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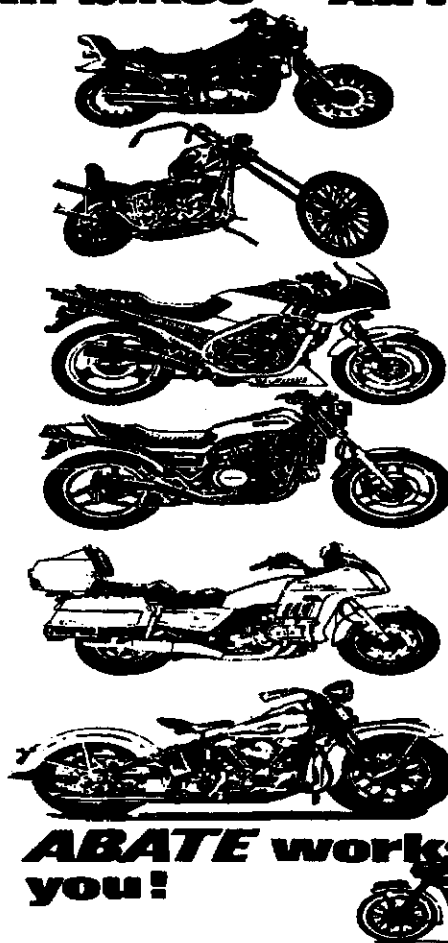
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Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

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

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

KEIZER

1:00 PM, Call Vern Miller 503-390-7906

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

LINCOLN COUNTY

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

1st & 3rd FRIDAY

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

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

Zero's

THE LIMIT UNTIL
YOU'RE 21.

That's the news if you drink and drive. It's a new law for people under 21. And it says if a breath test shows you've had any alcohol at all, you'll lose your license for 90 days. And if you refuse the breath test, you'll lose it for a year.

It's a new limit to help limit the number of young people killed and injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes. So drive at zero and save your license — and your life.

**Oregon Traffic
Safety Committee**

Traffic Safety Division,
Oregon Department
of Transportation

IF YOU DRINK AND DRIVE,
THE LEAST YOU'LL LOSE IS
YOUR LICENSE. GUARANTEED

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR Y'ALL!

The tree's out and the decorations are put up for another year. 500 pounds of cookies and chocolates were put away for the fun of it. Boy, I love the Holidays!

I read the little notice about the Toy Run in Portland and it's nice to see that tradition going on as well. With the snow in the Blues, we pretty much put the bikes to bed until spring. Leave it to Bruce to show up for our December meeting on his bike. There's no fool like an old fool... Just Kidding...

We have new officers, new rules & regs., and perhaps, some new state elected officials to check out. The work doesn't come to an end just because the year did. We all need to be ready and willing to do our part to get our points across. It's the squeaky wheel that gets oiled. So, let's start SQUEAKING! Actually, this is the year of the Tiger so maybe we should try roaring like people say the bikes do. Just a reminder to those, Blue Mt. Chapter members, we are having a membership drive and if you would like a ticket to a state ABATE run, just sign up as many of your friends that you can to join our merry little band and the prize is yours. I want to thank all those who worked so hard last year as our fearless leaders and I want you to know that your help with our group over the hill was greatly appreciated. We want to extend an invitation to everyone to come over our way and check out our side of the state. Good luck to the new officers and we hope to see you sometime this year.

Best wishes for the New Year!

Diane



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

Happy New Year, the holidays were great here in Central Oregon and the weather hasn't been too bad, there are still a lot of riding fools riding in the cold. "If the roads aren't slick we're riding."

The Central Oregon Toy Run was a success as always. There wasn't much money, toys and food donated this year as in past, but the location was changed along with some other contributing factors. The total money raised was \$5,841.00 this is \$5,841.00 more spread among the communities than they has the day before so everyone needs to pat themselves on the back for their contributions, time and effort. Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E. raised a total of \$1,875. Through T-shirt sales, bells sold and the dance that was at Lucky's tavern. I hear the dance was a really good (something), good band, raffles, and even an auction. Jay personally raised over \$200.00 in shirt sales. Way to go Jay!

James Hale is stepping down as coordinator at this time due to some personal reasons and (something about a) new business. Thanks James, for all your hard work and we really hope to see your business fly. Look for James at the runs as a vendor. Jay will be acting coordinator until the elections for 1998, thanks Jay for filling in.

A casino night is in the works so put on your betting hats and get ready to play!

Our meeting place will be staying at KC's Pizza for the winter but we are still looking for a new place to meet, if you have any suggestions please let us know.

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

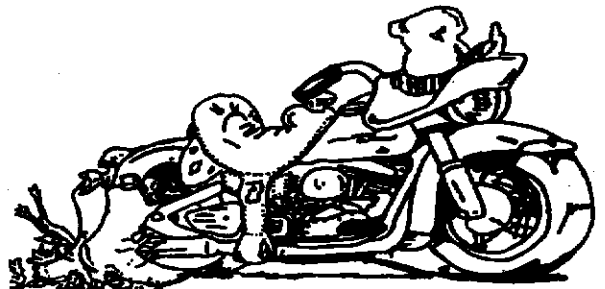
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Douglas County

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, FIRST TIME.



Keizer

Meets 2nd Sunday at 4:00 PM
Izzy's Pizza, 3400 River Rd, Keizer
Chapter Address:
Chapter Contact: Vern Miller (503) 390-7906

Happy New Year everyone! :)

It's official! Keizer is the newest chapter of Oregon A.B.A.T.E.!

We received our charter at the November State board meeting and it was proudly displayed at our general meeting held on Sunday, the 17th of November 1997.

I wish I could have been there but I was attending a convention that I'd made reservations for a year earlier. (I saw a nametag there with the name "Rot Path" on it. Is that the same "Rot Path" who writes for the Salem chapter in this newsletter?)

By the way, we've changed our meeting dates. We now meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 4:00 pm at the Keizer Izzy's on North River Road. (I hope that change doesn't cause people problems.)

We had 17 people attending the second meeting of our new chapter, including several children.

We will probably be electing more officers at the December meeting. A post office box is going to be rented for the chapter and we'll publish the number and zip code here so people out there can write to us.

Several Toy Runs were mentioned that occurred in early December. You won't be reading about them for another month so we can only hope that they went well. I hope we can get a chapter Toy Run next year. It would be so much fun to see the joy on children's faces as we give them Barbies or whatever. (This is all rather confusing: here it is December and I'm writing about the November meeting for the January newsletter.)

Daryle Orpilla mentioned that year-around community service would increase the chapter's visibility in the community. Some of the projects suggested included highway clean up, working in retirement homes, being active in Elk's lodge, or EMT work.

I brought up the idea of a graffiti patrol to cover undesirable markings with donated paint. (I read about a guy who does that down in the Bay Area where I used to live. Evidently it totally discouraged people from doing graffiti because their work didn't stay up long enough for anyone to read it.) It was suggested that the project may need to be coordinated with the local police.

Daryle won the 50/50 raffle and we adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Submitted by,
R. O'toole "Squeaker" ;-)

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: Vicki Lechner, (541) 563-3520

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 Oletzke (503) 861-0749

Well our Toy Run is this Saturday. The weather is supposed to be good so we should have a good turn out. We will be leaving Rilup in Seaside by 11:00 and stopping in Astoria at the Eagles for a brief warmer upper. Then across the bridge to Washington to end at the Sea Hag in Ilwaco for chili and chowder. The picture we've been selling raffle tickets for will be raffled off at this time. So far we've raised over \$1,000.00 for the kids in addition to stuffed animals and toys. Every year our Chapter puts out cans at various business to collect donations. I'm sorry to say I had one of mine stolen! I hope whoever stole it has a Merry *&^%\$\$&^ Christmas. All for now, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

N.E. Portland

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 PM
Round Table Pizza, 4141 NE 122nd, Portland
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 5792, Portland, OR 97228
Chapter Contact: MaryBeth (503) 253-7343

Happy New Year!

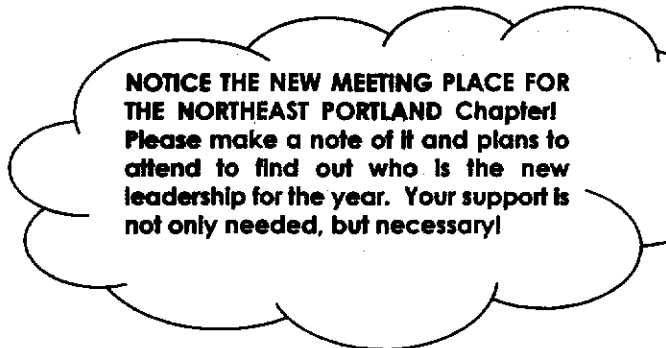
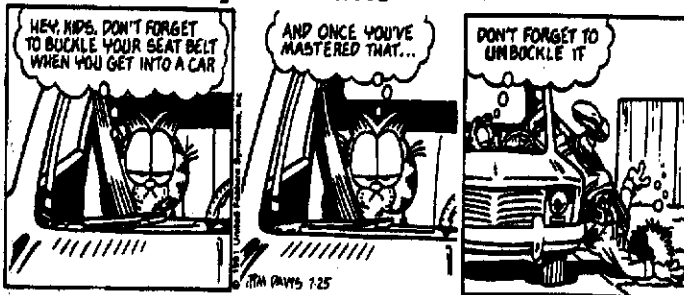
All I have to say is thank you Mother Nature. What great weather we had for the 1997 annual Shiners hospital Toy Run. My only complaint is that I did not win the motorcycle!

By the time, this report reaches you the holidays will be over. I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. My first thought when I think of the New Year is filling our officer positions. We have a very good start with a number of nominees/volunteers. If you are at all interested in being an officer or would just like to keep informed, please attend our meetings we could sure use your support.

I hope to see everyone at the 1998 annual sweetheart's dance. This year it will be at the River Road House and as always I am sure a lot of fun.

That's all for now. Again, happy New Year to everyone. I hope 1998 brings you much happiness and success.
Take care, Jen

GARFIELD® by Jim Davis



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

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 12957, Salem, OR 97309

Chapter Contact: Vern Miller (503) 390-7506

Greetings all

Welcome to the final report of this happy to be outgoing Secretary. This one will be mailed with the Pony Express and hopefully it will end up in the Big City where it belongs. Tonight as I begin writing it is snowing hard in the Columbia Gorge.

We did get in one last good ride as a group, short but fun. In Bingen, Washington there is a two-story 'what-not' shop that none of the ladies could pass up. We weeded the men into looking around in it too, and then headed for a nice cozy little tavern for coffee, burgers & chili to warm up for the ride home. The Washington side of the Gorge has some great rides, don't miss it!

At our December 2nd meeting, we held the voting for our nominated officers for 1998. Kevin & Brian both agreed to return for another year at their posts with all other officers declining re-nomination. The officers for 1998:

Coordinator	Dan Turner
Vice Coordinator	Susan
Treasurer	Blondie
Secretary	
Ways & Means	Darrell
Public Relations	Heidi
Membership Secy.	Kevin
State Board Rep	Teresa
Legislative Officer	Brian
Sergeant of Arms	Wayne

Congratulations to the new Officers! May you have just as fine a time is holding your posts as the outgoing Officers did!

The December 2nd meeting had one more super moment to be remembered, the Chapter members brought enough Christmas donations for the Veterans Home to fill four large bags! As the person in charge of this committee I want to thank every one of you for your generous spirit, almost everyone brought more than one item. Even in the next few days after the meeting many of you brought donations to my house. Thanks River City!

With the snow nor REALLY here, we are looking toward Spring. An event that is in the planning stage for our Chapter, and anyone that wishes to participate, is a Bike Show at the Veterans Home for the residents there, Kris, Heidi and yours truly are the committee at work. Their Activities Coordinator at the Home is very excited about this project, and she feels the folks there would enjoy seeing the bikes...and all of us TOO!

Our outgoing Coordinator Bear wishes to take this opportunity to give his heart felt thanks to each member of our Chapter for their participation at meetings, rides, work at Fossil & the Hull grave. Thanks also to the officers that Bear served with for your hard work & unflinching support.

And finally, as my last Quote of the Month, Words of Wisdom that are as fitting today, as they were 2000 years ago:

"As a dog returneth to his vomit,
So a fool returneth to his folly."

Proverbs 26:11

Bear, Pat & Kris

Happy New Year everyone!

Sappy New Year y'all,

An' welcome to the newest branch of A.B.A.T.E. in Oregon, the Keizer Chapter.

Good to have you folks aboard.

With the New Year comes new possibilities. A chance to start over. A rebirth, if ya will. Kinda like wakin' up from a deep sleep an' realizin' ya got the whole day in front of ya. Forget resolutions.

Learn from yesterday's mistakes an' promise yourself ya ain't gonna do something that bone-headed again. Recount yer successes. Then get on with yer life.

We got us a whole year of possibilities opened up in front of us. We got a hellava lot done durin' the legislative session last year. We learned from our mistakes and successes. Now it's time to apply that cumulative knowledge to this new year.

So what can ya do to help the cause of A.B.A.T.E.?

First of all, take look at the inside cover of the rag yer holdin'. See that section with the question "What Is ABATE?" Take a couple of moments to read what we're about. (Do it out loud if no one's within hearin' distance.) That's the primary vision of what we're all about, the carrot that leads the donkey. (Maybe that ain't the greatest metaphor but ya get the idea.)

Second, attend meetin's. Did ya read the chapter reports in the December issue of the newsletter? Just about every chapter is havin' attendance problems.

