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March 1998	
6, 7, 8	Roseburg
6, 7, 8	The Dalles
13, 14, 15	Astoria
20, 21, 22	Pendleton
26, 28, 29	Medford
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27, 28, 29	Ontario
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2, 4, 5	Bend
10, 11, 12	La Grande
16, 18, 19	Medford
17, 18, 19	Baker City
17, 18, 19	Coos Bay
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24, 25, 26	Ontario
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7, 9, 10	Bend
8, 9, 10	Pendleton
14, 16, 17	Medford
15, 16, 17	Coos Bay
15, 16, 17	The Dalles
22, 23, 24	Tillamook
29, 30, 31	Klamath Falls
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25, 26, 27*	Coos Bay
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17, 19, 20	Medford
18, 19, 20	Baker City
18, 19, 20	Tillamook
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25, 26, 27	Newport
25, 26, 27	Pendleton

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23, 24, 25	The Dalles
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	Chapter Meeting	Places - Where & When
1 st & 3 rd SUNDAY	S.E. PORTLAND	12:00 Noon, The Pizza Baron, S.E. 122nd & Division, Portland
1" SUNDAY	BLUE MOUNTAIN	1:00 PM, East Side Tavern Rest., 2209 Adams Av., LaGrande
2 nd SUNDAY	CENTRAL OREGON	2:00 PM Moose Lodge #323, 3199 N. Hwy 97, Redmond
1	KEIZER	4:00 PM, Call Vern Miller 503-390-7906
3 rd SUNDAY	SOUTH COAST	11:00 AM, Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend
	DOUGLAS COUNTY	12:00 AM, Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg
	SOUTHERN OREGON	12:00 Noon, Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill
2nd & 4th SUNDAYS	COLUMBIA RIVER	12:30 PM, Pizza Perfect, 6815 NE Killingsworth, Portland
4th SUNDAYS	SALEM	1:00 PM, Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem
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, Cassandra's Resteraunt, 446 SW Baseline, Hillsboro
1st & 3rd WEDNESDAY	NORTH COAST ABATE	7:00 PM, Astoria Eagle, 894 Commercial, Astoria
	N.E. PORTLAND	7:30 PM, RoundTable Pizza, 4141 NE 122 nd , Portland
1 st & 3 rd FRIDAY	LINCOLN COUNTY	7:30 PM, Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport
1" THURSDAY	WILLAMETTE VALLEY	7:00 PM, Prime Time Sports Bar&Grill, 1360 Mohawk, Springfield

ATTN: Members

Following is a list of products available through ABATE of Oregon, Inc. Products are another way of helping support ABATE.

Revised: March 1997

ABATE PRODUCTS ORDER FORM - PRICE LIST

OTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION PI	NICE	TOTAL	.QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION PR	HCE	TOTAL
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	AYP3	Year Pin - 3 yr. member - white 3				ANG	thru 1993 available1	50	
	AYP4	Year Pin - 4 yr. member - red/black 3	3.00			CLOTH	Year Bars (indicate year) Small	.00	
	AYP5	Year Pin - 5 yr. member - white/black 3	3.00				1984-1993 avail1	.00	
	AYP6	Year Pin - 6 yr. member - black/orange 3	3.00			CLOTH			
	AYP7	Year Pin - 7 yr. member - black 3					1984-1992 avail 1	.50	
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	AYP17	Year Pin - 17 yr. member - copper/black 3	3.00						
	AYP18	Year Pin - 18 yr. member - light blue/gold 3					00-\$6.00		
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CHAPTER REPORTS

Blue Mountain

Meets 1" 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 Spring, people,

I just want Debby of SE Portland Chapter to know that I for one will miss her little gardening tips in the newsletters. I have a bit of a green thumb myself and I have a small plot of dirt that provides my tribe with some good veggies every year. Since I grew up in the City of Roses, I have 5 rose bushes in the front yard and I always have to replace at least 1 every year, but that's what you deal with in the Blues.

We at Blue Mountain Chapter are looking forward to hosting the state Board meeting of ABATE in July. That is prime riding weather and Wallowa Lake is a beautiful ride in the neighboring county. We have reserved space for a small army and hope too see as many of you as can possibly escape to God's country.

Things here are going so slowly that it's difficult to think of other uplifting bits of wisdom to share with you. So I will close with the credo of another small organization, the American Indian Movement; "Let me be a free man, free to travel, free to stop, free to work, free to trade where I choose, free to choose my own teachers, free to follow the religion of my fathers, free to talk, think and act for myself- and I will obey every law or submit to the penalty." – Chief Joseph of the Wallowa Band of the Nez Perce. Ride free,

Diane

Central Oregon

Meets 2 Sunday, 2:00 PM Moose Lodge #323, 3199 N. Hwy 97, Redmond Chapter address: P.O. Box 9188, Bend, Or. 97708 Chapter contact: Jay Swartz 541-389-6773

NO REPORT, FIRST TIME.

Columbia River

Meets 2" & 4" 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

Hi Everyone,

Sorry you haven't heard from us for awhile. I'll try to do some catch up. First is to let you know our 1998 officers,

Coordinator - Angie Jensen

Secretary - Carol Clark

Treasurer - Angie Earl

Membership Secretary - Lana Little

Public Relations - Spike

Legislative Director - Gary Dashiell

Historian - Crazy Steve

State Rep - Janet Straw

SAA-I - Bob Earl

SAA-II - Erin Manning

Ways and Means - Jeff Clark

Thank you to all new, returning and past officers. However, while

we're talking about officers, our Secretary and Ways & Means officers have requested a few months leave from their positions. We are looking for people to step forward to temporarily fill these positions. You will get lots of support and it is a way to see if you might be interested in the position on a more permanent basis at some later time. So, think about it, come to a meeting, and talk to us about it and then, Just Do It

Our Sweetheart Dance is history. Hope everyone had a great time. Thank you for coming and showing your support. Hope your all planning to attend S.E. Portland's Anniversary Party on March 7 We had a great turnout for the Toy Run this year. The picture of the winner on the cover of January's newsletter was nice to see. She looks rather happy. We are already working on next year's event. While ticket sales were wonderful this year, let's try to do even better next year. We hope to have the 1998 Toy Run Motorcycle soon so be sure to watch for it at events during the upcoming year. It's also important for people to be willing to help sell tickets at these events.

Columbia River Chapter's Toy Run Committee members are Gary Dashiell, Lana Little and Janet Straw. Please talk to them about giving a few hours at an event to sell tickets.

This is not a year that the Legislature will be in session but it is still a year in which a lot of important work needs to be done. People are filing their candidacy for various offices locally and through out the State, Take time to get to know who is running for what, get to know their positions on the issues that are important to you and if they haven't addressed those issues, ask them. Then think about supporting the candidates you want in office. This can be done with time, like putting up some yard signs, or money. The person does not need to be running for an office in your area in-order for you to support them. Also, some important races will be at the primary level, The most important thing is to VOTE.

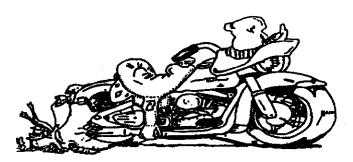
We had a winner for the membership drawing at our February 8 meeting! Ann Manning won \$90. A big THANK YOU to Ann for donating half of it back to the Chapter. Our attendance to meetings has been a little low. We miss seeing some of the past regulars (didn't want to say old) and we are always glad to have new people attend. Please come to a meeting and let's get to know each other!

Take care on the Road, Janet

Douglas County

Meets 3rd Sunday at 12:00 AM Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg Chapter Address: P.O. Box 61, Roseburg, OR 97470 Chapter Contact: Ed Halkyard at (541) 673-6120

NO REPORT, THIRD TIME.



Keizer

Meets 2" Sunday at 4:00 PM Izzy's Pizza, 3400 River Rd, Keizer Chapter Address: P.O. Box 20896, Keizer, Or. 97307 Chapter Contact: Vern Miller (503) 390-7906

Happy Ice Breaker everyone!:)

. It looks like IceBreaker will have the Keizer and Salem chapters working with Willamette chapter to host the event. (I understand that a new map for the event is being made up because the person who made the last one got lost trying to follow it.) I know I'm looking forward to having lots of fun at IceBreaker and meeting more people who support ABATE. I may even enter the slow race. Hope to see you there!

We certainly had a good time at our January meeting! (Now I've seen first hand how people get nicknames.) It seems that Daryle Orpilla set a plateful of food at his place, then left the room. While he was gone, Pancake absconded with his breadstick. When he came back, he didn't even notice it was missing until someone told him to be quiet and eat his breadstick. Then he said "Hey! Where's my breadstick?" So for the rest of the meeting we called him "Breadstick"!

Thirteen people showed up for the January meeting. Margy "Merge" Gunter read from the notes she took at the state meeting so we could know what went on there. (Thanks, "Merge".

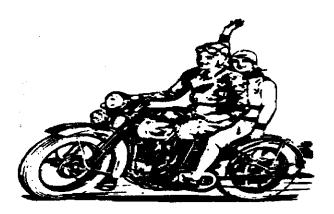
') Daryle "Breadstick" Orpilla agreed to act as our temporary state representative until we can elect a permanent one. It was decided by vote that the chapter flag would have a black background. <Sigh> Tom Thorson won the 50-50 raffle and donated the money back into the chapter fund. (This was really generous because his house burned due to a faulty holiday tree. Thank you Mr. Thorson and we hope you can get moved into a new home real soon!)

By the time you read this STEAM will have come and gone. I hope everyone who attended had a real good time and learned a lot neat stuff. I know I intend to.

R. O'Toole

"Squeeker" :-}

P.S. I just found the most delightful book at a wonderful bookstore with cats in Multnomah Village. It's called "Getting In Touch With Your Inner Bitch". (That's the book's name, not the bookstore!) It's by Elizabeth Hilts and isn't as terrible as it sounds. It's actually quite funny with lots of really good advice. I took it to work and all the women there simply adore it. There's even a quiz to determine a man's "Prince Quotient".



Lincoln County

Meets 1" & 3" Friday, 7:30 PM Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport Chapter Address: PO Box 614, Waldport, Or 97394 Chapter Contact: Gary Ploub 541-782-3476

HELLO AGAIN!

I must first make a correction on the location of the cub Scouts Pack 240 pinewood Derby. It was held at Yaquina View Elementary School and NOT the Newport Elks. Sorry for any confusion. There were approximately 40 cars all in exceptional racing form. This was our 3rd year as Race Officials, a BIG THANK YOU to Pac 240 for inviting us to help. It was another exciting night at the races!

I would also like to inform everyone that our drawing for the Raffle on the car has been postponed from Feb. 13⁴ to March 28th, our Anniversary Party. There are still Raffle tickets available, please contact Darlene at (541) 563-6423. For more info. on our Anniversary Party, please contact Kurt at (541)563-6526.

Due to Family Ties oar Membership secretary Judy Ritchie has resigned. Thank God for my sis Ruth Trombetta who has stepped up the task. Good luck Judy and family, Welcome aboard sis!

We have discussed changing our Membership Meeting day, time, and location. You will know more as soon as we know more.

That's all for now: Ride Safe! Shirley

N.E. Portland

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

Hey everybody!

It looks like our chapter is continuing it's rebound. We still aren't getting the turn outs at our meetings that I would like to see but more and more people are showing up. It was getting a little scary there for a while. Our officers had a meeting at my house in February to figure out ways to bring back the spark we used to have and we came up with some ideas. You'll have to come to the meetings to find out what they are though! If you have any ideas to make ABATE something you would like to be more a part of please come to the meetings and let us know about them.

All of our officer positions have been filled except for historian. They are:

Coordinator: Smokin Al
Vice-Coordinators Randy Phipps
Secretary: Marty Coon
Treasurers Jeff Giddings
Legislative Directors Cindy Hallum
State Board Rep.; Randy Phipps
Membership Secretary; Tim Taylor
Ways and Means: Jim Lisac
Sgt. at Arms: Diesel Dave
Public Relation/Educations Randy Phipps

Diesel Dave has been coordinating a "softball league' among the

Portland chapters. It sounds like he's getting a lot of people interested and I hope he pulls it off. It sounds like fun and it ought to be interesting!

Our chapter voted to send me to the Best of the West conference in April to bring back information to the chapter to further our cause. I haven't yet decided if I can make it or not (busy you know), but I'm honored that the chapter has the faith in me and if I decide to go I won't let them down.

That's all I can think of for this month's report so until next month ride safe and watch out for the idiots!

