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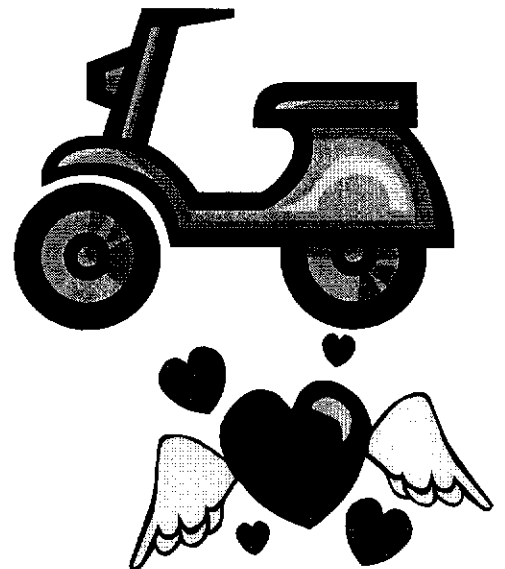
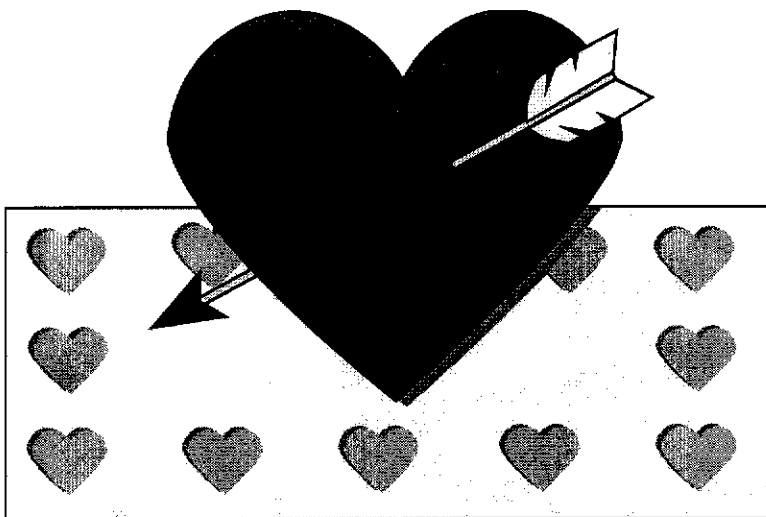
Douglas County Chapter!

**Yes that is right Douglas County is
back in the running. Please note
this and see their Chapter report
inside for times and meeting place.**

Good luck and much success!



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I will keep myself informed on the affairs, problems and methods of ABATE, so as to be an intelligent and constructive member.

I will exert my influence to see that ABATE has the best possible officers and directors in term of general competence and integrity.

I will faithfully support ABATE with my patronage and encourage my friends to do so.

I will build and maintain ABATE by contributing my share of physical support, labor and capital.

I will insist that full information be provided to me on the operations and financial conditions of ABATE.

I will take pride in ABATE and use my influence to see that it assumes its fair share of community responsibilities.

I will stand by ABATE in its days of adversity and help protect it from weakness which come from prosperity.

I will always remember that ABATE is me, as well as others like me and its behaviors is a reflection of our behavior.

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Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1 st SUNDAY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	1:00 PM Arby's Restaurant Winston, Or
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 Moose Lodge #323 3199 N. Hwy 97, Redmond
3 rd SUNDAY	SOUTH COAST	11:00 AM, Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend
	SOUTHERN OREGON	2:00 PM, Oregon's Pizza, Gold Hill
2 nd SUNDAY	COLUMBIA RIVER	12:30 PM, Pizza Perfect, 6815 NE Killingsworth, Portland
2 nd & 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, Zim's Brau Haus, 604 E 2nd St., The Dalles
2 nd & 4 th TUESDAY	WASHINGTON COUNTY	7:30 PM, Prime Time Sports Bar & 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 Rest 4740 Main St, Springfield, Or
1 st & 3 rd FRIDAY	LINCOLN COUNTY	7:00 PM, Moby Dick's Restaurant, Newport

Chapter Reports

Central Oregon

Meets 2nd Sunday, 2:00 PM

Moose Lodge #323, 3199 N. Hwy 97, Redmond
Chapter address: P.O. Box 926, Redmond, Or. 97756
Chapter contact: Jay Swartz 541-389-6773

No report, First time.

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

Due to the deadline for the publication of this newsletter, I am unable to report yet the results of the chapter elections that were held on January 14th. See the next issue for the results.

The same problem exists about the First Biker Day in Salem. News in the future.

I will be spearheading an effort in the legislature to pass the following anti-discrimination bill for bikers.

To amend the Public Accommodations Act.

A. A person who owns or operates a place of public accommodation shall not restrict an individual from access or admission to the place of public accommodation or otherwise prevent the individual from using the place of public accommodation solely because of any of the following:

1. The individual operates a motorcycle.
2. The individual is a member of an organization or association that operates motorcycles.
3. The individual wears clothing that displays the name of a motorcycle organization or association.

B. This section does not prohibit a person who owns or operates a place of public accommodation from denying access or admission to or use of the place of public accommodation if either:

1. The conduct of the person poses a risk to the health or safety of another person or a risk to the safety of another person's property.
2. The person's clothing does not conform with a dress code that is all of the following:
 - a. In effect at the place of public accommodation.
 - b. Stated clearly.
 - c. Not designed to exclude a particular individual or group of individuals associated with a motorcycle or motorcycle organization.

C. On application of any person, a court may enjoin a violation of this section.

D. A person who is injured by a violation of this section may bring a cause of action for injunctive relief under subsection C or an action for damages or both. In an action for damages, the person may recover actual damages incurred by the person, or liquidated damages in the amount of \$1,000.00, and punitive damages of not more than \$5,000.00.

E. A person who brings an action under subsection C or D and who prevails in the action is entitled to reasonable attorney fees and court costs.

A similar law already exists in Minnesota and similar versions are being proposed around the country. Anyone who has been refused service in a place of public accommodations in Oregon because he was riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle-related clothing should contact me

immediately. In order to have any realistic chance of passing this bill, I will need good, live testimony in Salem. I will also need to have all ABATE members across the state lobby their legislators to support this law.

Don't forget the Sweet Heart Dance on February 10th at the River Road House.

Finally, I forgot to mention Bob Earl's important contributors as State Sergeant at Arms North. Providing security is a difficult and thankless job and Bob's work should be commended.

Spike

Douglas County

Meets the 1st Sunday 1 pm

Arby's Restaurant, Winston

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This is Geno Reed, Coordinator for Douglas County. I would like to say hi to everyone and let you know you can contact me via email at the above address or by phone at 541 679 7331. Be patient as I learn new faces, new name and new duties! I've been asked to look into beer vendors and food vendors for the SOS run. I have three beer vendors that are considering our proposal and two food vendors. Am working on more and waiting for their replies.

I look forward to working with all of you! Thanks for your support! Oh yeah, I need the names of the three Chapters that are working on the SOS run. Also need applications for vendors. If anything else can be done down this way, contact me.

Thanks and see you at the next State meeting in February.

Bye for now...

Geno

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

HELLO ALL YOU SWEETHEARTS!!!!

Happy February! On the 14th of this month, Please be at the State Capitol at 9:00 am for the second of two Biker-Days. Sooo sorry I can't be there, but I must work.

As I promised, here is the roster of our 2001 Officers:

COORDINATOR	RALPH JANES
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A Big THANK YOU to last years Officers, and FOREVER FORWARD to this years!

Talk at you again next month!

Ride Safe!

SHIRLEY



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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

Hi there everyone.

Well, the holiday season is behind us and we are starting the new legislative session. Things have been fairly slow here in the Northeast chapter for the last couple of months. Everyone was getting up for the holidays and then year-end burnout stuck.

