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Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1 st SUNDAY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	1:00 Round Table Pizza in Roseburg
1 st & 3 rd SUNDAY	S.E. PORTLAND	12:00 Noon, M/M Restaurant & Lounge 137 N. Main Gresham
2 nd SUNDAY	CENTRAL OREGON	2:00 PM Wild Wind Motorcycle & Diner, N. Hwy 97, Bend
3 rd SUNDAY	SOUTH COAST	11:00 AM, Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend
	SOUTHERN OREGON	2:00 PM, Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill
2 nd SUNDAY	COLUMBIA RIVER	12:30 PM, Pizza Perfect, 6815 NE Killingsworth, Portland
4 th SUNDAY	SALEM	1:00 PM, Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem
1 st & 3 rd TUESDAYS	RIVER CITY	7:00 PM, Spooky's Pizza on West 6th Street, The Dalles
2 nd & 4 th TUESDAY	WASHINGTON COUNTY	7:30 PM, PrimeTimeSportsBar&Rest, 4202 Pacific Av, Forest Grove
1 st & 3 rd WEDNESDAY	NORTH COAST ABATE	7:00 PM Astoria Eagles, 894 Commercial, Astoria
3 rd WEDNESDAY	N.E. PORTLAND	7:30 PM, RoundTable Pizza, 4141 NE 122 nd , Portland
3 rd THURSDAY	WILLAMETTE VALLEY	7:00 PM, Foxfire Restaurant 4740 Main St., Springfield
1 st & 3 rd FRIDAY	LINCOLN COUNTY	7:00 PM, Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport

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The Editor 1/1/2001

94 FLHTC w/TLE Ultra Sidecar
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Black, lots of extra chrome
10k miles
Crane Cam,
Chromemoly adjustable pushrods,
Kerker Performance Exhaust w/tuning kit
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Dyno Jet Kit
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\$22,500.00
May trade for Softtail(FX or Fatboy)
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(7/01)

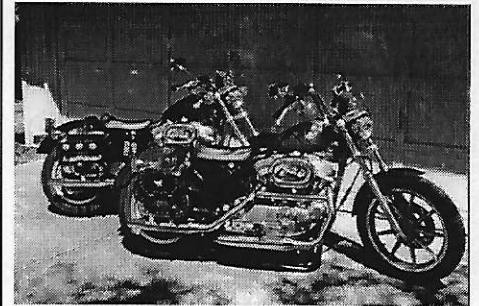
Wanted:
Donation of working Windows based computer. Needed for South Coast Chapter's new treasurer. Must be at least a 486 or better and running Windows 95 or better. A modem would be nice. I know that there are plenty of Geeks in

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Call Carla at:
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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ CHAPTER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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

NAME: _____ NAME: _____

NAME: _____ NAME: _____

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

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

VOTER INFORMATION:

CONGRESSIONAL _____ SENATORIAL _____ REPRESENTATIVE _____

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

YOUR CANCELLED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER RECEIPT IS YOUR PROOF OF PAYMENT

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

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

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

NAME _____

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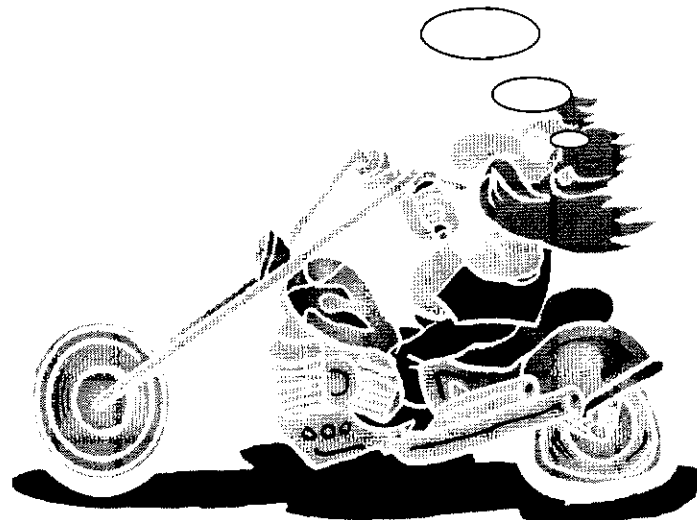
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER _____

SIGNATURE _____

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HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA

What a good Joke on you,
Happy April Fool's Day
Now good luck trying to figure out how
to read this issue.



HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

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

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

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

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

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

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

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

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

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

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

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

COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____

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

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

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

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

If no explain: _____

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

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

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

If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH

If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

YES : How did you plead?

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

If you pled NOT GUILTY, have you gone to trial? _____ NO : When is your court date? _____ YES : What was the

verdict? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

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

Label permanently fastened inside? YES NO

Was helmet modified? YES NO

If modified describe: _____

ATTN: Members

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

Revised: December 1998

ABATE PRODUCTS ORDER FORM - PRICE LIST

QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
YEAR PINS				
_____	AYP2	Year Pin - 2 yr. member - blue.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP3	Year Pin - 3 yr. member - white.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP4	Year Pin - 4 yr. member - red/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP5	Year Pin - 5 yr. member - white/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP6	Year Pin - 6 yr. member - black/orange.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP7	Year Pin - 7 yr. member - black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP8	Year Pin - 8 yr. member - dark blue.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP9	Year Pin - 9 yr. member - yellow.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP10	Year Pin - 10 yr. member - red/white/blue....	3.25	_____
_____	AYP11	Year Pin - 11 yr. member - purple/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP12	Year Pin - 12 yr. member - blue/red.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP13	Year Pin - 13 yr. member - green/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP14	Year Pin - 14 yr. member - black/red.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP15	Year Pin - 15 yr. member - gold/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP16	Year Pin - 16 yr. member - grey/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP17	Year Pin - 17 yr. member - copper/black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP18	Year Pin - 18 yr. member - light blue/gold....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP19	Year Pin - 19 yr. member - purple/gold.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP20	Year Pin - 20 yr. member - red/white/blue....	3.75	_____

QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
ABATE PINS				
_____	ALAN	ABATE Anniversary Pin.....	4.00	_____
_____	ALPIG	ABATE Logo Pin - gold.....	5.00	_____
_____	ALPIS	ABATE Logo Pin - silver.....	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIB	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, silver.....	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIG	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, gold.....	5.00	_____
_____	AWP	ABATE Wing Pin - silver.....	5.00	_____
_____	AWPG	ABATE Wing Pin - gold.....	5.00	_____
_____	ASP	ABATE Supporter Pin.....	4.00	_____
_____	AUWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing Pin - 5 color.....	4.00	_____
_____	ALOP	ABATE Oval Logo Pin - black/gold.....	4.00	_____
_____	AFP	Fossil Pin.....	3.75	_____
_____	A#1P	ABATE #1 Pin - small, 3 color.....	2.25	_____
_____	ACWP	ABATE Uplifted wing-5 color on White.....	4.00	_____
_____	MUG	ABATE Logo on Mug.....	5.00	_____
_____	A#1ER	Earrings (post or Hoop).....	4.00	_____
_____		Bandana.....	6.00	_____

QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
MISCELLANEOUS				
_____	AFRB	ABATE Freedom Of The Road Belt Buckle - Pewter.....	15.00	_____
_____	ALH	ABATE Logo Hats - white on black.....	5.00	_____
_____	CW	Screw the Helmet pin.....	3.00	_____

QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
ABATE T-SHIRTS				
_____	AFRTS	ABATE T-shirts.....	10.00	_____
_____	AFRTL	ABATE Sweatshirts.....	17.50-20.00	_____
NOTE: Assorted Colors.....X-Lg. and LARGER add \$2.00 Chapter Logo setup Fee with each order (One time charge)..... 9.50 (In order to be able to obtain shirts at this price, Orders must be a minimum of 12 shirts or more.)				

QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS				
_____	ANG	Year Bars (indicate year _____ - 1982 thru 1993 available.....)	1.50	_____
_____	CLOTH	Year Bars (indicate year _____) Small.....	1.00	_____
_____	CLOTH	Year Bars (indicate year _____) Large.....	1.50	_____
License Plate Frames - Cars w/Let Those Who Ride Decide..... 5.00 License Plate Frames - Motorcycles w/Let Those Who Ride Decide..... 5.00				
SUBTOTAL		_____		
Shipping Charge		_____		
UNDER \$25.00=\$5.00		_____		
\$25.01-\$100.00=\$6.00		_____		
T-SHIRTS = \$8.00		_____		
SHIPPING CHARGE		_____		
		TOTAL _____		

ABATE PRODUCTS
P.O. Box 4504
Portland, Oregon 97208
Products Director
Nancy Brooker
PHONE: 503-232-4686 FAX 503-235-5658

PREPAID _____ **DATE** _____

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____

_____ **STATE** _____

ZIP CODE _____

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!!

ABATE OF OREGON Inc.



A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments

July 1st	Hair Scrambles ??? Eugene	541-688-6352
July 4th	Willamette Valley Chap Independence Day Run	541-485-2352
July 8th	Salem HOG Poker Run	503-829-7005
July 20th -21st -22nd	Coos River Run	541-888-8081
July 20th -21st -22nd	Cow Chip Boogie	
July 27th - 29th	Run 21 SE Portland Chapter	503-760-9015
July 27th - 29th	Ocean Shores Rally	
July 28th	BikePAC at the Sea	503-469-0662 Deb
July 29th	Flying M Dual Sport Race	503-656-5801
August 10th - 12th	Beaver Creek Lincoln Co	541-563-6526
August 17th - 19th	Summer Run Portland Chapters	503-777-5121
August 24th - 26th	SOS Run So. Oregon Chapters	541-821-1487
August 25th	Rotary Air and Bike Show N. Bend	541-888-8081
August 26th	Dual Sport	503-670-9060
September 2nd	Sunset HOG Poker Run	503-335-3686
September 8th - 9th	AHDRA ALL HARLEY DRAGS Woodburn	
September 14th - 16th	End of Summer Run Wa Co/ N. Coast	503-861-1703
September 16th	Show-N-Shine Coos Bay	541-888-8081
September 23rd	ABATE of Oregon Fall Swap Meet	503-285-4329
October 14th	Casino Night Willamette Valley Chapter	541-746-7837 Rick
November 4th	AMA run sanctioning meeting	503-538-0979
November 17th	Wash. County Chapter TOY RUN	503-357-1727
November 18th	South Coast Food Drive	541-888-8081 Charlie
November 30th	International Motorcycle Show	
December 1st	International Motorcycle Show	
DECEMBER 1st	SHRINER'S TOY RUN	503-771-0188
December 9th	Salem TOY RUN	503-791-1640
December 15th	TOY RUN Lincoln Co. Chapter	541-365-6850
December 16th	S. Coast Toy Run	541-888-8081
December 22nd	Shore Acres	541-888-8081
January 1, 2002	Trinity Road Riders Polar Bear Run	503-774-5149
January 5, 2002	Washington County Ice Cycle Run	503-357-1727
February 2002	S.T.E.A.M. 2002	541-967-1286/yeagermel@aol.com

SUBMIT YOUR RUN DATES FOR 2001 TODAY WITH YOUR STATE RUN COORDINATOR.

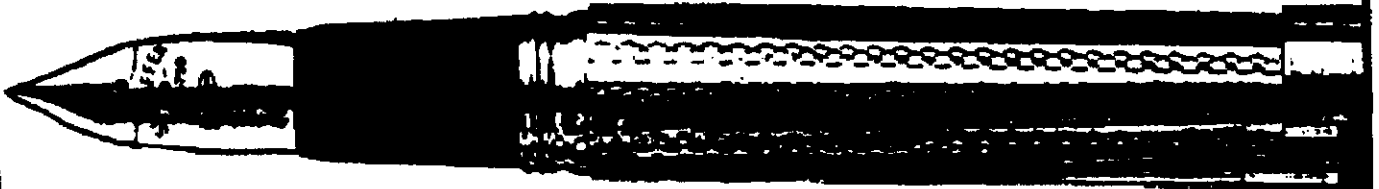
Be a part of the solutions or quit complaining about the problems.

Please remember that your fliers need to go to the Sanctioning Committee and then to the Newsletter. A good thing to do is get them submitted EARLY! Try to give your flier a four-month head start so your event has a great chance of being talked about and people have time to plan so they can attend. Help your event be successful, **PLAN AHEAD!**

DO THE WORK BEFORE YOU PLAY, THAT WAY YOU CAN PLAY HARDER AND NOT WORRY ABOUT THE WORK TO BE DONE.

2001 RUN CALENDAR ABATE OF OREGON

**THERE'S NOTHING MIGHTIER
THAN THE SWORD.
EXCEPT MAYBE, A PEN.**



Freedom Isn't Free . . .
Write to your legislator!

April 1st	Oregon 250	503-6414734
April 21st	Renton WA Swap Meet	
April 22nd	ABATE of Wa Spokane Swap Meet	
April 28th	JJ's Benefit Poker Run N. Coast	360-665-6513
April 29th	True Apostles Swap Meet	503-643-4725
April 29th	China Hat Race	503-656-5801 Billy
May 5th	Motorcycle Awareness Rally and FREEDOM RALLY STATE CAPITOL	
May 12th	Oregon 500	503-641-4734
May 12th - 13th	Pony Mall Show	541-888-8081
May 18th	Open HOG Brown Bag	503-335-3686
May 19th	Willamette Valley Rhody Fest Poker Run	541-485-2352
May 19th	Joker Poker Run Salem Area	503-304-1178 Simon
May 19th	Law Enforcement Poker Run	503-585-5114
May 20th	Wash Co Poker Run	503-357-1727
May 20th	Dual Sport Poker Run	503-670-9060
May 25th -28th	FOSSIL Campout	503-285-4329
June 2nd	SE Portland Poker Run	503-760-9015
June 2nd	GAY 90's Parade	541-888-8081
June 2nd	Western States 1000	503-641-4734
June 16th	Wash Co Roll-N-Ride	503-357-1727
June 15th - 17th	Washington Spring Opener	253-473-2276
June 23rd	Angie's Run Columbia River	503-282-4604
June 30th	N. Coast Around Saddle Mt Poker Run	360-665-6513

From The

GUNNY'S SACK

The ABATE of Oregon Motorcycle Swap Meet in Portland was the start of our riding season, and I was there with a booth for Aid To Injured Motorcyclists (AIM), supporting our brothers and sisters. I don't know if anyone made any money or not but we sure had a good time. I think that's the whole story anyhow. Bikers enjoying their lifestyle.

Remember our AIM attorneys are there for us supporting our lifestyle, too, because they ride, and they donate their time *pro bono* to biker causes, from ABATES to the NCOM Confederations of Clubs. They're part of us.