What's goin' on folks? Are people just burned out after the frantic pace earlier this year? We still need each and every one of ya. Yer important to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon. Yer smilin' face is needed at each meetin' to give us strength, to show solidarity for our cause, to scarf down pizza. (An' a lot of chapters hold 50/50 raffles so ya got a chance of earning some bucks by just showin' up.)

Thirdly, get involved in yer chapter's activities. Start small. Stick yer hand up when help is needed on a project. You'll get all yer fingers back. Are ya new to a chapter or feel ya don't know anyone? Take the advice Larry Schalk gave Rot Path at his first meetin': take an officer position. The job ain't at all scary or hard an' ya get to know folks REAL fast. (So in a way ya got Larry to thank fer yer spell checker's seizures, Gordon.) Every one of us is a volunteer in this organization. You can draw limits on yer time but still give of yerself. We give what we can.

Okay, so Rot Path's silvery tongue persuaded ya to volunteer for an officer position an' besides, this ain't the military so it's alright to volunteer, right?

Now what?

How do ya learn what yer supposed to do? Well, hopefully ya'd get a good turnover from the outgoing person, unless they had to leave town kinda sudden-like. If that person ain't around there's another way to learn yer duties: S.T.E.A.M.-98. (Was that a great segue or what?) S.T.E.A.M.: Seminar To Educate And Motivate. It takes place every February, usually at Chemeketa College in Salem out on Lancaster. This is where ya wantta be to learn about yer duties as an officer, find out what's goin' on fer motorcycle legislation, socialize and smooze with other motorheads, get outta the house fer a day. Lot's of good

information an' confidence-buildin' gets handed out at S.T.E.A.M. An' ya learn how NOT to make run flyers usin' Rot Path's first attempt at an Ice Breaker flyer as a good bad example. No doubt there's a flyer somewhere in back of this fine rag with the precise date, time, an' location. Check it out.

What's that?

What about the meetin'?

Alright, if y'all insist.

There was another non-meetin' held on 23 November 1997 at Pietro's Pizza. It was a non-meetin' 'cause only five fine folk showed up an' three of 'em weren't occifers. Still, we did have a lively discussion concernin' attendance (or the lack thereof) an' decided on a course of action. We're puttin' together post cards to mail out to all members, notices have been submitted to the newsletter, an' we'll probably start phonin' folks to remind how important they are to the chapter in particular and A.B.A.T.E. in general. The Salem chapter got a nice little letter from Team Oregon thankin' us for the \$250 we donated towards maintainin' the bikes used fer trainin' beginin' riders. Money well-spent, IRPHO. (In Rot Path's Humble Opinion.)

Rot Path wants to thank Larry Schalk for all he's done for (not to) A.B.A.T.E. as an organization an' fer all the help an' encouragement he's given to folks just startin' out as officers.

Oh yeah. A word got left outta Rot Path's rant from last month. ('buyin') The sentence shoulda read: "We're constantly bombarded by propoganda tellin' us we ain't no good if we ain't buyin' some advertiser's product."

Hope everyone sleeps better now.

Don't flood yer engines.

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,

We had a great food drive to benefit Salvation Army, we had several boxes of food, and they really appreciate what we do for them. They will also be our beneficiary for the Andy Proctor memorial Toy Run. Thanks to all of you for the hard work and dedication that you put into help these needy families have better holidays. I'm sure our Andy Proctor Memorial Toy Run will be a success as well.

We also collected \$29.50 from our bottle drive and have some excellent help with it.

If your not attending the meetings, look at what your missing out on; Drawing for the door prizes and 50/50: \$11.00 Harley Davidson Book donated by Tom Crowl won by Charlie, \$30.00 Photo Album donated by Far West cycle won by Bud, \$4.00 Oil mix cup donated by Bay Area Yamaha won by my Mary, \$30.00 Shirt donated by Bay Area Yamaha won by Jeff, \$45.00 Throttle Cable for Evo donated by American Enginuties Motorcycles, won by Steve's granddaughter, \$2.00 in raffle tickets left by Jake & Cheryl won by Randy, \$25.00 in cash won by Storm.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Ride safe

Charlie Hill

Southern Oregon Coast

Meets 3rd, Sunday, Noon

Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill

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

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

Roberta Great 541-857-0244

Greetings from Southern Oregon:

It's a brand new year and time to start again. So where do we start? That's easy- We start with ourselves. First, we should rededicate ourselves to our goals and objectives. We should each resolve to do more than we did last year. We don't have to do a lot more, just a little; if everyone does just a little the job gets done and it's easier on everyone. It's not hard to do, but each of us must make the decision to do something. Start by attending a chapter meeting, it doesn't hurt and you might even like it. Then go one step further by taking someone with you, preferably a non-member who winds up becoming a member.

Now you've done your part to increase our membership. Your chapter will appreciate your efforts and your chapter officers will appreciate your support. Once you decide to get a little more involved with your chapter, you might find out you need a little training to help you help your chapter. That's easy- S.T.E.A.M. is February 21st in Salem. Talk to your chapter Coordinator- he has a copy of the agenda and there's something for everyone. It doesn't cost you anything but a little time, so be there. Then to round out the year attend a chapter event or two and make sure you go to Fossil. That way you're showing your support for your chapter, the state and if you're not careful, you might even have some fun in the process.

Ride Safe-

Tom

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

Hello,

The Toy Run was wonderful this year. Even if I didn't win the bike. Bigger than ever before. The weather wasn't too bad either, just cold.

Our chapter had chapter office elections. Finally I won't be the secretary anymore, after 4 years. Now I'm the treasurer. The new officers for 1998 are as follows:

Coordinator:	Lee Austin
Vice Coordinator:	Kerry Trotter
Secretary: T.	Chadwell
Membership Secretary:	Craig Blair
Treasurer	Debby May (me)
State Rep.:	Jim Niece, Brenda Huber
Legislative Dir.:	Melinda McCrossen
Sgt. At Arms:	Andie(?), Terry Schaffer
Historian:	Jerrienne Spahr
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Education Dir.:	Judd Whitcher
Chapter Chaplain:	Vic Voltz
Toy Run Rep.:	Clark Brooker and Edd Dahl
Public Relations:	Bill Cameron

We do have some new people as officers this year. Something you all should think about, **is being** a chapter officer one-day. STEAM is coming up and **anyone** can go. You can learn what different offices are all about **and** see if maybe you would like to be an officer or not. The **sad part** about all this is it's my last report. This is making me very **sad**.

So my last garden tip is this. This is **January**, the time to start planning your vegetable garden. Make a **drawing** of it and decide were you are going the plant where. **Remembering** not to plant the same vegetable in the same place. **Look at** some seed books and order your seeds, then in May plant **our** garden. **GOOD LUCK!!** An easy way to test your soil for **alkalinity** or acidity is, add a few drops of vinegar to a tablespoon of **dry** soil. If the soil fizzes, it's very alkaline with a ph of above **7.5**. To test acidity, add a pinch of baking soda to a tablespoon of **wet** soil. If the soil start to fizzes, it very acidic with ph of less than **5.0**.

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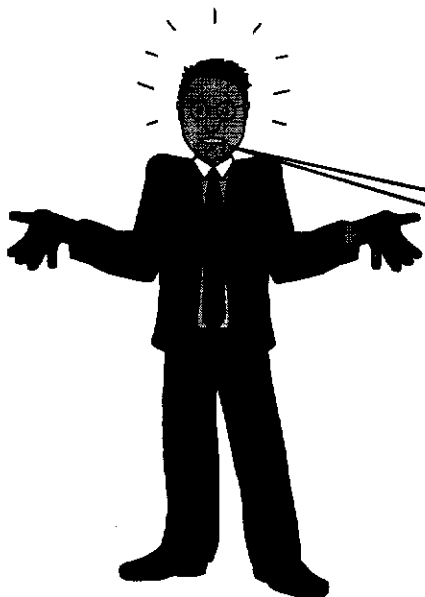
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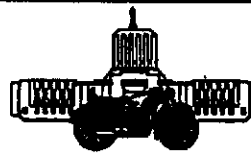
Hello again from Washington County! **This** will be my last newsletter report, as I have been replaced! **WaCo** held elections at the last meeting of December, and here **is** the roster of new officers!

- Coordinator: Ted Tracy
- Vice-Coordinator: Paul Christopherson
- Legislative Director: OPEN
- Treasurer: Carla Richesin
- P.R. Director: Diane Westcott
- Membership Secretary: Robin Maslin
- Ways and Means: Lady M
- Historian: County Dave
- Newsletter Editor: Lady M
- Education Director: Helen Vangrundsven
- Recording Secretary: Ed Vaughn
- Sergeant at Arms #1: Russ Berg

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Got to ask you, WHY HAVE YOU NOT FILLED THIS OUT AND MAILED IT IN YET?

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Sergeant at Arms #2: Yazz
State Board Representative: Officer's rotation

This year featured some hotly contested races, with lots of new faces accepting nominations. Please welcome all of the new Officers, and note that the Legislative position is still open. This is an important position, one of the main reasons we are an organization. Please consider accepting this position, Ken will help get you started!

The WaCo Toy Run was held on November 22nd. We were so excited to see a turnout of over 120 motorcycles this year! This was the biggest turnout ever, with all 999 tickets for the Grand Prize sold out early in the day. Jeff Betts was the big winner, but thanks to all who came and participated! We were able to donate \$1200 to the Hillsboro Toy and Joy Program, along with an incredible pile of toys, games and stuffed animals. With additional door prizes and run pin sales, an additional \$500 was raised and donated to the Shriner's Hospital, during the Portland Chapter's Toy Run. A special thanks to the Northwest Veterans Association for their help in getting everyone through the suggested Toy Run Route.

Thanks again for letting me serve you this last 2 years; I plan to keep helping Washington County Chapter continue to grow, and also to serve as your State Recording Secretary. See ya on the road!

Jill

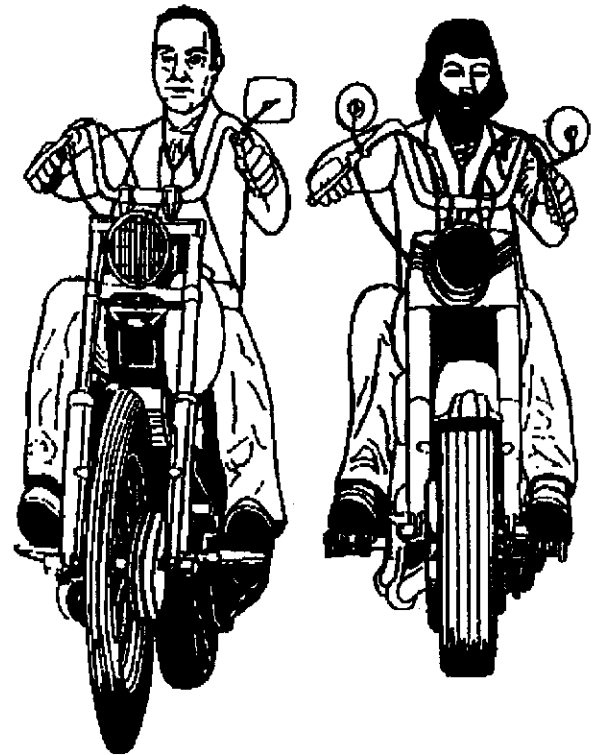
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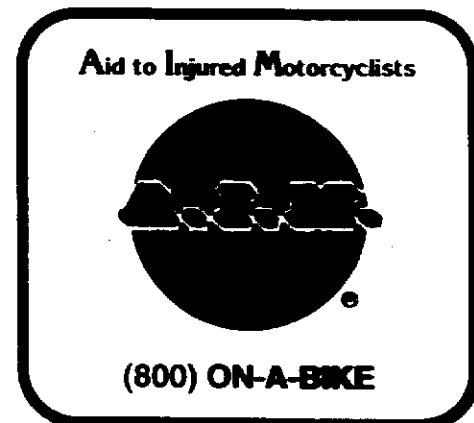


Please let those who are in the position of responsibility for the submissions for your Chapter know if you miss having a report for this month's newsletter. It is after all your responsibility to keep those who volunteered to hold the positions accountable for the work to be done.





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Press Release

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BIKERS WIN LEGAL CHALLENGES OVER "CLUB COLORS"

CONFEDERATIONS OF CLUBS, November 18, 1997 -- Two recent legal actions have favored the right of motorcycle clubs to wear "colors," as guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment freedom of speech protections.

In early August, the County of Santa Barbara and the Santa Barbara County Sheriffs Department agreed to settle a lawsuit brought by the Bravados Motorcycle Club, based upon actions by about a dozen Sheriff's deputies to refuse club members entry into the Santa Barbara County Fair on April 29, 1995, because they found their club "colors," or back patch, to be "gang attire."

Police officers offered to let the Bravados enter without their vests, but the club decided instead to file suit against the county and the Sheriff's Department. "It is our right to wear our vests," said David Cordero, treasurer for the club that has been in Santa Barbara for more than 30 years. "We are proud to be Bravados." The club members claimed their First Amendment rights were violated by a dress code that discriminated against their style of clothing.

The lawsuit was pursued by the Southern California Confederation of Clubs, of which the Bravados MC is a member club, and the Sheriff's Department and county eventually agreed to settle for \$10,000 in damages and about \$15,000 in legal fees. In addition, the Bravados also won the right to attend the fair in full club regalia.

"This was a great victory for the Bravados MC and the Confederation of Clubs," said Richard M. Lester, founder of Aid to Injured Motorcyclists and legal counsel for all Confederations of Clubs throughout North America. "It validates our position that bikers should not be discriminated against based solely on their style of dress or mode of transportation."