Attendance has been falling off with all the other year-end activities and we didn't even have a December meeting due to the lack of a quorum. However, we are looking forward to chapter elections this month and hopefully, increased attendance at our meetings and functions.

Have you ever notice how people tend to show up again once we are back into the law-making business? This year we are returning with our (once again) **helmet bill**, for those over 21, and a gift from Rep. Ken on Strobeck. **Lane splitting** (line dancing?), when the traffic speed falls to below 20 mph or comes to a complete halt. This will allow the air-cooled motos to crawl at a slow pace, and not burn out your engine. We had not even asked for this, it was just handed to us. Kinda nice, don't ya know.

Assisted Fuel Service (AFS) doesn't take us back to "self-serve", does allow the gas jockey to do his/her job, and hopefully relieves some liability for damaged paint jobs or spills on your scooter. Don't use the term "self-service". We need to use the "PC" language when talking to the politicians.

We don't have numbers yet for these bills, but they will be forthcoming.

The **Shriners' Toy Run** was a blast with over a 1000 folk showing up. **Tri-Met** loaned us a bus to haul all the goodies and there was even a "**Harley edition**" Ford pickup there to eyeball. Quite a sight.

Come on out to a meeting, show your support for our bills down in Salem, visit with your legislators, and lets' look forward to Fossil, only a few months from now. There are going to be several changes come about there, what with new games and all. Should be a good time. Remember also, volunteer for some time on the gate, security, or whatever needs doing that suits ya. Ride safe, and watch out for the cages.

Randy Phipps
State Board Rep
NE Portland

It's been awhile since you have heard from us. That is because we lost our secretary (for good reasons and we are very happy for her, she did a great job) and didn't do too well filling in for her. At this point I think we lost our right to vote in the next State Board meeting. We have perhaps 6 active members in the chapter and 14 offices to fill. Each of the six people have a lot going on already and I am not sure how long we can continue as a chapter at this rate. To give you an idea what each of us is doing:

Marty is our Coordinator. He and his wife have just had their second child plus Marty runs a business in Salem. So a baby and a busy business in Salem make it difficult to get to NE Portland and other functions. God bless him because he has made a fantastic effort and has done as good a job as anyone can do with such a tough schedule.

Rusty is our Vice Coordinator. He and his wife have a two year old boy and older children that keeps them pretty busy. Rusty has a demanding job that requires a lot of his time - so much so it is difficult to get things done at home. You can find Rusty at any of the ABATE campouts either coordinating the event or doing something to make it a success. He always finds a way to make these events a priority with his work schedule and manages to fit them in.

Rotten Roger is so dang busy with ABATE stuff coordinating runs and such that we cannot ask him to take on a chapter position. It would be too unfair and would take away from the other great work he does supporting ABATE.

Diesel Dave is our Sergeant at Arms, works full time, and is a student. If this is not enough he has been very busy within the Democratic National Party. He has recently been elected to an office within the party. Believe me when I tell you Dave is like a bulldog and will not let our rights slide by. Dave is making great progress in getting the Democrats to accept motorcyclists and our agenda. Dave is a very busy guy these days.

Randy is our State Representative, our Education Director, our PR person, and has recently taken on additional responsibility with BikePAC. Randy works full time as well and is kept pretty darn busy with all he has to do.

Lastly there is me. I am your Legislative Director, Toy Run Coordinator, and Chaplain. Of all the offices, the Toy Run keeps me most busy taking the Toy Run bike to events to sell tickets, coordinating those events, and chasing down all the details that need to be done to do my part in helping the Shriners Toy Run be a success. This year is a Legislative session so that is going to keep me pretty busy as well. I have a more than full time job, a wife, and a child that I try to spend time with.

I know I am speaking to the choir. Each one of you have lives and things going on. However we are at a crossroads here. We may have to close the chapter if participation does not pickup. I realize you are probably asking yourself why you didn't know this before. You should have known, we should have told you. I believe we got so wrapped up in what we are doing that we did a very human thing - we could not see the forest through the trees. We lost sight of the big picture and didn't do what is necessary to keep Chapter participation flowing.

Now you know we are in trouble. We need your help and support. Come to our Pot Luck on February 18th at the Loading Zone (you'll get a mailer soon) and be part of the solution. Perhaps the solution is closing the chapter. I hope not. The Northeast Chapter has a great legacy that can continue with your help.

Catch you later,

Mike Friend

(503) 255-5415

Please note: Since this was written we elected new officers as follows:

Rusty	Coordinator, Treasurer
Diesel	Legislative Director, Sergeant at Arms
Randy	State Rep, Education, PR
Mike	Secretary, Membership Secretary, Toy Run Coordinator, Chaplain

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

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No report, second time.

River City

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

ZIM'S BRAU HAUS, 604 E. 2nd. St., The Dalles

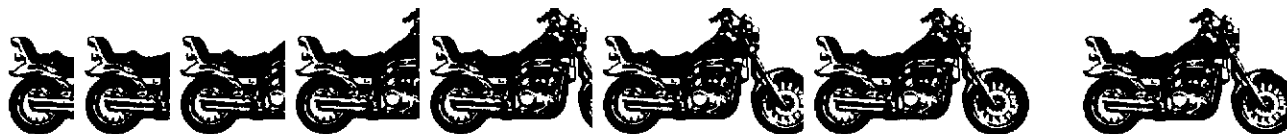
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Our last meeting of 2000 was a good one with 11 people present. We did all the usual stuff plus pledged a hundred dollars toward sending two people to the International Motorcycle Safety Conference. That's about \$1.50 per member of our Chapter. I hope all other chapters do as well!

Jeff Milholland would have won the \$35 membership drawing if he had been at the meeting. But, he lives 50 miles away, and it is winter, so a big hello to you out there Jeff and we hope to see you at a meeting in the next few months. Teresa won the 50/50 at \$8/7 and donated her share back to the Chapter. Thanks, Teresa, I know it was hard cause you really wanted to take the money and spend it on me for Christmas! But, I'd have done the same if it had been me. We had a very small meeting tonight. It is cold and ugly out. We had a Chapter party (1/1/1 Run) yesterday at Mike Farmer's/Delese Kendrick's. It was a nice time with plenty of good food. We are discussing a possible change in our meeting place. Our Chapter membership drawing for \$40 would have been won by Dan Turner if he had been present. Mike McDermott did win the 50/50 at \$4/\$4. That's all for now We had a lively meeting in which we all wrote letters to the EPA about their heavy handed tactics against motorcyclists. We have a new member tonight. Welcome Manuela Gabler-Hinde. She heard about us through Delese Kendrick and came to check us out. Bob Ratliff would have won the \$45 membership drawing if he'd been here and Delese Kendrick won the 50/50 at \$8/7. Our Sunday rides continue here in beautiful eastern Oregon!

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)

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Happy Heart Day y'all,

We didn't have a formal meetin' in December 'cause there was just too much going on in member's lives. Plus the Toy Run came off real well and a lot of the organizers was just plain bushed. (As we all have been by now.) Howsomever, several of us did hold an informal discussion at the meeting site and came up with several ideas for making the Chapter more than an excuse to exercise Robert's Rules of Order. Gonna try to put more of the fun back into fundamentals.

This is being written the day after Oregon's 71st legislative session opened. Rot Path decided to putt on over and join other bikers at the festivities. Didn't get there as early as planned, so the gallery of the House was full-up and late-comers had to go down to hearing rooms to watch the pageantry on widescreen television. (There was a man and woman, apparently from the State Police, who kept whisperin' while the rest of us were trying to hear what was going on. Felt kinda like tellin' them that they was going to get sent to the principle's off ice if they didn't pipe down.) Felt kinda conspicuous, being the only one in there in leathers, but Rot Path figured everyone else from the motorcycling community musta got seated inside.

As the formality of recognizin' and seating elected and appointed officials went on (and on and on...), Rot Path had a sudden insight that all this wasn't about governing a free society, but that it was about investing upper classes with the appearance of legitimacy to rule over everyone else.

