3153		X	X		X	X	Redmond, Or.
Ron or Rene Duran	541-548-3824	X	X		X	X		Redmond, Or.
Tom & Lorrie Kent	541-923-3334	X	X			X		Redmond, Or.
Ted & Hiedi Adams	541-548-5772			X		X	X	Redmond, Or.
**Tim Rhode(Renegade)	541-858-9798	X	X	X	X			Medford, Or.
John Newman	541-673-2076	X	X	X		X	X	Burns, Or
Don&Becky	541-679-7729	X	X	X		X		Roseburg
Dave&Joy	541-673-1304	X	X	X		X		Roseburg
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Gary	541-459-1851		X			X		Roseburg
Bill	541-672-4886			X		X		Roseburg
Tommy&Selly	541-459-9457		X	X		X		Roseburg
Bill&Mary	541-673-8843		X			X		Roseburg
Bud Berliner	541-267-3523	X	X	X	X	X		South Coast
Mary M. Nearpass	541-888-9003			X			X	South Coast
Jeff Bauder	541-758-5407	X	X	X	X	X		South Coast
Rocky Spann	541-396-5831	X	X			X		South Coast
Tom&Sandy	541-479-8635	X	X					Grants Pass
Doby & Gene	541-882-4738	X	X	X	X	X	X	Klamath Falls
Pat Allen(Spanky)	541-479-6838	X	X					Grants Pass
or page me at	541-474-4729							
Jim Bromann	541-955-8764	X	X					Grants Pass
Kevin	541-474-8843	X	X	X	X	X	X	Wilderville, Or
Jim Wilson	541-878-8341	X	X					Trail/Shady Cove
Phil	509-698-4034	X	X	X	X	X	X	Yakima, Wa.

TREASURER: Joy reports balances as of 12/31/97 are: Bulk Mail, \$1,808.61, Checking, \$1355.85, General Savings, \$14,517.05, Legal Savings, \$1,558.02, for a grand total of \$19,239.53. Chapters need to get their current signature cards to Clark Brooker, 1617 Se 51st Ave, Portland, OR 97215-3305. If you have any questions you can call him at (503) 232-4686, or fax (503) 235-5658. He also has e-mail capability, direct your e-mail to clarkwing@aol.com.

HISTORIAN: Iris has been reading and researching the history of ABATE of Oregon. Has several older photo albums here today.

WEB PAGE EDITOR: No report, not present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** No report
2. **PROPERTY INVENTORY:** If your chapter purchases any new items, a amended list needs to be given to Chris Vieira.
3. **AIM - PLL:** Tabled until after the next committee meeting.
4. **TRI-FOLD:** Expected to go to print Monday, 1/12/97.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **HELMET LAW PROPOSAL:** Tabled until further information collected from Sam Hochberg.
2. **STEAM:** Flyers are out, all new chapter officers are expected to attend.
3. **ORGANIZATION PLANNING SESSION:** Proposal has been printed and out in the Newsletter. Vote on Items #1 and #3, 10 aye, 1 nay. Proposal passes as written.
Sanctioning committee formation of 5 members, 2 nonvoting members will be the State Run Coordinators, 3 voting members. Nominations: Tina Wright (Douglas County), Bill Gabrielsen (Washington County, and Gary Ploub (Lincoln County). All accept the nominations. Meeting dates will be established shortly, most likely will occur at State Board Meetings.
4. **BEST OF THE WEST:** A van has been arranged, those wishing to attend need to contact Roger to reserve a space in the van, and then also make room and conference reservations.
5. **MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK:** Version approved as presented by Ken. Voted to proceed with printing, 11 aye, 0 nay.
6. **BikePAC representative from ABATE:** Ted Tracy accepts the nomination.
7. **TOLL FREE NUMBER FOR COORDINATOR:** Chris has been researching the costs, will have the toll free number in place shortly.
8. **QUICKEN:** Clark presented report on costs for 16 copies of the Quicken for DOS program as \$598 including shipping. Will proceed with purchase.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **VICE-COORDINATOR NORTH:** Bill Gabrielsen nominated, accepts the nomination. Elected unanimously.
2. **PHONE CONNECTION FOR CENTRAL OREGON:** Motion made to provide Central Oregon a phone connection during the winter months. Motion seconded. Vote 11 aye, 0 nay. Motion passes.
3. **BLUE MTN. HOSTS STATE BOARD:** Blue Mt. chapter made a motion to host the State Board Meeting at a date to be determined by the Board. Motion seconded. Vote 11 aye, 0 nay. Motion passes. Board agreed July meeting date would work best.
4. Motion made by Teresa to print a copy of the Member's Handbook in the next State newsletter, with sufficient extra copies to be provided to the State Membership Secretary for inserting into new member packets. Motion seconded. Vote 11 aye, 0 nay.
5. **MRF BALLOT:** Teresa made a motion to vote for the incumbent, Buck Kittridge, who is running unopposed. Motion seconded. Vote 11 aye, 0 nay.
6. Motion by Bob Avery to send 2 representatives to lobby in Washington, D.C. while airfare rates are low. Motion seconded. Vote 11 aye, 0 nay. Discussion of who to send.
John Ehmer requested consideration to be one of the representatives, Melinda McCrossen has also expressed an interest in going as a representative.