Call **1-800-On-A-Bike** if you have any vehicle accident, bikes in particular, you will get help. In Oregon call **Sam Hochberg** at 503-224-1106 or 1-800-347-1106. Hope to see ya May 10-12 at the NCOM national conference, in Orlando!!

NEWS BIT'S N PIECES: ALBION, PA: According to Harold Benich, he is just a goober that likes to make things. This guy rides a home-modified Harley Fatboy that runs on Soy Bean oil. When it's running he says it smells like a batch of french fries and draws a crowd of hungry folks every time he stops. Guess it runs pretty good and he never has to buy gasoline. He gets just about 275 miles per tank full, or thirty miles per gallon.

He built the bike from mail-order parts and an old diesel engine. It's believed to be the country's first motorcycle that runs entirely on soybean oil, according to the National Biodiesel Board in Jefferson City, Mo.

It took him two years to build from Harley parts and an engine that was rescued from a construction site. He admits the oil-powered cycle won't accelerate like a factory-made scooter and it costs about a third more to run. But, his fuel won't catch fire and is so clean "even the fish will eat it." It's guys like this that keep us cookin' down the road.

PHOENIX, AZ: Titan Motorcycle Co. of America has secured court approval for an additional \$250,000 debtor in possession financing. "The additional cash will allow Titan to continue ramping up production to meet the rising seasonal demands," said CEO Frank Keery. He expects in the next few weeks to expand the Company's financial strength with an additional seven-figure debtor in possession loan that, once approved by the Court, will enable the company to operate through a successful reorganization in 2001. The company has successfully executed a distribution agreement with the Independence Motorcycle Company. Independence Motorcycles is pleased with the initial success of their bike sales and will now distribute motorcycles through the Bikers Dream dealer network, a subsidiary of V-Twin, and

operates six dealerships and licenses the name to 16 independent dealers in 14 states. V-Twin also has right of first refusal to sell the TITAN motorcycles within the territories of its Bikers Dream dealerships, in addition to any new store openings. With this agreement, V-Twin has placed an order to purchase three hundred new millennium-style motorcycles. Terms were not announced. That many motorcycles under any terms is a HUGE bite to take unless you're real sure you can swallow the whole thing. My best wishes go with this endeavor.

MIRA LOMA, CA: Ultra Motorcycle Co. announced results from the 33rd Annual Dealer News International Powersports Dealer Expo held in Indianapolis back in February. Their exhibition of motorcycles netted them around 60 new dealer inquiries which are currently being reviewed. The Dealer Expo was attended by nearly half of UMC's current dealer base, and those in attendance placed motorcycle orders at the show for approximately 200 units, totaling more than \$4 million. On Feb. 16, at their annual Dealer Conference the company unveiled its newest model, the "Titanium Series 2." The differences between the 'T' series 1 & 2 include 6-gallon stretched gas tanks, cruiser-style handlebar, 18-inch front tire and wheel and uniquely styled longer rear fender with distinctive flip. I like the idea of more gasoline capacity, especially if you travel some of the long runs in the Southern California desert country where fill-ups are far and few between.

SOUTHFIELD, MI: Polk, the longest standing curator of auto records in the U.S., says the 2000 Motorcycle National Vehicle Population Profile (MNVPP) is now available. It's a census of every motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle (ATV) registered in the United States. This information, which can be sorted by make, geographic location, model, year and category (off-highway or on-road), gives Motorcycle Rights Organizations the ability to gather and share information for more political clout. You can bet this tidbit was unintended but lets take advantage of it. Polk's 2000 Motorcycle file is loaded with facts and stats we can use such as: there are more than 5.5 million motorcycles registered in the U.S, and California has roughly 12 percent of them. Nearly 30% of all running bikes are located in four states: California, New York, Texas, and Illinois. Registrations in Louisiana and Texas have increased by more than 60% since 1997, which are the highest volume increases in the country. *A thought: Texas and Louisiana have both recently passed laws that allow adults to ride free. I wonder if that had anything to do with this HUGE rise in registrations?*

Official Hacked to Death in Pemba, Tanzania:

WOW! Hey, be careful if you ride in Tanzania. Seems a government official there was out for a putt recently, and got stopped by a roadblock. This time by gangsters, not cops. Some thugs hacked the guy to death with machetes! The Police think it might be political. He's just as dead, though. Police say there have been 24 people, including a cop, killed in violence here. Ouch! What a way to die.

UNITED KINGDOM: Britain's motor bike boom has continued into 2001, with January sales accelerating by 41%. More than 9,438 motorcycles, scooters, and mopeds were sold in the first month of this year, with scooters selling very well. These figures follow total sales for 2000 of more than 170,000 -- the best annual figure since 1983.

People are fed up with the creaking old English public transportation. Anyone with a full car license can just ride a moped. More and more people are turning to this inexpensive, environmentally-friendly form of transport to avoid getting stuck on overcrowded and delayed trains or in endless lines of cars.

CHINA: From **Chinaonline** comes this news. A short time ago we were saying look to China for motorcycle sales success. Now they're in trouble with huge surpluses and foreign manufacturers are causing hard times for domestic builders because of licensing disputes. I've seen at least one Chinese bike that wasn't up to par with the rest of the world.

Why so much bouncing around in the Chinese motorcycle industry? There are three reasons. First a ban on bikes in some Asian cities hit manufacturers hard. Currently, more than 60 large and medium-size Chinese cities have bike bans. (*Something for the rest of us to pay attention to*).

Second, the huge profits in the industry a few years ago stimulated blind investment in the sector by various enterprises and local interests. Currently, China has 150-odd motorcycle manufacturers, but less than 50 of them are filed with the state.

Third, orders fell rapidly as fake and shoddy products flooded the market. Some bikes were put together with parts that originated from "dubious sources" and customers wouldn't buy them. Guess I might have to look harder for a good Chinese scoot.

Keep the round side on the bottom.

Gunny,

Oregon AIM Chief of Staff

American Motorcyclist Association's (AMA) new service will put motorcyclists immediately in contact with lawmakers, government officials, and the media when important issues arise.

The AMA Rapid Response Center is designed to make sure the voices of motorcyclists are heard when laws are being considered and regulations are being written that could affect their future. It provides an instantaneous link that targets a message directly to the people making decisions.

The Rapid Response Center is a new part of the AMA's website at www.AMADirectlink.com. By clicking the "AMA Rapid Response" logo, motorcyclists are taken to a site where they can send e-mail messages on current issues. In the Rapid Response Center, motorcyclists will find background on those vital issues, along with pre-written responses, already directed toward officials in a position to make a difference. All the motorcyclist needs to do is enter a name and contact information, then click a button to send the message. In the case of issues before federal lawmakers, the message can even be automatically directed to the representative and senators for that motorcyclist.

The Rapid Response Center can also be used to help motorcyclists quickly identify their representatives in Washington and get background information on those officials, including the committees they sit on and how to reach them by ordinary mail. The service even provides the names and titles of key staff members, and identifies friends of motorcycling in Congress.

Franklin, Ohio High School Principal Robert Leahy, and several school Board members, have banned a poster of the schools wrestling team posing, clad in black leather and sitting atop new Harley-Davidson motorcycles, at the front entrance of Aces and Eights Harley Davidson in Mason, OH citing "this is very offensive" and that "it gives off the wrong impression of our students."

The team did the poster as a fund raiser for the wrestling program, which the school fails to provide enough funding for, to help fund the remainder of the season and the playoffs.

You can let these educator's know how you feel about this by contacting Dinzle Brown, Superintendent, Franklin City Schools, 150 East Sixth Street Franklin, Ohio 45005 or at superintendent@franklin-city.k12.oh.us or contact Robert Leahy, Franklin High School Principal at rleahy@franklin-city.k12.oh.us



Nevada's Assembly Bill 88 would return voluntary helmet usage to adults. Nevada residents are encouraged to call the State Legislative Hotline at 800-978-2878 and voice your support for AB 88. Be sure to give your name and address.

The National Park Service (NPS) is still planning on phasing out snowmobile use in Yellowstone National Park, the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway, and, with some exceptions, in Grand Teton National Park. This rule becomes effective February 21, 2001 despite a Montana Joint Resolution being introduced to oppose this. This is one of the executive orders placed on hold by President Bush that allows for no new rules to be promulgated to reduce during the winter seasons of 2000-2001 or 2001-2002 snowmobile use in any units of the national park system below current use patterns.

However, the NPS feels that this does not include any such restrictions for the winter of 2000-2001. For the winter of 2001-2002, the proposed rule included daily limits on snowmobile use of all three parks at historic levels, to prevent increases in use; restrictions on nighttime snowmobile operation; and repeal of the current designation of seven routes in Yellowstone for snowmobile use. The remainder of this final rule is substantively identical to what was originally proposed by the Clinton administration.

The NPS received 5,273 comments in the form of letters, postcards and e-mails during the 30 days for public comment on the proposal. Of the comments, only 817 supported continued snowmobile use in the parks, while the rest supported the ban.

AMA members Roger Swarengen and Dal Smilie presented testimony to the Montana House of Representatives on House Bill 403 that would, among other things, have required mandatory seat belt usage for younger motorcycle riders.

The Committee removed that requirement.

ORCA, the trade association representing the human-powered recreation business community, recently announced it will launch Businesses for Wilderness (B4W). Businesses for Wilderness was initiated in collaboration with the Pew Charitable Trusts and is being supported with a \$1 million grant from the Philadelphia-based philanthropy.

The coalition will be the first project of the newly formed Outdoor Recreation Foundation. The initiative has three specific goals: "to protect currently unprotected roadless areas on federal lands, shift the management and budgetary focus of federal public lands toward protecting natural resources, and to educate the public

and policy makers on the benefits of outdoor recreation."

The Pew Charitable Trusts has long been regarded as one of the nation's leading advocates for locking out motorized recreation on public lands. Pew's support of the B4W will not only enable ORCA to expand its role in closing publicly owned areas, but also, enable ORCA to execute regional and local campaigns. This grant reaffirms the agenda of Pew's anti-access agenda and takes the deceptive campaign to a new level. Sally McCoy, chairperson of the ORCA Board and president of Sierra Designs, Bill Meadows, president of The Wilderness Society and Sky George, vice president of marketing for CamelBak and a member of the ORCA board have all publicly supported B4W.

New York's AMA-PAC, after months of preparation and activity, is now a statewide Political Action Committee (PAC) for the Empire State's motorcyclists to support those legislators and candidates who support our issues.

AMA District 3 president Larry Schwartz started the movement with a proposal to create the PAC with "seed" money of one thousand dollars of donations from the District. AMA-PAC, the first of its kind for a grass roots effort by an AMA District in the state, showed that with a little effort and dedication, AMA members can be involved in their own destinies. Since its inception the PAC has raised \$4,081 from AMA District 34, AMA District 4 and within District 3. Individuals interested in donating to AMA-PAC of New York can send their contributions to: 15 Dawn Drive, Scotia, NY 12302.

Minnesota's mushrooming debate to build a statewide trail system for off-highway vehicles, including dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles, is taking an all too familiar tone.

Those who don't want OHV trails are being painted as "environmentalists," or "tree-huggers." Likewise, the folks who want a place to ride are portrayed as wheelie-riding motorheads hell-bent on trashing the forests.

Minnesota has about 135,000 registered all-terrain vehicles, and a good many of their owners are responsible and law-abiding riders. But because ATV usage is growing exponentially, state lawmakers have told the Department of Natural Resources to create an off-road trail system on state lands that greatly would increase the 600 miles currently in use. ATV riders argue correctly that by paying their registration fees and gas taxes, they should get a trail system. Many business owners, some deer hunting groups and mainstream anti-access organizations have joined other landowners opposing many of the proposed trails.

Virginia's SB 861 and HB 2217 prevents closure by political subdivisions of the Commonwealth of any highway to motorcycles if public funds were used in the highway's or transportation project's construction. The bills have passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.

SB 835 and HB 1568 have also passed with unanimous support the House and Senate. These bills remove the red tape encountered when trying to open new sites or make changes to the curriculum of the Virginia Rider Safety Training Program.

Each of the like bills for House and Senate will be rolled into one bill and forwarded to Governor Jim Gilmore for his signature. Virginia Coalition Of Motorcyclists and ABATE of Virginia anticipates no resistance from the Governor's office. Both of these organizations are to be commended for their fine work in ensuring a positive future for motorcycling in the Old Dominion.

Missouri's helmet law modification legislation for the 2001 legislative session (HB70 and SB17) have cleared their first hurdle by being passed out of their respective committee's with "DO PASS" recommendations. Letters of support should be directed to your Representative and Senator.

A Massachusetts citizens safety advocacy group has petitioned the State legislature to enact a law (Bill # H1263) requiring the use of protective headgear for drivers and passengers of all motor vehicles, public and private.

The proposed headgear requirement is similar to that which currently requires motorcycle operators and their passengers to wear helmets. Supporters of this bill cite statistics that over ninety percent of all fatal automobile crashes are the result of head trauma. The net savings to taxpayers and insurance costs paid to health care providers will be, in the millions of dollars from substantially fewer head trauma injuries. The inconvenience of having to tote a helmet around with you when traveling through out the Commonwealth is seen as a minor trade off in exchange for a dramatic reduction in personal tragedy and financial burden associated with significant head trauma.

Colorado Representative Mark Udall has come up with a new proposal to preserve federal property in the James Peak area. Under a bill introduced by the Boulder Democrat, 34,000 acres in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest would be protected from development via designation as wilderness or a "protection area."

The measure would designate 14,000 acres on the east side of the continental divide as

wilderness, 18,000 acres in Grand County as "James Peak Protection Area" and add 2,000 acres in Grand County to the Indian Peaks Wilderness area.

The proposal prevents the construction of new roads, the cutting of timber and the development of minerals within the protection area. It would also encourage the US Forest Service to purchase two state inholdings, to remove structures from Mount Evans and establish a new trailhead in the Fall River Basin.

In the wilderness area, motorized activity would be prohibited, and only natural wildlife grazing and recreation such as hiking, fishing and camping would be permitted.

The proposal's language is written to allow for the future reconsideration of the protection area as wilderness. Udall said the term "protection area" is a fairly new concept. It was used in the recently passed Canyons National Conservation Area and Wilderness Act and the 1993 Colorado Wilderness Bill for the Bowen Gulch area.

Utah Congressman Jim Hansen, who chairs the US House Resources Committee, has launched a formal review of all the national monuments designated by President Clinton. By the time Clinton left office, he had invoked the Antiquities Act about 20 times, creating new monuments or enlarging existing ones. In all, Clinton set aside 5.6 million acres of public lands for preservation, more than any president since Jimmy Carter.

Hansen called Clinton's actions "a flagrant abuse of the Antiquities Act" in his letter to the legislators. He asked the representatives to tell him what they and their constituents think about the monuments in their districts. The letter is co-signed by Rep. Joel Hefley, R-Colo., chairman of the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands.