Rot Path tried to listen to the speeches with an open mind (ya gotta have a hole in yer head to hang around the ruling elite), but the more words that was spewed, the less in-touch the speakers seemed with the real world -- especially the Speaker of the House.

Rot Path got up and left when the doctor . . . or was he being governor now? (It's so difficult to tell with John-boy. Guess he has trouble keeping the two jobs separate as well) . . . came on to give his heart-felt speech. Wandered around the Capitol a bit, the only one in black leathers, feeling a bit out of place. Sauntered into the gov's office while he was still inflating the House chambers, picked up a few copies of his speech, and left a note in the visitor's log:

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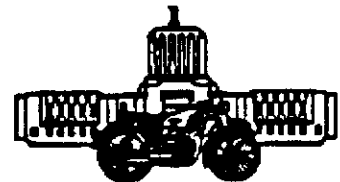
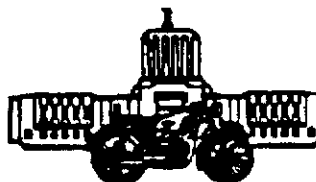
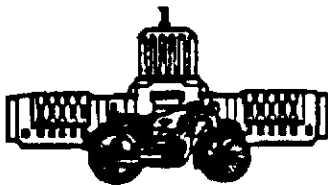
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Comments: We're back.

Hard to tell how things are gonna go this legislative session. Feels like we're gonna have to take more initiative as individuals this time around, as far as rallying to the Capitol when we hear of significant developments taking place. We've got a lot of really dedicated people in A.B.A.T.E. and BikePAC, but they can't carry everything by themselves. If the issues we face this session are important to us and those who will ride after us, then we need to make the time to get to the Capitol when needed, especially those of us who live close to Salem.

To help defray the costs of the legislative work being done on our behalf, Rot Path is producing calendars fer sale, the profits of which will be split between A.B.A.T.E. and BikePAC. Yep, Rot Path is barin' (most) all fer bikers. Going the (fairly) Full Monty fer motorcyclists. (Yeah, it's one of *those* calendars.) Finally found a way to combine ridin' naked with generating funds fer a worthwhile activity. Hope you'll be seein' me soon.

Once more February sees Rot Path completing another trip around the sun. With all the brouhaha over when the millenium really started, Rot Path is wondering if it's now possible to subtract a year off our ages. The middle of this month is a day fer lovers, but ya don't have to wait fer once a year to show how you feel about special people in your life. It's the little gifts of yourself, your time, that you give every day that mean the most to others. May yer February be a S.T.E.A.M.y one,
Rot Path



South Coast

Meets 3rd Sunday, 11 AM

Gino's Pizza, 1324 Virginia Street, North Bend

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SouthCoastABATE@yahoo.com

What a Great Success on our Annual Andy Proctor Toy Run. So much energy and support. Thanks to all of you who made this a great success and made this holiday season so special to sooooo many boys and girls and to Santa who got all those extra smiles.

Shore Acres was as Beautiful as ever, if you couldn't make it this year try to plan it for next year, it's a treat for the eyes that everyone of all ages seem to enjoy, I know we enjoy it as do others we meet and spoke to while we were able to be host for the day. We do hope we get to see some of you next year.

Hope all of you had as much fun and spirit as we here on the south coast have had. Let's just spread the cheer no matter what the time of year!!!!!!!!!!

Times they are a changing along with some change in our electoral. I think I heard somewhere we have a new president. I think they said a man called Bush, Ring any bells, oh that's right Christmas is over.

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| Charlie Hill | coordinator |
| Gordon Dunn | vice coordinator |
| Steve Cory | education director |
| Sue Becker | membership secretary |
| Judy Shineflew | Secretary |
| Mary Nearpass | Treasurer, |
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| Jeff Shore, Bill and Judy Shineflew | Historians, |
| Jeff Shore and Grizz Haggard | Sergeant at Arms. |
| Randy Christensen | State Rep |
| Jeff Bauder and Tom Curran | State Rep alternates |
| Jeff Bauder | Legislative Director |
| Mike Richards | Road Captain |
| Jesse Standard | Road Captain alternate |

Thank you all for all your support and all the involvement to make our Chapter the success that I am proud to be apart of.

Happy Happy Holidays and let's make this New Year even Better than the Last. Always be safe. Til next time.....

Hang in there guys the weather is bound to get better, I'll bet on it.

LATER,

Judy

Southern Oregon

Meets 3rd, Sunday, 2 PM

Oregano's Pizza, Gold Hill

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Happy New Year ~ New Century ~ New Bike!

It's been cold enough to consider a windshield to keep your happy face from freezing solid...and very dry...December was a busy time for everybody and some great things happened because of, or in spite of.

The 20th Annual Rogue Valley Toy Run was attended by over 450 riders & passengers on 295 motorcycles. They all met at and left from D&S Harley-Davidson in Phoenix and rode to the Moose Lodge, nine miles away, to drop off their toys and eat lunch. Big Time Thanks go out to the police officers of Phoenix, Ashland, Medford and the Oregon State Police, who all assisted with traffic control.

D&S is now located in their new "home" about a mile north of their old location. They held a Grand Opening party on Dec 30th, with a 20% off Sale, 50% off Christmas stuff, door prizes, a really good Blues band, and all the free food you could eat. Yeah, that was me that won the Harley Collectable Barbie doll...

We voted in our new Officers on Dec. 17th and Tim Rohde is our new Coordinator and he has every intention of making the Southern Oregon Chapter larger and more active than ever.

Other Officers are:

Vice Coordinator
Treasurer/Membership Sec.
Secretary
Sgt-at-Arms 1
Sgt-at Arms 2
Run Coordinator/State Rep.
Historian/Photographer

Herb Sweeten (& S.R. Newsletter Editor)
Barbara Vincent
Mike Horn
Mike Vincent
Francois Martin
Tom Boyd
Rachel Horn

A Big Tip of the helmet and a loud "thank you" goes out to all of those individuals for accepting the position and the responsibility that goes with it.

We've got the Southern Oregon Summer run (SOS) coming back August 24th, 25th & 26th with the able bodied assistance of the Willamette Valley and South Coast members. Thank you All !! Tim is planning to meet with some of them on Jan. 14th at Heaven On Earth so they can look over and discuss Wolf Creek as the "new home" for the SOS run. Ya better mark those new calendars now for that hot August weekend cuz it's gonna happen with YOU and a bunch of your brothers & sisters.

We are also bringing back the "Jefferson State Run" and at least six others (Poker anyone?). Tune in to your newsletter or, better yet, attend some meetings for more details cuz we don't want you to miss out...yes, we are very actively seeking new members, "expired" members, Indian Creek members and riders who don't think they belong. "If you ride, you belong." Or as Tim sez, "It's not what you ride, it's that you ride." Step up, introduce yourself and let's knock off the sorry excuses, and go to the meetings, to have a voice and be with our own. You won't win by being "too busy" or "I did that years ago and I'm tired" or "car-bike-bus problems." We will all lose.

Rubber down, chrome up, dress warm and watch out for the "terminally unaware."
Mike

S.E. Portland

Meets 1st & 3rd Sundays, 12 Noon

M/M Restaurant & Lounge 137 N. Main, Gresham

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 90233, Portland, OR 97290

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FAX 503-760-9013 E-Mail la44@qcsn.com

Since the holidays are officially over, I hope this finds everyone well. S. E. Chapter meetings are again going good and strong. Thank you to everyone who renewed your membership. As of Jan 17th meeting we are 317 strong, including three new members!!

Hey Guy's speaking of members and of chapters, please remember to try to attend other chapters meetings and support them and abate too... It is always helpful for someone else's input. We are an organization and our chapter's community input makes the legislative input a whole.

As for my self and this chapter we are so excited to see everyone pitching in for this chapters major events. Our Anniversary Party and Run 21 and Poker Run are coming along good. Hope to see members from all chapters at all these functions. Check out the News Letter and Flyers.