Announcements were made, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm. The next State Board meeting is scheduled for February 14th in Junction City, 530 W. 7th (Cross street, Kalmia) at 12 pm.

Minutes submitted by Jill Tracy, Recording Secretary.

1998 RUN CALENDAR

February

8	Pot Luck at bud's	541-267-2523 South coast chapter
7-15	Arizona Bike Week	1800-327-7799
14	Sweetheart Dance	Columbia river angie 5032854329
21	STEAM	ABATE OF OREGON MEL 541-967-1286

MARCH

1	Monroe Swap Meet	Buck 360-568-2868
15	DJ SWAP MEET	
21-22	Legislative Planning Session	BikePAC Brian 541-298-1317
21	SPRING OPENER	360-336-2817 BLACK CATS M/C

APRIL

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

MAY

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

JUNE

5-7	North Idaho Spring Opener	Steve 509-922-8361
7	Central Oregon Chapter Swap Meet	Jay 541-389-6773
6-7	WESTERN STATES 1000	JOHN 503-641-4734
13	Starlight Tour	Dale 503-234-5266
13-14	MT. SCOTT OFF ROAD EVENTMIKE 503-659-7213	
18-20	Spring Opener	ABATE OF WASHINGTON Jay 509-894-4871
20-21	Run to the Sun	Angie 503-285-4329 Columbia River Chapter
27-28	Lawman 1000	
28	OMRRA Racing and Harley DAY	Janice Logan 503-221-1487

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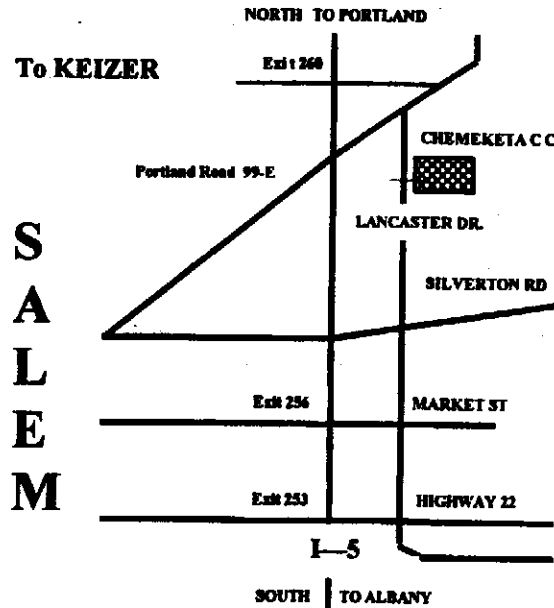
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The time for reporting-in and registration is **08:30-09:00** Seminar ends at **5:00PM**
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For more info call Mel (541) 967-1286
or Email <Yeagermel@AOL.com>

AGENDA

09:00 10:45 OPENING PROGRAM RM 116
History of ABATE—Iris Yeager, Teresa Hepker
Board Member Responsibilities—Larry Schalk,
Teresa Hepker

WORKSHOP SESSION 1

11:00 12:15 TREASURER TRAINING RM 119
Managing Finances—Joy Hoover, Clark Brooker
11:00-12:15 FUNDRAISING/ABATE RUNS RM 116
Successful runs—Rotten Roger, and other friends
11:00-12:15 SECRETARIAL TRAINING RM 118
Keeping the information flowing—Gordon
Heronimus, Lois Gleason
11:00-12:15 MODERN COMMUNICATIONS RM 120
Doing the job with computers—Bob Avery, Ken
Ray

12:15-1:00 LUNCH
Available at cost by Kelzer Chapter

WORKSHOP SESSION 2

1:00-2:15 BETTER COMMITTEES RM 120
Committees that work better Jeff Giddings,
1:00-2:15 TREASURER TRAINING RM 119
Managing Finances—Joy Hoover, Clark Brooker
1:00-2:15 GRASSROOTS POLITICS RM 118
Campaign Involvement—Ken Ray, Brian Stovall
1:00-2:15 FUNDRAISING/ABATE RUNS RM 116
Successful Runs—Rotten Roger, and other friends