In another matter, in late July the Free Souls Motorcycle Club reached a settlement agreement with the Sheriff's Department of Clark County, Washington, and two of their deputies who had allegedly informed various bar owners within their jurisdiction that they would not respond to "911" emergency calls if the proprietors chose to allow patch holders in their establishments. The owner of Omar's Steakhouse and Lounge in Vancouver agreed to testify, and the Confederation of Clubs Washington pursued the lawsuit on behalf of the Free Souls.

In exchange for dismissing the lawsuit, the Sheriff and his deputies agreed to a number of stipulations, including paying \$20,000 to the Free Souls MC for legal expenses; not to campaign for other bars and taverns to adopt "no colors" policies; to develop a written protocol for deputies to use when discussing perceived problems regarding wearing of "club colors" with owners of such establishments; and to basically avoid conflict and confrontation with the Free Souls MC and to cooperate with the club in the resolution of any future concerns.

Both of these cases should send a strong message to state and local law enforcement that motorcyclists are tired of lying down and taking it, and through the various Confederations of Clubs are standing up for their legal rights! With 25 Confederations in 20 states and 1 Canadian province, this is the fastest growing segment of the motorcyclists' rights community. See you in court.

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ARTICLES, E-MAIL & SUBMISSIONS

When I read the first line of Tony Pan's e-mail my heart sunk. I thought somebody had come up with an easy way for the government to grab your sled. On the contrary, Tony has apparently worked his butt off to protect us from that happening. Congratulations brother!

From Wisconsin:

On November 19, 1997, the Wisconsin Senate passed AB96, the motorcycle confiscation bill. It now goes to Governor Tommy Thompson for his signature. This bill is of national importance, especially in light of the fact that thousands of motorcyclists are expected to visit Wisconsin in 1998 for the Harley Davidson Motor Company's 95th Anniversary. Three years ago, Michael F. Hupy & Associates law firm started getting calls about motorcycle confiscation, at the hands of police. Most often seized were vintage Harley Davidson models, with suspected altered VIN's. After some research, Tony Pan Sanfelipo, an accident investigator for Hupy, specializing in motorcycles, verified what he had suspected all along. Harley owners are notorious for

changing the motor/frame configuration on their cycles. Many after market parts are used also, including frames. The police prefer engines, frames, and transmissions with matching numbers. In the real world, that's not the way things are. After at least twelve cases were brought to court by Hupy attorney, Tim Rymmer, many pro bono, and won, the word got out that there was a remedy for biker's whose motorcycles were being held indefinitely. But court was a costly and time consuming remedy, and Michael F. Hupy & Associates, S.C., are personal injury attorneys.

Their dedication to motorcyclist's rights moved them to provide free seminars aimed at teaching area cyclists about the registration system in Wisconsin and Harley's numbering system. Soon after, Tony Pan Sanfelipo met with state legislators to inform them of the problem, and helped to draft a bill to resolve the problem. He got ABATE of Wisconsin to get behind the effort, as well as the National Motorists Association. After three years of hard work, the bill passed both houses in Wisconsin and now awaits the Governor's signature. Tony is chief road captain for Governor Thompson's Cycle Tours and has already discussed the problem with the governor. There should be no problem on that end.

What does the bill do? If a motorcycle is seized by authorities in Wisconsin for suspected altered numbers, the seizing agency must start a formal proceeding for forfeiture within thirty (30) days of confiscation (60 days if criminal proceedings are pending). If the seizing agency does not

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return the property, and the owner is forced to go to court for relief, and the judge orders the property returned, the seizing agency must pay the attorney fees and court costs.

This was a major piece of motorcycle legislation, and garnered broad bi-partisan support. A principal co-sponsor of this bill was Senator Dave Zien, the motorcycling senator from Wisconsin, and a long time friend of Tony Pan's and a client of Michael F. Hupy & Associates, S.C. We expect a formal signing ceremony to be held with Governor Thompson and Michael F. Hupy & Associates, S.C., plans on continuing with instructive seminars on this bill, Harley Davidson numbering styles and what to look for when buying used motorcycles. They want to help bikers to avoid buying questionable motorcycles that may have been stolen. At the same time, the law firm is dedicated to assisting bikers who have purchased a motorcycle in good faith and no substantiated proof of theft exists.

Tony Pan Sanfelipo

A right is not something someone gives you, but rather something no one can take away.

News from ABATE of Maryland, Anne Arundle Co. Chapter. November 25th, the District Court of Anne Arundle Co. dismissed the case against Bill Gawthrop, an ABATE member. ABATE attorney, Bruce Bereano, successfully argued the case based on the "no list of approved helmet, no law" strategy. This approach has won many cases in the various counties of Maryland. The state's highest court is scheduled to hear an appeal on Helmet Mike's victory in St. Mary's Co. on December 9th. Circuit Court for St. Mary's Co. ruled the state helmet law unconstitutional. MRO's in Maryland our fighting hard and it is felt they are very close to a statewide victory.

"No List, No Law" (NL2)

Could this dusty 5-year-old battle slogan finally be getting its day in court? Well, a number of freedom fights around the nation have been in the headlines lately winning big with it in the courts.

Maryland's certainly been working "NL2" hard and here's a "No List" update - or should we say: 'old list' update, from Patricia Davis, ABATE of Louisiana...

Ride Safe, Ride Free

Steven

Date: Sat, 13 Dec 1997

From: Patricia Davis, ABATE of Louisiana

To: Steven Shmerler

Subject: "No List, No Law", Coming to a state near you?

Hi Steven,

My name is Patty Davis, ABATE of Louisiana, and I thought you'd be interested to know what we're up to down here, in light of Maryland's fantastic victories and other battles being fought in the courtrooms across the country.

For the last several months, several of our members, including myself, have been gathering "evidence" in preparation to file suit against the state, challenging the helmet law here, based on the "No list, No law" approach. What

we've done is contact a variety of State Trooper headquarters around the state and the Louisiana Department of Public Safety (DPS) asking for a list of approved headgear and eye wear.

You see, there IS a list [in Louisiana], written back in 1983, just after our law was passed the last time, however it has never been revised since that time. According to the law, the Commissioner of Public Safety is supposed to "establish, maintain, and publish" a list. Most of the products on that [old] list are not even manufactured any more!

But here is the real kicker... it took me months of investigative research to find this list. A very nice clerk at the Law Library in New Orleans took it on as her pet project and produced it for me. BUT! The responses we have gotten from the State Troopers and the DPS are incredible:

"Yes there's a list of helmets, but no list of eye wear."

"No there's no helmet list, but there is a list for eye wear."

"No there's no list, but we suggest you buy a DOT or SNELL certified helmet."

And here's my favorite from the DPS, the agency [legally] responsible for "establishing, maintaining, and publishing" the list...

"We don't maintain such a list, we suggest you try your local motorcycle shop."

Isn't this great! It's quite obvious that they are having just as hard of a time figuring out what a legal helmet is as the rest of us! One trooper even sent me a pile of NHTSA pamphlets about motorcycle safety! Big help there!

The attorney who will be filing the suit for us is planing to file in February. Looks like the Maryland case will be of great assistance to our case. Kinda hard to defend a law that is so misunderstood and enforced so inconsistently?

Feel free to make any suggestions. We're open to all ideas. Maybe, just maybe we won't have to go to battle again with the legislature in '99!

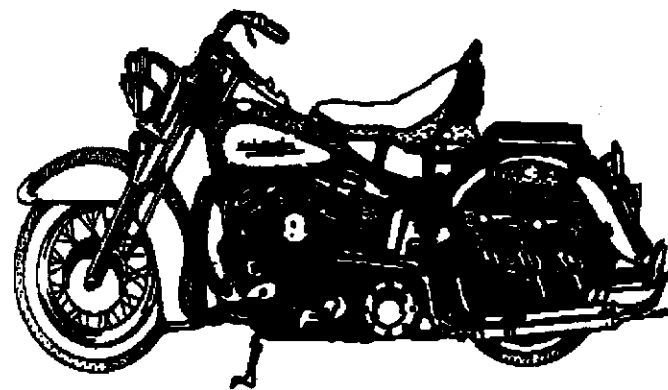
Thanks for all the work you do for motorcycle rights.

Patty Davis

ABATE of Louisiana

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The following is a communication I received from the National Motorists Assn. regarding their attempt to make air bags optional for everyone, not just those in high risk groups. I have advised them I would send this along to The List and request that you act on their petition request. At the same time, I took issue with their risk-benefit statement - citing the NY study - and arguing that the ration is actually much worse for helmets. I asked NMA to support our attempts to have mandatory helmet laws repealed in the remaining 23 states.

I'll keep you informed of their response. In the mean time, make up your petitions, get 'em signed and ship them in.

Last week we sent some of you a "call to action," asking that you write a petition to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration requesting a reconsideration of the air bag rule that was announced Nov. 18. We provided a copy of the petition written by our NMA air bag expert Jim Walker, which included 24 points, and asked you to use it to formulate your own petition.

Below is the NMA's official petition requesting a reconsideration of the rule. If you haven't already written your petition requesting reconsideration, feel free to use the information in our petition, (You can also include points from Walker's petition.) to craft a simple request that emphasizes the reasons you feel are most important. It's best to craft your own personalized version. With your help, we can make it clear to NHTSA and DOT that we believe their handling of this issue has been unacceptable, and that the controversy is not over.

The 45-day window to submit these petitions goes to 1/2/98, but it is best for petitions to arrive by 12/29/97. You can find the final rule and all related documents at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/airbags>, and they will be the first items on your screen.

A petition for reconsideration should be addressed as follows:
Docket No. NHTSA-97-3111

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S. W.
Washington, DC 20590

You may also wish to also send a copies of your petition to:
Mr. Rodney Slater
Secretary
Department of Transportation
400 Seventh St., S. W.
Washington, DC 20590

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Thanks for your efforts, and for supporting the NMA!
Guidelines for writing your petition, as well as the NMA's petition to NHTSA follows.

Todd Franklin, Communications Director

GUIDELINES FOR WRITING YOUR PETITION:

(The petition should open with a clear statement to identify your intent, such as:)

Dear Administrator:

I petition the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to reconsider the Final Rule on Air Bag On-Off Switches, issued under Docket No. NHTSA-97-3111 for these reasons.

(Here you cite your points and any supporting data. Then the petition should close with another clear statement of the action(s) you request under your petition, such as:)

Based upon the above points, I request that NHTSA modify the rule recently issued for air bag on-off switches and take the following specific actions:

Please put these into your own words, but the two major requests that are needed for a disconnection rule are:

Make switches freely available to anyone who requests them, without requiring them to prove membership in any particular risk group.

Make the much simpler wiring-disconnection freely available to anyone who requests them, without requiring them to prove membership in any particular risk group.

Require that air bag on/off switches be standard equipment in all vehicles manufactured after a set date that accommodates normal engineering and production

Signed,

Your name (Be sure you show your full address somewhere on the petition.)

NMA Petition

PETITION TO RECONSIDER THE FINAL RULE ON AIR BAG ON/OFF SWITCHES AND AIRBAG DEACTIVATIONS, WHICH WAS ISSUED ON 11/18/97

This petition is being submitted in response to requests from NMA members, who are fully aware of both the benefits and risks of air bags, but would prefer that they—not the federal government—be allowed to decide whether to use their air bags. Dear Administrator:

The National Motorists Association petitions the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to reconsider the Final Rule on Air Bag On-Off Switches, issued under Docket No. NHTSA-97-3111 for these reasons:

During the public comment period on this rule, NHTSA received more than 600 comments from individuals. Approximately 500 of those individuals supported deactivation, or simple wiring disconnection, as the method to turn off air bags. The other 100 supported either switches, or both switches and wiring disconnection. Nearly all of these individual commentaries supported deactivation on request for anyone who asks, without regard to whether they fall into one of the risk groups defined in the final rule. The new rule denies the request of nearly all-individual commentaries. This means that NHTSA requested and received sincere comments from 600 individuals, and denied them all.

The National Transportation Safety Board and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety supported deactivation on request, without regard to being in a risk group. The new NHTSA rule denies the request of the NTSB, the federal agency charged with the safety of all forms of transportation, as well as the most visible insurance industry highway safety group.

NHTSA's own estimates (even considering the use of 20% to 35% depowered bags available from 1998 model

vehicles) still reflect a killed-to-saved ratio for passenger-side air bags of about one child killed for seven adults saved. Not all of those at risk can be protected under the final rule.

NHTSA says they are not aware of cases where children were saved by airbags. Air bags have essentially no benefits for children, contrary to statements by NHTSA in the 1970's and 1980's, but have clearly negative results, as measured by recent deaths. By not allowing switches for vehicle owners who may carry children in their cars, the rule expressly raises the risks of child deaths, with no known benefits provided to children.

NHTSA data estimates in Table 11 of the Final Economic Assessment show that full fleet impacts of air bags on non-fatal injuries will result in the injury of 32,220 people, while reducing injuries to 66,486 people. No other federal regulation ever known, in any field of endeavor, mandates negative effects on about half the number of people who receive positive benefits. This risk-benefit ratio is simply unacceptable for a mandated device. Every vehicle owner who wants a switch or wiring disconnection for an air bag, for any reason whatsoever, must be allowed to make an informed choice of which risks they agree to undertake.

NHTSA discusses many plans for potentially safer Advanced Technology or Smart Bags. These discussions have no bearing whatsoever on the needs to modify the air bags which are currently installed in 1997 and earlier model year vehicles.