Marty

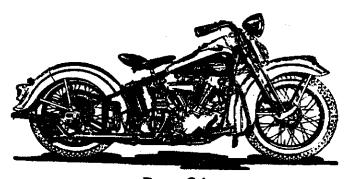
North Coast

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

Guess I spaced out the February newsletter, oh well, here's March. Not much new to report. The 4th of February marked the memorial and closure of one of Northcoast chapters and ABATE of Oregon's and Washington's most longstanding and beloved members, ASA MIDDLETON. There were a lot of people from both sides of ASA's life and the service was very nice. He will be missed.

Our chapter elected new officers last month. There was discussion regarding the acronym definition. After our toy run in December, both the Astoria and Long Beach papers used the same one, not that as recognized by the state. I spoke with Roger at the memorial about this and he made his position clear to me. Our next chapter meeting isn't for 2 weeks and I'll bring it up again. I don't mean to belabor what seems to be a closed issue, but it should be noteworthy that given the choice not one but two newspapers used the unrecognized version. Of course as Roger pointed out, if our chapter attended more state board meetings we would have had a voice in the decision making process at the time it was up fordiscussion. Point well taken but then our chapter has always been a little on the renegade side!

All for now, Happy Trails...Jamye



River City

Meets 1" & 3" 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

Submitted yet I failed to recognize it for what is was...

Salem

Meets 4^a Sunday, 1:00 PM
Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave NE
(Call 503-581-3138 or 503-581-8637 for information)
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 13957, Salem, OR 97309
Chapter Contact: Jim Russell 503-743-4121

Happy Irish Day, y'all,

Sheese.

Ya can tell Salem Chapter's on the rebound. Two pages of minutes from the January meetin'. Had five bikes an' a whoopin' 17 fine folks attendin' that meetin', includin' Mike Johnson a returnin' member who's been away fer awhile. (Went an' got hisself elected Treasurer understudy. Is that any way to welcome folks back into the fold?)

Has anyone out there ever had trouble gettin' the government to accept money? (Usually we're doin' all we can to keep 'em from takin' it all.) Well, Salem Chapter sure has had a problem tryin' to get the Detroit Forestry Department to tally up the bill for Fox Creek-97. Don't get Rot Path wrong here. The folks up there have been great (especially Penny) an' real cooperative 'bout puttin' on Fox Creek at its original site. We just want to settle our debts so's there won't be any roadblocks on the way to Fox Creek-98. (We decided to send 'em a check for our best estimate of what we owed via certified letter. That outta clear up some of the muddiness.)

Meanwhile, back in the valley, the valley so low, S.T.E.A.M. has done happened. Did ya pick up lots of info ya didn't know? Meet people ya didn't know existed? If ya answered "yep" to any of the above then it was worth it, right? (Wonder if it rained.)

The precedin' weekend of February there was a Bike an' Car Show in Salem. Love's Leathers was givin' 10% discounts to A.B.A.T.E. members. Good thing S.T.E.A.M. was free, eh? Rot Path's birthday was a week before S.T.E.A.M., but the boss didn't think wearin' his birthday suit to work would be a good idea. "Gee boss, my mother gave me this birthday suit." (Now wouldn't that be an interestin' tradition to start? On the anniversary of yer birth day, ya wear the same thing as when ya was born.)

We got us Ice Breaker to look forward to this month. Got a whole lot of groups interested in helping out on this event includin' Salem, Willamette, an' Keizer Chapters as well as Women In The Wind an' AMO. It's lookin' to be one of the best Ice Breakers yet so do whatever ya think ya hafta to ensure good weather an' ride on down to Roaring River. It'll be happenin' on 14 March, but the location ain't clear yet. (Either Turner City Park or back at Roaring Creek.)

May Bike Awareness Day is comin' up an' oddly enough, it's bein' held in May. On Saturday the 2nd to be a bit more precise. We're tryin' to get the Bike Show set up across from the capitol. Just think how much that would raise public awareness, seein' all them gleamin' bikes (rustin' in Rot Path's case) lined up by the capitol buildin'.

The Chapter gotta kite from a down bro at the state Greybar Hotel. (Anyone out there don't know what that means? Look it up in the Glossary of Motorcycle Terms located just after the last page of this rag.) Inmate Ray Payten has offered to create and donate leather work to be used as prizes and raffle items for Chapter events. That's a damn fine offer, Ray, an' we'll be contactin' ya about supplies an' all. Also, Ray would probably like to hear from folks out in the semi-real world, so we'll try to get his

address in the next newsletter. Kinda hate to play on yer situation there Ray, but if a member on the inside can be generous enough to make such an offer, think how much more we can do on the outside to educate the public an' ensure freedom of choice. Here's the occifer election results y'all have been waitin' for with such eager antici... pation: (ver welcome, RHPS fans) Coordinator -- Jim Russell Vice Coordinator - Gary "Devo" DeVore Treasurer - Elaine DeVore & Mike Johnson (understudy) Membership - Marlene Schrouder State Rep - Margy "Merge" Gunter Secretary - Rot Path Legislative - Margy "Merge" Gunter Sgt. at Arms - Bob Jensen Quartermaster - Jim Russell Ways & Means – Jim Russell Historian - Bob Jensen Public Relations - Rot Path Newsletter - Rot Path

Could people possibly wear more hats? I don't think so. Got a nice little windstorm roaring through the valley just now, makin' the bare trees sound like a muted ocean. Normally it ain't the time to be doin' computer work, but since Rot Path got hisself a UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply) it ain't been much of a worry. Doubt that it'll run the well pump, so it looks like a

along to Fox Creek.)

It's all startin' to happen, people. The weather's warmin' up an' so's the ridin' season. If ya ain't been on yer scoot for awhile on accounta the ice an' snow, ease back into ridin'. Maybe take a refresher course if it's been several months (or years).

generator is the next investment. (An' something that can be drug

Springtime is fer ridin', not recuperatin' from crash injuries. Rot Path

South Coast

Meets 3" Sunday, 11 AM
Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 4175, Coos Bay, OR 97420
Chapter Contact: Bud Berliner (541)-267-2523

Greetings.

Our January meeting was productive, we had an excellent turn out of members. We are gearing up for the new year and all that's in it. As you can see in this newsletter, in the back, we are scheduled for an event monthly. We hope this schedule will help keep you up to date on what is happening. We will be needing volunteers for the Mall Show and Show and Shine, so if you are interested in helping, please contact Karen. We need to work on these events now in order to make them organized and successful.

Drawing for the door prizes and 50/50:

\$30.00 slippers donated by Bill, won by Jeff

\$5.00 playing cards X3 donated by Far West Cycle, won by Tom, Rocky & Wizard

\$9.95 leather half gloves donated by Tony, won by Randy

\$2.00 plastic mug donated by Bill, won by Wizard

\$11.90 breakfast donated by Kozy Kitchen, won by Tom

\$12.00 T-shirt donated by Bill, won by Jeff

\$2.00 water bottle donated by Bill, won by Tony

\$4.00 pitcher of beer X2 donated by Bob's Bistro, won by Wizard and Mary

\$P?.P? 1996 calendar donated by Randy, won by Bill \$Priceless loaf of bread donated by Nancy, won by Steve \$3.00 raffle ticket X2 and 1 50/50 drawing ticket donated by Nancy and Tom, won by Wizard 50/50 (\$21.50) won by Tony. \$21.50 went to the Chapter. \$58.00 went to the Chapter from the raffle tickets. Ride safe, Charlie Hill

Southern Oregon

Meets 3rd, Sunday, Noon
Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 2031 Grants Pass, Or 97528
Chapter Contact: Tom Orsini (541)-479-8635
Roberta Great 541-857-0244

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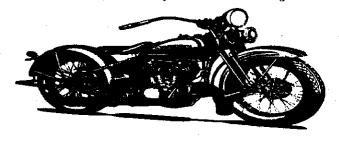
Meets 1" & 3" Sundays, 12 Noon
Cassandra's Restaurant, 446 SW Baseline, Hillsboro
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 90233, Portland, OR 97290
Chapter Contact: Lee Austin (503)-760-9015
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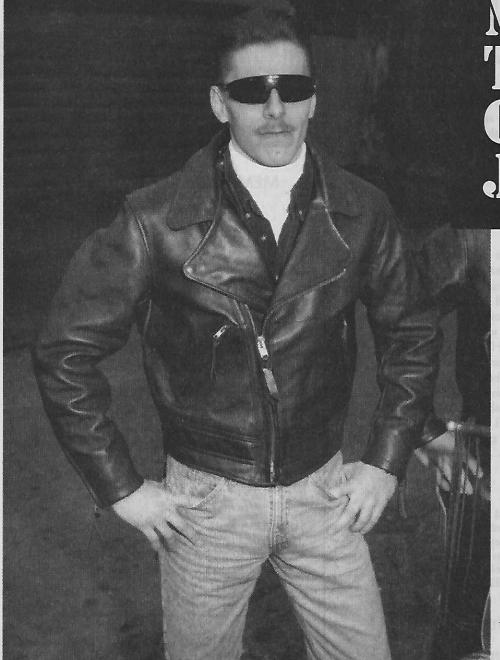
Greetings

By the time you read this, our Chapter Anniversary Party will be a fond memory. If it's anything like last year's, we'll have had the opportunity to give more non-biker folk a positive encounter with ABATE. I'm sure a few of us will have educated them in regard to the ongoing political struggles for freedom and self-responsibility. Oh, yeah...I'm sure everyone will have had a good time! Thanks go to Art West and Associates for lining up our entertainment for the evening, renowned blues artist Norman Sylvester and his band.

Here's something fun we get to do again. Thanks to Gary of the True Apostles, members of ABATE get to use their cheery voices to answer the phone banks at the next OPB telethon March 15. Between the programming, there's the opportunity for the cameras to land on a few bikers thereby making them a part of the viewer's family. It was a lot of fun to participate last year.

Ever wonder just how many friendly faces you're missing out on when you don't show up for a meeting? Well, on average, there are at least 25-30 members who attend, and not always the same folks. We do get guests, too. Some are from other chapters, some are guests of members, and some are just plain curious folk. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, then consider yourself poked, prodded, and invited. And if your curiosity doesn't inspire you, then let's try a little cash. The following members lost out on some easy money when their membership number was drawn and oops, they weren't present (you have to be present to win): Jan 04/ Mary Alice Jackson/\$15, Jan 18/ Richard Leber/\$20, and Feb 01/ Richard McIntosh/\$25. See you at the next meeting.





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Washington County

Meets 2" & 4" Tuesdays, 8:00 PM
Cassandra's Restaurant, 446 SW Baseline, Hillsboro
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 830, Cornelius, Or 97113
Chapter Contact: Ted Tracy (503) 640-5766
Bill the Brickayer (503) 640-9543

Hello,

Well the weather in February hasn't been to bad, a little wet, but warm enough to get an occasional ride in and that's always a good thing. Still looking forward to our pool shoot on Mar. 7, at Maguffy's Pub, located at 2401 NE Cornel in Hillsboro. Contact Jill Tracy for more information.

Frank Saxton was elected to be our Legislative Director. Coordinator Ted says he's glad to have the spot filled, as it's an important one. Also Robin decided he was to busy this year to be Membership Secretary, and Jay Stikle was elected in his place. Congratulations to both.

The member ship voted to change our meeting place, so now our meetings are going to be held at Cassandra's. They have always given us their support, and we appreciate it. Cassandra's address is, 446 SW Baseline, in Hillsboro, call Ted or Paul if you need directions. Come to a meeting! The more people we have involved, the less burnout we have, the more we get done.

One last item then I'm out of here. The NW Veterans MC (strong ABATE supporters) were involved recently in a fundraiser for Richard Underwood, the victim of a brutal attack. This fundraiser involved many facets of the community, and allowed motorcycle riders to work closely with the local police. The event went well, and created a whole lot of good PR for bikers in general. Just want to tell the Vet's thanks, and glad we could help. See you on the road!

Ed

Willamette Valley

Meets 1" Thursday, 7:00 PM
Prime Time Sports Bar & Grill
1360 Mohawk Blvd., Springfield
Chapter Address: please address to:
5729 Main Street P.O. Box 256, Springfield, Or. 97478
Chapter Contact: Bob Avery (541) 998-1309
Russ Lax (541) 747-2787

SUBMITTED YET I PRINTED IT AS A LETTER, I THINK.

Editor's note: Due to a malfunction in the modem, (that is the fax and phone connect for a computer) yes new equipment has problems too. I was stuck with a few mishaps such as I lost transmissions and the like. At the time of printing I have gotten the bugs out and all should be well. So here we go, let us all get those submissions in on time, and we will all have a good report. Sorry GWH.