I know every one is most likely calmed down now that the elections are over but please remember that the legislative session is in progress this year. Do you want to pump your own gas or wear the helmet of your choice or none at all??? Talk to your legislative director for information on how to get further involved.

On a sum what lighter note—our membership drawing is still at \$50.00 and will stay there until someone in attendance wins it!!! The January 7th members name drawn was: Austin Johnson (Patty's Grandson). Time before was Wayne Schumacher's for \$45.00. I hope to see our next winner at the meeting.

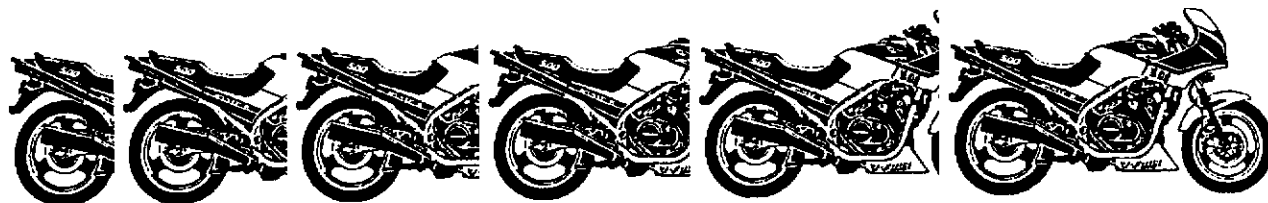
M&M Lounge 137 N.Main St. Gresham: 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

Come on out and get involved.

It's a great place to get involved

Mammy Tami

P.S. Check out the Web Site for "Subtle Changes" the Maddog has made. The Web Site is a great informational tool and keeps our community and state and national chapters in touch. This is for our Benefit!!!!



Washington County

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 PM

Prime Time Sports Bar & Rest, 4202 Pacific Ave, Forest Grove

Chapter Address: P.O. Box 202, Cornelius, OR 97113

Chapter Contact: Ted Tracy 503-615-3101

No report, first time.

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

Now that we've rested up from the holidays, it's time to kick the chapter back into action. 2001 is a year with a lot of promise -- politically and socially.

A fresh legislature is primed for changes and now is the time for us each to act on behalf of all motorcyclists. Rider Days on 1/26 and 2/14 in Salem are great opportunities to show our resolve and make a pitch for your rights as bikers. KNOW YOUR LEGISLATORS (I have a list so call me if you don't know!) and visit, write or e-mail them. They need to hear your voice if you expect their support. Both parties are moving ahead with helmet law reform this year, and there's hope of getting a strongly supported bill to Kitzhaber's desk -- one he may not be able to kill for a change! Another push is the self-service gas for motorcycles, an issue with support in Salem and, I understand, from antique, custom and street rod car clubs in the state. Something else coming to a head is motorcycle/biker discrimination. Spencer Neal (Spike) with Columbia River Chapter is out front with this one. Two of our own members have been evicted simply for parking a motorcycle on their rental property ("safety hazard" they claimed, if you can believe that of a brand new FLHT!). If you think about it, all the issues confronting bikers seem to boil down to out-dated perceptions, stereotyping and fear-generated discrimination. We have a lot of work ahead, but sticking together and being active has its own reward and can make a difference for us all.

On the local front, thanks for all the wonderful support for our Christmas benefit at the Eugene Mission. Lots of bikes and bikers, a pile of badly needed work clothing donations, and a delicious, hot turkey dinner with all the fixins served up a real moving experience, not only for the 3 or 4 hundred homeless who showed up but for each of us who participated. A lot of smiles and a few tears proved to all of us that in the midst of struggle and loneliness, kindness and love can make a difference in everyone's heart.

Don't forget to attend Casino Night, added to the 2001 agenda not just as a fundraiser but also because it's so damn much FUN!!! Bring items for the auction, play some blackjack and you're bound to go home with something to show for it. A good time is guaranteed!

We're still putting together our first Independence Day event this summer, the Rhody Poker Run is in May and the SOS (Southern Oregon Summer) Run slated for August has found a home not far south of here. All this, some dinner rides, a chapter ride and our annual Chapter participation run should make for another GREAT summer! Come to the meetings, help us put all these events together and be a part of all the fun. See ya there!

Ride Safe, Ride Free

Michael



Do something more to protect your rights!

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COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

Compiled and Edited by BILL BISH,
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FEDS ENDORSE HEALTH CARE

DISCRIMINATION For the past several years, motorcyclists have rightfully believed that we had won the federally protected right to medical benefits from our health care providers in the event of an accident. But now, over four years since bikers from across the country successfully lobbied Congress to ban health insurance discrimination against motorcycle riders, new regulations released recently may actually have the opposite effect.

The original intent of the legislation, the Health Insurance Portability Act of 1996, was to protect employees from being discriminated against by being denied coverage "due to their participation in activities such as motorcycling, snowmobiling, all-terrain vehicle riding, horseback riding, skiing and other similar activities," according to the Congressional Record from that time. But on January 5, 2001, the three federal agencies involved in the rulemaking process to codify the legislation into federal regulations, released the new rules, which appear to completely contradict the original congressional intent. While on one hand the regulations state that employers cannot refuse healthcare insurance on the basis of an employee's participation in legal recreational pursuits, on the other hand it allows health care benefits to be denied for injuries sustained in connection with those activities. In other words, according to the new regulations, your employer can't deny you insurance coverage because you ride a motorcycle, but the insurance carrier can refuse you coverage if you're involved in a motorcycle accident.

Bikers from coast to coast worked hard to enact legal protections against insurance discrimination, and yet these new rules render all that effort meaningless. However, with the new Bush Administration taking charge, and new agency heads appointed, perhaps the first order of business for the new Congress should be to address the situation and correct this grievous error. We encourage concerned riders to contact your Congressional representatives and urge them to take corrective action.

To contact members of Congress, call the Capitol Telephone Exchange at (202) 224-3121.

EPA TO TARGET MOTORCYCLE EMISSIONS The Feds are drawing a bead on motorcycles, and will soon tighten emissions standards for street bikes and impose standards for dirt bikes, which are currently unregulated at the federal level. The Environmental Protection Agency is expected to follow California's lead in both sets of standards, reports the San Francisco motorcycle publications CITY BIKE. Along with bikes, snowmobiles, marine engines and industrial engines such as those used in forklifts are expected to come under scrutiny in the coming months. In a November document called an Advance Notice of Proposed Rule Making, the EPA puts forth their case for regulating machines hitherto untouched.

On page 3 of the document, it is proposed that while they're at it, they may as well tighten standards for street bikes too.

There seem to be two reasons: 1) It hasn't been done in a while ("current standards were established more than 20 years ago"); and 2) California recently did it ("California recently adopted new standards for highway motorcycles and new standards have been proposed internationally"). Then, in a remarkable attempt at sugarcoating the bitter pill of government regulation, the agency suggest that the coming restrictions of both street and dirt bikes might actually help the industry. "There may be opportunities to reduce emissions in a way that also allows manufacturers to benefit from harmonized requirements, which may reduce product lines and production costs." Why this pie-in-the-sky nonsense would work at the national level when it failed so utterly in California is not made clear. Certainly, the EPA knows what a fiasco the California regulations were, and are: The document acknowledges that "...a lack of certifiable product from manufacturers was reportedly creating economic hardship for dealerships. The number of certifiable motorcycle products was particularly inadequate." The EPA is soliciting comments at nranprm@epa.gov.



CALIFORNIA BIKER "STICKS IT" TO SUV'S

For four months, it's been hunting season for a pair of mischievous middle-aged men in the Bay Area, according to a December 26, 2000, ASSOCIATED PRESS article written by Karen Gaudette. "Their prey is the far-from elusive sport-utility vehicle," she writes. "As a weapon, they use a bent toward civil disobedience and some strong glue."