REQUESTED AGENCY ACTION:

Based upon the above points, the National Motorists Association requests that NHTSA modify the rule recently issued for air bag on-off switches and take the following specific actions:

1) Make switches freely available to anyone who requests them, without requiring them to prove membership in any particular risk group.

2) Make the much simpler wiring-disconnection freely available to anyone who requests them, without requiring them to prove membership in any particular risk group.

3) Require that air bag on/off switches be standard equipment in all vehicles manufactured after a set date that accommodates normal engineering and production schedules.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Mark Buckner

December 15, 1997 Phone: 303-833-3195

MRF Appoints Director of Cooperate Liaison

Washington, DC ... On December 11, 1997 the Motorcycle Riders Foundation announced the choice by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors of Mr. Rodney Roberts to position of Director of Corporate Liaison. Mr. Roberts owns and operates Rodney's Cycle House in Little Rock, Arkansas and is also the President of District 1 of ABATE of Arkansas. His term of office on the Board of Directors of the MRF will run through September of 1999.


Roberts has been involved in the motorcycle business for over thirty years and has been a business owner since 1971. In this professional environment, he has formed numerous long-term relationships with various people in the motorcycle industry and is confident that he can take advantage of this experience to help the MRF develop positive working relationships with members of the industry. He recognizes the value of a partnership between the MRF and the industry in the pursuit of common goals leading to a positive future for motorcycling. "We must move in this direction quickly to protect our interests in light of the pending globalization of motorcycling," he declared. He also understands the importance of maintaining the MRF's independence to insure the organization's integrity on behalf of all motorcyclists as well as the members who support that mission.

The name of Rodney Roberts is synonymous with perseverance in Arkansas. Faced with the dreaded helmet law in his home state of Arkansas from almost exactly the day he entered into the motorcycle business, he never gave up on the effort to regain that particular freedom for Arkansas motorcyclists. His local district of ABATE of Arkansas was formed in Rodney's living room thirteen years ago. He remained one of the leading rights activists in Arkansas over all those years and led the final effort resulting in the successful repeal of the thirty-year-old Arkansas helmet law in

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EDUCATION DIRECTOR REPORT

DECEMBER, 1997

Here it is.. December already. Funny how time flies when you are busy. It seems that I have been doing a lot of work on getting STEAM '98 ready to go. You may find a copy of the trifold elsewhere in this issue. It is imperative that you realize that this draft is still in the works and could be subject to change. I still need immediate input from the chapters as soon as you have your elections concerning how many of your new officers are coming to STEAM.

I realize that the elections will be held in December and this matter should be taken on as soon as the elections are decided. Of course, the results of the elections should be immediately sent to the ABATE P.O. Box. It wouldn't hurt if you send a copy to MOTHER, our membership secretary.

Bad news come to our program from time to time and I need to share with you the message that Todd Plaster has reached his breaking point from all of his hard work and devotion to the Motorcycle Awareness Program. He is planning to throw in the towel for a while to get caught up on his family needs and job situation. He will be hard to beat as teacher. He has been willing to get out there and teach our program to the kids. He has classes scheduled and I hope someone is planning to take up the baton he is offering and run with it.

Except for Todd's verbal reports to me about his classes, I am not aware of any other classes being taught here in Oregon. What's happening out there? Are our own members becoming complacent and no longer care whether we live or die on the roads? The very thought scares me. We all should be aware that we are doing the awareness program for all of us and for each other. We are the one who will ultimately benefit from the time we spend now. I have one class scheduled for January, '98 at LBCC.

Mel Yeager
Education Director

PR Director Report December 1997

This has been another busy month. You will see by the attached official press releases that ABATE bikers were high profile again this month. I need to hear from South Coast, Washington County and Portland Chapters if they received any media coverage on their Toy Runs. I also helped Art West write an article about the Musicians' Benefit for the Shriners' Hospital Toy Run in Portland for Thunder Press. With a few changes, it was also submitted to the Cascade Blues publication.

I would like to address something that happened to me, in relation to these releases. I received a call from an ABATE member, who attends State Board Meetings that a member of her chapter had been contacting the media. She wondered if I could write up something. However, the press release had already been written and sent out to all media sources in the area.

What was different is that this volunteer was contacting individuals at the radio and TV stations, instead of sending out a fax to some machine in the middle of the night, which is what I was doing. This is very valuable work and very much appreciated. But, it will be wasted energy if I don't get those contact people into my database, so that I can personally fax the release. Here I was being asked to write up a press release for media sources that had already received the press release!

The bottom line is, not only do we need all of you to be making positive contact with the media, but when you find a friendly connection, the information must be reported back to the State PR Director through your State Rep, PLEASE. I also need to know who showed up for these events, so that I can put them on the "A" list. But you've heard me say that at least a dozen times.

My last request in this report, is lead time. If you want to get into a monthly publication, the press release must be written at least two months before the event so that I can schedule it, get it approved by the State Coordinator and get it out in time for the publication's deadline. If you want the media to show up for the event, you should still be asking for help at least a month in advance so that you can personally contact and connect with local media sources, which I can't do.

Lastly, I've included a copy of the press releases so that you may copy them next year. Please pay particular attention to Washington County's press release. Because I was given plenty of advance notice, it actually got into the Oregonian. It was also the most fun to write because of the specific information that was given to me... How much money was raised last year, which legislators would be attending, etc? Don't just send me a flyer, tell me what the "story" is all about in your own words and I'll turn it into a first class press release for you. I promise!

Help me help you help change the biker image in this state. All the work you do for these benefits needs to be promoted, because if we don't do it, no one will. See you at STEAM. Melinda McCrossen, (503) 231-2701, melindam@teleport.com

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WE HAD OUR CHANCE AND GLADLY DANCED IT AWAY

Some take their chances in life and come out on top like those who attended the Last Chance Dance for the Toy Run Benefit held at the River Roadhouse in Milwaukie on November 29. The River Roadhouse saw a lot of live music action during November to benefit the Portland Chapters' ABATE Shriners Children's Hospital Toy Run, and like the Musician's benefit on November 8, the Last Chance Dance was a party to be among friends and a chance to cut loose from a week's hard work. The Biker community knew how important this chance was to drum up more funds for donating to the Shriner's Children's Hospital just before the Portland Toy Run and showed it by making a strong presence at the dance.

The band, Volatile Memory, played a variety of music from rock to blues and tossed in a few oldies. You can't go wrong with a band that includes a wailing sax and a beautiful singer such as Phoebe Rand. The Roadhouse sports a dance floor big enough to bring in your scoot for a few turns if your partner has to take a break from gyrating to the good vibes and there are pool tables, arcade machines, and the service is friendly and fast.

Everyone had their chance at winning some hot raffle prizes. Fresh from a day's ride several members of Washington County ABATE scored highly by taking home several of these prizes. The folks at that table won a gold mine of gift certificates for airfare, bed and breakfasts, restaurants, and enough treasures to keep smiles on their faces while awaiting the fat man to make his way down their chimneys. Because of the generosity of so many donors such as Southwest Airlines, Days Inn, Marriott Hotel, Columbia Harley Davidson, Titan Motors, Latus Motors and more, the raffle prizes were of high quality and enough in quantity for practically everyone who attended to be winner. Handcrafted leather saddlebags donated by Darrell Wight and an American flag autographed by Peter Fonda were also available for the purchase of a dollar raffle ticket. Clark Brooker was on hand to sell tickets for the Toy Run Bike raffle, and Sarge was there to sell you a chance at specialty boxes containing gourmet food or Harley goodies-The next Last Chance Dance will be held in November 1998. Bring your party attitude, your generous nature, and empty saddle bags, because you are going to have a good time! See you next year!

SONNY-SIDE UP

Happy New Year everyone, from our house (and the ministry team of Brotherhood of Christ) to yours. We hope you all had a safe and fantastic holiday season. By now, of course, the New Year parties and holiday gatherings are all over. The trees and Christmas decorations are all boxed and put away for another year. Another year of toy runs and New Year Day rides are filed away in the memory banks. Yes... 1998 is here! Speaking of New Years, the 21st century, the year 2000 is just a couple of years away. Are you ready for that!?

I often wonder what the 21st century will bring to our lifestyle. What kind of futuristic engineering feats will be integrated into our two-wheeled craft? What will the designers bring to our chrome laden taste buds? What will the techno-painters be mixing in their pots? And how will the ad freaks try to convince us that we can't live without any of this? Beyond that, what will the 21st century bring in the way of "safety"? Will we, as riders be encumbered by the safety net of bureaucracy? Will we be deluged with cumbersome devices on our motorcycles as well as on our bodies, heads, arms, legs and torsos? Imagine a full-bodied air bag suit, helmet included. It would inflate before impact. You, looking like the Michelin Man would just "bounce" your way to safety. And what of colors, again your choice of trendy designer safety day-glo orange or yellow. Will the bureaucrats and safety police have the upper hand? Only we riders empowered by our votes and involvement can make the choices ours.

Now, speaking of choices and the future, have you ever thought about eternity? What about where you'll spend it? The Bible is perfectly clear about it. We're either goin' up, or we're goin down... it's our choice. God is a pro-choice God. We either choose to follow Him, or not. It's all or nothing. No kinda. . sorta..., it's yes or no. Make the smart choice, not the fast, easy one.

Choose life eternal, see I John 5:11&12.

God bless

Livin' on the Sonny-side,

Don, Chaplain

Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.



Roger Hendricks
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Portland, OR 97213-0021

Dear Roger,

Ted Turner, Vice Chairman of international media company Time Warner Inc. has issued a challenge to you and every freedom-loving American patriot and gun owner.

A challenge that you and I simply cannot ignore..

Just weeks before he pledged a billion dollar gift, subsidized by your tax dollars, to the United Nations, Ted Turner attacked the country's identity by calling for a referendum to change our national anthem, The Star-Spangled Banner.

I want you to join me in telling Ted Turner "NO," we don't want to change our national anthem, our heritage and our values.

You and I must stop this effort by Ted Turner and his elitist class to dissolve our country's values and traditions. We must protect the ties that bind us as Americans.

We must not let Ted Turner succeed in leading a nationwide campaign to toss aside our country's traditions like the national anthem, the Pledge of Allegiance and respect for the flag that are central to American values—In favor of an effort led by Japan, Canada, Australia and Great Britain to do away with our Second Amendment.

Ted Turner has tried to justify his attack on The Star-Spangled Banner by calling it a war song. He reasons that It's time to change with the times..." as though our national heritage is a fad whose popularity has worn out.

Well, The Star-Spangled Banner is not a war song—It is a song that celebrates the sacrifices and bravery of America's citizen-soldiers! But Turner rejects it as a patriotic song about America's struggle to win and protect our freedom.

Let me explain why retaining The Star-spangled Banner as our national anthem is so important—To you, me and every American who cherishes freedom, especially our right to keep and bear arms.

The anthem was written during the War of 1812 as the British navy shelled Fort Mchenry in Baltimore Harbor—For me The Star-Spangled Banner was written as a tribute to the Second Amendment. The British monarchy wanted to slap-down our young country. First they sent their troops to ransack Washington, DC, burn the White House and terrorize our citizens.

Then the British invaders moved to capture Baltimore, our country's third largest seaport. As the British army marched on Baltimore's Fort McHenry, the American army dropped back to protect President James Madison, the author of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution—Because of him all Americans had the right to keep and bear arms and our nation was able to counter the British invasion.

With the standing American army detailed to protect Madison, Baltimore's future looked bleak—But after the burning and pillaging of Washington by the British, the call went to the farms, towns and villages.... Patriotic American volunteers quickly took up arms and rushed to defend our young nation.

American farmers, shop owners, tradesmen and men from all walks of life answered the call to arms—They had the firearms to stop the British invasion because they were

guaranteed the right to keep and bear arms in the United States Constitution.

American volunteers dug in and stopped the land advance, leaving the British one hope: To crush Fort McHenry with naval artillery.

American Francis Scott Key, who later was to be the author of The Star-Spangled Banner, was on a British ship in Baltimore harbor during the all-night bombardment trying to negotiate release of Americans held prisoner.

Throughout the night, with "the bombs bursting in air, "the prisoners who were locked below the ship's deck unable to see the battle begged Key to tell them whether their flag still flew whether freedom survived.

The great stone bulwarks of Fort McHenry were not breached—Our flag remained standing—Average American citizens held off the invasion and saved our nation.

That night, The Star-Spangled Banner was written for those brave citizens, the protectors of our liberty.

Today, whenever The Star-Spangled Banner is sung—My eyes fill with tears, my heart pounds and I remember those American heroes who fought for our freedom, who stood their ground in the trenches to defend our nation...

They could defend their freedom and pass it down to us because of the Second Amendment. Quite literally, The Star-Spangled Banner is about the Second Amendment.

That's why every gun owner should be outraged to learn Ted Turner is trampling on the memory of these citizens and the hundreds of Americans who have fought and died for our freedom, our flag—For America, land of the free, home of the brave.

If we allow the one-worlders to strip away Our country's identity, soon our children and grandchildren will never sing The Star Spangled Banner or recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

You and I can't let that happen.

Ted Turner and his elitist crowd may control the national media which sneers at your patriotism, turns down NRA television advertising and smears gun owners with anti-gun news stories, but gun owners can still speak out to defend our freedoms.

The NRA is still the strongest, most active grassroots organization in America—And gun owners have shown time and again that we can make a difference if we work together.

That's why I want you to join me today in sending Ted Turner a message that we don't want to change the national anthem. The flag, the Constitution or the Second Amendment!

And we need to make sure the gun owners and patriotic citizens of the great state of Montana know what their famous neighbor is up to!