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Steve Benson, Secretary/Treasurer 503-399-7514 sdbpac@open.org

DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Are you an active member. the kind who would be missed? Or are you just contented that your name is on the list? Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the crowd? Or do you stay at home and crab both long and loud? Do you ever go to visit when the roads are wet and slick? Or leave that only for the few and talk about "the clique"? There is quite a program scheduled that means success if done. And it can be accomplished with the help of everyone. Think this over, member, are we right or are we wrong? Are you an active member? or do you just belong?

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Contact: Steve Zimmer
February 2, 1998 Phone: 202-546-0983

New Hampshire Says No to PIP Insurance

Freedom of Choice States now facing discriminatory requirement.

February 2, 1998 - Washington, DC

On Thursday, January 29, 1998, the New Hampshire House of Representatives voted to kill House Bill 1216. Had this bill been passed, it would have required New Hampshire motorcyclists to carry \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) in liability insurance if they chose to ride without a helmet. New Hampshire law does not require adults to wear a helmet while riding a motorcycle. Meanwhile, other vehicle operators would have been exempted from

carrying similar coverage under the bill. Supporters of the bill, including the New Hampshire Brain Injury Foundation, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and the NH Medical Society claimed that motorcyclists as a group were likely to be uninsured or underinsured and were therefore a burden to society.

HB1216 was originally heard in the House Transportation Committee on January 20, 1998. Testifying against the bill at that time were representatives of the New Hampshire Motorcyclists Rights Organization (NHMRO), the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) and the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA). Prior to the hearing. **NHMRO** spearheaded a statewide grassroots effort to kill HB1216. Working in conjunction with NHMRO, MRF's Vice President of Government Relations Steve Zimmer and AMA's Rob Dingman presented testimony refuting the claims being made by the bill's sponsors. Further testimony indicated that this type of insurance may not be available to everyone and is extremely expensive. Additionally, the committee heard testimony from an attorney whose expertise is in personal injury accident claims. He stated that this type of liability insurance would not insure the policy holder, but rather the other party, thereby asking the victim to bear the cost of the liability caused by the driver of the other vehicle.

Following testimony, the House Transportation Committee voted 16-0 in favor of a motion made by Rep. Letourneau (R-Derry), reporting the bill "Inexpedient To Legislate" (ITL) sending the bill to the house floor on the consent calendar. In the New Hampshire state legislature all bills must be brought to the floor for a final vote, for consideration by the full body, where in some cases a bill is heard as a standalone measure. Bills with a unanimous committee report may be sent to the consent calendar, which is comprised of a number of bills to be voted either Yea or Nay as a group.

HB1216 was voted down on the House floor in this manner. Transportation Committee Chairman Sherman Packard (R-Londonderry) commented "this piece of legislation was clearly discriminatory towards motorcyclists." Rep. Letourneau added, "This bill was crafted as an insurance provision for un-helmeted motorcyclists claiming that they were a burden to the government for their care and subsistence and that motorcyclists were disproportionately underinsured compared to the

rest of society. The committee heard no testimony, nor saw any data that supported that claim."

Remarking on the national implications of the bill, MRF's Steve Zimmer said, "Motorcyclists in all states need to be aware that personal injury insurance requirements are a very real threat to motorcycling. Furthermore, politically active motorcyclists should be aware that these bills are no longer being presented only in states where the repeal of an adult helmet law is in question. Freedoms of choice states are being attacked as well. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is unequivocally opposed to all such measures." MRF President Mark Buckner commented as well, saying "MRF applauds NHMRO and the New Hampshire state legislature for taking a stand on this issue. This shows that if we dig in our heels on these burdensome and unfair insurance requirements we can both maintain our freedom of choice and repeal current helmet laws without compromising our core values."

For more information, contact the Motorcycle Riders Foundation at (202) 546-0983 or by e-mailing to Steve@mrf.org.

OK, here it is off the Calif State Assembly site. To clear up "some" of the confusion, AB1412 *did* pass committee, but with an insurance clause amended to it:

"...passenger can show proof of current medical insurance that covers the potential costs of personal injuries that may be incurred when riding a motorcycle..."

This is all the info I have. I don't know what the insurance clause entails, who sponsored it or what "covers the potential costs" means...

Check section 27803. (a) (2) below:

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JANUARY 28, 1998 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE-1997-98 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL No. 1412

Introduced by Assembly Members Ducheny, Morrow, Granlund, Bordonaro, Cardoza, and Oller (Coauthors: Senators Monteith and Peace)

February 28, 1997

An act to amend Section 27803 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1412, as amended, Ducheny. Motorcycles: helmets. Under existing law, it is unlawful for any person to operate a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle if the driver or any passenger is not wearing a safety helmet. Existing law also makes it unlawful to ride as a passenger on a motorcycle if the driver or any passenger is not wearing a safety helmet.

This bill would make the above prohibitions applicable only to persons under 18 years of age and to persons 18 years of age or older who cannot show proof of current medical insurance that covers the potential costs of personal injuries. The bill would also delete a statement of legislative intent regarding the wearing of safety helmets.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 27803 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

- 27803. (a) (1) A driver under 18 years of age and any passenger under 18 years of age shall wear a safety helmet meeting requirements established pursuant to Section 27802 when riding on a motorcycle, motordriven cycle, or motorized bicycle.
- (2) A driver 18 years of age or older and any passenger 18 years of age or older shall wear a safety helmet when riding a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle, unless that driver and passenger can show proof of current medical insurance that covers the potential costs of personal injuries that may be incurred when riding a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle.
- (b) It is unlawful to operate a motorcycle, motordriven cycle, or motorized bicycle if the driver or any passenger is not wearing a safety helmet as required by subdivision (a).
- (c) It is unlawful to ride as a passenger on a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle if the driver or any passenger is not wearing a safety helmet as required by subdivision (a).
- (d) This section applies to persons who are riding on motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, or motorized bicycles operated on the highways.
- (e) For the purposes of this section, "wear a safety helmet" or "wearing a safety helmet" means having a safety helmet meeting the requirements of Section 27802 on the person's head that is fastened with the helmet straps and that is of a size that fits the wearing person's head securely without excessive lateral or vertical movement.

BikePAC of Oregon

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes January 17, 1998

Meeting called to order at 1:10 p.m. in the Salem City Library. Present:

Brian Stovall, Executive Director; Steve Benson, Secretary/Treasurer; Ken Ray, Legislative Director; Paul Christoferson, Margy Jane Gunter, Frank Saxton, Gunny Hutcheson, Melinda McCrossen, Jim Niece, John Ehmer, Gary Ploub, Vern Miller, Daryle Orpilla, Larry Schalk, Roger Hendricks, Teresa Hepker, Sam Hochberg.

Steve reviewed minutes of the previous advisory board meeting, and reported \$______ in checking and \$______ in the political fund.

BikePAC REORGANIZATION & AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Proposed changes to the bylaws were presented (published in the January 1998 newsletter). After discussion, Article II, paragraph B was amended to read, "Advisory Board Meetings shall be semi-annually, or more often as designated by the Executive Board, at a place and time to be set by the Executive Board. There shall be no specified quorum. Notice us such meetings shall be published in the BikePAC newsletter and/or website, or by any other practical means."

The Advisory Board approved of the proposed changes to the bylaws, including the above amendment. The Executive Board then voted unanimously to adopt the changes to the bylaws.

Two additional voting seats on the Executive Board were thus created:

Membership Director and Development Director. The Executive Board shall screen and nominate candidates to fill these positions as soon, as is practical. Any person interested in serving as Membership Director or Development Director is asked to submit his or her resume as soon as possible to Brian Stovall, 3909 Chenowith Rd. W., The Dalles, OR 97058. Phone & fax 541-298-1317. Email ilmostro@gorge.net

Two non-voting positions were also created: Lobbyist and Communications Manager. The Executive Board shall appoint persons to fill these positions.

AWARDS BANQUET & LEGISLATIVE PLANNING RETREAT

March 21-22, Chenowith Grange Hall, The Dalles Planning Session starts 10 a.m. Saturday. Banquet 7 p.m. Saturday. The planning session will be to determine strategies and goals for the 1998 political

campaigns/elections, and to commence planning for the 1999 legislative session. All persons interested in participating are invited. Participants will be asked for donations to help cover food costs for the weekend (Saturday lunch & banquet, Sunday breakfast). There is plenty of floor space in the grange hall for sleeping. Motels are available. Brian & Gunny are chief cooks for the banquet. Melinda offered to come on Friday to help set up. Other volunteers are still needed to help with meals. Brian is in charge of awards. If you know of someone who deserves recognition from BikePAC for their participation, get their name (and address) to Brian.

NEWSLETTER

Persons in attendance indicated preference for a regular monthly newsletter. Brian expressed the hope that by expanding the executive Board and spreading out the workload among a larger number of people, will make that goal easier to attain than it was during the past year. Improvement in the bank balance means we can also pay for it. Next newsletter is to include a candidate list (primary elections) and a map so people can find the Banquet/Planning Session location.

ELECTIONS

Ken reviewed the state legislators who have been impacted by term limits, and their political plans. Some have filed candidacy for other seats; some will not be running for anything. He reviewed the candidates who so far had filed candidacy for House or Senate seats, and we discussed each to identify critical races, candidates to endorse, and timelines. Cases have been filed to challenge term limits; however, the courts won't hear those cases in time to affect the primary election. For now, term limits are legal and in effect.

MAY MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS RALLY

Saturday, May 2, 1998 - 12 noon, steps of the state capitol in Salem Teresa is head of this committee, and has had offers of help from several people. Executive Board approved renewing BikePAC's AMA Charter and applying for AMA sanction for the event, including purchasing the required insurance. Teresa is to proceed with appropriate paperwork, assign tasks to helpers, and contact Governor's Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee to see whether governor's Proclamation is in the works.

CONFIRMATION OF KEN RAY AS LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Board had appointed Ken Ray at the last meeting to serve as Legislative Director on a temporary basis, and at this meeting confirmed his appointment to fill out the remainder of the three-year term until the Annual Meeting in July 2000.

BikePAC WEBSITE

It was suggested that the website address should be included in all correspondence, and that we check into registering the website so it will be identified by the web search engines.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Frankie told the group he is maintaining a personal website with listings of candidates and notes about where they stand on freedom of choice issues. He asked for others to check the site and monitor for accuracy. The address is

ww.europa.com/~frankie/election.htm

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

All 1 to 4 p.m. at Salem Library

February 7 (general membership meeting)

March 7

April 18

May - no meeting

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OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

February 21 - STEAM (hosted by ABATE of Oregon)

March 21-22 - BikePAC Awards Banquet/Legislative Planning Retreat

May 2 - MAY Rally on the capitol steps, noon

BikePAC of Oregon

Mission Statement

We will lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.

We will endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals who share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM.

We will involve ourselves in fund raising to achieve our goals. Adopted 7/19/92

Dates:

March 7 Advisory Bd Meeting

March 21-22 BikePAC Awards Banquet /Legislative Planning Retreat (beginning at 10:00am at Chenowith Grange,3903 Chenowith Rd, The Dalles)

April 18 Advisory Bd Meeting

May 2 MAY Rally on the capitol steps, noon

June 6 Advisory Bd Meeting

Brian.

DOG STORY #1:

Harley dog beats second ticket

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 23 (UPI) _ A Los Angeles man has won a second courtroom battle over a traffic ticket he got for riding with his dog on a motorcycle. Retired dog trainer Jeremiah Gerbracht has trained his Siberian Husky, Lady Harley, to ride on the gas tank of his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, though some police officers believe this violates the state vehicle code.

Gerbracht was first ticketed in 1995 for violating a portion of the state vehicle code that says no one driving a motor vehicle ``shall knowingly permit any person to ride on any vehicle" or portion not intended for the use of passengers.

He beat that ticket when a judge ruled Lady Harley was not a ``person" and that ``the mere fact of a dog riding on a motorcycle does not appear to be covered" in the vehicle code.

The second ticket was issued Oct. 2, when a police officer saw Lady Harley and Gerbracht pulling up to a coffee shop in Los Angeles. This time, he was cited for allowing a person to knowingly interfere with the driver of a vehicle.

But before Gerbracht could appear in court to fight the ticket, police officials tried amending the citation to reflect a more serious misdemeanor charge of unsafe transport of an animal.

A Los Angeles judge dismissed the case today, telling city attorneys they could not amend the charge on a ticket after a defendant has pleaded not guilty. Gerbracht said he entered his plea when he posted bail in November.

The judge also dismissed the original citation, noting that Lady Harley still is not a person, and added that he hopes never to see Gerbracht in his court again.