Charles Dines, a construction worker who rides a BMW motorcycle, and Robert Lind, who runs a deer-repellent business, have scampered all over the region to smooth homemade bumper stickers onto hundreds of SUVs - the vehicles they love to hate.

Dines came up with the idea after several chats with Lind about their shared scorn for SUVs. He likens it to the public pillories of old, where offenders were exposed to public shame. Their motivation? They say they're tired of watching SUVs suck down fuel at gas stations and flood rear-view mirrors with blinding headlights at night. But mostly, the "mad taggers" are mad about the SUVs' impact on the environment.

"We look at the bumper sticker as a way to punish these people," said Lind, who drives an old BMW car. "They think their status trinket is more important than the environment we all share."

The black-and-white stickers exclaim, "I'm changing the environment! Ask me how!"

Naturally, the taggers' victims usually don't agree, and tagging cars with their stickers could be construed as vandalism, a misdemeanor. Lind says the facts about SUVs make the risk worth it. Drivers bought 2.8 million SUVs in the United States through November 2000, about 17 percent of all vehicles sold. Sales are up 4.6 percent from last year, according to Ward's Automotive Reports. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, average fuel economy in the SUV, van and pickup category is just over 18 mpg, compared with 23.6 mpg for cars. And some SUVs also have less stringent federal emissions standards, since they are classified as trucks.

Carl Calvert, editor of the magazine TODAY'S SUV says, "There's always a certain faction that's going to be looking at the negative attributes of SUVs." But he adds, "I think you can look at any automotive vehicle and see negative aspects." Lind maintains that most SUVs are bought for status, not utility. "Our goal is to attach enough social shame and ostracism to an SUV so

that perhaps we'll change public opinion," he said.

TAXMAN MAY SOMEDAY RIDE WITH YOU One day, perhaps, every vehicle on the road will be equipped with a computer that uses satellite technology to record every mile you drive, and in which states and on which roads. Then the government will use that information to tax you for your driving. That day could be just five to 10 years away, according to an article by Larry Sandler in the MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL, as Wisconsin has joined eight other states and the federal government in paying for an \$800,000 study of whether such a system could be created to replace the gas tax.

Although this Orwellian concept is plagued with privacy concerns, they're pressing ahead with the study, because they fear the growth of alternative-fuel cars could mean the end of the road for the gas tax. As a side benefit, they say the system would give every driver a satellite navigation unit and a way to call for help in an emergency.

Such a system also could lower gas prices, eliminate tollbooths, and allow businesses to build and run highways, added David Forkenbrock, one of the researchers leading the 2 1/2-year study. Much of the technology already exists, in the form of the global positioning system units that have started to appear in cars. With GPS, a small computer in your vehicle can use satellite signals to pinpoint your location anywhere in the world, then find that location on a map and provide directions to any destination. With the maps in the GPS unit's database, the on-board computer could keep a record of how many miles each car or truck traveled on each road in each state. Drivers could be required to periodically download that data to a government computer network, perhaps at terminals installed in gas stations, claims the article. Then a central government clearinghouse would analyze the data and mail all drivers bills assessing them a Wisconsin tax for miles driven in Wisconsin, an Illinois tax for miles driven in Illinois, etc. Some states might charge different rates for driving on interstate highways, local streets, or other types of roads. Because people are traveling on public roads in full view of everyone, gathering this information "is really not much of an invasion of privacy," Forkenbrock said.

WHAT A BARREL PRODUCES One-barrel of oil holds 42 gallons of unrefined crude oil. According to the AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE, from those 42 gallons we get 19.5 gallons of gas, 9.2 gallons of heating oil/diesel fuel, and 4.1 gallons of jet fuel. The remainder produces asphalt, tar, kerosene, and other fuels and lubricants.

Oil provides 40 percent of the energy we use and 97 percent of our transportation fuels. Total oil under the U.S. is estimated to exceed 200 million barrels, or about 70 years worth of consumption at present levels.

American motorists pay nearly 43 cents per gallon in taxes.

MICHIGAN PASSES LAW TO LIMIT MOTORCYCLE CONFISCATIONS

Michigan Governor John Engler signed a bill on January 5, 2001, which will prevent police agencies from withholding a motorcycle longer than 30 days after it is confiscated. The motorcycle confiscation bill (SB1012) provides for safe and secure transportation and storage from the time the bike is picked up by any police agency (if the bike gets damaged the bill has provisions for penalties). The police then have 30 days to return the bike to the owner or face penalties, court costs and actual attorney fees (if an attorney was required to get the bike back). This bill will help prevent the police from taking a bike just to harass and detain bikers and then keeping the bike for years without cause.

Senator Mat Dunaskiss (R) sponsored the bill at the request of Angel (Communications Director) ABATE OF MICHIGAN, Inc. "I sure hope other states can use this too," said Angel, "We are all in this together and we don't always live or ride in the same state all of our lives."

SPANISH BAN ON MOTORCYCLE TRAILERS BROUGHT BEFORE COURT

The European Commission (EC) has decided to bring Spain before the Court of Justice because it considers that Spain's absolute ban imposed on motorcycles towing trailers is an unjustifiable barrier to the free movement of goods and persons between Member States of the European Union.

The EC, while sharing the Spanish authorities' concern for road safety, which was cited as justification for the ban, considers that road safety can be achieved by measures, which are less

trade-restrictive. For example, other Member States impose maximum speed limits on motorcycles with trailers or set maximum trailer dimensions or weight limits on the load, which the trailers may carry. After Denmark, where the trailer ban was lifted in June 1998 thanks to the efforts of the FEDERATION OF EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATIONS (FEMA), Spain is the only country imposing this type of ban. According to FEMA, this causes a lot of problems for many touring motorcyclists with trailers who are traveling between southern countries, all of which allow trailer use.

SIDECARISTS SOMETIMES OVERCHARGED AT TOLL BOOTHS

"Back in the 70's in response to statements from our members, we found that many tollways, toll bridges, toll tunnels, turnpikes, etc., were charging sidecarists up to 50% MORE than the driver of a heavy two axle limo or pickup truck," E-mailed Hal Kendall of the UNITED SIDECAR ASSOCIATION.

"Over a period of about five years we worked consistently to bring about a uniform and fair toll not to exceed the rate for a passenger car," said Hal. "We thought we had all tollways in line but it seems that on occasion some will charge a sidecarist as a three axle vehicle."

The latest, says Hal, was the Harris County Toll Road in Houston. Upon receipt of Hal's letter requesting clarification of their rates, Mr. Bernard Koudelka, Executive Director responded that they would address this issue with all their collection personnel and to charge sidecarists at their private passenger 2-axle rate.

Please note that should any sidecarist be charged at a three-axle rate for their sidecar to pay the rate requested, to obtain the name & number of the collection agent, the number of the booth, the exit name, the date, time, and direction, and if possible, to get a phone number or address of the tollway concerned. Then send it to Hal Kendall at hal-kendall@worldnet.att.net for analysis and to get the authority to reverse its overcharging policy.

Do not hassle the tollway collection agent. Also, if you're pulling a trailer, expect to be charged the 2-axle rate, plus an additional axle for the trailer. But protest if you are charged for axles, says Hal.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: "For the saddest epitaph, which can be carved in memory of a banished liberty is that it was lost because its possessors failed to stretch forth a saving hand while yet there was time." JUSTICE GEORGE SUTHERLAND, 1938

From The

GUNNYS SACK

Another DOC on OUR side: Dr. Dean Edell has a nationwide phone-in radio show about health. In late December, he was on the air while our Oregon AIM Attorney Sam Hochberg happened to be listening, talk-show fan that he is.

Sam tells us at the Sack that the good doctor was complaining about how irrational some of our safety laws are. He started talking, as a joke, about how we ought to outlaw candles, or at least put warning labels on them because of the associated fire hazards.