So please sign your three postcards, affix a stamp to them and mail them right way.

I want Turner, the Billings Gazette and The Missoulian to receive thousands of these postcards from patriotic NRA-ILA supporters like you.

On your postcards, remember to list your occupation. This is important because the media is always claiming that the NRA is made up of people who do not represent American values or our society.

I want them to know that the NRA is made up of people who are making America great from all walks of life... Just like the citizens who answered the call to defend our nation from the British back in 1812!

You know as well as I do that if Ted Turner practices hypocrisy

He may receive 1 million postcards, but he will throw them away, ignore them or worse, say he never got them!

To stop Ted Turner from spouting-off and using Time Warner resources to change the national anthem, re-write the Constitution or attack America's firearms freedoms—I'll haul thousands of VERIFICATION DOCUMENTS in front of the media.

This call from Ted Turner to get rid of our national anthem is the most recent, major attack in the war to destroy America's heritage and values—To pave the way for an international gun ban, the surrender or our national sovereignty, and elimination of our freedoms, especially our right to keep and bear arms.

I hope you realize the anti-gunners are not only after our Second Amendment freedom - Many of them are intent on destroying the ideals, principles and institutions that made America great. Their goal is to incorporate America into a one-world government.

Well my friends if it's a national referendum Turner wants let's give it to him, you me and our fellow NRA members.

I've chosen these two prominent Montana Newspapers because Turner and his wife, Jane Fonda, own a huge ranch in that state and spend a majority of their time there—We want to make sure the people who see him everyday know what he is trying to do to our national anthem and the freedom it symbolizes!

Please take out three stamps and mail these cards today!

You and I must send a message that we don't agree with Ted Turner or the academics, politicians and media elite who say it's time for America to change our national identity, starting with The Star-Spangled Banner and ending with your Constitutional freedoms.

We must act now to stop Bill Clinton, Chuck Schumer, Dan Rather, Tom Brokaw, Ted Kennedy, Ted Turner, Jane Fonda and others who think it's up to them to rebuild America in their own image by stripping it of all ties to the past. Turner's gift of a billion dollars allows him to subsidize his cause with your taxes and extend his political influence internationally. If you and I can stop him, there's hope that we can hold our ground, and protect our freedom like our forefathers back in 1812.

And of course, we can't forget that Ted Turner is married to Jane Fonda, who has been Hollywood's handgun control advocate Will she now become the UN's international Gun Control Ambassador-At-Large lobbying Congress and traveling the world to advocate the banning of your right to keep and bear arms?

Her appeal for global gun control will have a receptive audience, Great Britain recently banned all guns except .22s, and those will probably be done away with in the next few months. Australia has called for gun owners to turn in their arms, and anyone who has gone hunting in Canada recently knows gun owners are becoming more and more unwelcome there as well.

If we let Turner, Fonda and their allies change the National Anthem, we might as well change the red, white and blue U.S. Flag to a white flag of surrender.

You and I must never let the memory of those who fought and who died to save our country be tossed aside by Ted Turner!

By sending your postcards and supporting this effort you can help preserve the honor of the brave men and women who have stood up for freedom at home. So please sign your postcards and mail them.

Yours in freedom,

Tanya Metaska

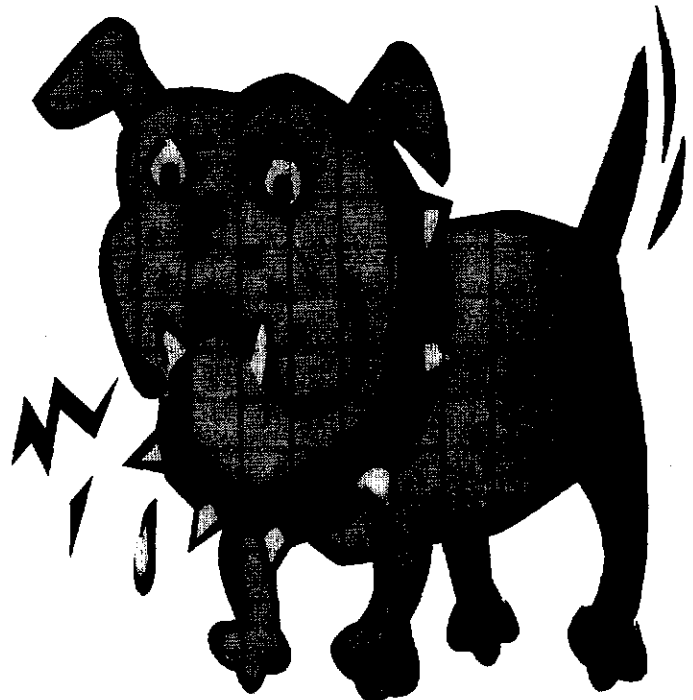
NRA ILA Executive Director

P.S. Ted Turner has called for a nationwide referendum to dump The Star-Spangled Banner as our national anthem. Turner wants to toss aside our heritage, forget the sacrifices of those who died fighting for our country and our freedom, and put our national destiny in the hands of the international elite. The Addresses you can mail those postcards off to are:

The Editor
The Billings Gazette
401 N. Broadway
Billings, Mt. 59701

Ted Turner
Turner Ranch Properties
68145 Spanish Creek d.
Gallatin Gate Way, Mt. 59730

The Editor
The Missoulin
500 S. Higgins Ave.
Missoula, Mt. 59801



TEAM OREGON HONORS PARTNERS IN SAFETY

The TEAM OREGON Motorcycle Safety Program recently honored several groups, organizations and individuals for their contributions in making Oregon's roads safer for motorcyclists and motorists alike. The awards were presented during the 13th Annual Instructor Awards Banquet, held November 22 in Salem. More than 90 people attended this awards celebration, including Tim Buche, President of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, who provided the keynote address and presided over the awards presentation. In all, thirty-three people from across the state and region were recognized.

Top Instructor honors went to **Angela Barkes**, a Senior Instructor from the Portland area who was recognized as **Instructor of the Year**. Ms Barkes has been an instructor and safety advocate for six years, and is credited with teaching more than 100 beginning and experienced rider courses.

Rookie of the Year honors went to **Dinah Stilton**, a TEAM OREGON instructor who resides in Tacoma, Washington. Ms Stilton received her instructor training in June 1997 and since has taught five classes covering two-weekends each at TEAM OREGON'S Portland Community College, Sylvania Campus facility.

Linn-Benton Community College took the top honors in winning the **Sponsor of the Year Award**. LBCC has been an active and valued partner for all of TEAM OREGON'S thirteen years.

Stan Porter, volunteer program coordinator at Chemeketa Community College, was honored for his unselfish dedication to motorcycle safety in winning the **Coordinator of the Year Award**. Mr. Porter, also the TEAM OREGON State Coordinator at the Oregon Department of Transportation, volunteers his personal time to coordinate and teach classes at Chemeketa Community College.

Two people were recognized for **Lifetime Achievement**, including **Ed Hughes** of the Oregon Motorcycle Dealers' Association and **Bill Spencer**, Coordinator of the nationally acclaimed Portland Community College training center. In the past 10 years both these individuals have dedicated a large percentage of their time and energies to promoting safe and responsible use of motorcycles on our streets and highways. Receiving **Certificates of Recognition** included **Bike PAC of Oregon** and the **Governor's Motorcycle Safety Advisor Committee** for their long-standing support and uncompromising dedication to safer motorcycling. These groups partnered during the recent legislative session to marshal a TEAM OREGON funding bill into law.

Just want to say that it is nice of TEAM Oregon to notice BikePAC for their support, yet failed to recognize the fact that ABATE was also a driving force in the legislative fight for the bill's passage, just a thought! GWH

Hey Brother,

Have been wanting to drop you a line for several months to tell you that I really like our newsletter and believe it to be one of the best in the country if not THE best!!! I personally know the effort and dedication it takes to do the job you are doing and doing so well for so long. I know that many of our ABATE bros. And sisters also appreciate your efforts.

I have been an ABATE member since 1978 and during those years I have done what I could as a Chapter officer. But people like YOU are what make this organization work year after year. I hope that you continue as editor for many years but I also know there is a time when we have to pass the torch to others for various reasons.

I wish you well as you continue to put out this great ABATE of Oregon newsletter. Just remember.... there are many of us who appreciate the work and dedication you are putting out even ho you may not hear it said too often.

Preacher Jim

Columbia River Chapter

Dear ABATE Members,

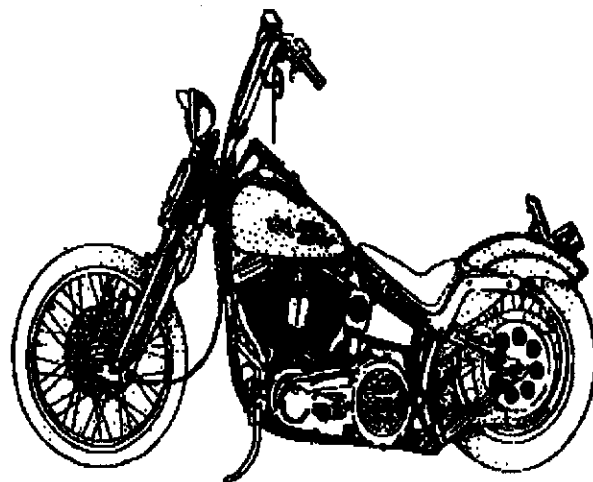
On Saturday, December 6, 1997, my wife and I had the fantastic experience of being a part of your Christmas Holiday Toy Run to Shriner's Hospital. I can tell you unequivocally both my wife and I were enormously impressed with all the bikers in both their posture and commitment to needy children at one of the most important times of the year.

This year's run was your eighteenth (18) and our first. I only hope that my wife and I have the opportunity again!

Sincerely,

Lonnie & Joan Roberts

(State House Rep. District 21)



From The

GUNNY'S SACK comes:

The AIMing Point

WOW! Thanksgiving slipped up on me and there went Christmas. To most of us, both of these holidays have special meaning. To me the whole thing is about the future of our children and the things we try to teach them as they grow into maturity.

All of us want the best for our kids, and we also want them to be responsible citizens after we, hopefully, have done our job to see that they become productive members of society. My worry is too many of us in this country could care less whether the government tells us how and when to do things. I question that legacy for our kids. Its easier that way for us because we don't have to exercise our own gray matter to make decisions about our safety or attire. But what about our kids, don't they deserve better? I pray we think so. Enough of my philosophising. I hope your holidays were gratifying.

News bits'n pieces: Maryland: A man here has invented a new motorcycle helmet. Get this: it's complete with turn signals, running lights, and a brake light! I don't know if you plug it into your scoot or what.

How long do you think it's gonna take before the folks from NHTSA (The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration) and their pals try to jump on this one, and try to make it mandatory safety equipment? Never mind the thing must weigh several pounds and strain the neck muscles even more than the headgear many of us are required to wear now. I wonder what happens to your neck when you reach the end of the connection tether to the motorcycle? I'm real sure I don't want to find out from personal experience. Where does this nonsense end?

Britain: Motorcycle and scooter sales are still on the rise here.

Motorcycle sales soared by 61% in October over 1996 during the same period. Scooter sales were up 43% in 1997 and in October they were 51%. Hey, the Brits like to ride!

Michigan: House Bill 4284 (repeal of the present **Helmet law**) passed the Michigan house by a vote of 58-47 and went on to the Senate Transportation Committee for review.

Michigan's AAA Vice President for Corporate Relations, Mr. Larry Givens, expressed extreme disappointment and cited more of the same sick theories that have been spread across this country by safetycrats about the opening of doors for the slaughter of motorcyclists on our highways. He continued with the bogus chant of public burden being in the millions of dollars. These people should be made responsible for truth when their statements purport to be fact. Maybe there will be another free state in this country soon. Lord knows we have worked long and hard for the victories we have had.

We need to remember that success is everyone's goal, and if we expect to keep what we have worked so hard for, we'd better keep the pressure on our elected officials. Never let them forget **WE ARE HERE AND WE WILL NOT GO AWAY!** I'll keep an eye on Michigan and report developments to the loyal AIMing Point readers.

Australia: A Judge in Brisbane has seen fit to caution the jury NOT to be prejudiced against bikers in a trial in progress there. Now there's a novel idea.

Washington, DC: The MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation) reports that a House subcommittee has moved out a bill which would ban the Federal agency of NHTSA from lobbying state legislatures. NHTSA has been pounding legislative pavement in the states for helmet laws. If this bill passes, we can count it as one of our biggest victories for motorcycle rights in this country. It means we won't have to fight NHTSA - at least not directly - on helmet laws in the states. If it passes. Contact the MRF for more.

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China: The 250,000 motorcycles in South China's Guangdong Province have become the major means of transportation. The 1.07 million people living in the city of Shantou, for example, own 180,000 motorcycles. The problem is now motorcycle jams instead of car jam-ups! Public transportation isn't used as much there because of the economy of the bikes. Terrible thought! Can you imagine?

Japan: Motorcycle production for 1997 is up over all by 23.2% over 1996. Yamaha led with a jump of 64.7%. When is the USA going to get on the bandwagon? Bikes and scooters have been proven environmentally friendly and economical to operate. **Belgium:** Last April at the International Rider's Rights Conference, the idea of uniting the Federation of European Motorcyclists (FEM) and the European Motorcyclists Association (EMA) to form the Federation of Motorcyclists Associations (FEMA) germinated. Now, FEMA's first meeting is in Brussels on January 10, 1998. It is felt that the combining of the two groups will make them a more effective force for the recovery and maintenance of rider freedoms in Europe and reduce much of the duplication of effort that now takes place. We here in America might do ourselves a favor and watch this closely. It wouldn't be the first time we learned from the European community. Why should we reinvent the wheel every time we do something?