WORKSHOP SESSION 3

2:30-3:45 GRASSROOTS POLITICS RM 118
Campaign involvement—Ken Ray, Brian Stovall
**2:30-3:45 HOLDING SUCCESSFUL MEETINGS and
LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES RM 120**
Leading by example—Larry Schalk,
2:30-3:45 MEMBERSHIP DRIVES RM 119
Inviting new people to join ABATE—Craig Blair
2:30-3:45 PUBLIC RELATIONS AND IMAGE RM 116
How to deal with public officials, media, & the
public—Judd Whitcher, Melinda McCrossen

CLOSING SESSION

3:45-4:00 PROGRAM CRITIQUE RM 116
Questions and Answers—Larry Schalk and all
instructors

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ABATE Of Oregon
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Portland Or. 97208

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NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____

MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES? YES / NO

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

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

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

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

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

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

COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____

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

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

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

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

If no explain: _____

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

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

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

If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH

If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

YES : How did you plead? _____

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

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

NO : When is your court date? _____

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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

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BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

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

Label permanently fastened inside? YES NO

Was helmet modified? YES NO

If modified describe: _____

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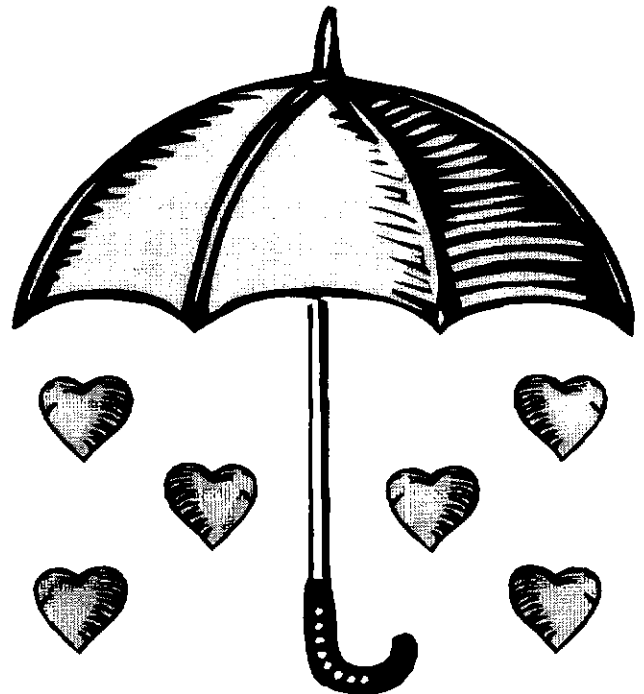
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Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1 st & 3 rd SUNDAY	S.E. PORTLAND	12:00 Noon, The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122nd & Division, Portland
1 st SUNDAY	BLUE MOUNTAIN	1:00 PM, East Side Tavern Rest., 2209 Adams Av., LaGrande 2 nd
SUNDAY	CENTRAL OREGON	2:00 PM, KC's Pizza House, 1655 N. Hwy 97, Redmond
	KEIZER	4:00 PM Izzy's Pizza, 3400 River Rd, Keizer
3 rd SUNDAY	SOUTH COAST	11:00 AM, Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend
	DOUGLAS COUNTY	11:00 AM, Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg
	SOUTHERN OREGON	12:00 Noon, Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill
2 nd & 4 th SUNDAYS	COLUMBIA RIVER	12:30 PM, Pizza Perfect, 6815 NE Killingsworth, Portland
4 th SUNDAYS	SALEM	1:00 PM, Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem
1 st & 3 rd TUESDAYS	RIVER CITY	7:30 PM, Zim's Brau Haus, 604 E 2nd St., The Dalles
2 nd & 4 th TUESDAY	WASHINGTON COUNTY	7:30 PM, Pizza Hut, 3190 N.W. 185th, Portland
1 st & 3 rd WEDNESDAY	NORTH COAST ABATE	7:00 PM Astoria Eagles, 894 Commercial, Astoria
	N.E. PORTLAND	7:30 PM, RoundTable Pizza, 4141 NE 122 nd , Portland
1 st & 3 rd FRIDAY	LINCOLN COUNTY	7:30 PM, Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport
1 st THURSDAY	WILLAMETTE VALLEY	7:00 PM, PrimeTimeSportsBar&Grill, 1360 Mohawk, Springfield