Hansen's initiative could take the form of legislation to revoke, reduce the size of or adjust the boundaries of the monuments. Anti-access organizations have vowed to oppose any tampering with Clinton's monument designations.



Motorcycle emissions: Council of Ministers in line with FEMA position At the Council of Ministers' debate held last week (8th March 2001), encouraging signs came from EU governments who supported, with one exemption, the original proposal of the European Commission (EC) on the next stage of reducing emissions of motorcycles. For hydrocarbons, the Council suggested tighter values for motorcycles above 150 cc than those proposed by the EC for 2003.

The amendments adopted by the European Parliament (EP) at its First Reading do not seem to be very popular among the Member States. Indeed, they do not want the limit values for the third stage of reduction of motorcycle emissions (2006) to be mandatory before a specific test cycle for bikes is finalised. The cycle is expected to be presented by the EC in 2002.

The Council also opposed secondary measures such as On-Board Diagnostics and in use compliance checks, as they are considered inappropriate for two-wheelers at this stage, and asked the EC to investigate the matter, without giving a deadline.

FEMA is very pleased to see that its opposition to the measures proposed by the EP is supported by the Council of Ministers, who are expected to meet again and take a Common Position next June at the latest.

FEMA will meet with the EP's Rapporteur Bernd Lange and the Industry in the near future. From the outcome of the meeting, FEMA will identify the next actions that need to be taken on behalf of European motorcyclists for the EP's Second Reading.

Jokes sent in by member "Crow"

When I went to McDonald's I saw on the menu that you could have an order of 6, 9 or 12 Chicken McNuggets. I asked for a half dozen nuggets. "We don't have half dozen nuggets", said the teenager at the counter. "You don't?" I replied. "We only have six, nine, or twelve," was the reply. "So I can't order a half-dozen nuggets, but I can order six?" "That's right." So I shook my head and ordered six McNuggets.

The paragraph above doesn't amaze me because of what happened a couple of months ago. I was checking out at the local Foodland with just a few items and the lady behind me put her things on the belt close to mine. I picked up one of those "Dividers" that they keep by the cash register and placed it between our things so they wouldn't get mixed. After the girl had scanned all of my items, she picked up the "Divider" looking it all over for the bar code so she could scan it. Not finding the bar code she said to me "Do you know how much this is?" and I said to her "I've changed my mind, I don't think I'll buy that today". She said "OK"

and I paid her for the things and left. She had no clue to what had just happened....

A lady at work was seen putting a credit card into her floppy drive and pulling it out very quickly. When inquired as to what she was doing, she said she was shopping on the Internet and they kept asking for a credit card number, so she was using the ATM "thingy".

I recently saw a distraught young lady weeping beside her car. Do you need some help?" I asked. She replied, "I knew I should have replaced the battery to this remote door unlocker. Now I can't get into my car. Do you think they (pointing to a distant convenient store) would have a battery to fit this?" "Hmmm, I dunno. Do you have an alarm too?" I asked. "No, just this remote thingy," she answered, handing it and the car keys to me. As I took the key and manually unlocked the door, I replied, "Why don't you drive over there and check about the batteries it's a long walk."

Several years ago, we had an Intern who was none too swift. One day she was typing and turned to a secretary and said, "I'm almost out of typing paper. What do I do?" "Just use copier machine paper," the secretary told her. With that, the intern took her last remaining blank piece of paper, put it on the photocopier, and proceeded to make five "blank" copies.

I was in a car dealership a while ago, when a large motor home was towed into the garage. The front of the vehicle was in dire need of repair and the whole thing generally looked like an extra in "Twister". I asked the manager what had happened. He told me that the driver had set the "cruise control" and then went in the back to make a sandwich.

COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

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HELMET LAW REPEAL BILLS INTRODUCED...WHO'S NEXT?

In the five years since bikers from across the country worked together in a united effort to repeal the federal helmet law mandates on November 28, 1995, five states have succeeded in amending their helmet laws to allow adult freedom of choice; Arkansas in 1996, Texas in 1997, Kentucky in 1998, Louisiana in 1999, and most recently Florida in 2000.

As the 2001 legislative sessions commence across the country, the majority of the remaining 20 helmet law states have already introduced repeal bills in hopes of being the next state to win their right to choose;

Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Virginia. California is expected to follow suit soon, while riders in Michigan continue to fight their helmet law through the courts with the help of Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) attorney Larry Katkowsky, who serves as legal counsel to ABATE of Michigan.

In the meantime, the Washington State Legislature will consider a bill that would define exactly what a legal helmet is, in an effort to curb overzealous "beanie helmet" enforcement, and Massachusetts legislators will be debating the merits of a bill to require car drivers to wear helmets too!

CHILD PASSENGERS MAY BE BANNED FROM BIKES

In a bizarre new trend, three states have now introduced legislation to make it illegal to ride a child on the back of a motorcycle. Hawaii's bill, HB923 would ban children under the age of 12 from riding as a passenger. Maryland's HB739 originally banished kids under 12 from the back of bikes, but has been amended to state that a passenger's feet must rest firmly on passenger footpegs. But most disturbing is Pennsylvania's bill, SB248, which would prohibit passengers under the age of 18, regardless of the fact that persons 16 or older can obtain a permit to operate a motorcycle!

CHILDREN'S TOY OFFENDS BIKERS

When the German based toy company Playmobil began manufacturing and marketing their Adventure Police Set just in time for Christmas 2000, they apparently didn't realize that using bikers as "bad guys" would upset anybody. That is, until they received a tersely written letter from Toronto ABATE and the Ontario Confederation of Clubs.

"The depiction of a police officer detaining a rider is an image that should not be used in promoting your product," wrote Glenn Allardyce, President of Toronto ABATE, who went on to point out that, "A 1999 study commissioned by the Motorcycle and Moped Industry Council of Canada has found that the average motorcycle rider is now 43 years of age, married, employed with an income averaging \$50,000 (Canadian), has received 2+ years of post secondary education and rides a motorcycle with an average retail value of \$15,000. To project the image of the stereotypical rebel of the 1960's is a direct slap in the face to the riding community. It is especially offensive in that your product is directed at and used by children. This can only serve to reinforce such archaic and totally groundless fears about motorcyclists."

"Playmobil responded quickly and positively," said Brian Dodds, Secretary of the Ontario Confederation of Clubs, who

helped compose the letter. "Within three weeks after the letter was sent, we received a reply from the Canadian office of the corporation apologizing and informing us that the toy would no longer be manufactured." Russ Sawatzky of Playmobil Canada responded to the riders' concerns in his reply; "I assure you that it was never our intent to imply or promote a negative image towards motorcycle owners and riders. Playmobil's sole objective is to provide hours and hours of play value to children around the world. Now that you have expressed your concerns regarding item #3085 Police Adventure Set, we are in total agreement with your comments and this specific set will no longer be produced. We apologize for any offensive manner this set may have expressed to your membership and I assure you, in the future, we will achieve to be more objective when launching new products."

Congratulations to Toronto ABATE and to the Ontario Confederation of Clubs for their successful efforts in getting this situation resolved.

And, as Dodds points out, "A special congratulations to Playmobil Inc. for exhibiting the true spirit of corporate and community responsibility.

Truly a win-win situation for all involved."

DON'T FOLLOW ME, I'M LOST TOO

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, the total mileage of public highways and streets in the United States is 3,889,299 miles. Even-numbered U.S. routes go east-west, odd numbers go north-south. Three-digit interstate with the first number even (270) indicates a route through or around a city. First number odd (195) indicates a spur into a city.

HARLEYVILLE SIGN POPULAR WITH BIKERS

In Harleyville, South Carolina, the town limits sign has disappeared from the same spot for the fourth time in five years, and town officials think they know who has the signs:

Harley-Davidson fans. A motorcycle shop owner says swiping Harleyville signs, which have been spotted as far away as Florida, is a point of pride among some bikers.

"I've seen them coming with a beer in one hand and a sign in the other, like I'd give them a brownie point or something," he said.

DISPENSING BIKER JUSTICE

USA Network and the former head of the New York Hells Angels are teaming up to bring you "Street Justice," a one-hour special featuring Chuck Zito of the hit HBO series "Oz".

"Most Judges wear robes...ours wears chains," announced USA Network, "Most Judges

are confined to courtrooms...ours hits the streets to seek Justice head on."

Zito searches for the truth to get both sides of the story, drawing upon his own gritty life experiences, and dispenses his own brand of raw, in your face justice, but with a heart. The litigants are real, and the verdicts are final.

Street Justice will premier in Spring 2001, so stay tuned.

"GHOST RIDER" TO HIT THE BIG SCREEN

Dimension Films has acquired the rights to "Ghost Rider," an action-filled adventure based on the popular Marvel Comic's superhero.

"Ghost Rider" was written by David Goyer ("The Crow: City of Angels"), and will be directed by Steven Norrington, who previously worked together on "Blade."

"Ghost Rider" tells the story of a motorcycle stuntman who, seeking revenge for harm done to his one true love, makes a pact with dark forces to avenge the wrongdoing.

By day, the Ghost Rider is a motorcycle stuntman able to perform superhuman tricks; by night he is transformed into a burning demon on wheels as he hunts down those who bring pain to the innocent.

A BIKER'S STORY

The cover of the February 2001 Reader's Digest beckons readers to turn to page 118 for "The Biker and the Baby," a grippingly true tale written by Peter Michelmor about a biker who adopted an infant with severe birth defects. Reminiscent of another true story, "Mask," the biker dedicated himself to raising and nurturing the invalid little girl, Tiffany, and through his love and devotion she was able to experience the joys of life for an all too brief period of time. "His love had given her life, and her life had given him love."

This one's a must read, but keep a box of tissues handy.

EUROPEANS RESOLVE TO MAKE CRASH BARRIERS SAFER FOR MOTORCYCLISTS

The European Parliament has adopted a resolution at the request of the Federation of European Motorcycle Associations regarding making crash barriers safer for motorcycle riders.

FEMA pushed for the resolution because of their concern with a report, "Priorities in EU Road Safety," which advocated safety barriers as a way to improve road safety, but failed to mention that crash barriers are the cause of 10-15% of all fatal motorcycle accidents in Europe and also cause very severe injuries.

FEMA recognized that crash barriers can be of benefit to the majority of road users, but wanted the risk they cause to motorcyclists to be recognized and some

emphasis to be put on existing secondary safety measures to address those risks.

The text adopted in the Resolution reads:

"Whereas such a policy might require major investment to plan and build a safe traffic system; but whereas low-cost road engineering measures, such as safety barriers, may be implemented quickly and, like the production and promotion of EU technical guidelines based on best practices, may significantly improve traffic safety; whereas, however, the safety barriers must meet specific safety requirements of motorcyclists."

CAMPAIGNS CURB MALAYSIA'S HOLIDAY ROAD DEATH TOLL

The average Malaysian may doubt it, but experts say driving campaigns are making the country's roads safer, especially during holidays like the recent Chinese New Year when five times more vehicles travel during the four-week holiday period.

While TV news reports flash pictures of crumpled cars and newspapers decry higher accident numbers, the crash rate per vehicle is actually dropping steady, claims the Ministry of Transport's Suret Singh.

According to a news article written for Reuters by Marty Logan, police have led high-profile safety campaigns, which have included politicians pouring wake-up cups of coffee at highway toll booths and MOTORCYCLE MAKERS HANDING OUT BRIGHT ORANGE SAFETY VESTS.

The campaigns have also included up to \$2.6 million in multimedia advertising, defensive driving courses for new drivers and mandatory motorcycle lanes on all new highways, Singh said.

In the last three years the accident rate has dropped from 8.4 per 10,000 vehicles to 5.8, making Malaysia second lowest in Southeast Asia after Singapore, but well behind the United States and New Zealand, which are below two per 10,000.

Singh said the government's driving campaign is focusing increasingly on two-wheeled travelers, just over half of all vehicles on the road but 16 times more likely to have a crash.

"They tend to tailgate, weave through traffic dangerously and 'beat' red lights," he said.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: "Good intentions will always be pleaded for every assumption of authority. It is hardly too strong to say that the Constitution was made to guard the people against the dangers of good intentions. There are men in all ages who mean to govern well, but they mean to govern. They promise to be good masters, but they mean to be masters."

Noah Webster

Sent in by Mel

I am an Associate Producer at 60 Minutes in New York, and am working on a story about lifestyle discrimination. Our focus is on employers who attempt to control the outside activities of their workers. In particular, I am trying to track down examples of people who were either fired or denied employment because they ride motorcycles during their spare time, or alternatively, a case of an employee who was forced to give up bike-riding as a prerequisite to keeping a job. Employers would presumably take this sort of action in an effort to curb the expense of health benefits. I know that such scenarios exist, but have yet to find a concrete case. Please contact me via e-mail or telephone (212.975.7030). I trust that in your line of work, you may have encountered people who have had such an experience. If not, you probably have the contacts at your disposal to track one down. I imagine that this privacy rights issue is an important one to the motorcycle-riding community. If 60 Minutes pursues the story, I can assure you that it will receive national attention. Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely yours,
Amiel Weisfogel
Associate Producer
60 Minutes

A Nice Day for a Ride

"All right, get out of here! You've been moping and whining around here all damned day. I know you wanna go for a ride. So GO!" My wife turned on her heel and stalked back into the house, slamming the screen door good and loud for effect. The kids, Beethoven, and I looked at the door where she had disappeared then down at the garden where we had hoed, tilled, and planted since breakfast. I looked up at the sky to see where the sun was. Still a couple, three hours till dark. A slow smile spread across my face. A ride.

I scratched Beethoven behind the ears. He's not really a St. Bernard, just a big brown dog with floppy ears and cheeks. "Josh, your scooter runnin'?"

"Blow your old shovelhead off the road old man." he smiled.

"F@#\$in' kids on their f@#\$in' Evo's" I muttered to myself as we walked to the barn. "They'll never know how to fix loose timing advance weights with a paperclip." Of course they won't have to will they?

I rolled open the door to the barn and there they were in all their glory: My beautiful, sight for sore eyes, work of art, only a little dented, but none the worse for wear 1981 Sturgis and Josh's gaudy, runs for ever and never breaks, fully erect, one year old, balls to the wall, ported, polished, fuel

injected Evo. We both just stood there with these idiot smiles on our faces until a Harley passed by on Route 9 about a half a mile away. "I guess we should get going, daylight's burnin'."

The only thing better than lookin' at Harleys is ridin' 'em. His Evo started on the first touch of his button. Mine would have if I had remembered to turn on the gas. Really.

We headed out the driveway after the required number of backfires and sputters, mine not his. (I like to think of it as my bike, Moon Dancer, greeting the ride with a breath of fire.) I led until we got to Piedmont and topped off the tanks. There wasn't a cloud in the sky. The temperature was just a little over eighty. Both bikes were running great. Where to go, where to go? "How about runnin' up to the dam, Dad?" Josh, asked.