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DOG STORY # 2 - written by Joe Dickey, Legislative Coordinator Mason-Dixon Chapter, and Lifetime Member, ABATE of Pennsylvania:

ABATE of Pennsylvania, in an editorial written by its State Legislative Coordinator in the February edition of the organization's newsletter, has officially gone on record with its membership to being opposed to the No-List No-Law theory of civil disobedience in fighting the state's mandatory helmet law.

Citing ABATE's legislative successes since 1983 to secure its credibility with the membership, the editorial went on to suggest that today's high speed communications could ultimately foil the No-List No-Law argument by states having immediate access to DOT test results (and, we assume, recalls); thereby gaining the ability to publish a list as required by law. This scenario is obviously possible; however it does not address the liability issue so closely related to a governmental agency putting its stamp of approval on a particular make and model of safety equipment.

The article continued citing the unfortunate circumstance of a former ABATE leader who apparently destroyed that organization's credibility fifteen years ago when he was arrested for not wearing a helmet AND OTHER INFRACTIONS.

Apparently the other infractions were less serious than being lidless or they surely would have been mentioned. The implication here is obvious:

Masses of people getting a ticket for no helmet will completely destroy ABATE's fifteen year campaign to have helmet repeal legislation passed. This may well be true if the ticket is coupled with other infractions like DUI, resisting arrest, assault on an officer, no operator's license, no insurance, no inspection, no registration, etc. and the defendants all have ABATE tattooed on their foreheads or go to court in ABATE T-Shirts.

I'd like to remind our readers that the No-List No-Law campaign is not an ABATE operation. It is not an organized campaign officially endorsed by any SMRO. It is a campaign being conducted by individuals who happen to belong to many motorcycle organizations - ABATE, PCOM, MRF, AMA, MMA, NCOM, etc., etc. It is a campaign that was not condemned by the sponsor of one Senate bill aimed at mandatory helmet repeal when the Senator was asked for his opinion.

Perhaps if a case should reach the State Supreme Court then, and only then, would the legislature maybe take a wait and see position - holding off on its vote to repeal-taking themselves off the hook for making the decision. For the No-List No-Law people, the reality of reaching the Supreme Court is, as ABATE accurately states, years away. It's a slow and tedious process, which requires excellent legal representation along the way. The legal philosophy behind the two lower court cases which have upheld the No-List No-Law theory needs to be very carefully presented so as not to be mistaken for an allegation that the state has no constitutional right to set standards; the argument which was previously twice repelled by the higher court.

But two points need to be recognized. First - If fifteen years attacking the law legislatively has not been a slow and tedious process then I have the wrong impression of what "slow and tedious" means. Second - the prospect of a case reaching the Commonwealth's Supreme Court within the next year is already possible. NOT, ladies and gentlemen, because of the current No-List No-Law campaign of individuals, but rather because of a judicial campaign being waged by long time ABATE members who issued a report on the case at the last ABATE state meeting. It was a judicial campaign begun prior to the No-List No-Law initiative. It is an attempt to over-turn the law through the courts that ABATE suggests it does not endorse. We have already begun to see the groundwork being laid to blame the No-List No-Law campaign in the event this case fails in court or if the appeal somehow manages to stall a legislative repeal. This casts a very ugly hue on ABATE's allegations that someone else may be responsible if the legislative attempt once again falls short.

ABATE has taken the position that there is no need nor reason for a second motorcycle rights organization in Pennsylvania. Perhaps that's true. But there has certainly been a very public effort made to improve member communications, to tout its accomplishments and to be more active in "other" issues since a second organization was formed. State leadership has even begun attending chapter events which, by their own admission, they had previously spurned.

Obviously, this is good and no one can fault the leaders of ABATE for recognizing the need to do these things. Members need to see their leaders at chapter meetings and functions. They need feedback. It gives them a sense of belonging to an organization that truly cares about them and their activities.

Would this have all come about if a second SMRO had not sprung up? We will never know the answer, just as the safetycrats will never know how many lives have been saved or lost by helmet use or non-use. From this writer's perspective, it doesn't matter. What matters is that ABATE leadership has realized the need for improvement and is actively working toward it. The effort will enhance the membership value in ABATE and certainly make the organization stronger. If the improvement of ABATE of PA is the only legacy of PCOM's formation, then the effort will have been worth the public abuse heaped on it.

(Here's the dog part of the story - has the tail wagged the dog into action?)

The only thing that can weaken its credibility as this new effort moves forward is if the ABATE leadership continues to publicly denigrate another SMRO that has stated its intent to cooperatively work with ABATE on its issues and to forward the position of all motorcyclists within the state. The question remains: why doesn't ABATE Pennsylvania recognize another SMRO when that organization has been recognized by other ABATE and rights organizations around the country as a legitimate force in the motorcycle rights movement? There are supposed to be 500,000 motorcyclists in Pennsylvania. Approximately 495,000 of them are not ABATE members. Surely there is room for a second organization to work for motorcyclists' rights in an atmosphere of cooperation rather than confrontation with each other.

Cowboy

"Fighting For Freedom in the Land of the Free" http://www.cvn.net/~ogba/score.htm.

PR Director Report

This has been a slow month for ABATE Public Relations. However, Rotten Roger and I did try to send out our first Fossil flyer for the state newsletter

for ABATE of Nevada. With an incorrect fax number and a voice mail message left unanswered, it reminds me to ask all officers to let "the State" know who your officers are and to keep us current on your numbers and your names.

So, the irons in the fire include STEAM, DJ.'s Swap Meet, Fossil, and BikePAC's Motorcycle Awareness Rally. Hope you all attended STEAM and had a good time.

I'd like to make a few comments about D.J.'s Swap Meet and Fossil. I hope some of you take the time to stop by the ABATE booth at these events to assist Angie and others in talking with potential new members, wayward members and to just help out in general. There are other volunteers like Janet, Nancy, Mother, and "the kids" who all deserve a great big thank you by having us members take the time to spend a few hours behind the counter relieving them. It's a terrific way to listen to the answers to "frequently asked questions" about ABATE. For instance, "When's the next raffle drawing?!" Every membership we take in at these events, the stronger

ABATE becomes. This is an incredibly effective outreach tool.

Help be a part of it.

BikePAC's May Awareness Rally will be on Saturday, May 2 at noon at the State Capitol steps in Salem. It is a time for us to show solidarity with BikePAC, which represents a broader range of types of motorcycle riders. I hope ABATE members show up in full force for this event. Let those legislators know that we care about motorcycle safety year round and not just during legislative session. Teresa Hepker always pulls together a terrific slate of speakers who have all taken a vow of brevity. It's a well-organized event and fun to mingle with riders from other motorcycle organizations, or huddle together if it rains!

Last but not least, I want to thank Burt Darnielle, newsletter editor, & Road Captain for Northwest Veterans Motorcycle Association, for contacting me about getting on our email list. He puts out a great newsletter and I hope he keeps sending it to me. Which reminds me, that as State PR Director, I would like to receive a copy of all Chapter newsletters. Right now, only Washington County has me on their mailing list. Thanks to Paul for taking care of that for me.

Remember: don't complain, get active.

Melinda McCrossen, (503) 231-2701, melindam@teleport.com.

1998 Summer Run Meetings

We have started meeting to organize the 1998 Summer Run which will be held August 14th-16th. The first meeting was at my house but in the future we will meet at The Table, 6815 NE Killingsworth. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and are open to all Portland ABATE members.

At the first meeting we had Doug Atherton from the SE chapter; Tim Taylor, Allan Evans, Diesel Dave and Rotten Roger from NE and Angie and Bob Earl, Angie Jensen and me from Columbia River. We need more folks from SE on the committee.

Angie Earl will be treasurer. Allan is doing PR; we will have 500 posters and 5000 flyers. Tim will be in charge of the site (set up/tear down), a new position; we don't want what happened last year to happen again, the job getting dumped on a few people while everyone else goes home. Bob Earl and Diesel Dave

are heading up security and will be looking for some volunteers. Doug is getting the music together and looking at Johnning Koonce and the Gas Hogs. Angie Earl and Angie Jensen will be selling T-shirts. Angie Jensen is in charge of vendors and ticket sales. I am the run coordinator. We think that Craig from SE once again will be running the gate and we hope that Stephan from SE will again take charge of the important but stinky job of sanitation (toilets and garbage). The position of bike games/show is open and we need volunteers. Finally, we need to locate EMT members to set up a medical aid pool.

We will be at last year's site near Birkenfeld and the owner, Darrin Wilcoxin, has made and will be making more site improvements, including better access to the river, improving the road and repositioning the layout of the camping, stage, and vendors. When the time comes, we will be seeking help for him with those tasks from the chapters.

The run T-shirt design will decided at our June 10th meeting so get those artistic minds cranking.

Questions, comments, or complaints go to me at 282-4604.

Spike.

EDUCATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Time is fleeing. There is much to do. By the time you read this, STEAM '98 will be behind us and I will have been to Washington, D. C. to talk to our U. S. Senators and Representatives. The next report will be about that trip and the report as to what happened at and during STEAM '98. At this time the registrations are coming in and there are promises of more attendance from organizations other than ABATE.

The only Motorcycle Awareness Programs that I am aware of that were taught during the month was the one Iris, my wife and I taught at Linn-Benton Community College here in Albany. The teacher is Iris Patton, and there were 26 students enrolled and taught.

Following the course we asked for comments, as usual, and all of them were of a positive nature. Iris was pretty tentative about doing her first Awareness class, but at the end she told me that she had thoroughly enjoyed doing it.

Keep on making those contacts in the schools. Eventually the breakthrough will come. You will get

the opportunity to present our program. Follow the guidelines and everything will come out just fine.

Mel Yeager

Education Director

One person's opinion

Dear ABATE Members

I got a lot out of attending the Monthly BikePAC advisory meeting a couple of weeks ago. The big plus for 1998 seems to be a unified agreement that we need to win the 1999 helmet repeal fight by working hard in 1998 to get a lot more friendly faces in the Legislature. This means that each and every ABATE Member is going to have the opportunity to be a significant contributor to the helmet repeal effort.

As an ABATE Member, your role in 1998 is going to be a lot more than just attending Biker Days at the Capitol and writing letters to Law Makers. You are all going to have to be in the thick of it, working in the campaigns of Candidates who agree with us that America really is the "land of the free and the home of the brave".

The Leaders of our Country and of our State have lost their way. They have forgotten why America was created. They have forgotten why the Minutemen shed their blood and gave up their lives for us. It is up to us to remind them. America is our Country. It belongs to us, the people. Oregon is our State. It belongs to us, the people. It does not belong to the Government or to the tunnel vision lawmakers who think that it is their job to legislate every trivial facet of our lives. We need to work within the system to get rid of these people who would presume to take away the rights that so much was given up to obtain and maintain.

Our 1998 goals must include a commitment to fill pro-freedom Campaign Headquarters with black leather jackets. We must make a strong statement to our friends and to our enemies alike that Motorcyclists are American Citizens and we simply will not tolerate Politicians who dare to meddle with our rights and our freedoms.

Our issues...the issues that ABATE must deal with are bigger than just mandatory helmet laws. Our issue is whether or not Americans still want to live in a free Country. For years we have watched our rights and our freedoms erode as our Government implemented more laws, more rules and more policies. This trend has got to stop, otherwise Americans will wind up living a more repressed existence than the Communist Societies that our Government has always claimed it was better than.

Black leather jackets and the battle cry of "Legalizing Freedom" must become synonymous. When our lawmakers look up in the House and Senate galleries, they need to be made to understand that Motorcyclists constitute a powerful political action group and that we will not stand for Politicians who dare to try to take away our rights as Americans. Our lawmakers must know that without a mandate from "Freedom Fighters" like us, they are not going to be elected to hold public office. It's as simple as that.

Here is the challenge to all ABATE Members and to anyone who complains about the totalitarian activities of our Government: We *MUST muster up large numbers of volunteers who are willing to work tirelessly to get the right people into political office. We must be highly active and extremely visible in all that we do. We must have massive numbers of people engaged in these efforts every day of every week of every year. We can no longer be content to be a group of people who get a little positive news coverage every December for toy runs. We need to be an overwhelming, unyielding force that lawmakers will be terrified to enrage.

ABATE needs a membership that is willing to work hard to get the right people into office. ABATE needs a membership that is so committed to freedom that when an event is scheduled it gets front page news coverage because so many Bikes show up that it completely screws up traffic. Remember the little Biker "do" that happened in Portland last Fall that was so big that Officials closed the Burnside Bridge and a lot of streets in Old Town?

Well, freedom, IMO, is *slightly* more important than a get together to look at everyone else's bikes. If you found the time to attend Sturgis, brown bag lunches, swap meets, or Poker Runs, you need to find the time to participate in 1998's freedom fighting activities. If you don't care enough about your own loss of freedoms to do anything about it, do it for our children.