Then he talked about head injuries, and said if people really wanted to have an impact on that, they should make car drivers wear helmets! He admitted nobody would go for that - and then said, and this is pretty much a quote, "So what are we always picking on the poor motorcyclists for? They represent a TINY FRACTION of head injuries!" Right on, doc! Let's get this man out to our next NCOM convention!

NEWS BITS 'N PIECES:

BEIJING: According to Asia Pulse, the number of motorcycles per 100 urban households has risen about 40% in two years. As of the third quarter of 2000, 18.6 out of every 100 urban households in China owns a registered motorcycle! I doubt even Sturgis has that high a percentage per capita during STURGIS WEEK. I'm impressed.

ENGLAND: Model Jemma Kidd dressed up as a traffic cop to launch a campaign to show two-wheeled transport is just the ticket to solve London's transportation problems. Ms Kidd was supporting motorcycling for London, where they're calling for more free and secure parking spaces for scooters and motorcycles. There are increasing numbers of commuters who use them to get into work there. They were also calling for scooters and motorbikes, whose sales were up 27% last year, to be allowed to use bus lanes and be exempt from any congestion charges introduced by London Mayor Ken Livingstone. Chairman of the National Motorcycle Council and spokesman for

Motorcycling for London, Bob Doughty, said: "Motorcycles and scooters give the personal freedom you get from a car but they are smaller, quicker and reduce congestion."

Let's face it folks: We all know two wheeled rigs take up less space, use less fossil fuels, and are less polluting than other means of motorized transport.

MOTORCYCLE RECALL: Fisher-Price says their battery-powered toy motorcycles can have the foot pedal get stuck in the "on" position. Obviously this is a real concern for folks that have little guys riding these things and should be looked into promptly. I've got a son that has the same problem occasionally with his pick-up truck foot pedal. The results can be payments through the local judicial systems. Better to fix the problem.

Here's how to get the right scoop on these recalls of Battery-powered toy riding vehicles sold by Tek Nek Toys, Empire Industries and Fisher-Price from 1995 through 2000. On the Tek Nek and Empire models, the battery charger can overheat and cause a fire. Call Tek Nek at 877-446-7719. Call Empire at 1-800-872-1869, Monday-Friday, 8:15 a.m.-5 p.m. On the Fisher-Price motorcycles call Fisher-Price at 888-289-9292.

CHINA: Two-strokes ARE making a comeback. They're pushing them as better for the air in China, so this new Orbital design must be a lot cleaner than the old two-stroke bikes from the early 70's. Australia is selling the new engine to Chinese manufacturers as fast as they can ship them.

HAVANA: I read a copyrighted story off the AP the other day about how a lot of Russians and their vehicles stayed in Cuba, long after the USSR broke up. Said you can still find a lot of Russian Lada sedans and Ural motorcycles there. If you're looking to buy maybe that's the place to check out! I know the Ural motorcycle is rather popular here on the West Coast but don't think Russian cars would work well here on GOOD highways.

TIME IS TICKING: Time going too slow for ya? Try this one on for size. Now, you can experience the rumble and roar of a Harley engine 24 hours, seven days a week-with the new, officially licensed Harley-Davidson Wall Clock. This thing announces each hour with a different HARLEY engine sound. Keeps you right up to snuff on how the yur scoot should sound when it's runnin' right. Gotta git me one of those critters, just for

laughs. You can git yurs at your nearest Harley dealer and many other department stores around the country.

SACRAMENTO, CA: Talk about needed scooter parking, listen to this pearl: People suing the city for parking lot injuries from parking garage arms nearly had the city banning scooters from parking garages. After paying \$68,000 in injury claims between 1992 and 1997 -- including two cases where the arm knocked passengers off the back of the bike -- the city considered banning motorcycles from parking garages altogether and ticketing those who rebelled. When riders raised hell over it, officials instead decided to shorten the gate arms, allowing motorcycles to ride around the gate and park for free.

Now, however, after installing a new system of gates, the city is worried about bikes not being accounted for and the possibilities for attendants to tap the tills.

Bikers are saying NO! The attendants are the thieves not scooter people trying to park downtown. Why are city fathers so dense? We shouldn't have to pay the price for other peoples foibles. Parking officials should have taken bikes into consideration when they planned the new systems to start with.

JAPAN: From the newspaper Mainichi Shimbun comes this piece of reality. It seems the powers that be were worried about the scooter people and their New Year's celebrations in this country. The National Police Agency mobilized 33,000 officers across the nation to step up control of groups of motorcycle people, because they were rumored to be planning reckless driving sprees from New Year's Eve through the first three days of 2001. From New Year's Eve on 1999 to Jan. 1 of 2000, police questioned nearly 1,440 motorcyclists for their suspected reckless and noisy riding on expressways and thoroughfares in the country. And we worry about harassment, WOW!

WOODCLIFF LAKE, NJ: BMW of North America, Inc. has continued its winning streak for calendar year 2000 and surpassed all previous U.S. sales figures. Their motorcycle sales are up even beyond 1999 figures, not to mention auto and sports activity type rigs. Seems Americans are starting to appreciate the reliability of these vehicles and scooters.

FLORIDA: It's time to plan for the annual National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Convention. It's in Orlando,

Florida on the Thursday-Saturday of mother's day weekend, at the airport Marriott. Get your room reservations NOW, 'cuz they're goin' fast, at (800) 766-6752. Really gonna be somethin' this year. Don't miss it. I'm sure gonna be there, and we're expecting well over a THOUSAND bikers rights people, including most of the AIM lawyers! Bill Bish at NCOM headquarters has the entire scoop for you.

Call him at: 1-800-525-5355 and he'll send you flyers and such, or email him at aimncom@aimncom.com.

GUNNY AGAIN: If you are unfortunate and are run over on the road, ALWAYS call your nearest AIM attorney for advice and help. The national number is on your AIM Card right in front. No AIM Card? Try 1-(800)-ON=A-BIKE and tell 'em what happened and they will also send you an AIM Card if you ask for one. FREE. Call me at 503/359-5356, or email me at AIMGunny@aol.com, and I'll get one to you in Oregon. Come to a run and sign up this summer, as we have AIM booths set up at most motorcycle events. The AIM Card is free and the runs are fun too. Keep the round side on the bottom.

Gunny, Oregon AIM Chief of Staff

New Federal Rules Legalize Insurance Discrimination

PICKERINGTON, Ohio -- Motorcyclists and others involved in recreational activities could be left without vital health-care coverage as a result of new regulations released by a group of federal agencies last week, reports the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA). Ironically, the rules, written in response to federal legislation banning health-insurance discrimination, could end up having precisely the opposite effect.

The new regulations, issued jointly by three federal agencies, are the culmination of a rulemaking process that has dragged on for nearly five years since Congress passed the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. And, the AMA notes, the final version of the regulations appears to directly contradict the will of Congress in passing that law.

The purpose of the original legislation was to protect workers from discrimination in the health insurance they receive through their employers. As

written by Congress, the bill would have prohibited employers from denying health coverage based on a worker's pre-existing medical conditions or participation in legal recreational activities. The official language in the Congressional Record from that time noted that the law "is intended to ensure, among other things, that individuals are not excluded from health-care coverage due to their participation in activities such as motorcycling, snowmobiling, all-terrain vehicle riding, horseback riding, skiing and other similar activities."

The AMA worked hard to get that language included in the Congressional Record after uncovering incidents in which employers were discriminating against motorcyclists, leaving them without coverage anytime they were involved in recreational pursuits. The AMA noted that the cases of discrimination it had uncovered extended health-care protection to employees involved in illegal activities, like driving a car while drunk, but cut them off from many legal activities.

Since the passage of the original bill, the AMA has repeatedly called on the federal agencies involved--the Internal Revenue Service, the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, and the Health Care Finance Administration--to release the regulations that would govern enforcement of the law. The agencies delayed the process until the closing days of the Clinton administration, finally releasing regulations on Jan. 5. The new regulations at first state that an employer cannot refuse health-care coverage to an employee on the basis of participation in recreational activities. But they go on to say that health-care benefits can be denied for injuries sustained in connection with those recreational activities.