"Oh, I don't know. All those good lookin' teenage girls with their firm breasts and flat bellies just barely covered by their bathing suits. And them just beggin' us for a ride around the parking lot. Oh all right. Just this once." And I really managed to say that with a straight face. Off we went, the road a blur under our foot pegs, the mighty exhaust from our pipes causing every head we passed to turn and smile. This was a day that memories are made from. The sun was inching down toward the horizon off to our left as we headed north on the little two lane road that led to the dam. The live oak trees met overhead with glimpses of the beginnings of a beautiful sunset peeking through.

By the time we got to the dam, Venus was fully exposed (the star not the woman). Most of the people had already left. There were a few campfires spread around the lake with the unmistakable sounds of Lynyrd Skynyrd firin' up The Breeze. The firewood sure is aromatic these days. We used to have to smoke some really good dope to make smoke that smelled that good. "Ah, youth is wasted on the young." I muttered. The fire flies had come out and the bull frogs and crickets were beginning their nightly duet. The first cool breeze of evening gently passed over us as more and more stars emerged from the dusk. "Well I guess we waited too long. Everyone's getting' settled in for the night or has already gone home." I could see Josh agreed with me.

"Hey," Josh said. "How about stopping at the Wagon Wheel on the way back? I heard they had a kick'n band this weekend. Dennis told me that they did a fifteen minute Free Bird last night. Said it was like ol' Ronnie VanZant was in the room "

"Sounds good to me." I smiled. "Let's ride."

I reached for my leather jacket and realized that it was still lying across my tool box

by the door to the barn. "Shoot." I muttered. "Gonna be a cold ride back." We stopped at the stop sign at the exit from the parking lot. Just then a truck passed by going the same way we were. Not just any truck but from the smell it left hangin' in the air, it was a very special truck. It was hauling hogs.

Now everyone has somethin' that they hate more than just about anything else in the world. For me (besides elderly oriental, male drivers) it is riding behind a fully loaded trailer hauling hogs. Those evil, red eyed bacon makers feel just about the same about me. Not only do they have a case of the bum about where they're goin' (hogs being one of the smartest animals in the barnyard), they are packed into those trailers until they can't turn around and kick the bum of the poor b@#\$tard behind him that's sniffin' their balls. All they can do is stand there, grunt, fart, piss and s#\$t. Since that's all they can do, they do a lot of it. The problem comes when the truck makes a turn and that wonderful perfume, Essence d'Hog, kind of a toilet water, that had been sloshing around their feet kind of runs out the slots in the sides, down onto the wheels and is broadcast into the air behind the truck. Anything or anyone behind the truck gets a free application.

Only for me, it is worse. I swear those sons of sows save it up for me until I am behind with no place to go then they make me pay for every pork chop, slice of ham and piece of bacon that I have ever eaten. You laugh but it's not funny. You see, it's happened to me enough times that my wife had a hot and cold water faucet installed in the barn for me to hose off before I come into the house. Some guys attract girls. Some guys attract guys. Me, I attract hog trucks. Call it fate.

Josh was just sittin' there on his bike shakin' his head. It's like he can't really believe that this is happening again. "Dad, you are truly blessed." is all he can manage.

F#\$k it. The sun is gone, the stars are shinin' in all their glory, the temperature is droppin' like a stone, I don't have a jacket but I do have a hog truck. Maybe it will keep me warm. Its tail lights were disappearing around the next turn as we pulled out into the road.

It's not as bad as I had feared. Nope, it's worse. They knew they had me. The truck could only go about twenty-five miles per hour down that curvy, hilly road from Hell. Those two yellow lines in the middle of the road slowly burned themselves into the back of my eyeballs. Every so often I would try to pass only to have to swerve back behind the truck as a car appeared comin' from the other direction. Each time that I got close

enough to try to pass, the hogs reached deep within themselves to spew yet another geyser of pig offal onto the floor of the truck which immediately got broadcast into the air that I was riding through.

Who would have believed that barn yard animals would have enough intelligence to coordinate this kind of team effort. It's like the hogs had a manure gun that they all worked together to load then the fire control officer waited until I was within range before he let me have it. "Here he comes! Wait. Wait. Almost here. OK everyone, let 'er rip!" You've gotta respect that.

I remember how hard it was to teach new grunts ammo conservation in their first fire fight. Maybe I should be taking notes. My headlight was getting dim from the deepening layer of hog crap building up on its lens when we finally got to the Wagon Wheel. Josh and I parked our bikes well away from everyone else so the smell wouldn't spark some kind of mercy mission from the other riders. Last thing I needed was a bunch of bikers trying to help us out by washing off our bikes using their own private garden hoses.

Josh was actually acting like he didn't want to go in. "Dad, are you sure you want to do this? I mean we stink! I'm leavin' a footprint trail of hog crap behind me." He had suddenly found something really interesting on the ground next to his bike and was studying it while he waited for me to change my mind.

This is sad, but I gotta admit that I was sorely tempted to just get back on my ride and go home. But, hey, this was a biker bar and everyone knows that bikers smell like crap. "Nah. Come on. No one will ever know. These are bikers, fer God's sake." Well I was wrong.

I walked in the door and the music actually stopped. Everyone was lookin' around and testing the air like a bunch of prairie dogs with a coyote on the loose. My favorite waitress walked by and almost dropped her tray full of beers while she gagged for air. "Damn, Crow! You been rollin' in the barnyard again?"

"Sorry, Kat. We got stuck behind another damn hog truck on the way down here from the reservoir."

"Someone up there just doesn't like you, Crow. What's this, third or fourth time this year for you?" She laughed and walked away, fast.

I saw some of my friends over in the corner of the bar trying real hard not to notice me. I started over and suddenly everyone at the table had to go to the can. Left at least twenty beers on the table in various states of consumption. I heard some bikes start up in the parking lot and there went Bedrock by the window in a cloud of dust and

dirt followed by the rest of the crew. I went to the can and thought about whether I should go home and shower. As I was sittin' there on the throne, a guy came through the door and started coughin' and swearin'. "Man, I think you better do a courtesy flush before the paint starts to peel." A couple of more coughs, "Sheee-it, that smells bad. Have you ever thought about leaving them burritos alone for a while?" Then he started gaggin' and left without even doing what he'd come in to do. After I finished up, I came back out and the packed bar that I had come into four minutes before, was almost empty. Even the band had gone outside to "take a break". Big Joe was comin' around the bar with a look on his face that would have stopped a charging rhinoceros. "Crow. I know this ain't your fault but, man, you just gotta leave. If you come in here on a Saturday night again, smellin' like this I'm tellin' ya I gonna have to 86 ya."

About fifty different replies went through my head in that split second. Then I just hung my head and said "Joe, I'm sorry, man. You're right." And I walked out the door. The people on the front porch all moved away as I came out the door. "Wannabes." I thought as I walked by.

Josh was still where I'd left him by the bikes. "That didn't take long." He laughed.

"Is there anyone left in there?"

"Yeah." I wasn't in any mood to chit chat. "As soon as you went in, it was like you'd kicked an ant hill." he went on. "There was bikers kickin', crankin', runnin' and gaggin' everywhere. Funniest thing I've ever seen! I almost fell off my bike I was laughin' so hard."

"Are you ready to go?" I asked.

He could see I wanted to get out of there.

"Sure, Dad."

For the first time in her life, Moon Dancer started on the first kick. I believe in my heart she was truly embarrassed. Couldn't wait to get away from the scene of the crime. We eased out of the parking lot and headed home.

At the first traffic light we pulled up next to a beat up family sedan.

I looked over at the old man who was driving and smiled. After a couple of seconds, his head snapped around to stare at me and he got a look on his face like he couldn't really believe what had just drifted up his nose. Just about then his wife leaned over and let him have it right on the side of his head. "Damn you, Marvin." she shouted. "I told you to lay off them peppers."

"Whattrya talkin' about, ya crazy old bat." he shouted. "It weren't me. It's him!" pointing at me. He gave her a dirty look and then gave ME a dirty look and rolled up his window.

They were still sitting there yelling and

swinging at each other when the light changed and we rolled out.

By the time we got back home, I had left most of those bad feelings behind me on road. Josh got out the hose and began to clean the worst of it off of the bikes. My wife came out the back door to welcome us home and actually got halfway across the yard before she stopped dead and said a little too loudly "Oh no, not again!" Then she stalked back into the house.

For just a minute, I considered getting back on the bike and leaving but where the Hell would I go? The cops were probably already looking for the two crazed bikers that terrorized that old couple at the light.

"All right, gimme the damn hose."

Two minutes later she came back out with a bucket of hot soapy water, some rags for the bikes and towels for us. Together we washed the bikes and ourselves.

"You know", she said. "I kinda knew this was going to happen. Don't know why, but I knew."

"So what's for dinner, Mom?" Josh asked as we walked inside wrapped in towels. "Smells great."

She had a Mona Lisa smile on her face as she said, "Somehow, after what happened to you tonight, I think you guys are really gonna enjoy dinner tonight in a kind of Hannibal Lechter way. I've got a big ham in the oven."

Editor's Note: Thanks Crow for that ripe story and I did edit for language... family and all you know.

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Coordinator's Comments

Hi All:

The greatest thing about new members is often times they bring with them new ideas. I met two new members at my chapter meeting the other night.

Usually, new members are timid until they get to know people. These two guys were outgoing and very nice. What made me even more happy was the fact that they are helping ABATE to diversify...they have European bikes.

One of the guys cornered me at the break and asked me about our current legislative efforts. After I got off my soapbox, he told me about a great idea of his. We discussed the fact that many Oregon Motorcyclists don't know that they can use the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane on the freeway. I have used the HOV lane in North Portland a few times and usually see a rider or two sitting in the stop 'n go lanes. There is only 1 "Motorcycles Permitted" sign the entire length of that long HOV lane. The new member then pointed out that some of the metered on-ramps now have HOV lanes. These ramps do not have the "Motorcycle Permitted" signs, and this guy has been on the receiving end of more than a few nasty looks from cagers. Motorcyclists have a bad enough reputation as it is, and we don't need to add to it.

I told him I would look into getting signs added...new member, great new idea.

With a lot of help, the run committee put on a heck of a swap meet. The vendors, patrons and all were very happy. Even Roger was happy!

Especially happy was David Murphy, who won the Langlitz Leathers \$675 gift certificate. The fall swap meet should be even bigger and better.

Have you seen the new flyer for Fossil? Your run committee is hard at work to bring you the best Fossil Campout ever. It would be great if each chapter had plans to help out, have fun, and make it a memorable weekend for all.

Joe Huff and I had an unforgettable visit to Washington D.C. last month.

Very productive, and lots of fun. See my report on this trip elsewhere in this rag. Please feel free to come to any of the State Board Meetings. They are held on the 2nd Saturday of every month, and are usually completed by 2:30. We have refreshments, (Iris makes GREAT cookies) prizes, and a pretty good time too.

I hope to make it to a lot of the chapter events this year, and look forward to meeting many of you.

Keep the rubber side down,

Ted

Education Director's Report

Greetings from Geoff White and Terry Schafer,

What a busy, fun, enlightening, and overall fantastic month it's been.

Thanks to all of you out there this Education business is really becoming so productive. I have been very impressed with the potential of our programs and possibilities. There is a whole world of public relations benefit from our involvement in the form of community communications. I've been hearing the praises that we've worked very diligently to earn. Trust me, all the work will pay off. A.B.A.T.E. appreciates your efforts and support folks.

I would like to personally thank Mel and Iris Yeager for their coordinating and presentation of another very successful Seminar To Educate And Motivate (S.T.E.A.M.). I feel that this program is not only very interesting and educational, but it is essential to the driving forces behind A.B.A.T.E. Taking our talents and personal qualities and shaping them into usable resources within the organization will always be a much needed yet seldom mentioned function. S.T.E.A.M. is a proven method to refine and enhance our abilities to serve A.B.A.T.E.

Thank you to the people that see this incredible need and step forward to ensure that there will be a format set in place to provide the training and motivation. I will be coordinating this program in the future, and I hope that I will be able to do half the great job that Mel and Iris have done. Thank you.

Thank you to all the instructors that have seen the need to get their important criteria out to the people that will be taking positions of leadership an direction within A.B.A.T.E. I'm sure that everyone is fully aware of the value of spreading the knowledge and inspiration throughout the organization. The wealth of knowledge displayed by our people in many different fields never ceases to amaze me.

Spreading this talent in the form of training and motivating shows me that we are all interested in the investment in our future success. Our leaders and directors are dedicated to ensuring the growth of our organization and the betterment of our motorcycling environment. Thank you from all of us out here.

I would like to express my thanks to all of you people that have attended S.T.E.A.M.

Just the fact that there is a need to educate and motivate is the greatest satisfaction of all. This shows that there are individuals and groups of people that see the need to become involved in making our organization stronger and more successful every day.

You people have understood that there is always a combination of hard work along with recreation within A.B.A.T.E. The hard work IS paying off, and you folks are the ones "pulling it off". Thank you to all the people that have decided to become certified instructors in the Motorcycle Awareness Program. I was so pleasantly surprised at this turnout. Here is a list of the people that have joined the ranks of instructors. If you were in attendance at this seminar and your name is not on the list, please contact me and I will make the necessary corrections.

Verl Shields Willamette Valley Chapter
Carla Richesin Washington County Chapter
Earl Blackmer Lincoln County Chapter
Michael Friend N.E. Portland Chapter, True Apostles Ministries, AMA
Tina Schmidt Lincoln County Chapter
Gene Reed Douglas County Chapter
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Wendy Solcova Willamette Valley Chapter
Alice D. Sweeney Willamette Valley Chapter
Debbie McCalley Salem Chapter
Cliff McCalley Salem Chapter
Michael Taylor Willamette Valley Chapter
Thank you new instructors.

Here's the tally of class reports that I have for the last few weeks. Sorry if I missed any. I believe that there still some outstanding reports out there. If I receive them I'll get them promptly on the next Education Director's report. Mel and Iris Yeager of the Salem Chapter presented to one class at Linn Benton Community College on February 12th. to twenty-four students. Judd Witcher and Bill Cameron of the S.E. Portland Chapter presented to one class at David Douglas High School on February 20th. (not sure how many students in attendance, report pending). Jill Tracy, Ted Tracy, Lynn, Linda Wells, and Roger Yarnell of the Washington County and Geoff White of the S.E. Portland Chapter presented to one class at Sunset High School on February 20th. to sixteen students. Linda Wells, Roger Yarnell of the Washington County chapter, and Geoff White of the S.E. Portland Chapter presented to one class at Westview High School on February 26th. to thirty-two students. Judd Witcher and Geoff White of the S.E. Portland chapter presented to one class at Sandy High School on February 27th to twenty students. Please keep those reports coming in. We're off to a great second half of the school year. Good luck to all the new instructors with their classes.