Sam's AIM Tip O' the Month is about complaining. Loud and clear and promptly to your doc, that is, if you get in a wreck. He's seen from personal experience in trials, arbitrations and settlements with those cheap insurance companies, that if you don't tell the doc all that ails you after you've dumped your bike, it's going to come back to haunt you. Right in the pocketbook.

The reason is that if your problem isn't in the doc's chart notes, it's like it didn't happen. And if there are large gaps in your treatment and complaints - like if the first time a symptom shows up is six months after the accident - they can chew you up and spit you out in court. So the short word is, don't be macho, men and women alike. Tell the nice doctor where it hurts. And then get well, and try to stay out of wrecks!

Gunny again: Hey, don't forget that the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) program is there with legal help for ALL motorcyclists injured in accidents, and we are as near as your telephone. 1-800-531-2424 is for nationwide assistance from lawyers who ride. Sam Hochberg's office for AIM in Oregon is 503/224-1106 or 1-800-347-1106 if you're outside Portland. I can be reached at the same Oregon numbers if you have questions for either Sam or me. We're both on the Internet, too. E-mail Sam at SamBikeLaw@aol.com, or to me at AIMGunny@aol.com. Gunny's home phone is 503/463-5668. By the way, the big deal with AIM - well, one of the big deals - is that these lawyers, out of their own fees, are the sole financial support of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), which is made up of over 400 motorcycle rights organizations. In fact, mark your calendars now - if you can be in the Dallas-Fort Worth area in May, this year's annual NCOM CONFERENCE will be there, for 4 days in May, ending on mother's day! Call **Bill Bish** at NCOM for details, at 1-800-531-2424.

Keep the round side on the bottom.
Gunny, Oregon AIM Chief of Staff

NIGHT BEFORE THE RUN

As is usual several of us go to the Hospital to decorate, wrap packages and fill stockings.

This after Patti spent two days shopping and coordinating things with Chuck Williams and Jan Ernes of the Shriner Hospital.

We are given one curve, as is usual, with things always changing in patient status. We have one going home tonight, back to Vancouver Island. Tickets already bought.

Jennifer did not get to go home empty handed. A few of us went down to her room and took her gifts, stocking and glad tidings. We took some pictures. Teased her and mom a little (eh) and went back to being Santa's good little helpers. (Uncle Bob adopted her first, with mom and Rena's OK.)

We had a short meeting and hoped, prayed for a good tomorrow.

DAY OF THE RUN

A day like most we have for the Toy Run. The weather being unpredictable. This time we at least knew it was not going to rain, snow or what have you. We did not know if it would blow coho, be warm or cold.

Like most, the morning started out with a bike here and a couple more around the next corner. Trickle in. 400, 500 or 750? What can you expect this year?

We did start out with four porta pots instead of three. Courtesy of Cascade Phillips.

We got permission from Harold Ko of Speeds Towing to use their loading dock for a stage. Nice roof in case of bad weather. Up at the front of the parking lot instead of the back. He even saw to electricity for us.

T-shirt sales are set up at the loading dock. Run pins too.

Ticket sales on the bike begin. The bike is here as well for all to see.

Gul Reazee Grotto Masonic Honor Organization was there with smiles and lots of hot coffee. Had some hot dogs and nachos with cheese. Taking donations as always. Not charging.

"R.U.D.E." Dan Taylor set up for some music and P.A.

Sgt. Robert Moyer, Motor Officer of the Portland Police Department, arrived with his contingent of cars and bikes for participation and escort.

Char and Rose City Motorcycle Club and many volunteers are here for Parade Marshaling. So many they outnumber us.

Now things start changing. A lot.

Representative Lonnie Roberts with his lovely wife Joan consented to be our first Grand Marshal. Something we were waiting for, a deserving person to perform. He is. Thank You Lonnie!

Al Kader Shrine Temple, Motor Escort Unit honors us with their participation.

The parking lot fills. I said fills.

Gul Reazee Grotto runs out of hot dogs. They end up with a large donation back to us.

Cub Den 3, Pack 619 and their Den Mother Gail Young came by. We set them on the raffle bike and had their picture taken. Some of them even bought a raffle ticket. Then they went up to Portland State on the overpass between buildings and watched us go under them. It is to be hoped that they all stay in the Scout Program and become Eagle Scouts. Thanks for coming guys.

T-shirts and pins sold out in entirety.

Bike tickets come close to selling out. Maybe the closest ever.

Pastor Eugene is back as Santa Claus.

John Case of Classic Chauffeur provided us with a Limousine for the Grand Marshal, Representative Lonnie Roberts, Hospital Administrator Nancy Jones and the ticket drawers.

We had two drawers this year. Kyleen and Jose'. Five and seven years old. One current patient and one outpatient. Thanks to both of you.

Cynthia Warren, works for the city and process' the parade permit, showed up this year and bummed a ride on a bike.

Time for the drawing. Kyleen does the honors. (Next time I think a boy better do it. A woman strikes again.) Ticket # 1168, bought at Summer Run, and owned by Monica Nuetzmann of Toledo, Washington. Congratulations to you!

We stall a little with some more music. We have an agreement with our escorts not to leave before 12:30.

It's time. Portland's finest lead off. The parade marshals right behind. Another Officer then the Toy Run Committee, Grand Marshal, the Toys, a large number of club members (nice to see you back in force) and the whole kit and caboodle of ya.

The Officer that was to bring up the rear said he counted 990 bikes out of the parking lot. (You better watch it Gary.) It is a beautiful day for a ride. Even through the city. The public are great and seem to be in as much awe as we are.

What to say about the Shriners and The Hospital. As always they treat us with the greatest of respect and feed us goodies as always.

The children, from 5 months to 20 years, are gracious and polite. Some good singing voices in there too.

Thanks go to a lot of people on this one.

Jim and Jeff at Columbia Harley Davidson. Great price on the bike and very generous on contributions to the benefit.

Gene Walker, Walker Harley Davidson, Salem for showing the bike and selling tickets.

Titan Motorcycles, Hillsboro, for showing the bike and selling tickets.

Woodburn Drags for letting us bring the bike into the all Harley drags and sell tickets.

Winer M. from Brotherspeed (despite having had surgery, now recovering nicely) for staying with the toy collection at Elmers Pancake and Steak House in Oregon City. To Louie Parise the owner of same for cooperating in this endeavor.

Oregon Coin vending machines owner, Bob Brown, for the toys they donated, this time through Vicki Messenger.

Vicki for making the stockings we stuff with goodies for the kids.

Renee Stanton, a 13 year old young lady that likes to play finger machines and collected the toys, brought them here, for other kids. She also helped load and unload the donated toys at the run site and Hospital.

Molded Container Corp. for donating 500 yo-yo's.

David Keogh and Jeff Nowland for designing and printing the raffle tickets. (Good work and prices, call them.)

Silver Mountain Prints for the shirts, designed by Patti Dahl this year.

Neil Keogh for having surgery and taking care of himself so we can ride with him again another year, two or maybe even fifty.

Many radio stations for promoting the ride.

The donators we gladly recognized at the Hospital.

Art and Francine West. Organized and ran the ~~Museum~~ Benefit.

Salem HOG Chapter

Washington County ABATE

American Legion Post 25, Condon (Fossil beer sales)

Gul Reazee Grotto Masonic Honor Organization

Cindy Rogers

Debby May from customer

River Road House

Ranie Bowers in good memory of Ian Bowers

Micro Design

Ironworkers Shopmen's Local 516

Carol Johnson

Aaron Stewart

Horizon Business Forms, Inc.

KAICO

Rex Thornton

Viking Industries, Inc.

Viking Employee's as a whole

Shari's Restaurant and Sunset HOG (Larry Curtis)

1,000.00

Yamamoto Manufacturing, USA, Inc.

300.00

(A special thanks to Rex for hustling up and bringing in personally \$2,523.00 of this)

I am almost positive that I have forgotten or missed someone. I APOLOGIZE if I have. Please only blame Edd as he wrote this.

TAKEN IN DONATIONS

Thanks to Administrator Nancy Jones for her encouragement.

Also Thanks to Representative Lonnie Roberts for his kind words and support.

At the short meeting the night we wrapped gifts. It was discussed and unanimously decided to authorize the purchase of three (3) chairs.

1. A 9 year old boy from Alaska. Electric.

2. A 14 year old girl from Alaska. Manual.

3. A 17 year old boy from Idaho. Electric.

All on the list for two plus years. It is definitely time.

These will total about \$27,000.00. You see why you are so important. Thank you.

As a bonus to all this there is a painter in town, Blowision Kolors, that wants to work the chairs over. There is also B & B Manufacturing, Inc. that makes the "E - Z Hub". A big disc that fits in the spokes. Along with the painter they can personalize these chairs nicely.

The Hospital is going to try to coordinate things so that all three donations are made at the same time on a Saturday. Then we can have a small party and maybe finally get the attention of those that are still skeptical of bikers.

If you are still with me through all this you are doing better than I. Thanks to all of you, there are no small deeds or donations where the kids are concerned. You are all a part of this. Thanks again.

Edd Dahl, A.B.A.T.E./
SHRINE TOY RUN Committee Secretary.

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

ROAD LIST

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	541-563-3620	X	X	X	X	X	X	Coastal
John & Branda	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 Pack Rat Ranch	541-324-8142	X	X	X				Banks, Or
Don & Rose Murry	503-693-9465	X	X	X	X	X	X	Hillsboro, Or.
Bill Ballard	503-640-5461	X			X	X		Hillsboro, Or.
Rocket Motors	503-985-7738	X	X		X	X	X	Gaston, Or.
Terry & Carla Richesin	503-357-0245	X	X			X		Hillsboro, Or.
Ted & Jill Tracy	503-640-5766	X	X	X				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.	603-239-8167			X		X	X	AREA
Davencin	503-284-1729			X	X	X	X	N.E.
Paul & Pam	360-683-3433			X	X		X	Vancouver, Wa.
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.
Glen & Gayle	503-760-7378	X						PTLD
Rusty	503-777-5121		X			X		S.E.
Mavis & Bryan	503-252-1539		X	X	X	X	X	AREA
Jim L.	503-658-2206	X	X				X	Clackamas, Or.
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	541-447-8158	X	X	X	X	X	X	Prinville
Nic & Gigi	503-394-3456	X	X	X	X	X	X	Salem
Gunny Hutch	503-463-5668		X	X	X	X	X	Salem/Kaiser
Bob Avery	541-9981933	X	X	X	X	X		Junction City
Bill Foster	541-847-6238	X	X	X	X	X	X	Monroe, Or
Jim Singhose	541-942-2871	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 Belveal	541-741-0565	X	X					Eugene, Or
Russ & Barb Lax	541-741-2787	X	X			X		Eugene, Or
Tamara&Joy Reynolds	541-383-3418					X		Bend
Rick Jobe	541-383-1758	X	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	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	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 & Heidi Adams	541-548-5772			X		X	X	Redmond, Or.
**Tim Rhoda(Renegade)	541-858-8796	X	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
Bob&Jennie	541-673-1282	X	X	X		X		Roseburg
Fast Eddie	541-673-6120	X	X	X		X		Roseburg
Tim&Cindy	541-672-3210	X	X	X		X		Roseburg
Bill	541-440-9307	X	X	X		X		Roseburg
Pat	541-672-9695	X	X	X		X		Roseburg
Gary	541-459-1851		X			X		Roseburg
Bill	541-672-4886			X		X		Roseburg
Tommy&Sally	541-459-9467		X	X		X		Roseburg
Bill&Mary	541-673-8843		X			X		Roseburg
Bud Berliner	541-267-253	X	X	X	X	X		South Coast
Mary M. Nearpass	541-888-9003			X			X	South Coast
Jeff Bauder	541-756-5407	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
Deby & 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 Broman	541-955-8764	X	X					Grants Pass
Kevin	541-474-6843	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.