"To say that an employer can't deny health-care coverage to motorcyclists, but can deny coverage of any injury related to motorcycling makes this entire law meaningless," said Ed Moreland, the AMA's vice president of government relations. "Instead of creating a law specifically ending health-care discrimination, as Congress intended, these agencies have legalized discrimination.

"These rules open the door to the elimination of health coverage for all types of legal recreational activities, from motorcycle riding to running or

walking. That's the exact opposite of what Congress had in mind."

The AMA is urging all motorcyclists--and those involved in any other type of recreational activity--to protest these regulations during a public-comment period that remains open through April 9. However, the AMA notes that by the time comments are sent in, the new Bush administration will be taking charge in Washington, meaning that different officials may be in charge at these agencies.

"We believe that the change of administrations in Washington gives us a chance to appeal this arbitrary set of regulations," said Moreland. "We are in a position to ask new administrators to undo the mistakes of their predecessors." Comments can be sent to the following three agencies. Comments sent by regular mail should include a signed original and three copies. E-mail comments do not require multiple copies.

Internal Revenue Service
P.O. Box 7604, Ben Franklin Station
Washington, DC 20044
www.irs.gov/tax_regs/regslst.html

U.S. Department of Labor
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration
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Washington, DC 20210
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e-mail: HIPAA702@pwba.dol.gov

Health Care Financing Administration
Department of Health and Human Services
Attention: HCFA-2022-IFC
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The National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety (NAMS), one of the most important motorcyclist safety initiatives launched in decades, was recently jointly unveiled by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF). The 110-page document has been described as a blueprint for research and actions to improve motorcycling safety with a stated mission to "point the way to the most promising avenues for future motorcycling safety efforts in the United States." The document was created to provide guidance to those seeking to improve motorcycling safety at the local, state and national levels. It covers such technical topics as rider education and

licensing, motorist awareness, motorcycle design and roadway characteristics. The plan also includes discussions of less scientific areas, such as motorcyclists' attitudes toward safety.

Among its more than 80 recommendations, the National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety notes an urgent need for government and the motorcycle industry to support studies into the causes of motorcycle crashes. The most detailed study in the US, is almost 20 years old, "Motorcycle Accident Cause Factors and Identification of Countermeasures," commonly called the Hurt Report, it was completed in 1981. The AMA has pushed for an update of the Hurt Report for years.

Other "urgent" recommendations include continuing to discourage mixing the use of alcohol or drugs and motorcycle riding, working to get riders to wear DOT compliant helmets, and educating motorists to be more aware of motorcyclists sharing the road.

Recommendations the document calls "essential" include studying motorcyclists' attitudes toward safety, expanding motorcycle safety programs, researching what crash-avoidance skills are most important, educating motorcyclists about the value of protective apparel, and requiring motorists found guilty of violating a motorcyclists' right-of-way to complete a motorcyclist-awareness class.

AMA President Robert Rasor and AMA Director of State Affairs Sean Maher were members of the Technical Working Group that NHTSA and MSF charged with the creation of the National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety.

You can view the National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety by going to the AMA website at www.AMADirectlink.com and clicking on the "National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety" icon.

For a printed copy, write to: Safety Countermeasures Division, NHTSA, NTS -15, 400 Seventh St. SW, Washington, DC, 20590, or fax (202) 36607721.

The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) has named Edward Moreland to be vice president of the Association's newly revamped Government Relations Department, assuming overall responsibility and direction for the department.

The AMA also announced that Sean Maher, legislative affairs specialist, has been promoted to the position of director of state affairs, overseeing the state government relations staff in the AMA's

Pickerington, Ohio, office. In his new role, Maher will oversee the department's increased emphasis on state activities and programs.

Moreland, who has served as the AMA's Washington representative for the past three years, succeeds Robert Rasor, who took over as AMA president on November 1. Moreland will continue to work out of the AMA's Washington, DC, office.

The Government Relations Department is being restructured to more aggressively represent the needs of motorcyclists at all levels of government, from local and state governments to Washington, DC. Under the restructuring, Moreland and the Washington staff will concentrate on making sure motorcyclists' voices are heard at the federal level, while Maher will focus on issues at the state and local levels.

This restructuring puts an increased accent on state and local issues, ensuring they get the attention they deserve, while continuing the AMA's aggressive defense of motorcyclists' rights at the federal level for all motorcycle and ATV riders. The AMA will continue its collaborative efforts with state motorcyclists' rights organizations while fostering grassroots initiatives from our AMA Community Councils.

Langley, Oklahoma's South Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce has helped to open a new off-highway vehicle (OHV) area and initiated it by hosting the US Pro Xtreme Trials below the Grand Lake Dam. This event marked the beginning of a special relationship between motorcyclists and the towns of Langley and Disney, as well as many other surrounding Oklahoma towns. The attendance of members of the South Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce at the Oklahoma Trails Advisory Board Trail Planning and Design Workshop in February 2000 marked the genesis of the new OHV area. They came with the vision of utilizing the flood control area below the dam as an OHV recreation area to help promote tourism for the area. They met with Tim Laub, 4-wheel drive delegate and Stormy Sims, motorcycle/ATV delegate to the board to discuss this vision. After the meeting, Sims notified the Northeastern Oklahoma Trials Team (NEOTT) about this riding opportunity and the ball was rolling.

NEOTT, Langley and Chamber leaders organized a weekend of motorcycling, food and a friendship between the motorcyclists and area residents.

Volunteers from the area gathered special discount coupons, hats, and other premiums for each rider. The volunteers hosted, cooked, and served a free fish fry dinner in the park on Saturday night and the Volunteer Fire Department provided a pancake breakfast on Sunday.

"In light of all the negative things happening to OHV recreation around the country, this is something positive and gives testimony to what working with community leaders can do for OHV recreation." Said Sims.

AMA Community Council - Eugene member Bob Avery, a long time BikePAC of Oregon activist, was elected Chair of Lane County (OR) Republican Party. As a long time active member of the party, Avery's hard work in party politics was rewarded when the rank and file members of the party overwhelmingly voted for him at a recent Central Committee Meeting. Avery, who regularly wears his denim jacket and his Cruisers for Christ Motorcycle Club patch at party functions, plans to continue melding motorcycling and politics. Congratulations Bob!

Missouri's Freedom of Road Riders (FORR), through Democratic Representative Don Koller, has pre-filed HB 70 - a modification of Missouri's current motorcycle helmet law to return the freedom of choice to Missouri adult motorcyclists.

The proposed legislation would simply add the words "under the age of 21 years" to the existing law, revising its current application.

For further information about FORR or other pending legislation of concern to Motorcyclists in Missouri, contact legislative@forr.net or call 1 (800) 448-FORR(3677).

The European Parliament is looking to reduce motorcycle emissions in an effort that closely parallels the recently announced efforts of the US Environmental Protection Agency.

The proposal on new emission limits within the European Commission (EC) had previously been achieved within the Motor Vehicle Emissions Group (MVEG) between experts from member states, users and manufacturers. The new concepts developed in the report include durability of exhaust systems & anti-pollution devices for motorcycles, on board diagnostics for bikes and in use compliance. Another

amendment tries to introduce motorcycle roadworthiness testing.

If the rules were adopted as written, it would increase the costs for users by having motorcycles fitted with three-way catalytic converters, air-cooled engines being banned and two-stroke engines disappearing. Motorcycle manufacturers would also have to bear strict constraints, particularly the European motorcycle industry that does not have a car industry to back them up with research and/or technical solutions.

Fortunately, thanks to the letter campaign and the lobby efforts undertaken by the Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations (FEMA) the new rules did not get much support.