I was able to attend the International Motorcycle Safety Conference in Orlando Florida this year thanks to your support and

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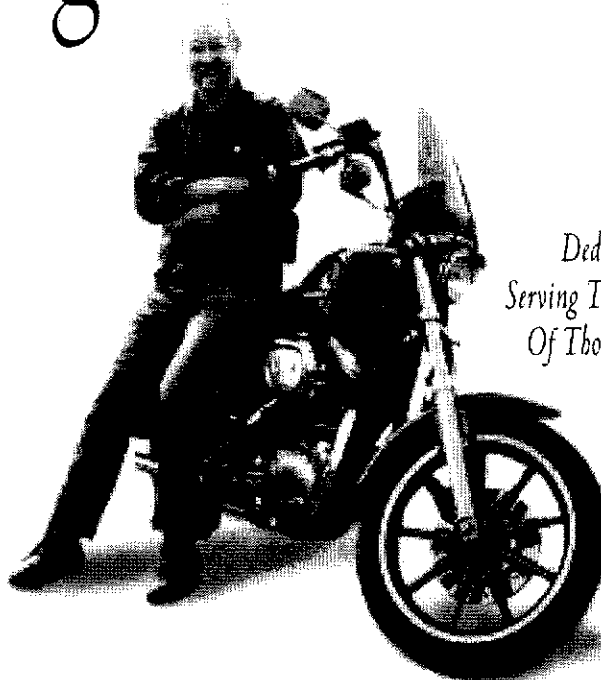
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guidance. I would personally like to thank Teresa Hepker from the River City A.B.A.T.E. chapter for inspiring me to look into this event. It was an incredible eye - opener on the subject of motorcycle safety. There were people from all over the world in attendance with many different views and experiences in the area of riding. We didn't always agree with everything on the agenda, however the atmosphere was very open and friendly. We did all agree on one simple fact, which was important.

Motorcycling was just about as close to paradise as you can get. What a great group of people with a terrific interest. I will be supplying information regarding this trip over the next few months. I have gotten quite bit of valuable information on many different aspects of motorcycle safety. I've also had good communications with people that can help enhance our education programs. I hope to see the idea of motorcycle awareness covered more at these types of conferences in the future.

Working on the motorcycle and the motorcyclist is important, but I believe that educating the driving public to our needs and desires is equally valuable. Thank you again for allowing me to represent A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc. at this event. It was really an honor that I will never take lightly.

Get those bikes out, and get those rides in whenever you can. The climate here in the Portland area is definitely not giving too many excuses for not riding.

Be extra careful of the folks that let the beautiful spring scenery take their minds off driving temporarily, and remind yourself to keep sharp at the controls. Those curves and road conditions don't care if we want it easy. They'll let us know in a hurry if we don't give them their proper respect. It's okay to take their challenge as long as we know that our experience and machinery are up to it. Ride aware and.....Spread the awareness ya'll !

Geoffrey White Education Director I
Terry Schafer Education Director II

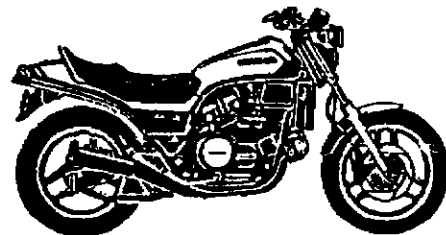
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My neighbor works in the operations department in the central office of a large bank. Employees in the field call him when they have problems with their computers. One night he got a call from a woman in one of the branch banks who had this question: "I've got smoke coming from the back of my terminal. Do you guys have a fire downtown?"

I was sitting in my science class, when the teacher commented that the next day would be the shortest day of the year. My lab partner became visibly excited, cheering and clapping. I explained to her that the amount of daylight changes, not the actual amount of time. Needless to say, she was very disappointed.

Police in Radnor, Pennsylvania, interrogated a suspect by placing a metal colander on his head and connecting it with wires to a photocopy machine. The message "He's lying" was placed in the copier, and police pressed the copy button each time they thought the suspect wasn't telling the truth. Believing the "lie detector" was working, the suspect confessed.

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As of this writing we do not have much scheduled in April as far as events we will be taking the bike to. In May we will be traveling to Coos Bay for South Coast's Mall Show. We will also schedule ourselves to be at the Road Knight's Cruise In at Jim Dandy's on May 19th. On May 20th we will be at the Bomber in Milwaukie.

As usual we can sure use some help selling tickets even if it is to come to an event and cover someone at lunchtime. Also, you might check with your company and see if they will buy tickets as gifts or for recognition.

That is all for this month, next month more information coming your way.

Mike Friend

NE Chapter Toy Run Coordinator



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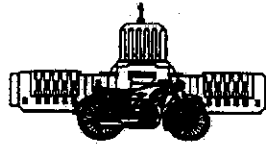
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Chapter Reports

Central Oregon

Meets 2nd Sunday, 2:00 PM

Wild Wind Motorcycle & Diner, N. Hwy 97, Bend
Chapter address: P.O. Box 926, Redmond, Or. 97756
Chapter contact: Jay Swartz 541-389-6773

Greetings from Central Oregon Chapter (COC), hope you're doing good. Life is busy over here. Three good meetings in a row, tomorrow will be our 4th good one, 3-11-01 at our new place Wild Wind Motorcycle & Diner, N. Hwy 97, Bend, Or 541-383-0709 or 541-383-9375. We want to thank the Redmond Moose Lodge #323 for providing us with a meeting place & hospitality over the last three years. We have been looking for a place closer to members in La Pine & more publicly visible... we found it!

On March 10th, our Chapter volunteered to host a stop on a Poker Run. The day of the Blackhorse Saloon's 1st Anniversary Party. Reggie and Chris Crowell of S.C.O.O.T.E.R. Inc. lost their Daughter Jill due to complications of kidney failure on 02/13/01, she would have been 24 yrs. old in April. The Blackhorse Saloon's Poker Run & Auction will benefit the Crowell Family in their time of need. A local band, "Rumors" & the N.C.O.M. "Silver Spoke Award" winning band will be playing. S.C.O.O.T.E.R. Inc. supports the community! It's time to return that support! Bank of the Cascades has an account to help. COC ABATE member, Murphy has hospice at his bedside & loved ones-Friends. Murphy is a good man. I miss his participation already.

Attended the first Central Oregon Coalition of Motorcyclists meeting at the Blackhorse Saloon, it was positive & productive.

Gotta go,
Adios & Del Taco,
Jay

Columbia River

Meets 2nd Sunday, 12:30 PM

Pizza Perfect 6815 N.E. Killingsworth, Portland
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 11817, Portland, OR 97211
Chapter Contact: Spike 503-282-4604

We had a great Sweetheart Dance and thank everyone who came out to support our chapter, especially all those folks from the SE Chapter who turned out in impressive numbers. The swap meet was a success and many of our chapter members worked on the event, without whom it could not have taken place. Janet is to be thanked especially for all the work she did in getting the vendors signed up ahead of time. Dee, our new chapter secretary, ably assisted Janet at the vendor desk during the event. Nick, Aaron, Mike, Bob and Dave, our new education director, all did a great job on security and in setting up and clearing it out.

Even though he is not a member of our chapter, Rotten Roger deserves all of our thanks for the work that he did in coordinating the swap meet, answering all the questions that got asked and dealing with the usual problems. To those of you from our chapter who helped out with the event whom I have forgotten to mention specifically please forgive me; my mind is leaking away. Your help was and is appreciated.

The biker anti-discrimination bill is in the legislature and I am trying to get a hearing in the House Judiciary Committee on it. If anyone knows Rep. Max Williams, who is the chairman of that committee let me know since he is the one who will schedule the hearing. Rep. Kafoury is the bill's sponsor.

Regarding that bill, the Central Committee of the Multnomah County Democratic Party of Oregon narrowly, 28-23, voted March 8th to endorse the bill. Unfortunately, some gays, blacks, Asians, and liberals spoke out against bikers having any legal protection. How ironic! Some of the things that were said against the bill were truly amazing, such as "Well, you don't have to ride a motorcycle, after all." We need to educate those folks and others like them about the importance of the issue and point out their hypocrisy. Fortunately, we had a pretty good turnout of biker PCP's and that presence helped to persuade people to vote with us or to abstain.

I will be ordering the wagon wheels for Angie's Memorial and maybe we'll have it built by Fossil this year.

We are also getting the Summer Run together so volunteer to help out. The run meeting is one hour before our usual chapter meeting.

Spike

Douglas County

Meets the 1st Sunday 1 pm

Round Table Pizza in Roseburg

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 501, Roseburg, Or 97470

Chapter Contact: Geno Reed (541) 679-7331

I hope the Douglas County header on this newsletter states that the meetings are back at Round Table Pizza in Roseburg and still on the 1st Sunday of the month at 1pm. Since we switched places again we don't want to confuse our members or guests.

The month of February was very busy for members of Douglas County ABATE. Our numbers have increased from last months 34 members too 50 now. We had officers attend both the state meeting and the S.T.E.A.M. seminar. A group will also attend Riders Day in Salem on March 26th. Work was done on the formation of the S.O.S. run for Aug. 24th, 25th, 26th. A meeting of the 4 chapters was held here in Roseburg. Many contacts for vender have been made. Quite a few people have visited the site at Wolf Creek Park.

A benefit event for a young lad in a wheelchair was attended by several ABATE members including myself. It was sponsored by the local H.O.G. chapter and was called "Bikers & Belly Dancers- Let's Rock The Casbah". It was a great night of fun, food, and an auction with great deals to be purchased.

It was decided that since our meetings are on the 1st Sunday of the month that the second Sunday would be a chapter ride. The rides will start at 1pm at Round Table Pizza just like the meetings do.

The H.O.G. chapter has invited us on their runs on the third Saturday of the month. Looks like we'll get started on the right foot with these folks. United we stand you know.

Our Ways and Means officer, Bev Brumbach had an operation on March 8th and will be riding again in a couple of weeks. Everyone else stay healthy and watch for too fast cages coming up on you too fast in the morning fog that plagues us in Douglas County. See ya all on the road.

Joe Brumbach, secretary

Lincoln County

Meets the 1st & 3rd Friday, 7 PM

Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 614, Waldport, OR 97

Chapter Contact: Ralph Janes (541)265-6850

Hi!

Hope we saw some of you at Lincoln Co.'s 20th Anniversary party. Not much to report on this month. April Fools to all you fools that love a great joke.

Let's all strap on our good times and head for Fossil next month, please volunteer some time and help out. Thank you!

Ride safe!

Shirley



N.E. Portland

Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 PM
Round Table Pizza, 4141 NE 122nd, Portland
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 5792, Portland, OR 97228
Chapter Contact: Rusty Taylor 503-777-5121

Well, spring is here sooner than we had expected. Soon we will all be riding the great roads of this nation once again. Keep in mind that the riding with liberty is not free. It costs us time and resources to maintain the freedoms we enjoy. There are letters to be written to our legislators expressing where we stand on issues relating to motorcycles and how our legislators should vote on these issues. There are Riders Days we need to get to at the State Capitol visiting those people that vote on our issues.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month so be sure to be at the Motorcycle Awareness Rally at the State Capitol on May 5th (noon). Bring all of your friends. I am sure the Democrats or Republicans would love to have you participate as a PCP. I encourage you all to be involved. Freedom is not bought by a few but by the many. Remember that the world is run by those that show up.

We had a great potluck party and appreciate all those that came and the support we received from the SE and Columbia Chapters. We had a lot of great pictures from the old days, good music, and good food. Best of all everyone had a good time. The status of our Chapter is still unknown at this time. We decided to try another potluck after the swap meet to reach the people that live in Portland. We desperately need officers and people to come to the meetings on a regular basis. I think with the next report I will have more information on whether the Chapter will fold or not. Call me if you have thoughts on the subject.

The ABATE Swap Meet was a great success. I have to hand it to Rotten Roger and everyone that worked the swap meet - you all did a fantastic job! It was something to see an empty building the day before the swap meet and then see it completely filled with vendors and eager people on Saturday.

Ride Safe,
Mike Friend

Next Potluck will be once again at the Loading Zone NE Cully & Mason St April 15th from 1-6 pm. There will be live music good time for all. Last potluck we signed up three new members. FUN FUN FUN..

On a political note Jo Ann Bowmen has resigned in the House and we have Diesel Dave running among five others for that spot. Is it not fun when you get involved?

North Coast

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 PM
Astoria Eagle, 894 Commercial, Astoria
Children are Welcome
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 854, Warrenton, Or. 97146
Chapter Contact: Jeff Gee 603-801-1703

Hello to everyone from North Coast

Well I got my computer up and running again and I have a new E-mail address starting in April it will be <mailto:ckelsol7@harborside.com>. Please make note of this if you're going to contact me in the future. Things have been slow up here on the coast. We have had our Elections and the new officers are getting into them jobs quite well. We have had a member step up to run Team Oregon here at North Coast his name is Scott McCulloch. He will be starting the classes in the fall so if you have the time to help him please give me a call and I will pass on his number to you.

J.Js run will be April 21st. It starts in Long Beach, WA. This is a great run and one of the first for the year so hope to see you there. We still need to have members step up to go to the state meetings Ron Bloker went in March, but we have no one to go in April or May-If you have the time to go we need your help. Remember the Chapter will pay for your gas, food, and Lodging if you want it. We do not want anyone to pay for their expenses. Besides this is a good deal if you want to get away for the weekend. Plus it gives you a chance to see what goes on at Inc State level. We have voted to go forth with the End of Summer run again this year with Washington County. Please mark your calendar for these dates Sept. 14th, 15th, and 16th. We need your help to make these runs profitable.

There is another biker days coming up on the 26th of March, if you can make it. Well enough for now hope to see you at JJ's. run.

Your Coordinator
Jeff Gee

River City

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

Spooky's Pizza on West 6th Street, The Dalles

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 1422, The Dalles, OR 97058

Chapter Contact: Lee Eikanas, (509) 773-5076, or Mike Farmer (541) 386-8744

Things are kinda slow here late in the winter, but spring is just around the corner. It's a good time to ride here in EO, so come on out and join us some Sunday, 11:00 AM at Zim's on 2nd street in The Dalles. We will be having an ERC course from Team Oregon on March 11.

We had a lively meeting tonight amidst a birthday party for a little kid right next to our meeting. Randy Knodel would have won the membership drawing at \$5 if he' just come on down from Seattle to be with us! Our leader Lee won the 50/50 at \$6/\$6 and donate his share back to the Chapter, Thanks, Lee. Let's all get out and ride!