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_____	AYP4	Year Pin - 4 yr. member - red/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP5	Year Pin - 5 yr. member - white/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP6	Year Pin - 6 yr. member - black/orange.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP7	Year Pin - 7 yr. member - black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP8	Year Pin - 8 yr. member - dark blue.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP9	Year Pin - 9 yr. member - yellow.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP10	Year Pin - 10 yr. member - red/white/blue.....	3.25	_____
_____	AYP11	Year Pin - 11 yr. member - purple/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP12	Year Pin - 12 yr. member - blue/red.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP13	Year Pin - 13 yr. member - green/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP14	Year Pin - 14 yr. member - black/red.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP15	Year Pin - 15 yr. member - gold/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP16	Year Pin - 16 yr. member - grey/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP17	Year Pin - 17 yr. member - copper/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP18	Year Pin - 18 yr. member - light blue/gold.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP19	Year Pin - 19 yr. member - purple/gold.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP20	Year Pin - 20 yr. member - red/white/blue.....	3.75	_____

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_____	ALPIS	ABATE Logo Pin - silver.....	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIG	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, silver.....	5.00	_____
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_____	AWP	ABATE Wing Pin - silver.....	5.00	_____
_____	AWPG	ABATE Wing Pin - gold.....	5.00	_____
_____	ASP	ABATE Supporter Pin.....	4.00	_____
_____	AUWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing Pin - 5 color.....	4.00	_____
_____	ALOP	ABATE Oval Logo Pin - black/gold.....	4.00	_____
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_____	ACWP	ABATE Uplifted wing-5 color on White.....	4.00	_____
_____	MUG	ABATE Logo on Mug.....	5.00	_____
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_____		License Plate Frames - Motorcycles w/Let Those Who Ride Decide.....	5.00	_____
SUBTOTAL				_____
Shipping Charge				_____
UNDER \$25.00=\$5.00				_____
\$25.01-\$100.00=\$6.00				_____
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SHIPPING CHARGE				_____
			TOTAL	_____

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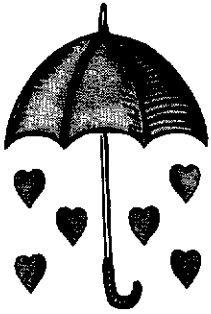
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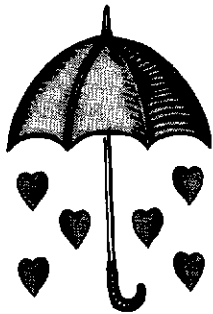
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1998 RUN CALENDAR

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

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|----|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 8 | DJ SWAP MEET | |
| 21 | SPRING OPENER | 360-336-2817 BLACK CATS M/C |

APRIL

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|----|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 5 | South Coast Sunday ride | Bud 541-267-2523 |
| 5 | ROSE CITY 250 | JOHN 503-641-4734 |
| 19 | MT. SCOTT OFF ROAD EVENT | MIKE 503-659-7213 |

MAY

- | | | |
|-------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 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 |
| 17 | MT. SCOTT OFF ROAD EVENT | MIKE 503-659-7213 |
| 22-25 | FOSSIL CAMPOUT | ROGER 503-285-4329 |

JUNE

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|-------|---------------------------------|---|
| 6-7 | WESTERN STATES 1000 | JOHN 503-641-4734 |
| 13 | Starlight Tour | Dale 503-234-5266 |
| 13-14 | MT. SCOTT OFF ROAD EVENT | MIKE 503-659-7213 |
| 20-21 | Run to the Sun | Angie 503-285-4329 Columbia River Chapter |
| 27-28 | Lawman 1000 | |

July

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|-------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 5 | South Coast Sunday ride | Bud 541-267-2523 |
| 12 | Poker run SALEM HOG | Walkers Cycle 503-363-0634 |
| 12 | AMA NATIONAL Poker run | mike 503-362-9855 |
| 17-19 | Coos River Run | Bud 541-267-2523 South Coast Chapter |
| 18 | fun run District 28 AMA | 503-538-0979 |

19	Poker run ROSE CITY HOG	503-281-7798
August		
2	South Coast Sunday ride	Bud 541-267-2523
2	Washugal Nationals	ken 360-837-3975
2	Mt Scott ROAD Event	MIKE 503-659-7213
3-9	Sturgi	
7-9	Beaver Creek	Lincoln County 541-563-3520
14-16	Summer Run	ne se col. river chaptersAngie 503-285-4329
20-23	Ore state hog rally	Charlie Ray 503-648-6760
September		
4-7	Chiloquin Motorcycle Rally	Roger 503-285-4329
5-7	Poker run/campout	Sunset hog 503643-7111
13	Show & Shine	Bud 541-267-2523
18-20	End of summer run	Wa Co Ted 503-640-5766
27	March of dimes	Kathy 503-222-9434
27	Dj Swap meet	
October		
4	South Coast Sunday ride	Bud 541-267-2523
11	Mt Scott Grand Prix(PIR)	MIKE 503-659-7213
November		
8	District 28 Calendar meeting	Butch 503-538-0979
21	Washington county toy run	Ted 503-640-5766
28	Vancouver Hog Teddy bear run	
December		
5	Shriner toy run	
6	January 1, 1998 Polar Bear Run Trinity Road Riders Dale 234-5266	

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

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ITALIAN COMPANY INTRODUCES LIFE-JACKET FOR MOTORCYCLISTS

According to Coordinamento Motociclisti, the Italian manufacturer Futura recently introduced an "air-bag" life-jacket which automatically inflates within two seconds to prevent spinal injuries to motorcyclists involved in crashes. The life-jacket was unveiled May 29, 1997 by aerospace engineers at the Politecnico Institute of Milan. Weighing less than half a pound, the garment uses a cable connected from the motorcycle to a carbon dioxide canister fitted to the back of the jacket.

CANADIAN VICTORY OVER NO FAULT INSURANCE The government of British Columbia has announced that No Fault Insurance will not be imposed on the riders and drivers of that Canadian Province. No Fault was being actively considered by the government owned insurance company (ICBC) as an option to escalating premiums. In B.C., insurance rates have gone up about 300% over the past two decades due to the highest accident rate in North America. No Fault was successfully fought by the British Columbia Coalition of Motorcyclists (BCCOM) and various other groups led by the Coalition Against No Fault who feared the loss of the basic right to sue for injuries, pain and suffering. In addition, No Fault was deemed to be very discriminatory against motorcyclists as we are commonly injured in accidents that are caused by the other driver. No Fault injury benefits would have been based on earned income which would have to be proven by income tax forms. The young, minimum wage earners, students and those who work for cash would have received little or no compensation for their injuries. The ICBC will implement various other measures in an attempt to keep rates down, including impounding vehicles of owners with unpaid fines, a graduated license system and increased investigation of insurance fraud. BCCOM hopes that these changes will result in fewer accidents and eventually lower rates without crippling the motorcycle industry as No Fault has done in other jurisdictions, such as in Ontario where insurance rates doubled and numerous models were blacklisted.

FRENCH RIDERS FACE BIKE BAN The French Federation of Motorcyclists (FFMC) is protesting a decision to include motorcycles in the traffic restrictions when pollution rises. In France, because a bike cannot be considered as being a High Occupancy Vehicle (a minimum of three occupants in a car) and because they cannot use liquid gas fuels (GLP), they are automatically outlawed when pollution levels reach a certain point. On the contrary, Athens, Milan and Rome are some examples of large European cities where motorcycles are allowed when the pollution levels rise. FFMC has pointed out to French authorities that motorcycles have distinct advantages over cars in town, such as contributing to traffic fluidity, parking ease, transport time, saved stress and fuel consumption, but have thus far not received an answer to their concerns.

ABATE OF OREGON STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 1997

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 PM by Larry Schalk, State Coordinator. **There were** 10 chapters represented with 9 eligible to vote.

Coordinator's comments: Larry was disappointed at the State Board turnout in November, **and at** the Planning Session. State officers are not the **guiding force** of this organization, the **chapter** representatives are. If your chapter wasn't represented, you **need to find out why**.

Correspondence: Christmas cards from ABATE of Delaware and Bishop's Sanitary. Letter from Lonnie Roberts regarding the Toy Run.

Officer's reports

Legislative Director: Federal: **Congress** has recessed **and our** Senators and Representatives are back in the state. Now is a good **time** to seek them out **and lobby** for positive motorcycle legislation. Remember, the federal legislation **sets** the stage for what we can do here in the state, and we are currently in our best position **ever** to control our future at the federal level. State: Bikepac reorganization e-mail has not **had too** many replies. We need more input. Please take the time to respond. We also need to **start work** now planning for the upcoming elections. Several previous supporters are **petitioning for candidacy**. Please support them in their efforts. TEAM Oregon presented an **award** to Bikepac **and** ABATE for our work during the legislative session in getting the increased **funding bill** through.

Education Director: STEAM **planning** nearly complete. All chapter officers are expected to attend. Brenda Trainer-Huber **brought up** contacting the State Education Board regarding the Motorcycle Education **Program** into the **school** districts where we are experiencing some resistance. Mel will follow up on **this**. Chris Viera **is still** reviewing the "impaired" rider program that OSP is offering its officers.

Education Director II: No report.

Membership Secretary: Mother **not in** attendance, Larry gave her report. Numbers are still dropping, **but show** that we are **larger than** last year.

Newsletter Editor: Still need **everyone to help** getting ads.

Products Director: Prices reduced **on several** products. Think Holiday gifts!

P.R. Director: **Another busy month on the** PR scene. I was able to help write press releases for the South Coast, **Washington County and Portland** Chapters toy runs. Please, let me know if I can help you, just be **sure to give me enough lead time** to prepare, and receive approval for the release.

State Run Coordinator: 1998 Run **Calendar** nearly complete.

Historian: Pictures from the **planning session**, come take a look.

Web Page Editor: Position open.

Treasurer: Joy reported balances **as of 11/30/97**: Bulk Mail \$2017.76, checking \$1.747.87, Savings General \$14,481.04, Savings Legal **\$1554.16**, for a total of \$19,800.83.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: No report

Property Inventory: **See attached**. Please be sure to update Chris Viera when your chapter adds to its inventory. This **needs to be an ongoing project**, so that we can maintain a current list of goods.

AIM / PLL Committee: Next committee **meeting** scheduled for January.

Tri-fold Committee: **New pictures** will be added, reading for printing in January.

(Continued on next page.)

Unfinished Business:

1. **Helmet law proposal:** No report from S. Hochberg yet, remain tabled until report received.
2. **STEAM:** Lots of new stuff- flyers going out to chapters soon. All officers are expected to attend.
3. **Planning Session:** Proposal to remove Items #4 and #5 from the proposal, they should stand alone. All agreed. Discussion regarding the 25% vs. Insurance. Agreed to suspend the rules of operation to allow new business to occur during unfinished business. All agreed. Jim N. of SE Chapter made a *motion to separate Item #2 (Convert chapter bookkeeping to a computerized format and submit chapter treasury reports on disk) from the proposal so as to exist by itself.* Seconded by Bud Berliner, So. Coast. For: 10, Against: 0. Teresa Hepker, River City made a *motion to implement Item #2 (convert chapter bookkeeping to a computerized format, with the State organization to provide Quicken software and computers to chapters that require it).* Timeline for conversion to be **decided at the January State Board Meeting.** Seconded by Janet Straw. For: 10, Against: 0.

Vote on remainder of proposal to be published as written. Item #1: Delete the requirement that Chapters forward 25% of profits to the State Treasury. Accept: 8, Opposed: 2.

Item #3: Adopt an event sanctioning procedure and guidelines for when an event must be insured. Accept: 5, Opposed: 5. Tie-breaking vote by Chairman, to Accept. Chairman comments: Changes are difficult, but ABATE has been extremely lucky to avoid disaster. This organization needs to operate more as a business than it has, and the chapters need to face the facts of the costs to operate a run.

Best of the West: Tabled until January

Member Handbook: Costs of printing approx. 25 cents per copy. Tabled until January.

New Business:

1. List of all chapter officers to Mother ASAP, with copies to the PR and Run Coordinator.
2. BikePAC representative from ABATE. Roger nominated Teresa, she declined. Ted nominated and accepted. Nominations will be held open until next month.
3. Nominations opened for State Offices. Elections held. 1998 officers are:

Coordinator:	Chris Vieira	Sgt. at Arms South:	Tina Wright
Vice Coordinator North:	Open	Sgt. at Arms East:	Scott Greenfield
Vice Coordinator South:	Tom Orsini	Products Director:	Angie Jensen
Vice Coordinator East:	Bruce Coates	Education Director #1:	Mel Yeager
Membership Secretary:	Mother	Education Director #2:	Todd Plaster
Recording Secretary:	Jill Tracy	Public Relations Director:	Melinda McCrossen
Treasurer:	Clarke Brooker	Run Coordinator #1:	Rotten Roger Hendricks
Newsletter Editor:	Gordon Hieronimus	Run Coordinator #2:	Bud Berliner
Legislative Director:	Teresa Hepker	Historian:	Iris Yeager
Web Page Editor:	Tom Nathe		
Sgt. at Arms North:	Bob Earl		

Motion made by Bud, seconded by Teresa and Gary that ABATE of Oregon provide the State Coordinator for 1998 a toll-free phone line. For:10, Against: 0. **Motion Passes**

Appreciation awards handed out by Larry, with a special thank you to Joy Hoover for her 10 years of service.

Meeting adjourned at 4 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for January 10th, 1997 at Junction City, Oregon at 12 pm.

Minutes submitted by Jill Tracy, Recording Secretary

Proposal to amend ABATE's financial policies and procedures

Result of ABATE planning meeting 10/26/97

I) Delete the requirement that Chapter's forward 25% of profits to the State Treasury.

A) Chapter resentments about the 25% "tax" gets in the way of unity and cooperation statewide.

- 1) The 25% "tax" is a problem, especially when it must be deducted from the income for an event, regardless of whether the bills have been paid yet.
- 2) These funds provide only about 5% of ABATE of Oregon's annual income.

II) Convert chapter bookkeeping to computers and submit all Chapter treasurer's reports on disk.. Using a program called "Quicken."

A) Need to elect a new State Treasurer means that we must simplify the chapter treasurers' reporting processes and the way the books are kept at the state level.

- 1) ABATE of Oregon has been fortunate to have had Joy Hoover as State Treasurer. She is professionally trained to deal with bookkeeping for non-profit organizations. A CPA who looked at her work estimated that she has been doing work that is worth \$10,000 or more a year, for free.
- 2) A candidate for the State Treasurer's position has agreed to accept the position if all Chapters will agree to convert to computerized bookkeeping using Quicken, and inexpensive and simple program.

III) Adopt an event sanctioning procedure and guidelines for when and event must be insured.

A) What does "Sanctioning" mean?

- 1) "Sanctioning" is a system to help Chapter's plan and organize their events, and protect ABATE of Oregon, Inc. from lawsuits and tax penalties.
- 2) By completing a sanction application/checklist, a Chapter will be able to identify whether insurance is required for a specific event, and will be able to verify that their promotional materials contain the information that ABATE of Oregon, Inc. is required by law to disclose.

B) What events must be sanctioned?