Can you imagine what would have happened in 1775 if the Minutemen had failed to show up at Lexington and Concord "because they had to work" or were "too busy"? The time for excuses is past. Either you are committed to restoring the freedoms that American Citizens once enjoyed or you are just another sheep that Government Bureaucrats will continue to herd along until you finally wind up in the slaughterhouse.

What's it going to be?

If John Kitzhaber remains the Governor of Oregon, it will be orders of magnitude more difficult to win the mandatory helmet law repeal in 1999. Sizemore (R), who is expected to file his candidacy for Governor Monday, is the only viable Candidate on the horizon at this time. BikePAC has not yet determined whether Sizemore would look at motorcyclist legislation any more favorably than Gov. Kitz has... Ken Ray is expected to talk with Sizemore this week. As soon as I know something, I'll pass it along. In any case, Sizemore has some high profile baggage that may make his ability to beat Gov. Kitzhaber at the polls difficult.

If WaCo Members are looking for a way to contribute to the helmet law repeal of 1999, they can start by volunteering to help out Charles Starr and his Son Bruce's campaigns. Rep Starr has been a past supporter of motorcyclists' issues and is running for the Senate Seat...his Son Bruce is running for his Father's vacated House seat. Seeing a few black leather jackets around their campaign headquarters would be a very nice thank you for one of our strong supporters! If you have even a little time, please consider giving them a call. As Hillsboro Politicians, helping these guys out should be a top WaCo project! All the contact info you will need is on my homepage at:

http://www.europa.com/~frankie/election.htm

Last Fall and over the Winter we've heard a lot of comments from ABATE folks about how we need to show Politicians that they will have to pay the price for voting against us. These statements imply that Motorcyclists are a huge, militant, well-organized special interest group that lawmakers ought not to mess around with. Well, I suppose that we could be that one day but I honestly don't think we qualify at the moment. Why? Because being "King of the jungle" means more than just being able to roar. It means having the will and the determination to do whatever it takes to deliver on our promises. If Motorcyclists truly want to be a feared PAC in Legislative circles, they need to start doing more than just talking about it.

Over the next week or two, I will be contacting each WaCo ABATE Member to find out how each of you wants to help out on the cause. I'm hoping that a large percentage of our membership is going to be eager to become involved in this year's political process. Remember: 1998 is the year that we must

win the helmet repeal fight. If we don't succeed in packing the Legislature with motorcycle-friendly lawmakers this year, we can pretty much forget about freedom to chose. Governor Kitzhaber is going to continue to veto our right to freedom as long as we allow him to do so. If we aren't willing to work hard to move him out of the way, we are going to have to wait until he retires before we'll have a realistic shot at a helmet law repeal. Seeing as how Gov. Kitz is younger than I am, I don't see waiting him out as being a particularly attractive option.

Please do your part to legalize freedom in America! Frank Saxton

Dear Gordon & ABATE

Everyone is probably wondering what has happened to me - especially our chapter members. I have missed the last two meetings and chapter reports. My apologies to leaving the chapter hanging while I sort things out.

December caught me up in the toy runs and holiday season with family and friends. January brought a replacement in for my job - a new computer program and a person that knows how to run it. Since Woody and I have talked for several years about moving to Central Oregon - it looks like we are finally on the way.

I wrapped things up at work, compressed the spring cleaning into a few days, took a long week-end and later another week off to look for work in Bend, (I think I was successful, but don't want to jinx it by sounding too positive), and listed the house for sale. I am now looking forward to a few weeks of unemployment, trying not to sweat the bills too much, and packing up the house.

I passed on our chapter coordinator hat to Russ Lax again. Our chapter has gone full circle and welcomes back our true leader. I spent some time with Lyn Maish and Bob Avery getting all of our financial reports up to date for the state - and can only apologize again for missing the last two chapter reports. Now I just need to get my collection in the "ABATE closet" to someone.

I know that I have tried over the course of events to thank everyone, that made last year work for our chapter. But there is one person that I couldn't thank enough for all of her help and never ending support - April Levesseur. Even though none of us were ever entirely happy with the way our chapter never seemed to be very active, April always hung in there and did her part. Everytime! Thanks for making it easier for me April.

I also want to thank the state for the certificate of recognition that I received. Even though I always felt guilty (okay - only half-guilty) about not making every run or capitol appearance, I tried to do my "little" part. Thanks for noticing! Are you sure it wasn't the food?

I also want to mention my appreciation for Butch Harbaugh and the truly "big" part that he played in Oregon motorcycling politics. It seems to me - in most business/political atmospheres anyway - that people will follow a leader that has a positive attitude and the ability to inspire this attitude in others. Once a person becomes inspired with a positive attitude mountains can be moved. I think that BikePAC has lost such a person and for whatever the reasons, I hope it was the right choice for Butch. But, as work has just shown me (again), no one is irreplaceable and we can all help Ken Ray fill these shoes by showing our continued support of BikePAC and be patient while a new personality reveals itself. (The first thing I want to hear from BikePAC is that they have interviewed Bill Sizemore.)

This will probably be my last E-mail as I will be off line the first of March. We haven't decided on where we will live yet - and it looks like - for awhile anyway - we may be camping at my sisters. They are members of the Central Oregon chapter and are looking forward to having a nice addition to the motorcycle family in their garage - for awhile anyway. Be seeing you on the other side soon.......





Historian Report

A big thank you to those who contributed items and pictures for our Historical collection. Melinda McCrossen for pictures of the Labor Day Weekend at Chiloquin and Beaver Creek '97. Bev Godfrey for pictures of Douglas County Chapter Toy Run. Bud Berlinger newspaper articles with pictures of South Coast Chapter Toy Run. Brenda Trainer-Huber brought us several newspaper clippings about events from the past. There will be a display at STEAM on Feb. 21st.

Thank you all again.

Iris#

From The GUNNY'S SACK

Sam Hochberg, our Oregon AIM attorney, got some e-mail from our Toronto AIM attorney, Jeff Chapnick. Instead of passing bad jokes back and forth, like I hear they do, Jeff pointed him to an article from a Canadian ABATE Newsletter from Durham, Ontario that's also on the Internet. I'm printing part of it here because it is important to motorcyclists everywhere, not just in Canada. Net

folks, point your browser here: http://www.netrover.com/~drabate/glonews.html, for the article titled Special Judicial Update----"ROADBLOCKS."

Here's what happened: In October 1996, a well-publicized party was to be held at the **Satan's Choice MC**, a Toronto club- house. A "routine police safety check" was set up, to supposedly check the working condition of safety features. But, in reality, it was a mobile drug squad and a special Biker Squad set up right around the corner from the clubhouse!

The police stopped one vehicle, found some drugs, and busted two people. The accused were represented by Barrister Lorne Farovitch and his team of researchers from Jeff Chapnick's firm in Toronto. They argued the obvious: this was no routine safety check, it was an *ambush*, and it-violated rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Canadian constitution.

In the first case, Regina vs Hook, the Crown Attorney (that's their DA) and the arresting officer withdrew the charges against Hook. But in the second case, Regina vs Patrick, the arresting officer claimed the roadblock was just to check safety equipment. Extensive cross-examination revealed that this was not the case.

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The judge reviewed a recent case with members of the **Paradice Riders MC** against the Durham Police, where the court found similar roadblocks were *not* illegal, and the PRMC lost their case.

There is a very ugly new Canadian "Anti-Biker" Criminal Code up there, which makes it tough to win. Thanks to the lawyers' work, the Judge decided that the Paradice case was *incorrectly* decided, and charges against Ms. Patrick were dismissed.

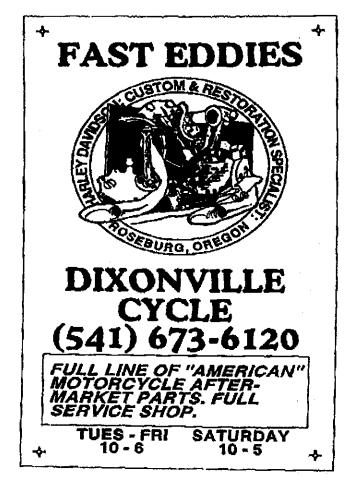
Now this Judge Fairgrieve is one of the toughest Judges in Ontario. His judgments are well respected for being thorough and well reasoned. The Judge believes this to be a special landmark case and so do we!

Confederation of Clubs Judicial Committee, and Vice-Chair of the Ontario Confederation of Clubs, the author of this article had this to say: "This judgment is important to all Canadians, not just bikers! Civil Liberties are something to be guarded and defended. The defendants were not members of any illegal group. They were not terrorists. They were Canadian citizens traveling in our free and democratic land. Today the excuse is criminal gangs, tomorrow it could be religious zealots or those with cultural or ethnic differences. The Ontario Confederation of Clubs will continue to support the legitimate rights of our brothers and sisters. This is our duty as bikers and as Canadians.

"So that there is no confusion, the Ontario Confederation of Clubs does not support illegal activity of any kind. We do not support any club member who is legitimately convicted of any criminal offense, or is prosecuted legitimately for any civil wrong. We stand FIRM, however, in our duty to preserve our free, democratic and just society for those who come after us, as those who came before, did for us.

"Congratulations to all the lawyers at Chapnick and Associates and to Lorne Farovitch for his arguments before both criminal courts. A very special thank-you to Jeffrey Chapnick for AGAIN helping the motorcycling community, his sacrifices are helping the interests of motorcyclists throughout Ontario and Canada."

Gunny again: I've condensed Ian's piece here to conserve space. Go to their website for the full version. Now I try not to blow horns but this time I



will. AIM (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) attorneys work all the time for our benefit and many times without cost to us. They believe in us and our freedom and freely put their resources to work for us to retrieve and maintain our right to make our own decisions without governmental intrusion.

This is a worldwide fight, and ALL of us - Clubs, Associations, Legislative PAC's, and individuals - need to get involved. It's not about just motorcycles, folks. IT'S ABOUT FREEDOM!

Speaking of which, call Sam Hochberg with any legal or accident questions at 224-1106 in Portland, or 1-800-347-1106. Sam's E-mail address is SamBikeLaw@aol.com. The nationwide number for AIM is 1-800-ON A BIKE or 1-800-531-2424.

If your needs are out of Sam's expertise he will lead you to someone who can help. His concern is that all motorcyclists are represented by the most qualified legal people and then only when needed. It isn't all about the almighty dollar.

I need your run schedules for 1998 folks, so I can plan to be there. Mail them to:

Gunny Hutcheson 7445 Sagebrush St. NE Keizer, OR 97303 Or E-mail them: **AIMGunny@aol.com**. If that doesn't work call me at 503/463-5668.

News bits'n pieces: Sacramento, CA: The Appropriations Committee in the legislature passed the "no lid for 18 and older" bill out of committee. The California advocates for highway and auto safety are very unhappy.

Annapolis,MD: There is a move afoot here to mandate the use of life vests whenever citizens are aboard boats because 800 deaths were attributed to boating accidents in 1995, 600 of which were from drowning. There are times when a life vest is a good idea, but the boat operator should make that decision. Mandatory life vests will not cure stupidity any more than a helmet will cure motorcycle accidents. By the way, I've worn'em since the 50's. It's MY CHOICE, not because of a law put in place by safetycrats.

Pennsylvania: The Pa. Coalition of motorcyclists lost their court appeal of the "No list-No law" superior court fight. They argued a helmet law isn't legal without providing a list of which models are legit. Ironically, one of the judges ruling was the same judge that earlier threw it out

when he heard it when he sat on a lower court. I wonder if, ethically, he should have disqualified himself due to conflict of interest.

Springfield, Mass: Mayor Albano, made the statement that "There is no right to own guns, that's why we issue permits and FID cards." I think he needs letters explaining the principles that formed these United States of America. I guess he never read the second amendment to the constitution.

New Hampshire: A bill before this legislature that would have required unhelmeted riders to purchase a MILLION DOLLAR liability policy was defeated by a voice vote on the house floor. Way to go NH.

Kentucky: Their Senate transportation committee heard testimony on a new helmet law (no lids over 18), voted unanimously in five minutes, with no opposing testimony, to pass the bill out of committee! There's a lot of work still ahead, but congratulations to Kentucky bikers!

Keep the round side on the bottom.

Gunny, Oregon AIM Chief of Staff

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BRIEF HISTORY

ABATE (A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments) of Oregon, Inc. was formed in 1975. The very first chairman (Coordinator) was Luke Metcalfe. Although the structure of the organization has evolved over the years, ABATE has always held firm to the principle of freedom of the road and a policy of non-discrimination toward anyone wanting to be a member. Over the years ABATE has become a very effective political force as well as a nationally acclaimed educational body.