Well, it looks like spring over here in Eastern Oregon. The wildflowers are beginning to bloom and I saw some cougar tracks last week while I was out looking at the flowers. Wow! Come on out and join us for one of our Sunday rides. We're seeing some great scenery and eating some great food.

Our meeting attendance is picking up again with the warming weather. Tonight we had 17 people (16 members) at our meeting. That's 28% attendance! See if you can match that! Mike McDermott won the membership drawing at \$10 and Brian Stovall won the 50/50 at \$10/11, which he donated back to the Chapter.

Thanks,
Brian

Salem

Meets 4th Sunday, 1:00 PM

Pietro's Pizza, 1637 Hawthorne Ave NE

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

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

Chapter Contact: Cherie and Cole Hembree (541)-791-1640

April's no fool y'all,

In case any of y'all plan on droppin' down to the Capitol area fer an A.B.A.T.E. meetin' with Salem Chapter, there's something ya oughtta be aware of: we've gone back to only meetin' on the 4th Sunday of each month. (1300 at Pietro's Pizza, Market & Hawthorne, an easy exit offa I-5.)

Originally we thought that going to twice-a-month meetings would make fer shorter meetings. Instead we mighta broke some kinda record fer even longer meetings. There's probably a lesson in there somewhere, but as usual Rot Path is crankin' this column out just under the deadline (too much organization stifles creativity) an' ain't got time to go lookin' fer whatever it is.

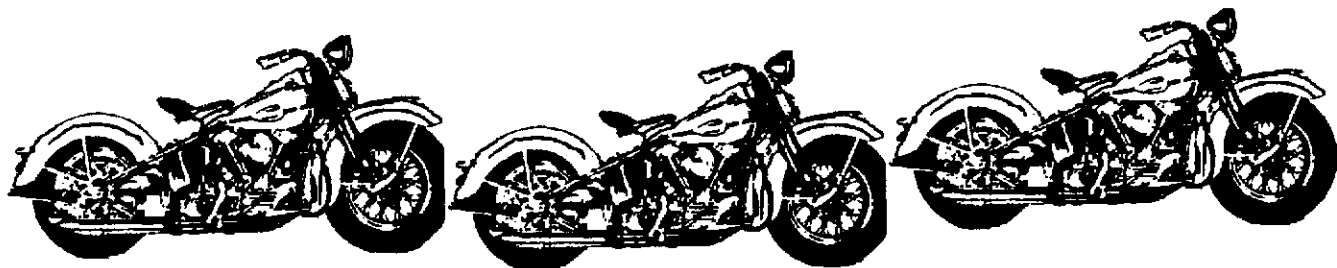
Just got back from several daze at the coast an' as usual pulled out the tid-bit about holdin' the NANMRA (North American Nude Motorcycle Riders Association) world record fer the longest nude motorcycle ride while playin' "Two Truths and a Lie" at dinner one evening. Sure does change other folk's perceptions about motorcyclists. (An' diverts their attention from the real lie.)

Salem Chapter is trying something different after the March meeting. We're gonna take a bunch of canned food over to a Silverton charity after adjournin'. Should make a nice little group ride an' we'll be doin' some good out side of the xmas season.

We won't be takin' the cook trailer to Fossil this year, but look sharp when yer out cruisin' the freeway 'cause ya might see us selling coffee from it at an I-somethin' rest stop somewhere.

Okay, the caffeine is wearin' off. Maybe Rot Path will actually get to this bit of scribblin' right after the meetin' this month. (Yeah, an' this Spring the trees'll be sporting bacon blossoms.)

Don't go bein' anyone's fool,
Rot Path



South Coast

Meets 3rd Sunday, 11 AM

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Meeting of Sunday February 18, 2001. Jeff Bauder our Legislative Director and Tom Crowl are going to try and meet with the Coos Bay Mayor, JoAnn Verger and present her with a package of literature like the Motorcycle Safety book put together by the government, TEAM Oregon literature. They also want to show her how our organization is here to promote Motorcycle Awareness education in our schools and want all chapters to meet with their legislators and do the same. Our historian, Bill Shineflew reported that in February 1994 our membership was 64 members and now in February 2001 we have around 135 members. Also in 94 our checking account was \$156 and now we have over \$4,000. (What a difference). JD is hard at work talking to radio stations as an outlet for PR for our upcoming events.

And a note from the secretary

I know we are having a few birthdays and anniversaries coming up in March and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a great one. If anyone would like to summit a birthday or anniversary, or just a note, give me a call. I am on the phone tree.

Also, if there is anyone out there who would like to share a few historical facts or just something of interest that you would like to share, please let's get together. And we are always open for any suggestions or ideas you may have for our members minutes letter.

???QUESTIONS???

In the late 1920's it was the thing to have full dressers, they called it fashionable, well after World War II many West Coast riders eliminated at least 5 essential items, for the strip down look. What were these items?

Who is the ex-Milwaukee engineer whose handcrafted motorcycles are built in Mukwonago, Wisconsin?

Who did Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper portray in the movie Easy Rider?

Honda began in the U.S. in what year?

The answers will be discussed at our next meeting, March 18th, 2001

And don't forget we have that Pony Village Mall Show coming up May 13th & 14th.

Later,

Judy

Southern Oregon

Meets 3rd, Sunday, 2 PM

Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill

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

Tim Rohde 541-821-1487

Another glorious month gone and over 1500 miles on my bike. We hope you're ridin' and we will see you at our next meeting. Why don't you bring your favorite road route with you so we can ride it afterwards?

Our last gathering had thirty-eight members and guests present and I'll tell Ya what; that's the mostest I've seen since I joined this Chapter. Thank you all for the Support & keep it up cuz YOU do make a difference!

Fossil Run tickets are now on sale, so stop by and get yours. State sent down a generous loan for the SOS Run in August. The Planning on that one is a daily gig and will prove to be well worth the wait. The packets for the State of Jefferson Run are well underway and that fifty stop run in five months is gonna be Awesome to ride.

As you can see things are pickin' up down here and we want you to get up and get involved, so come on down and meet some old friends and new friends, show some support and have a blast.

You been over to Silent's Hawg Wild lately? Well, you should cuz they give discounts to ABATE members and they are assembling some great one-off Rides. On the same subject, stop by and check out Jim's new ride at R&J's, it's one nice bike.

OK, that's it for now. Get out of the armchair or the office, get on your bike, ride it a lot, and we will see you at the next meeting. First Sunday is the Officer's and third Sunday is the General Meeting and yes, you can go to both.

Cya there...

Mikey

S.E. Portland

Meets 1st & 3rd Sundays, 12 Noon
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Hello All,

Wasn't last month a fun one? STEAM was great. Everyone including myself really enjoyed the classes they chose and felt they came away more informed. It was also fun to meet those from far away chapters and hear how; their chapters are doing and also exchange tips and idea's with them. Hey didn't the Swap Meet turn our great? Everyone who pitched in made it an enormous success. I'll have to admit though after parking bikes from the onset till mid-afternoon, then taking over for Melinda in the ticket booth till closing it surely did feel soooooo....good to sit down! Guess maybe I'm getting old!

Wish I could let you all know how the Canned Food Delivery and the Anniversary Party went but Gordon needs this submission before both events occur. That leaves us something for next time though!

Our chapter membership has grown to 331! WOW!!! We got 19 new chapter members at the Swap Meet and even got to meet some of them at our last meeting, and now on to more member "stuff".

No one has won our membership drawing the past three meetings. Those who lost out on the last two drawings were: Ed Spellman Jr. for \$10.00 and Jason Doherty for \$15.00. Should'a been there!!!

Talk at ya all next time,

Mammy Tami

Washington County

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 PM
Prime Time Sports Bar & Rest, 4202 Pacific Ave, Forest Grove
Chapter Address: P.O. Box 830, Cornelius, OR 97113
Chapter Contact: Ted Tracy (503) 640-5766

Greetings everyone. Hope you have had the opportunity to get the bike out and put some miles on it. Did you make it to the Swap Meet?

At the suggestion of a new WaCo member, we began a First Sunday Fun Run and Breakfast. We met at the Prime Time Sports Bar in Forest Grove-our regular meeting place-had breakfast and set off for out days adventure. Although there were only three of us at this first meeting, I hope the word will get out and. future First Sundays will have a better turnout. Of course, by 2pm when we were all thoroughly drenched and freezing, I was suspicious of the wisdom of the other members who did not attend. But we had fun anyway. We went to Mt. Angel and then tried to find our way home. All roads do eventually lead you home again, you just have to keep trying.

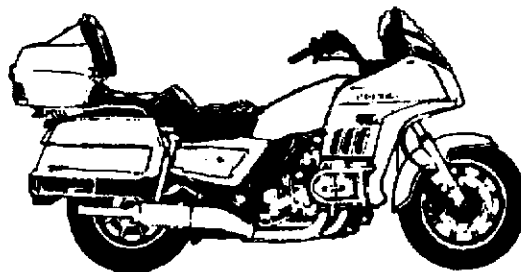
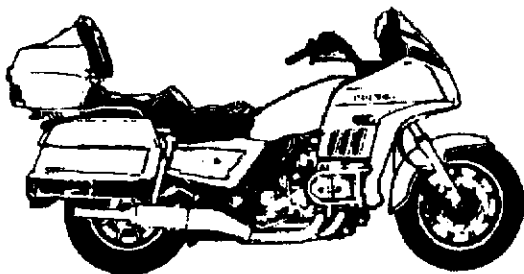
With all the events coming up this summer, do not forget the May Awareness Rally on May 5th(I know I will certainly try to remember this year). And while I am thinking about it, get well wishes to Terry Chaney and also to Karl Luleditan who are both recuperating from Surgeries. We hope to see you guys on the road again soon.

Neither Curt Weinstein. nor Charlie Ray get to see the word "Winner" next to their names because they were not present to win the membership drawings at either of the February meetings. Remember to come join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights at the Prime Time Sports Bar in Forest Grove for an information packed meeting. They Start at 7:30 and usually are done at about 9pm. The weather is getting warmer and the ride out there to see old friends just might be worth the trip.

Until then, ride safe and watch out for the other guy!

Linda Wells

WaCo Secretary



Willamette Valley

Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:00 PM

Foxfire Restaurant 4740 Main Street Springfield, Or.

Chapter address: Willamette Valley Chapter ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

4618 Daisy St., c/o Rick Maish Springfield, Or. 97478

Chapter Contacts: Michael Taylor (coordinator) 541-485-2352 Rick Maish (secretary) 541-746-7837

Had a great time at STEAM in February, met a lot of good folks and learned a lot of inspiring things. Picked up some good info about motorcycle awareness in schools, PCP as a jump-off to bigger and better influence in the legislature, how to lead an ABATE chapter (sorry for all the screw ups!!) and how to put a successful run together. The last was pretty important for Willamette Valley with the Independence Day Picnic (and Social!) simmering away on Rob Thompson's burner and, of course, the SOS run that's blowing itself into one BIG summer event!

The SOS flyer is done, waiting for a couple of band names to head Friday and Saturday night. We've got some great games and entertainment lined up for this weekend at Wolf Creek County Park. Looks like advertising is going to big too which will bring a LOT of folks in from Washington, Idaho and northern California. I have a gut feeling the turnout will be WAY over our original expectations. The Independence Day Picnic will be at Zumwalt Park on Fern Ridge on July 4th. The committee involved is headed by Rob and has got some good ideas for an entertaining day... games, food, music, and fireworks to watch. Rather than a "run" it was decided a "social" event would be better to serve the purpose of getting to know the chapter and having lots of other riders get to know us and have a good time doing it. The park is perfect for the event and maybe in the future, if it's a success, we can expand it to include a poker run, overnight camping, and bike games. Bring the family and LOTS of friends and spread the word to other bikers to help us celebrate the Fourth of July holiday in great "Willamette Valley" form!!

Aside from being buried in SOS and Indep. Day plans, we've been laying out our plans for the summer. It looks like a good one too. On May 19th We're doing our annual Rhody Fest Poker Run with the same check points. The flyer should be in this newsletter. All points are covered and we're expecting another good turnout. This has become a really fun time for all of us and we're looking forward to seeing all of you on your way to the Rhododendron Festival in Florence that weekend! The February Casino Night was another great success. A huge turnout made gaming lots of fun and the auction lasted so long that we finally had to just call it quits! Look forward to another one soon.... maybe at Yukon Jack's in Veneta?

Next meeting we'll decide which of several events we'll make our official chapter run for the summer (I'm thinking hard about Beaver Creek...). We've been invited back for another "gathering" at Gene and Patti's if we like, Rob Thompson and Greg Coen's Motor Company have been making putting together a simpler way to schedule Friday night Dinner rides and a few Saturday rides. Be at the next meeting and share your own ideas to fill out the summer. Fossil is happening on May 25 - 28 and they could use some help if you're interested. Either way, I predict a nice weather year for it and expect lots of fun. We'll be talking about a group ride for those able to attend. And don't forget to contact your legislator with your feelings on the issues BikePAC is pursuing for us and lets see if we can get Salem working on our side again.

Thanks to all for the support and help we're getting for this busy summer. It's great to see our membership pushing 130!!! We must be doing something right! See you at the next meeting!

Ride Safe, Ride Free

Michael

EDITOR'S NOTE:

I thank ALL chapters for having a report in on time for this issue. Now in the past there has been some concern about not having a report in the newsletter when one was sent in. I am hereby stating for the record that if your reports are not marked as to whom they are from, then I as any other idiot would do, will not know whom they are from. Point in case is with the March issue where one Chapter did send in a report that was not labeled. I contacted them and let it be known that I had no idea who the report was for. I then did not submit for that Chapter their report even though they had turned one in. I am sorry for that happening and will from now on try to not let that happen again... I am human and it probably will happen whether I want it to or not. Any way the Chapter in question got a bit huffy and for a lack of a better term pissed into the wind (as to say). I would like to say that when pissing into the wind one only gets piss onto themselves and does not effectively resolve any problem other than relieving one's own inner problem. Oh my goodness what energy was wasted in complaining to people that did not need to know of your plight. In the future, and please all who read this take heed, if there is a problem or concern with any officer in this VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION, please take it up with them in a polite way and don't throw blame around like it was money in a strip joint. It serves no purpose other than to piss people off. Thank you all once again, and may the sunshine be on your back when riding home. G the volunteer editor of this here rag.