- 1) Any event in Oregon that is promoted using "ABATE of Oregon," "ABATE" or the ABATE logo.

C) Why is this necessary?

- 1) To reduce abate of Oregon's risk of being sued for negligence.
- 2) To limit the risk of being fined by the IRS. Failure to disclose that contributions to ABATE of Oregon are not tax deductible could result in a penalty of up to \$10,000.00.

D) Who would decide when an event would be sanctioned?

- 1) The chapter will submit to the Board a sanction application/checklist and a rough draft of the flyer, tickets, and/or posters to be used to promote the event.
- 2) Sanction will be issued when:
 - (a) All items on the checklist have been checked off.
 - (b) All required information is included on rough drafts of posters, flyers, tickets, etc.
 - (c) If the checklist indicates that ABATE of Oregon requires that the event be insured, the Chapter will pay the premium.
 - (1) Chapters are encouraged to consider liability insurance for all events regardless of the guidelines of the sanction application checklist.
 - (2) Chapters may seek insurance coverage from sources other than the main ABATE of Oregon liability policy. A policy purchased from other sources must provide benefits that equal or exceed the benefits of the main policy.
 - (d) If there appears to be a scheduling conflict, either with another ABATE sanctioned event or with other major motorcycling events, the Board will determine whether to sanction the event as requested, or recommend a change to avoid the conflict
 - (e) Remember: too many events in the same region at the same time will reduce the attendance (and profitability) of all of them.

E) Timelines

1) Insured events

- (a) Sanction applications for events that need insurance are due at the April board meeting for events scheduled between June 1 of that year and May 30 of the year following.
- (b) Insurance premiums are due with the sanction application.
- (c) If an event must be added to the main insurance policy after the state organization has paid the premium in June, the sponsoring chapter must pay and fees that the insurance company charges, in addition to the event premium.
- (d) If an event is canceled within certain time frames (dictated by the insurance company). The insurance company will refund the premium; and such refunds will be passed back to the chapter that paid the premium.

2) Non insured events

- (a) Chapters are encouraged to submit applications for all the events at the April board meeting.
- (b) Applications may be processed at any board meeting so that Chapter can continue to conduct smaller, less complicated events throughout the year, as they do now.

SANCTION APPLICATION / CHECKLIST

ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

Name of the event _____

Location of the event _____

Date of the event _____

SCHEDULING CONFLICTS - SEE BOTTOM OF PAGE 2

Are any other ABATE of Oregon events scheduled on this date?

- No
- Yes -- List: Name / Date / Location _____

Are any other non-ABATE motorcycling events scheduled on this date?

- No
- Yes -- List: Name / Date / Location _____

PURPOSE OF FUND RAISING

- Who will receive the profit? _____

If more than one recipient, what percent will **each** receive?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

- List name(s) and phone number(s) of person(s) to contact for information:
- _____
- _____

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

All printed materials (flyers, posters, tickets) **MUST** contain the following:

- The words "Sanctioned by ABATE of Oregon, Inc."
- A statement about who will get the profits
- Contact name(s) and phone number(s)
- This disclaimer: "Contributions or gifts to ABATE of Oregon are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes."

IS INSURANCE REQUIRED BY ABATE OF OREGON, INC.?

Insurance is required by ABATE of Oregon, Inc. if TWO of the following are included in event:

- Alcohol will be served (alcohol provided free or sold)
- Overnight camping
- Bike games or rodeo events

IS INSURANCE REQUIRED BY SOMEONE ELSE?

A permit or contract for this event (parades, parks, schools) requires proof of liability insurance

- No
- Yes -- Additional named insured _____

Bonding needed for this event (i.e. USFS, BLM) requires proof of liability insurance

- No
- Yes -- Additional named insured _____

FOR BOARD USE ONLY:

- Flyers, posters, tickets contain required info
- Insurance IS required
- Premium paid -- Amount _____ Check # _____ Date Received _____
- Insurance IS NOT required

IF SCHEDULING CONFLICT IS NOTED:

- Schedule is OK as requested - **minimal** conflicts expected
- Major conflict

SANCTION SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED if scheduling conflict is likely to cause poor attendance and/or reduced income for one or both events. If this problem cannot be easily resolved by rescheduling the event, the Sanction Application should be brought to the Board of Directors for decision.

COMMENTS

Sanction Approved by _____ Date _____

(Signer authorized by ABATE of Oregon, Inc. to process Sanction Applications.)

NO MARGIN FOR

ERROR.



750 cc's of power
ease you down the road.

You tuck, and the
landscape is left behind
in a blur.

You lean into a tight turn, and there's
only nine inches of air between your
right knee and the pavement.

If your judgement is even slightly impaired,
you haven't got a chance.

DON'T DRINK AND RIDE.

Traffic Safety. The Way To Go.
Oregon Department of Transportation





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Gates open at 3:00 pm on Friday, May 22



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& Bike Show
at Fossil Fair
Grounds
Sat. & Sun.**



SAME LOCATION

Door Prizes

Tattoists

Leather Accessories

Parts & T-Shirts

Games

Food Concessions

ADVANCE TICKETS

(DEADLINE IS MAY 9, 1998
(MONEY ORDERS ONLY))

Advance Member - \$10.00

Advance Non-member - \$15.00

ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

State Run Coordinator

PO Box 4504

Portland, OR 97208

AT GATE

MEMBERS

WITH MRO CARD \$15.00

ALL OTHERS \$20.00

Under 14 - FREE

Non-members get \$5.00 discount
toward ABATE Membership

**Proceeds go to
Motorcycle Rights
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Camping included in Gate Fee

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**Beverages will
be sold by the
Condon VFW**

Sign-in @ info booth to win

**Trophy for the largest group
participating from an out of
state MRO**

**Trophy for the largest participating
ABATE Chapter and M/C
Organization from Oregon**

**Trophy for M/C Rider riding the
longest distance to the Fossil Campout**

PARK RULES

No Firearms No Fireworks

***NO Campfires

Dogs on a leash only

Garbage bags & butt cans @ info booth

Cigarette Butts in butt cans only

No off-road bike riding on trails

Parents are responsible for children at all times!

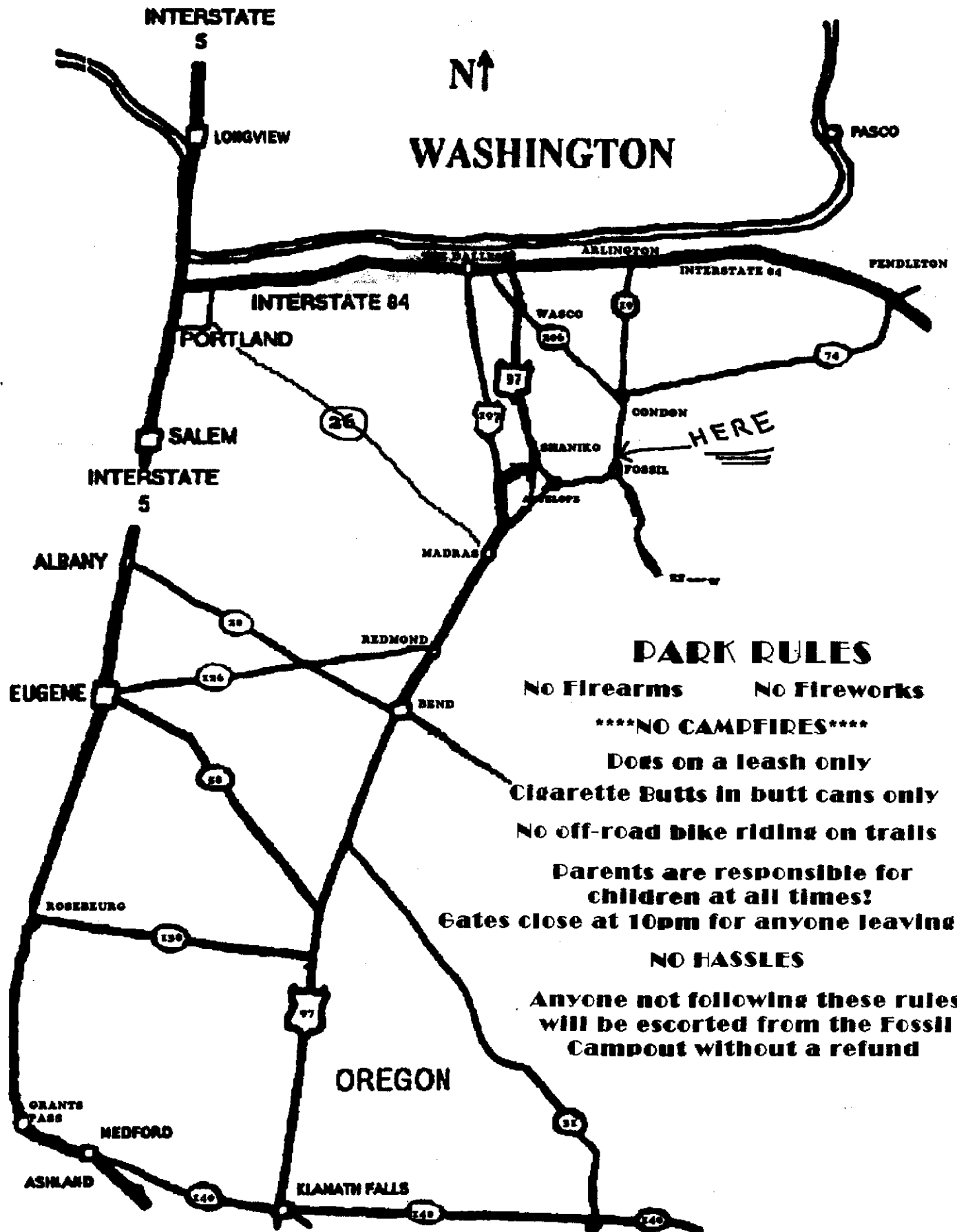
Gates close at 10pm for anyone leaving

No Hassles

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

MAP ON REVERSE

Contributions or gifts to ABATE of Oregon are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.



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HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

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

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

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 / p m

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

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

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

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

COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____

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

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

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

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

If no explain: _____

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

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

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

If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH

If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

YES : How did you plead? _____

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

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

NO : When is your court date? _____

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

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

Label permanently fastened inside? YES NO

Was helmet modified? YES NO

If modified describe: _____

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NEW _____ IF NEW RECEIVED PATCH _____ RENEWAL _____ IF RENEWAL, MEMBERSHIP NO. _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ CHAPTER: _____

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS IN SAME HOUSEHOLD (Use additional paper if necessary)

NAME: _____ NAME: _____

NAME: _____ NAME: _____

\$20 FULL MEMBERSHIP _____ \$25 COUPLE MEMBERSHIP _____ \$30 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____ TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS: _____ DATE PAID: _____

SEND TO MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY P.O. BOX 4504 PORTLAND, OREGON 97208

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

If you or someone you know has moved and you haven't received your newsletter since, DON'T BLAME US! Just fill out this form and return it to:

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
P.O. Box 4504
Portland, OR 97208

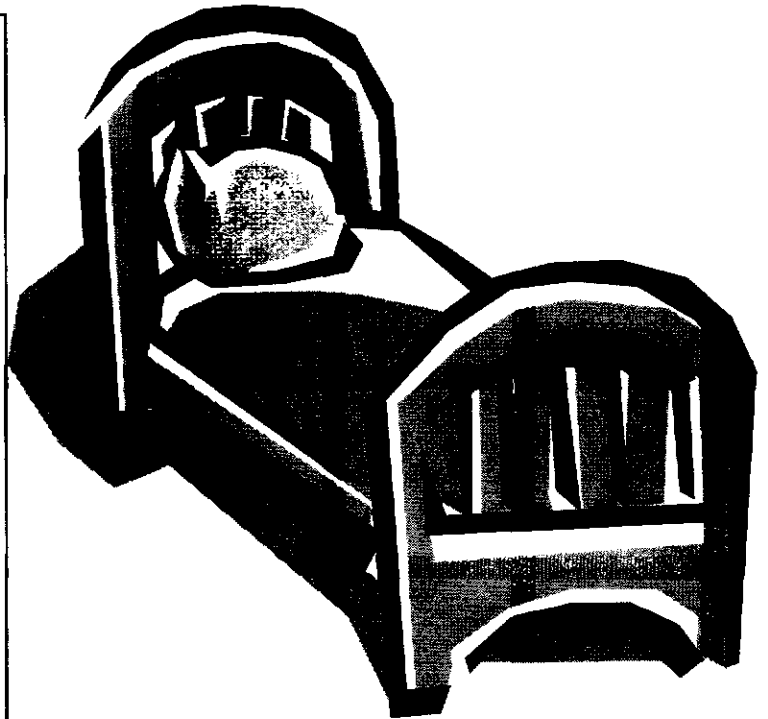
NAME _____

NEW ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER _____

SIGNATURE _____



This issue is over and it is time to put it to bed. Now start writing those stories and articles for the next issue so that it may be filled up like this one with interesting facts articles and stories! GWH

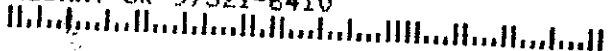
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P.O. Box 4504
Portland, OR 97208

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TIMELY DELIVERY REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL

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ALBANY OR 97321-6410
PKG 19
SACK 6



Man I am telling you what; this new year is going to be a whopper. There are elections to be had, Fossil, all the runs by the chapters, Labor Day run and most of all, my family is just growing up and I need to spend as much time with them as possible. So look out 1998, here we come.
ENOUGH SAID (GWH)!

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	1:00 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, 65 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