In 1976 the River City Chapter was formed which was the first outside of Portland. In 1977 ABATE began its first concerted effort to change the helmet law in Oregon. The membership worked to give freedom of choice back to motorcyclists in Oregon. At one point a round-the-clock sit-in and vigil was held at the capitol. This created a lot of attention and forced the helmet bill out of committee where it passed and was signed into law by Governor Robert Straub.

In 1978 the first Fossil Run was held. Originally a chapter event, the Fossil Run has become one of the largest runs in the Northwest as well as the main fund-raiser for ABATE of Oregon. In 1979 the first attempt to create a motorcycle training program to teach beginners to ride was proposed by ABATE in the legislature.

In 1981 the motorcycle rider training program, which later became Team Oregon, was made into law. This safety and education program was conceived of and made to be by the efforts of ABATE of Oregon, Inc. and other motorcyclist groups in Oregon. It is now administered by the Oregon Department of Transportation, but it is still one of ABATE's proudest achievements.

In 1988 the state legislature sent a referendum to the voters about mandating helmets, rather than dealing with the issue themselves. This was barely passed by the voters of Oregon in one of the lowest turnout elections in state history. To prevent such things from happening in the future, it was decided that there needs to be a presence in the Capitol

during the legislative session. To address this need, BikePAC was formed as a separate entity in 1989.

In the early 1990s there were increasing numbers of reports about police using helmets as a tool for harassment. "Illegal" helmet tickets and even confiscation of helmets showed the need to have the helmet law addressed again. Several attempts were made to give adult riders freedom of choice but none were successful.

In 1995 a bill was created at the request of BikePAC to define what a helmet is. ABATE and BikePAC held the "Biker's Days" at the capitol to teach motorcyclists how to directly lobby the legislature. This proved extremely effective and the helmet definition bill passes and was signed by Governor Kitzhaber. It was hoped that this law would eliminate the harassment of motorcyclists by certain law enforcement personnel. Motorcyclists were still being detained or pulled over just to check for "illegal helmets" and reports kept coming in that the harassment did continue. After a large campaign at Fossil in 1996 by the Oregon State Police to write helmet tickets, ABATE and State Coordinator Larry Schalk filed a class action lawsuit against the Oregon State Police. In 1997 a federal court found that the State Police had interpreted the law incorrectly and could not use helmets as a reason to make a stop.

ABATE of Oregon, Inc. has achieved much for motorcyclists in Oregon since 1975: the Team Oregon training program which gives motorcyclists, both beginner and experienced, the ability to safely improve their skills; the Governor's Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee, which was created to advise the governor on issues of motorcycle safety; the Motorcycle Awareness Program developed by ABATE members to teach young automobile drivers to be aware of motorcycles; many charity events like toy runs which benefit people not directly involved in motorcycling in our communities; and the ongoing battle to enact legislation favorable to motorcycles and rescind legislation unfavorable to motorcycles.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Most questions about the day to day operations of ABATE can be answered in the Rules of Operation or Bylaws. Some of the most common questions involve things like chapter operations, fundraising, political activities, or charities.

Why does my chapter have to follow the state guidelines? Aren't all chapters autonomous?

It is a common belief that ABATE is a group of individual chapters. It is true that the individual chapters do run themselves and have their own treasuries and such. However, we are all part of one legally incorporated organization. In the eyes of the law there is only one statewide organization. This is part of why the financial records of each chapter are always sent to the state treasurer. The fiscal procedures in one chapter can have an effect legally on the whole organization. Because of this there are some limits on what chapters can do.

Why can't our chapter donate money to BikePAC?

ABATE can only give \$5000 per year to a PAC. The state organization contracts with BikePAC, which involves a \$5000 yearly payment. Again, we are all one organization. Therefore an individual chapter cannot also give more as this puts ABATE over the \$5000 limit. However a chapter can join BikePAC and pay dues even if this maximum has been reached.

Why can't my chapter donate to political campaigns?

Another common question involves political action. Although ABATE members do work with some issues in the political arena, it is against the rules for our non-profit organization to lobby for or donate to specific candidates. ABATE can campaign for issues or ideas, but not candidates or ballot measures. There is no reason, however, why individuals who are members cannot take part in political campaigns or even run for office themselves.

Someone told me our chapter doesn't own the property they have. What do they mean by this?

Again, we are really one statewide organization. Individual chapters may have some property which belongs to the chapter. This property may be used by the chapter for many years and no one will demand it to be sent to a state event. But any equipment that an individual chapter may possess reverts to the state if the chapter gives up their charter.

Are my donations to ABATE tax-deductible?

One of the most rewarding aspects in ABATE is the volunteer charity work that is done during the year. ABATE and its members sponsor food drives, toy runs at Christmas time and volunteer during disasters. ABATE is chartered as a Social Welfare organization, so it is one of our reasons for existing. It is not our primary focus, however, to be a true charity. We are not trying to replace the Salvation Army or other charity groups. Since we are not primarily a charity it is important to note that donations to ABATE are not tax-deductible and should not be represented as such.

How much of ABATE's business is conducted in private?

All proceedings in ABATE are conducted publicly. All finances, meetings, and motions are open for members to see. Membership information, however, is not published and is only allowed to be used for ABATE business.

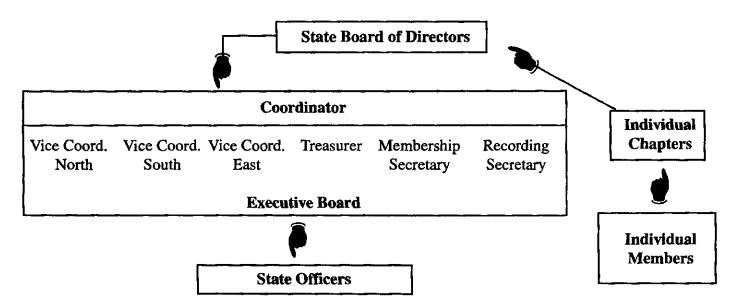
Structure of ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

The structure of ABATE or Oregon, Inc. is simple. (See chart below). In most cases the chapters also follow the same structure as the state. It is not required that they do this, as long as the required officers (Coordinator, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, and State Board Representative, who is actually a Member of the Board of Directors) are present.

The state officers consist of a Coordinator, three Vice-Coordinators from the three regions (North, South and East), Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Membership Secretary. These comprise the Execu-

tive board which can make emergency decisions and authorize routine or small expenditures that cannot wait for the next Board meeting. Other officers include the Legislative Director, Products Director, Education Director, Public Relations, State Run Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Historian, and Web Page Editor.

More descriptions of these offices can be found in the Officers' Handbook. It is important to note that no money can be spent, except routine expenses and/or emergencies, without the board of directors' approval.



Directives for actions follows a path from the Board of Directors to the Coordinator. In cases where rapid action is required the Executive Board will vote on behalf of the State Board (of Directors). State Officers follow the direction of the State Board of Directors to carry out the boards wishes.

Bringing an item before the Board of Directors

To have an item brought before the state board and voted on, follow this procedure: A concept is brought out at a chapter meeting. If seconded it can be voted on. If passed by the chapter, the chapter will direct their State Board Rep to bring it to the Board of Directors (State Board) meeting. There, if seconded, it will be voted on by the Board.

The only people who have a vote at the state board meeting are the individual chapters' board representatives that are in compliance with the Rules of Opera-26

tion. State Officers cannot vote unless they are acting as the board rep for their chapter. In case of a tie the presiding officer, usually the Coordinator, will break a tie. If the motion is passed the Coordinator will take action to ensure the directive is complied with. It should not be assumed that all actions have to be started at the individual member level. Many directives also are initiated by State Board Reps once a need for them is perceived.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Following is a list of the state officers and a general list of their duties.

Coordinator: Oversees the operation of the organization and directs officers, members and chapters to ensure the will of the Board of Directors is carried out.

Vice Coordinator: Assists the coordinator by carrying out actions delegated by the Coordinator. Also all three Vice Coordinators have regions of Oregon under them and are responsible for overseeing the chapters within them.

Recording Secretary: Keeps the minutes at state Board of Directors meeting. Also ensures that minutes are published in the newsletter.

Treasurer: Keeps the books of the organization and oversees the books of the chapters.

Membership Secretary: Keeps track of membership information such as renewals and ensuring new members are on the rolls and receiving a newsletter.

Serge:ant-at-Arms: Keeps the state meeting in an orderly fashion. Also is in charge of security at all state events. There are three Sergeants-at-Arms, one for each region.

Legislative Director: Keeps membership informed on current legislative events that affect the motorcycling. Also acts as liaison between ABATE and BikePAC.

Education Director: Oversees the education programs in ABATE such as the Motorcycle Awareness Program taught to Drivers Education students.

Newsletter Editor: Responsible for providing a newsletter for mailing to the general membership.

Products Director: Oversees all products which are sold through ABATE of Oregon.

Public Relations Director: Works to inform the public and media of ABATE activities. Also acts as a liaison to the media.

Historian: Keeps the history of ABATE of Oregon, Inc. by pictures, old event flyers, scrapbooks, etc.

Run Coordinator: Responsible for planning and running all state events, especially Fossil and Chiloquin.

Web Page Editor: Directs and edits the content of ABATE of Oregon's web page on the Internet. Web page is at http://www.abateoforegon.org

EVENTS

The State Board of Directors meets the second Saturday of each month. All members are encouraged to attend.

STEAM (Seminar to Train, Educate And Motivate) is held early in the year at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. This free seminar has classes which can benefit all members. It is especially useful for chapter officers to learn how things operate.

May Awareness Rally to promote Motorcycle Awareness Month is held the first Saturday in May on the Capitol Steps in Salem, Oregon.

Fossil campout is over Memorial Day Weekend in May every year near Fossil Oregon.

Labor Day Run is held at Chiloquin Oregon.

Elections for new state officers are at the December State Board meeting.

ABATE of Oregon, Inc. BYLAWS

By-laws as established 8/26/75, ratified /13/77. Amended 5/9/78, ratified 1/13/78. Amended 10/93, ratified 11/1/93. Amended 11/95, ratified 1/13/96. Bylaws effective

- 1. There is only one qualification for membership, that being the payment of dues established by the State Board of Directors. No group or class is required to join. No group or class is denied membership.
- 2. The election of State Officers of the State Board of Directors shall be held at the last meeting of each year by the voting membership of the State Board of Directors. The number of State Officers of the State Board of Directors shall be at least, but not limited to, five. Vacancies of State Officer positions may be filled by appointment by the State Coordinator, pending ratification at the next state board meeting by the State Board of Directors.
- 3. The State Executive Board shall be comprised of the following Sate Officers:
 - A. Coordinator
 - B. Vice-Coordinator North
 - C. Vice-Coordinator South
 - D. Vice-Coordinator East
 - E. Treasurer
 - F. Membership Secretary
 - G. Recording Secretary
- 4. The State Executive Board, by simple majority, has the authority to:
 - A. Issue statements on behalf of the organization.
 - B. Expend funds.
 - C. Take any action deemed necessary to accomplish the goals of the organization.
- 5. All members of ABATE of Oregon, Inc. shall join and work together for:
 - A. Education programs to assist all motorcyclists, especially the young and/or novice rider, to reduce accidents.
 - B. Public awareness programs promoting motorcycling.
 - C. Fair motorcycle legislation.
- 6. All funds obtained from membership fees, donations, and organizational benefits shall be used for:
 - A. Rider and non-rider education
 - B. Distribution of information
 - C. Legislative action
 - D. General costs incurred in the operation of the organization itself, none of which shall go to any member or officer with the exception of reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenditures directly related to ABATE activities authorized by the State Board of Directors and/or State Executive Board.
- 7. The Rules of Operation for ABATE of Oregon, Inc. shall be used as the basis for day to day operation.

ABATE of Oregon, Inc. RULES OF OPERATION

- 1. NAME: This organization, hereafter referred to as ABATE, is legally known as A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. which stands for A BROTHERHOOD AGAINST TOTALITARIAN ENACTMENTS.
- 2 JURISDICTION: ABATE shall:
 - A. Have jurisdiction of all members, chapters and use of name and logo with the state of Oregon.
 - B. Maintain equitable relations between all its members and chapters.
 - C. Assure the democratic right to assemble, voice opinions and take action on matters of mutual interest to motorcyclists.

3. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

A. MEMBERSHIP

- 1. Applications:
 - a. Membership in ABATE shall be obtained and maintained through application to ABATE.
 - b. Each application for membership shall be accompanied by dues established by the State Board of Directors and submitted to the State Membership Secretary.
 - c. Memberships are non-assessable, non-transferable, non-assignable and non-refundable.
 - d. Each member will decide which chapter they want to belong to, or may decide to be a Member-at-Large (Indian Creek).
 - e. ABATE membership records will remain confidential, and will be used ONLY for ABATE purposes.
- 2. Termination: Membership in ABATE will be terminated upon death, written request from the member, non-payment of dues, theft of ABATE assets, or by decision of the Board of Directors.
- 3. Duties of Members It shall be the DUTY of each member of ABATE to:
 - a. Abide by the BYLAWS.
 - b. Conduct themselves in a creditable manner with regards to the organization.
 - c. Bring to the attention of the State Board of Directors' presiding officer any activity that is not in the best interest of ABATE.

B. ABATE CHAPTERS

- 1. To receive a Charter as a Chapter in ABATE a group must:
 - a. Have ten paid-up members.
 - b. Elect from those paid-up members a Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership secretary, and one State Representative.
 - c. Make application to the State Board of Directors for a Charter.
- 2. To remain as a Chapter in ABATE the Chapter must:
 - a. Abide by the ABATE Financial Policy and Procedure Manual.
 - b. Send copies of Chapter minutes to the State Coordinator within seven (7) days of the Chapter meeting.
 - c. Ensure participation of Chapter State Representatives at the State Board of Directors' meetings, unless excused by State Coordinator.
 - d. Submit a monthly Chapter report to the State Newsletter by the 10th of each month.
- 3. Any chapter in noncompliance with part 2 (a, b or c) of the above four requirements will have voting privileges at the State Board of Directors' meetings suspended until brought into full compliance. Chapter in noncompliance of 2 (d) for second month in succession will have voting privileges suspended until brought into full compliance.

- C. ABATE STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The State Board of Directors will be the governing body of ABATE and will meet at a time and place to be determined by the State Executive Board.
 - 1. The State Board of directors will be composed of one State Representative from each chapter, who will constitute the voting membership of the State Board of Directors.
 - 2. A minimum of one-third of the chapters of ABATE must be present and eligible to vote to constitute a quorum.
 - 3. The State Board of Directors will use Robert's Rules of Order as a guideline to conduct meetings.
 - 4. The fiscal year of ABATE will be January 1 through December 31.
 - 5. Motions brought before the State Board of Directors which will directly affect the general membership will be referred to the chapters for discussion and voted on at the next State Board of Directors meeting, unless a delay in voting will cause a disruption in the transaction of business by the organization.

4. RULES OF OPERATION:

- A. The original Rules of Operation became effective July 1, 1980.
- B. The Rules of Operation have been amended in 4/1983, 4/1986, 6/1989, 11/1993, 1/1996.
- C. All changes to the Rules of Operation and the Bylaws must appear in the State Newsletter before being voted on by the State Board of Directors.

Dedicated to Freedom of the Road



ABATE of Oregon, Inc. PO Box 4504 Portland, OR 97058

February 1998

1998 RUN CALENDAR

MARCH		
1	Monroe Swap Meet	Buck 360-568-2868
15	DJ SWAP MEET	
21-22	Legislative Planning Session	BikePAC Brian 541-298-1317
21	SPRING OPENER	360-336-2817 BLACK CATS M/C
APRIL		
5	South Coast Sunday ride	Bud 541-267-2523
5	ROSE CITY 250	JOHN 503-641-4734
1 9 -19	OMRRA Practice/Racing	Janice Logan 503-221-1487
19	MT. SCOTT OFF ROAD EVEN	TMIKE 503-659-7213
MAY		
1- Aug. 31	State of Jefferson Tour	Tom Orsini 541-479-8635
2	MAY AWARENESS RALLY	TERESA 541-298-1317
3	South Coast Sunday ride	Bud 541-267-2523
9	OREGON 500	Rose City m/c JOHN 503-641-4734
9	South Coast Mall Show	Bud 541-267-2523
16-17	Rhododendron Run Festival	Florence, Oregon
16	OMRRA practice/ Novice school	Janice Logan 503-221-1487
17	OMRRA Racing	Janice Logan 503-221-1487
17	MT. SCOTT OFF ROAD EVENTMIKE 503-659-7213	
22-25	FOSSIL CAMPOUT	ROGER 503-285-4329
31	Southern Or. Spring Poker Run	Tom Orsini 541-479-8635
JUNE		
5-7	North Idaho Spring Opener	Steve 509-922-8361
7	Central Oregon Chapter Swap Mee	etJay 541-389-6773
6-7	WESTERN STATES 1000	JOHN 503-641-4734
13	Starlight Tour	Dale 503-234-5266
13-14	MT. SCOTT OFF ROAD EVEN	ГМІКЕ 503-659-7213
18-20	Spring Opener	ABATE OF WASHINGTON Jay 509-894-4871
27-28	Run to the Sun	Angie 503-285-4329 Columbia River Chapter
27-28	Lawman 1000	
28	OMRRA Racing and Harley DAY	Janice Logan 503-221-1487
July		
5	South Coast Sunday ride	Bud 541-267-2523
12	Poker run SALEM HOG	Walkers Cycle 503-363-0634
12	AMA NATIONAL Poker run	mike 503-362-9855
17-19	Coos River Run	Bud 541-267-2523 South Coast Chapter

18	Southern Or Summer Poker Run	Tom Orsini 541-479-8635		
17-19	Cowchip Boogie			
17-19		Cowlitz Co. ABATE Argy 360-577-7905		
	OMRRA Practice/race/PRO race	Janice Logan 503-221-1487		
18	fun run District 28 AMA	503-538-0979		
19	Poker run ROSE CITY HOG	503-281-7798		
25-26	Central Oregon Poker Run	Jay 541-389-6773		
August		7 1714 00m 0 m 0		
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		
22-23	OMRRA Practice/race & Italian D	AY Janice Logan 503-221-1487		
September				
4-7	Chiloquin Motorcycle Rally	Roger 503-285-4329		
<i>5</i> -7	Poker run/campout	Sunset hog 503643-7111		
13	Show & Shine	Bud 541-267-2523		
18-20	End of summer run	Wa Co Ted 503-640-5766		
18	OMRRA Practice & Novice school	Janice Logan 503-221-1487		
19	OMRRA VINTAGE DAY	Janice Logan 503-221-1487		
20	OMRRA RACING	Janice Logan 503-221-1487		
27	March of dimes	Kathy 503-222-9434		
27	Dj Swap meet			
October				
4	South Coast Sunday ride	Bud 541-267-2523		
4	OMRRA Racing	Janice Logan 503-221-1487		
11	Mt Scott Grand Prix(PIR)	MIKE 503-659-7213		
November				
8	District 28 Calendar meeting	Butch 503-538-0979		
21	Washington county toy run	Ted 503-640-5766		
28	Vancouver Hog Teddy bear run			
December				
5	Shriner toy run			
6	January 1, 1998 Polar Bear Run Ti	inity Road Riders Dale 234-5266		
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This is the calendar as submitted by Roger as of the 1" day of 1998. If you or any other organization have events that are worthy of noting, please submit them to me, THE EDITOR, by the 10th of the month. I would love to print the calendar with all the happenings around the state and close area there abouts. 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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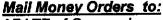
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ABATE of Oregon, Inc. State Run Coordinator P.O. Box 4504 Portland, OR 97208



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PARK RULES

No Firearms No Fireworks

NO Campfires Dogs on leash only
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Cigarette butts in butt cans only
No off-road bike riding
Parents 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!

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

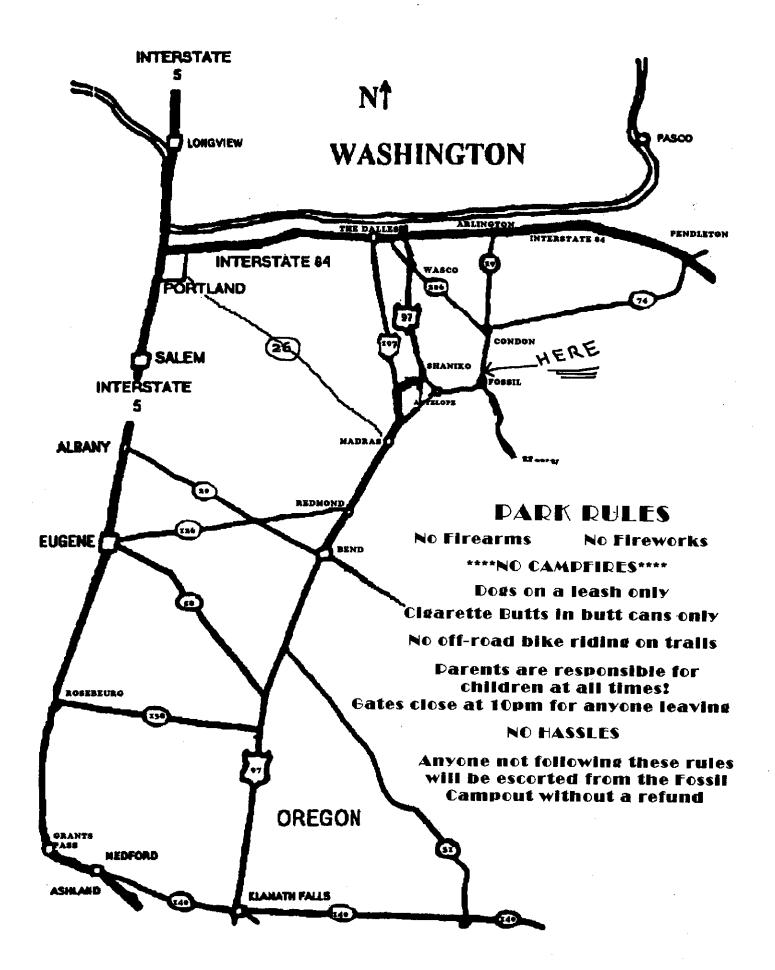
Trophy for the largest participation ABATE Chapter and M/C Organization from Oregon

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

Proceeds go to

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MAP ON REVERSE



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

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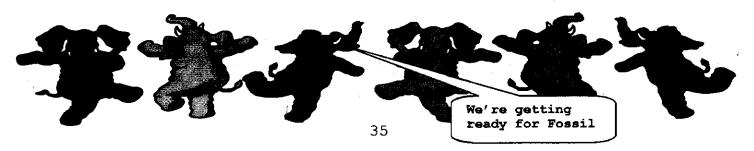
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ATTENTION ALL FAITHFUL READERS: The classified ads are for personal items only. If you have a business or service, please be honest enough to place a commercial ad with the NEWSLETTER. Page two (2) has all the info you need to place an ad that sells.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



To whom it may concern:

It is with my deepest regrets to inform members of your organization, especially those of the Lincoln County branch, that due to my inability to find full-time employment at this time and the havoc this has created with my finances, I have had to withdraw my petition to repeal the state seat law. It was my hope to make this reach to the election but events have dictated otherwise. The weakness in this operation was that it was dependent on only one source of income, mine, and I could no longer keep it going. I am sorry for any inconvenience this has caused for anyone affected, I can assure you this was never my intent. Any petitions left in your hands may be disposed of since they are no longer valid. I would appreciate it if you would circulate this information to your various branches.

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SIGN IN AT 11:00 A. M.

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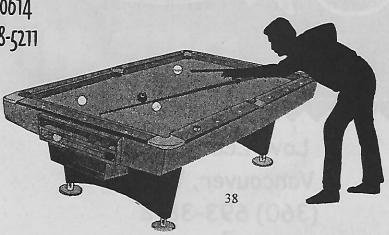
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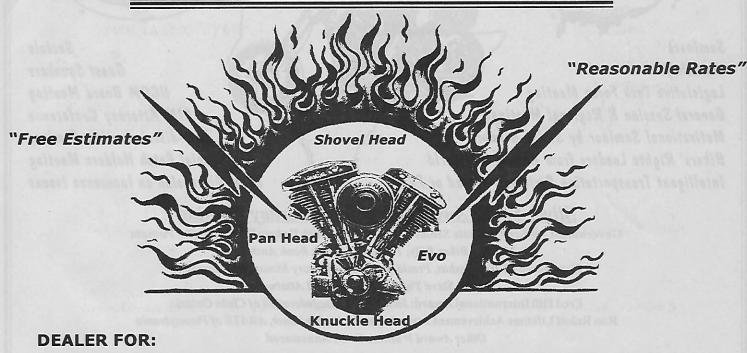
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Intelligent Transportation Systems - Friend or Foe?