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- No Fireworks
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- Dogs on a leash only!!
- Cigarette Butts in butt cans only
- No off-road bike riding on trails
- Parents are responsible for children at all times!!
- NO HASSLES
- Gates close at 10:00 p.m. for anyone leaving

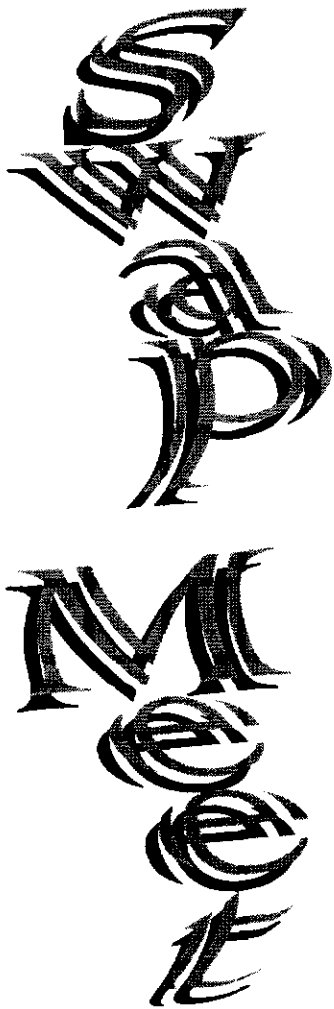
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WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP REPORT

Joe Huff and I arrived in Washington D.C. Saturday evening, and our luggage arrived late Sunday Night. We drove our rental car across the Potomac into Virginia. We had been invited to stay with a fantastic couple, Mike and Lynne Niznick. These two people are great! Both are heavily involved with ABATE of Virginia, Mike as the State Coordinator and Lynne filling some big shoes. These two have hosted many people from Oregon over the years and I can't thank them enough.

Sunday, Joe and I toured the Smithsonian Museums. The American History museum was our favorite. They have Jefferson's small portable desk that he used for many years and wrote the Declaration of Independence on! The Natural History Museum had a fantastic gems section, including the Hope Diamond and the biggest Thunder Egg I have ever seen. The Air and Space Museum was also great. Joe knows his airplanes so it was quite informative. The amazing thing is that these museums are free! Your tax dollars at work, I guess. We had no appointments Monday, so we visited all the Memorials. Joe and I were very inspired with the Jefferson Memorial. He was quite a man. One of the first "Freedom Fighters". I also loved the Lincoln and Teddy Roosevelt Memorials. The Wall and the Korean Memorials were very noisy and crowded with High School kids. We went back later in the week at night to pay our respects.

Tuesday, the work started. We grouped at the MRF offices, three blocks from the Capitol. There we met two fantastic people. Bev Waters, MRF Secretary and Tom Wyld, V.P. for Government affairs. Bev was as friendly and helpful as could be, a really neat lady. Tom is unbelievable! His head is full of more facts and figures than you can imagine. He was a great help in getting us through our first appointment with a member of Earl Blumenaur's staff, Maria Zimmerman. We made a good team. Among the many agenda items we discussed were the need for senior appointees to the Department of Transportation, particularly the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, who are respectful of the rights and safety concerns of riders. Number 2 was the need for a national program of Motorist Awareness of Motorcycles and a resource injection to assist states in refining and expediting

the delivery of rider safety training. The third thing we discussed was the threat of the EPA chokehold on street bikes and the impact of regulations on small business, the motorcyclists' culture and motorcycle rights. We also discussed the benefits and the challenge of fully integrating the motorcycle into the national transportation policy and ways to meet that challenge. We expressed our feelings that Washington had a duty to act now to end discrimination in health care for motorcyclists, and the problems of global harmonization, rider-hostile crash barriers and ways to solve those problems. After the meeting we had a quick photo-op with Congressman Blumenauer, who seemed a bit uncomfortable around us.

Next we had a great visit with Kathie Eastman, a staff member with Congressman Peter DeFazio. With DeFazio being an avid bicyclist, we have many of the same concerns. Kathie seemed very interested with what we had to say, and asked many questions. Unfortunately, Congressman DeFazio was too busy to meet with us for a photo op. Believe me, they are busy. With ABATE people from other states in town, Tom Wyld had a full schedule. He was unable to join us for our next four appointments, but he felt Joe and I were quite capable on our own. He gave us copies of the MRF's position papers, and off we went. We soon learned that we would be talking to staff members and not the Congressman or Senators themselves. This actually was okay with Joe and I. The staffers gave us plenty of time, and I feel we were more comfortable, thus more effective. We did request photo ops though.

We next had a meeting with a member of Congressman Darlene Hooley's staff, Dallas G. Boyd. A very nice man and he seemed genuinely interested. The meeting went very well, but again we didn't get to meet Ms. Hooley.

On Wednesday Mornings, Senator Gordon Smith has a breakfast for people from Oregon. He was very nice and Joe and I were all smiles for the camera. His staff member was Matthew T. Hill. He was very attentive and the meeting went well. I hope these staff members actually sit down with our representatives and accurately present our views. One can only hope!

Thursday was all "W's". Wyden, Walden and Wu. Congressman Walden's legislative assistant was Christopher Huckleberry. Chris is a motorcyclist and he was very interested in our issues. After the meeting, to our surprise, Congressman Walden made a special trip from the voting floor to have his picture taken with us. That made our day!

Next was Congressman David Wu., my Congressman. I had met him briefly at various Washington County Democratic functions, and was looking forward to meeting him again for a photo op. We met with his staffer, Bill Miner. Again the meeting seemed to go well, but had to be cut a little short, with no photo op. I voiced my disappointment (somewhat strongly). As Joe and I were walking down the hall, we were called back and told the Congressman would arrive shortly to meet us. ALL RIGHT!! A quick opportunity for a photo op and a couple words on why we were visiting.

We soon learned that a lot of the action took place in the basements of the various House and Senate buildings, and the Capitol. They have an extensive underground tram that connects all the buildings, plus this was where the cafeterias were. We met Sen. Ted Kennedy and Sen. John McCain during our many trips to the basement. One nice thing about the tram is Joe and I had to "strip" (belt, vest, keys, etc) once a day for the

Security boys.

Our last visit was with Senator Ron Wyden's counsel. Tom caught up to us and the three of us met with Joshua Sheinman. We never had the opportunity to meet with the Senator though, no surprise there! We were done, and time to Party! We regrouped back at the MRF office where we met Boyd McFail, Vice-Coordinator for ABATE of Alaska. Joe is a native of Alaska, and he and Boyd hit it off immediately. Tom Wyld then came in and invited us to a fundraiser for Alaska Congressman Don Young. He is Chairman of the House Transportation Committee and a champion of motorcyclists' rights. This turned out to be the highlight of the trip!

Tom (with check in hand), Joe, Boyd and I then walked over to the posh "Republican Club of Capitol Hill". They even let ME in! Immediately Senator Kearney from Nebraska, upon seeing us yells out "my biker buddies are here!". It was great! The food was killer, and Tom made some great contacts.

Joe and I tooled around Baltimore on Friday. If you are ever there, make sure you go to the B and O railroad museum. It was fantastic. Saturday, Joe and I, (and our suitcases!) made it back to Portland. We live in a great state, people! Not only is it more beautiful, but compared to back east, the roads are much better and it seems we have less laws, regulations, and no sales tax!

I feel this trip was extremely productive and a fine use of our resources and time. I want to thank all of you for making this trip possible.

Again, I want to thank Mike and Lynne Nisnick, two fantastic people, who went out of their way to accommodate Joe and I. If you are ever in the D.C. area, call them up and ask them to take you to "Ben's Whole Hog Barbecue". Ben does Hog right!

Ride Free,
Ted



ABATE State Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Ted at 12:15 with 12 of the 13 chapters represented, all chapters present were eligible to vote. Only chapter not present was Central Oregon. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ted gave Bob Avery an early start on his report for Vice-Coordinator South; Bob had to leave early. More under Vice-coordinator reports.

Reading of the minutes from the February meeting was waived. Also noted were that the Monthly Meeting Minutes needed to be reviewed by Ted prior to distribution to chapters and printing in the State Newsletter. Several corrections were noted and corrected

Coordinator's Comments: All 13 chapters submitted chapter officers' lists as requested. Ted reviewed and made a few corrections as needed. A few of the officers had to be checked out whether they were actual members. Have new bumper stickers with a new larger phone number. Need to be sure bumper stickers go on our vehicles.

Correspondence: Ted had Bob and Jim review correspondence received by ABATE for anything pertinent to meeting. All were made available to members for review during break.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Legislative Director: Cherie wasn't present.

ABATE's BikePAC Representative: Randy, No BikePAC Meeting due to a multitude of different conflicts. Recapped what was happening at the Legislative and BikePAC level, with input from others:

1) **HB2808 Helmet Reform Bill** is now out of the House Transportation Committee as of Friday, vote was 5 to 2 with recommendation from committee to pass.

2) **Assisted Serve** not out of (LC) Legislative Committee as yet. Huge issue to overcome with the groups that are against Self Service... Teresa & Ken working it.

3) **Lane Splitting Bill**, lots of mixed feelings about this bill, suggestion to put this bill into a joint work committee.

4) We are working issues with Non Self Serve Groups who may be against our bill or don't understand it; "Need to be sure ALL understand the issue is Assisted Serve and NOT Self Serve".

5) Bob Avery comment, working with AAA (Larry Camball) to get their buy-in, doesn't so far see a problem with our bill. Waiting for the bill #, will send them the LC info for now.

Clark, 1) At the Democratic meeting in Multnomah County they passed our Discrimination Bill, 2) Jo Ann Bowman is stepping down. Diesel Dave is running for a Counsel Position, 3) Need to keep pushing PCP's, this is where we are making things happen, Washington State is even doing it, they are called PCO's.

6) MRF is pushing for a President's Motorcycle Awareness Advisory Council on a national level.

7) Randy, Next Rider Day is March 26, need everyone there. Had more at the Feb. 14 gathering that at the 1st Rider Day... Lets do better with this one also....

8) Tim (SO) What about Amnesty Day, Is it still happening.... Ted didn't know at this time, will check on it.

Confederation of Clubs Representative: Clark, No report, next meeting still to come.

Education Director: Geoff wasn't present, but Ted reported on a Class with him that was great, "These guys know what they are doing...Comment and Thanks from Joseph Laurance of Douglas County: Attended STEAM, really appreciated the efforts and information gathered at the last STEAM. Tim Rohde of Southern Oregon, attended STEAM last year; "Our chapter was in the process of dying, STEAM last year gave me the tools to get our Chapter going again, Thanks."

Education Director II: Terry was not present. No report

Membership Secretary: Jill was not present but Ted reported that membership was down from last month almost 100 people... 1489 verses 1587 last month even though several chapters have increased their membership. Ted again said new fax line is up, the number is (503) 615-0550.

Newsletter Editor: Gordon was not present. Ted again reminded us to get fliers and information for newsletter in as early as possible, "Minimum of at least TWO to THREE MONTHS ahead of time, but FOUR MONTHS is better. Ted's Coordinators Comments didn't make it into last months Newsletter.

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Products: Brad reported 50/50 available 3 for \$1. Ted has taken over the rockers. No report on products.

Public Relations: Melinda was not present. No report.

State Run Coordinator: Roger not present, away taking care of family concerns, Dad has been ill. Had two T-shirt designs, will vote on after meeting break. Ted: had a great Swap Meet, went very well. Several comments on the overwhelming help at the Swap Meet, it was great!

State Run Coordinator II: Kurt reiterated how well the Swap Meet went, "For once had more than enough help".

Treasurer: Clark reports balances as of February 28 are: Insurance \$3,479.00, Bulk Mail \$2,908.65, Checking, \$122.42, Savings \$25,486.96 for a grand total of \$31,997.03. Also, have a couple that are starting their training to become 2002 Treasurer. They worked with us at the Swap Meet and got a good taste of what it's all about.

Chapter Auditor: Carla was not present, but Ted reported that Central Oregon was the only chapter that was not up to date and therefore couldn't vote.

Historian: Iris reported on a draft of the display they plan to use for the Fossil Museum. It will be oak framed, 56 inches tall X 75 inches wide. It will have pictures & information on each of Fossil's 4 locations. Iris is still looking for old pictures of the "Old Fossil Sights". It will also include the 1st Fossil T-shirt.

WebPage Editor: Maddog was not in attendance. Still need more pictures.

Vice-Coordinator North: Jim Niece, no report, but did include in the Chapter Rep. Package the latest copy of the A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Bylaws that is to be part of the Chapter handbook, copies can be made by Chapter as needed.

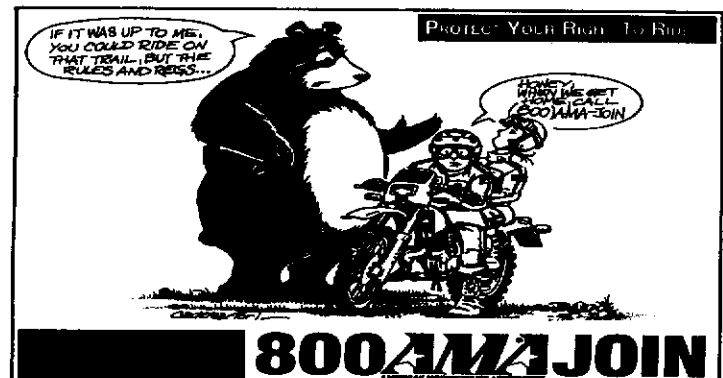
Vice-Coordinator South: Bob Avery gave a brief report on his political activities. "Last month, during the last Bike Day I attended an Open House Session, my representative announced my presence as the Lane County Chairmen of the Republican Party and that I was also a member of ABATE of Oregon. We are getting a lot of recognition of our group in all areas of the legislature."

Vice-Coordinator East: Bob Hadley, not present, no report.

Sergeant at Arms North: Bob Earl, Swap Meet, and Thanks for the Help, Only had to work 12 hours. "Roger was a Very Happy Person". Great job of all working together!

Sergeant at Arms South: Cole Hembree, Need same Help at Fossil.

Sergeant at Arms East: OPEN



Committee Reports:

1. **Sanctioning Committee:** All events are due today that need insurance. The following events were OK'd: WaCo Toy Run, WaCo End of Summer Run, and Willamette Valley's Rhody Festival Poker Run. NE, SE and Columbia River's Summer Run flyer was approved.
2. **Run Committee:** Covered under Run Coordinators Report.
3. **PIT Committee:** No report.

Unfinished Business:

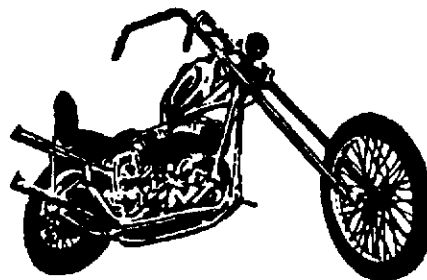
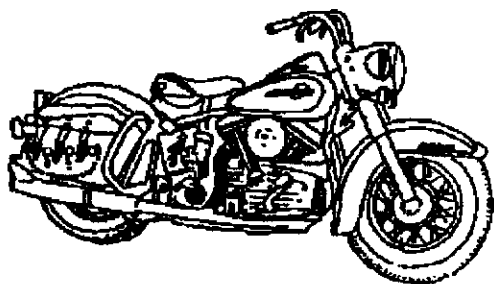
1. **Fossil Museum Display:** Covered under Historian by Iris.
2. **Washington DC Trip:** Ted read excerpts from his DC Trip Report. Report to be included in next newsletter.
3. **Chapter Flag:** South Coast showed their new banner with colored ABATE Logo and Chapter name for \$125.00. Ted still working to get chapter flags for Washington and Willamette Valley Chapters.
4. **International Motorcycle Safety Conference:** No report.
5. **Billboard project.** Billboard's are far too expensive at \$5,000 to \$6,000 per Billboard per month, All agreed to drop Billboard Project.
6. **Millennium Patch:** Ted opened discussions on chapter feedback on Millennium Patch. SC, NE, WV all agreed that we didn't need another product patch, too much controversy. Vote taken, 2 for the patch and 10 opposed. OK'd to sell patches, just won't be an ABATE State Product Item.

New Business:

1. **Best of the West, Motion** by Shirley and 2nd by Randy to have State pay half of the cost to send delegates to "Best of the West", with the other half covered by BikePAC of Oregon. Total cost is \$1300.00 for 3 to attend and ABATE would pay \$650.00. Vote: 12 aye. **Motion carried.**
2. **Motion** by Deb and 2nd by Randy to have State provide the Lincoln County Chapter with \$150.00 for Fossil Run trophy's, buttons, ribbons, etc. for games at Fossil. Vote: 12 aye. **Motion carries.**
3. **Vote on 2001 Fossil T-shirt** design, Decision to allow all in attendance to vote. 20 votes for Motor Design by Tad Dodd and Fran Melero. 8 votes for Dinosaur Skeleton design from River City Chapter.
4. **Officer Rockers,** Ted reviewed current patch situation and costs. Made a proposal that we not make State and Chapter Officer Patches separately, costs too much. But make a generic officers patch that could be used for both State and Chapter Officers. Then have a State and Chapter patch to go with them. Group OK's proposal. Ted to follow-up and make it happen.

Announcements:

1. **Swap Meet Appreciation Certificates:** Ted passed out Appreciation Certificates to those that helped out at the latest State Swap Meet.
 2. **Ted's Drawing** netted members a 1999 Coos River Run T-shirt (Wendy Solcova, WV), a Set of Beer Glasses (SO) and some Leather Dressing (Tim Rohde, SO).
 3. **Geno Reed,** Douglas County charter? Ted didn't have info at meeting, will look into it. Also was brought-up that the ABATE Tri-folds don't have Douglas County on them, need to get them changed. Ted, just had them made and it's to spendy to redo, suggested chapter get a rubberstamp and add their info.
- Next board meeting will be April 14th @ 12:00 noon, in Junction City.
Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.
Minutes taken & submitted by Rick Maish, Willamette Valley Chapter Sec., & State Rep.



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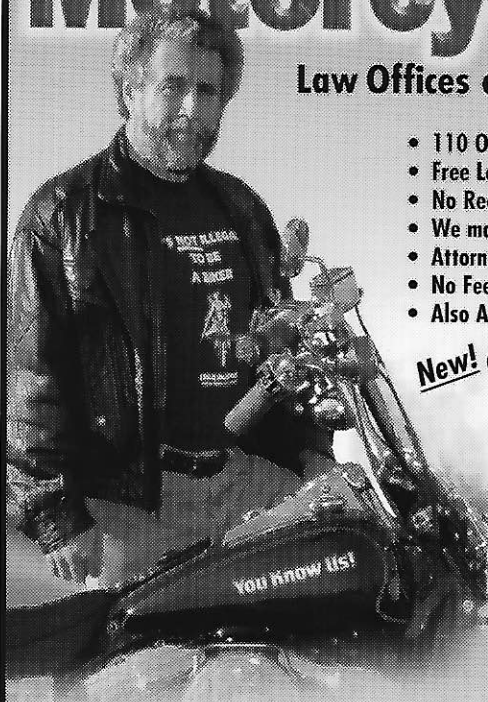
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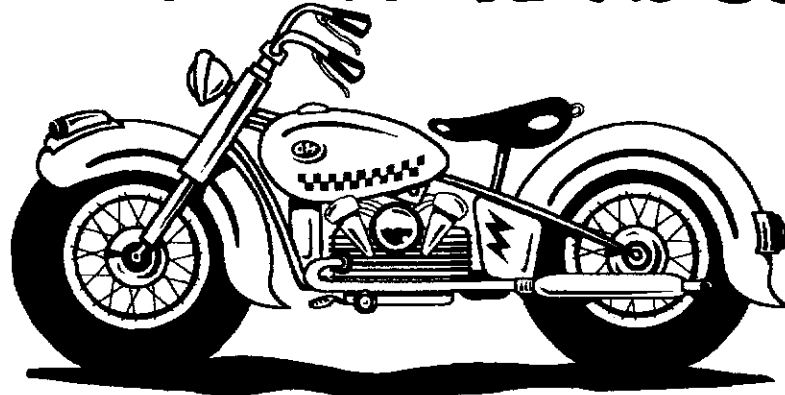
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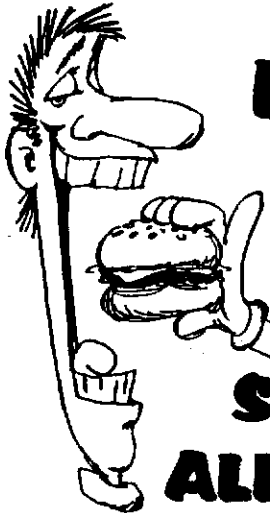


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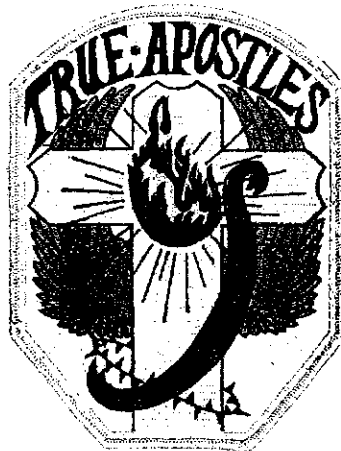
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1. BECOME A REGISTERED VOTER

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2. KNOW WHAT LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT YOU LIVE IN AND WHO YOUR LEGISLATORS ARE

Associations should provide each member with House, Senate, and Congressional district numbers on membership cards. Associations should also provide members with an annual Legislative Index that includes; names all state legislators, the district they represent, and their addresses and telephone numbers. Members can look on their membership card to determine the district they live in, and refer to the Legislative Index to locate the name of their legislator and how to contact him. The easier you make it for your member to be involved, the more likely they will write or call when the need arises.

3. KNOW THE BILL NUMBER, AUTHOR OF THE BILL, AND THE ISSUE

Each association should recap all bills introduced into their simplest form. People don't want to hear, "SF-222 changes Minnesota statute 1990 section 169.85 subdivision 6 relating to motorcycles and was referred to the Senate Transportation Subcommittee on environmental sub-codes 4 through 77...blah, blah, blah"

Members want to know the bottom line. They should hear, "SF-222 is a mandatory helmet bill that will be heard in two weeks." The more information you barrage your members with, the more likely the important information will get lost in all the really impressive but totally worthless 'mumbo-jumbo' you provided them. You don't need to impress members with everything you have ever heard on the subject. It's a waste of paper and a waste of your members time. Give them the meat and throw away the bun.

4. WRITE YOUR LEGISLATOR A LETTER

A. Be specific and brief. Include the bill number you're writing about, how you want the legislator to vote, your position, and some data to substantiate it, or at least the reason you've taken the position you have. Ask for a written reply stating their position, and/or how they intend to vote.

B. Don't threaten or intimidate. Don't say you'll have them voted out of office, unless you have the money and clout to follow through. The legislator may be undecided on the issue and a rude, threatening or intimidating letter may send them to the other corner. The legislator could also be on your side, and a negative letter could *change* his position.

5. PHONE CALLS

Use the telephone only for last minute impact. If a bill is scheduled for an immediate hearing and there isn't time to write a letter, by all means call. If you want to phone instead of writing because it's quicker and requires less effort, DON'T! A call does not carry the same impact as a letter in hand. If you phone your legislator, he may be on the way to a meeting, have his mind on the lobbyist standing outside his door, be in the middle of a project, or maybe just having a bad day. Any of these possible distractions could interfere with him giving you and your issue his undivided attention. On the other hand, if you write a letter, he reads it when he can give it his full attention and will then respond in writing, thereby giving you his position documented on paper. (Always useful in the event a legislator makes a commitment and perhaps changes his mind and doesn't want to follow through.)

6 . HANDWRITTEN VS. TYPED LETTERS

Every association should encourage members to write handwritten letters if possible, or they should type letters on plain white paper. (Personalized stationery is fine, too.) Legislators tend to believe that if you take the time to sit down and write them a personal letter, you are also likely to be one who takes the time to go to the polls on election day and possibly vote against them. A handwritten letter from a concerned constituent often carries MORE weight than a professionally typed letter on your company letterhead.

7 . PETITIONS AND FORM LETTERS

Associations should remind members that petitions and form letters rarely make a difference. Many times they end up the same place as a letter from someone who isn't registered to vote. Almost everyone has been asked to sign a petition of some sort. Most people will admit to signing a petition without even knowing the issue was, or caring about the petition they signed. They simply sign because someone asked them to. This fact does not go unrealized or unnoticed by the legislator receiving the petition. Petitions are for those too lazy to take time to speak their own mind. An issue that truly concerns you and/or affects your life should be given more time than it takes to scribble your name.

8 . ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO WRITE

Talk to your friends, neighbor, family, and coworkers about issues besides your own. Talk to them about their position on property taxes, education, the environment, health care, and crime. That way when they see you coming, they won't think to themselves, "Oh no, here comes the helmet guy again." Ask them to write letters supporting your issue and offer to reciprocate on an issue they feel strongly about. Remind them, "the ox that gores me today may be the one that gores you tomorrow." Scratch their back, and they'll scratch yours. There's strength in numbers and numbers ultimately mean power.

9 . FOLLOW-UP

This is the area which most associations and individuals need the most work. Write your legislator both before AND after an issue has been heard. Thank them for listening to your concerns, even if he voted in opposition of your viewpoint. This keeps the door open in the event another issue comes up in the future that requires you to deal with that same legislator.

Get involved with your legislator when the legislative session is in recess. Most people think a legislator only listens to your concerns when he wants your vote at election time. The reverse is true from the legislators viewpoint as well. Don't contact him only when you want his vote on one particular issue. There's a variety of ways which you can get involved during the off-season, like inviting your legislator to a neighborhood get-together, inviting him to ride the back of your bike in a local parade, passing out campaign brochures, putting together or distributing yard signs, organizing a charity ride in his district for a local cause, etc.

Most legislators will gladly make an appearance in their district. They need to keep their name in the public eye, and need to remain actively visible in the community. Name recognition is politically important, so legislators are quite receptive to requests asking them to attend various functions. They want constituents to know they're out working hard for the people that voted them into office.

THE BOTTOM LINE...

If you and/or your membership want to get involved in the legislative process, you need to show them how to do it easily and simply. If the process is too difficult or burdensome for YOU, imagine how difficult it will be to convince your members to get involved.



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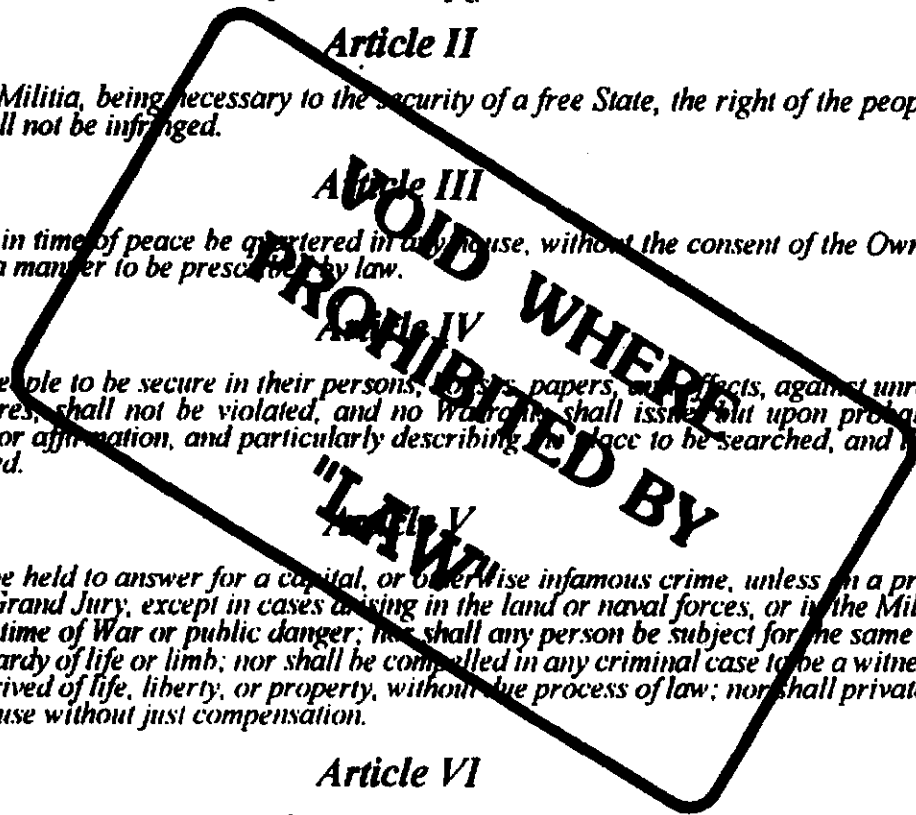
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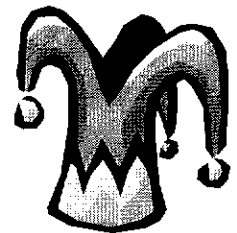
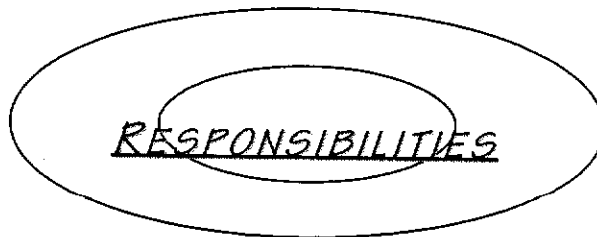
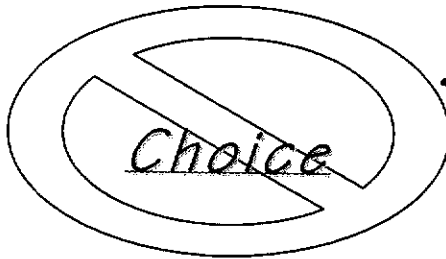
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