Socials
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NCOM Board Meeting
AIM Attorney Conference
Anti-discrimination Seminar
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Panel Discussion on Insurance Issues

Silver Spoke Awards Banquet Saturday Evening

Government - Wisconsin State Senator Dave Zien & South Dakota State Rep. Jim Putnam
Media - Biker Billy, TV Host & Cook Book Author
Commerce - Terry Nesbitt, President, Polaris Victory Motorcycle Company
Legal - Steve Tishler, Florida AIM Attorney
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Coordinator's Corner

Hi everybody,

I'm back from the Holiday's roadtrip and I am now really having to face the fact that I am the Coordinator of ABATE of Oregon, Inc. Wow! What an overwhelming thought. Way back in '85 or '86, I think it was, when I joined ABATE. I never thought I would be sitting where I am. I am still rather nervous about being the commander-in-chief, the official spokesperson of your organization, my organization. I love this organization. I guess, mainly because I get to work with a bunch of fun loving, dedicated, loyal people who just happen to share a common love of motorcycling and are willing to stand up and say no to injustice and work very hard to make government work for us. I have tons of respect for the people, past and present, who brought us to this point.

We have done much good work over the years and, though we occasionally have internal disagreements, we always seem to pull together for the common good. Twenty years ago, when ABATE of Oregon was created, there wasn't a real strong Motorcycle Rights movement around the U.S. and I applaud the forward-thinking people who created our corporation and helped move it along. Today we have BikePAC as well as other Oregon rider groups along with State and National MRO's from all over the nation that we work with, or just share info. I believe through this process we have become stronger as well as assisting other MRO's around the country in growing stronger. Much of our strength lies in our autonomy and individuality as an organization, but I hope we will continue to work with other MRO's to exchange and utilize information with each other when it will benefit the common good. You know the old saying, "United we stand, divided we fall". Our opponents love to try to divide us.

I must thank all the people who have enough faith in my abilities to ask me to hold this position. I pray I don't let you down. I know I'm going to screw up sometimes. I'm forgetful, I procrastinate, and I'm human, so shoot me. Realistically, I'm going to ask for advice and help from officers past and present. The same goes for you members at large. We should all be helping each other to further our goals as an organization and spread the workload out. So, when you see me goofing up, tell me please. Especially when I'm not following the rules. I never have been very good at that.

Enough of my whining, lets move on to the business at hand.

Of utmost importance for chapters right now, is to get your new officer list to Mother. It makes it very difficult for the State Officers to communicate with the Chapters if we don't know whom to call. Secondly, please get good representation at the State Board meetings every month. If we do this, I think the rest will fall into place. We have the Chapter bookkeeping and other financial policy changes to work with, so if you have the skills and the time, lend your chapter treasurer or Clark Brooker, State Treasurer, a hand. We have STEAM coming up. This is a good opportunity for interested people to benefit from the wisdom of those folks I referred to earlier. Or maybe you just want to show up and help. Please show your support for the good people who are working hard to put on this event. Then we have something near and dear to my heart, a legislative session, and an election. I think we should start talking about a legislative retreat. I have a buttload of ideas when it comes to that. If you are of a mind to actively support legislators who support us, now is the time. Help your members or friends who do not understand the electoral process but would like to. Just remember, ABATE of Oregon, Inc. cannot endorse or support a candidate, but you can as individuals. Then there's the Motorcycle Awareness Program, Fossil! Lord what have I gotten myself into. Please get involved. It's actually fun and together I think we can win our fights. And by the way, if you see my beautiful wife Kim walking around Fossil this year looking abused, give her a hug and a shot of Quervo, 'cause I'm hard to live with during the best of times.

Let's show the opposition what we are made of!

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ABATE OF OREGON STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 12:19 by Chris Vieira, Coordinator. There were 13 chapters represented, with Blue Mountain Chapter attending by phone, and 12 eligible to vote.

Coordinator's Comments: Greetings again! All of the December chapters meeting minutes have been turned in on time, great job. The event sanctioning process is in it's infancy, and we want to work together, but we must never allow any separate entity to use the ABATE name without proper authorization.

Correspondence: Ontario Confederation of clubs letter, BikePAC minutes, MRF minutes, State of Oregon proposal of rule change.

Legislative Director: ABATE will be sending two representatives to Washington, D.C. at the end of February. They will be visiting Oregon's Congresspeople and Senators, and they need letters of introduction from those of us who can't go to the capitol and speak for ourselves. Write to your representative, let them know John and Mel are coming and that you want them to listen carefully to what John and Mel have to say. Contact Teresa if you need addresses.

Education Director: Mel is excited about his upcoming trip to Washington, D.C. Ken Ray has been helping them prepare. Education Director II position is open, Judd Witcher has been nominated for this position. Nominations will remain open until the next State Board meeting.

Membership Secretary: Still needs everyone to work on increasing our membership. If your chapter hasn't sent an updated list of officers to Mother, please do so now.

Newsletter Editor: With the new capabilities of our newsletter computer system, Gordon would like submissions of graphics, pictures and stories, please.

Products Director: Several new products available, check them out.

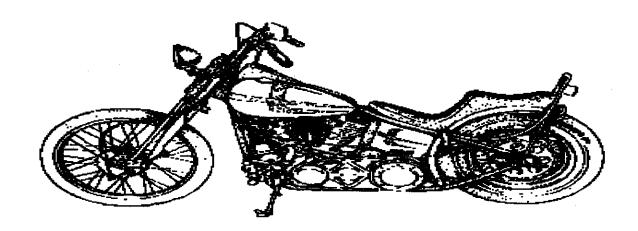
P.R. Director: Plenty of upcoming events, including STEAM, D.J's swap meet, and Fossil. The May Awareness Rally is coming up on May 2nd. Be sure to put it on your calendar.

State Run Coordinator: Fossil flyers are in. Artwork for the Fossil t-shirts are needed, the deadline is April 11th. This year, a shuttle from the campout to town will be available for .50 a ride. EMT's are needed for the Fossil campout. If you are an EMT, or know someone who would be interested, contact Roger. D.J.'s swap meet is coming up, we need parts donated for the ABATE bike part sale. Call Roger if you have some stuff to donate.

Treasurer: Clark reports balances as of 1/31/98 are Bulk Mail \$1600.14, Checking \$3583.48, Savings General, \$9546.68, Savings Legal \$1562.84, for a grand total of \$16293.14.

Historian: Several people donated pictures and articles, thank you.

Web Page Editor: Not present, any report. Web page has not been updated in some time, Chris will contact Tom for further information.



Committee Reports:

- 1. Membership: WaCo has volunteered to mail a questionnaire to it's chapter membership to see what the members want and need from this organization. Will report back with results.
- 2. AIM / PLL Committee: Committee recommends that no changes be made in ABATE of Oregon's relationship with AIM and NCOM. State Coordinator to annually review AIM and NCOM and their relationship with ABATE, presenting the review to the ABATE State: Board of Directors.
- 3. Trifold Committee: New trifolds are in, displays and stock of trifolds dispersed to each chapter.

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Bylaw Committee: Proposal to form this committee advanced several months ago, the committee is comprised of the PR Director, Newsletter Editor, Webpage Editor, Coordinator and also Bob Avery has volunteered for this committee. The Bylaw Committee will be responsible for creating editorial guidelines for use by the Newsletter and Webpage Editors.
- 2. Helmet Law Proposal: This proposal is to challenge the constitutionality of Oregon's helmet law. Sam Hochberg researched the test case presented to him, and feels that at this time it would be better not to bring this case forward, as it could backfire on us, causing us to adhere to an even stricter helmet standard. Sam said he would be willing to review any further cases brought to his attention. Several others spoke in agreement with not pursuing this case, since we helped to enact this current version of the helmet law (helmet standards), going back and challenging it could be viewed as "two-faced'. Proposal tabled until such time further information arises.
- 3. Best of the West: Limited response to vanpool idea. Any participants in the Best of the West conference will be responsible for arranging their own transportation.
- 4. Member's Handbook: Original plan not financially feasible- so will be printed as part of the newsletter, Gordon will check to see if the handbook can be printed on the same stock as the cover.
- 5. May Awareness Rally: Permits and Speakers in process, trials riders demoneeds obstacles, Ted will continue to work on this.

New Business:

- 1. NCOM Convention: Sam distributed a flyer, AIM is willing to pay for 1 person to represent ABATE of Oregon at this convention. Chris would like to attend as ABATE's representative. Discussion about converting the legislative hot line into an ABATE event information line, as we have a willing volunteer to maintain his.
- 2. WebPage Addresses: There was interest in having other web site addresses published in our newsletter. Agreed to do so, as long as it was specified that these were not maintained by ABATE of Oregon.

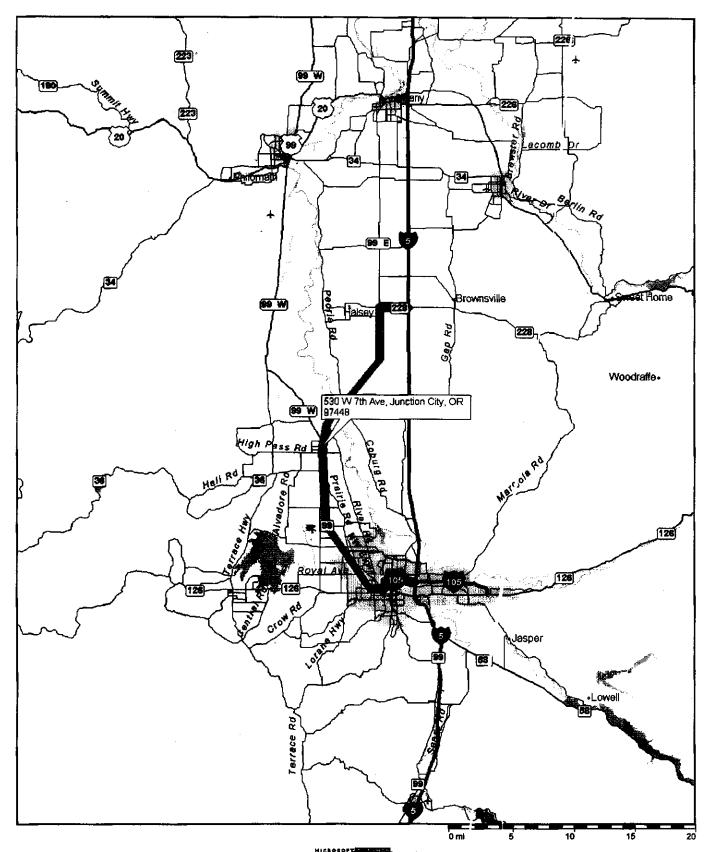
Here are some web pages to contact for information:

http://www.europa.com/~frankie/election.htm

- 3. Wheeler fundraiser: Wheeler high school fund-raiser asked for free publication of a flyer in our newsletter. Much discussion about providing free space to a non-mro group. Agreed to not publish their flyer.
- 4. BikePAC planning session: Scheduled for March 21st and 22nd. Contact Brian or Teresa Hepker for more information.

Announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned at 4:17 PM. The next State Board meeting is scheduled for March 14th at noon in Junction City, Or, 530 W. 7th (cross street, Kalmia). See map on next page.

Minutes submitted by Jill Tracy, State Recording Secretary



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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
1" SUNDAY	BLUE MOUNTAIN	1:00 PM, East Side Tavern Rest., 2209 Adams Av., LaGrande 2
SUNDAY	CENTRAL OREGON	2:00 PM, KC's Pizza House, 1655 N. Hwy 97, Redmond
	KEIZER	4:00 PM Izzy's Pizza, 3400 River Rd, Keizer
3rd SUNDAY	SOUTH COAST	11:00 AM, Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend
	DOUGLAS COUNTY	12:00 AM, Round Table Pizza, Roseburg Valley Mall, Roseburg
	SOUTHERN OREGON	12:00 Noon, Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill
2nd & 4th SUNDAYS	COLUMBIA RIVER	12:30 PM, Pizza Perfect, 6815 NE Killingsworth, Portland
4th SUNDAYS	SALEM	1:00 PM, Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem
1st & 3rd TUESDAYS	RIVER CITY	7:30 PM, Zim's Brau Haus, 604 E 2nd St., The Dalles
2 nd & 4 th TUESDAY	WASHINGTON COUNTY	7:30 PM, Cassandra's Restaurant, 446 SW Baseline, Hillsboro
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" & 3rd FRIDAY	LINCOLN COUNTY	7:30 PM, Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport
1 ⁸¹ THURSDAY	WILLAMETTE VALLEY	7:00 PM, PrimeTimeSportsBar&Grill, 1360 Mohawk, Springfield