"Look out on the street!" Playmobil, a childrens' toy company, is currently using these words in advertising the new Adventure Police Set (#3085) which "makes it easy to catch the bad guys." "The bad guys... leather clad figures that ride American style cruiser motorcycles. They can be chased by two policemen and one policewoman then thrown in jail. If you would like to contact Playmobil they can be found at [Http://www.playmobil.com/ushomepage/usindex.html](http://www.playmobil.com/ushomepage/usindex.html) or POST BOX 12 60, D-90511, Zirndorf, GERMANY.

Florida, which recently modified their helmet law, may not stay that way long if Volusia County (home of the Daytona Motorcycle events) has their way. Council members voted 6-1 to ask the Florida legislature to reinstate the mandatory helmet law.

Congressman Duncan Hunter (R-CA-52), siding with off-highway enthusiasts is attempting to win congressional approval for a measure overriding the Bureau of Land Management's decision to ban vehicles from 49,000 acres of the Imperial Valley desert. Hunter believes the agency overstepped its authority and violated the spirit of a compromise a decade ago that created a large off-limits zone in the desert but left other areas open for recreation.

At issue is the Bureau of Land Management's decision in October to settle an environmental lawsuit by banning off-road vehicles in an additional 49,000 acres of the 150,000-acre Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area near the eastern Imperial Valley town of Glamis, CA.

The Sierra Club, and others, asserted in the lawsuit that the government had not done enough to protect the Peirson's milk vetch, a plant that grows only in the Imperial Valley desert. Still, the agency opted to settle the lawsuit rather than go to trial. Hunter believes the agency should not have acquiesced without a trial or, at least, without more public involvement.

The Wilderness Recreation Strategy, a new US Forest Service plan about to enter a test phase, would require heavily used forests, streams, and deserts near large cities to be "zoned" for use, not unlike real estate.

The idea is to divvy up wilderness into distinct recreation categories based on how intensely the areas are used. The goal is to protect "low-use zones" by limiting visitor use. One scenario is likely to require a reservation or first come, first served scheme. In "high-use zones," which generally include spectacular vistas, new permits may force visitors to camp in designated sites and stick to trails. The plan represents a U-turn from the conventional Forest Service strategy of steering hikers toward lesser-used areas.

The US Forest Service will launch the hotly debated pilot project for the new program in Oregon's Mount Hood National Forest. Look for tests to follow in California's John Muir Wilderness and New Hampshire's Pemigewasset Wilderness.

US Congress and the White House came to terms completing the last of the fiscal year 2001 appropriations bills. Appropriations bill (HR 4577) includes several important park and recreation provisions including one that would bar the Park Service from limiting snowmobile use in national park units that gives the new Bush administration seven months to reverse the November 22 decision to bar snowmobiles Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway. The provision states that none of the funds provided in this or any other Act may be used prior to July 31, 2001 to promulgate or enforce a final rule to reduce during the 00-01 or 01-02 winter seasons the use of snowmobiles below current use patterns.

South Carolina General Assembly has prefiled H 3115 to allow everyone access to any public accommodation without

discrimination on the ground of motorcycle ownership, operation or clothing associated with motorcycles, except when the clothing is obscene.

CHOKE-HOLD ON ALL MOTORCYCLES

EPA Pushes California Emission Standards Nationwide

In November 2000, the Environmental Protection Agency signaled its intention to adopt California's emissions standards -- the strictest in the country --and apply them nationwide to all motorcycles -- street and off-road. Among the new controls on the drawing board: ways to stop motorcyclists from customizing the look, sound and performance of their machines.

Combating new, questionable emission controls on street bikes may emerge as the leading federal issue to be tackled in Washington by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and its co-partners, State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMROs) nationwide.

"Given that California has recently put in place technologically challenging standards for [large Displacement Street] motorcycles in a time frame that we would likely consider for a possible federal program, we are likely to look very closely at the pros and cons of harmonizing the federal program and whether the California standards are appropriate for a nationwide federal program," the agency wrote in its November Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) which appeared again in the Federal Register December 7th.

The move follows two years of technical talks between EPA and industry. In those talks, however, the topic never strayed from bikes in the woods to bikes on the highway. According to several industry sources close to the off-road technical talks with EPA, street bikes were added as a bargaining chip. The Sierra Club had filed suit against EPA, seeking new restrictions on off-road vehicle emissions sooner rather than later. Having exceeded the deadline for action set in the legal wrangling, EPA returned to the negotiating table to seek more time to achieve new off-road emission standards. Sierra Club acquiesced to the agency's bid for more time when the hope of tighter controls on highway motorcycles were tossed in to sweeten the deal.

The first step to new, tougher emission standards, EPA's ANPR reads like a regulator's wish list: catalytic converters, new controls on the smallest of motorcycle makers and ways to prevent or prohibit motorcyclists from customizing their rides.

Wary of motorcyclists' desire to improve the look, sound and performance of our bikes through improvements to exhaust and other systems -- a practice it terms "tampering" -- EPA is researching strategies to "mitigate this problem." EPA is concerned that "standards which result in the widespread use of catalytic converters will achieve less benefits than projected due to consumer tampering with the exhaust systems. The agency will solicit comment on "the magnitude of these consumer practices" and ways to stop it -- either by device, prohibitions or both.

EPA also seeks to control the smallest of motorcycle makers. With small-volume American motorcycle manufacturers spreading, to our delight, like microbreweries, EPA questions the appropriateness of the current federal definition of small business as applied to small-volume bike makers.

The agency's interest here is hardly academic: it wishes to impose the same, California-style controls on all motorcycles, period, regardless of the small number of bikes produced.

Meanwhile, the European Union has pressed for a two-tier reduction in motorcycle emissions in 2002 and 2006. Citing new developments in injection technology, MRF's European ally, the Federation of European Motorcycle Associations (FEMA), reports that many of the motorcycles sold in Europe may meet the new requirements without a closed-loop catalytic converter (or "cat").

In this country, however, with its advance notice littered with mentions of the device, it's clear that EPA is a cat lover.

MRF and FEMA share profound concerns about cats on motorcycles, among them:

More Cats, More Pollution?

In Europe, the average journey length for an automobile is 20 kilometers. At that point, a cat is up to operating temperature (a nominal 800 degrees Fahrenheit). The average journey length for a bike in Europe is far less.

With a cat operating at colder temperatures, the result is more harmful emissions, not less.

All this...For a Fraction of a Percent?

MRF advances motorcycling as a safe, sound and exhilarating transportation alternative to cars, and Americans are responding by buying and using motorcycles like never before. Nevertheless, our bikes cover a tiny fraction of the miles racked up by passenger cars, making the contribution to pollution by highway motorcycles a tiny fraction of a percent.

In 1997, cars, light trucks and SUVs accumulated 2.4 trillion vehicle miles traveled. Of the 5.1 million highway motorcycles operating in 1998, the Motorcycle Industry Council estimates, the average bike clocked just 2,613 miles that year. In short, we rode just .55% of the miles driven by cars, light trucks and SUVs.

During the regulatory proceedings that led to California's stricter emission standards, the California Air Resources Board estimated that the average emission level generated by in-use highway motorcycles was .96 grams of hydrocarbons per mile. Expressed as a function of the number of motorcycles registered at the time of that debate, street bikes emitted six one-thousandths of one percent of the emissions generated by all on-road motor vehicles -- hardly justification for costly devices that strangle American motorcycles, hike prices for consumers, threaten small business, chill the burgeoning motorcycle after-market and limit if not eliminate riders freedom to customize our rides.

Important Things to Keep in Mind.

Public comments must be received by EPA not later than February 5, 2001. If you, as an individual and as an SMRO, submit your comments, you will be part of the debate that will stretch through the Summer of 2001.

Public comments should contain sound technical arguments. Rhetoric and name-calling will not move the debate in the direction you want it to go.

According to the court decree, the EPA Administrator must sign the new standards not later than September 14, 2001.

Keep in mind that the court decree requires new standards on off-road vehicles only. Technical talks between EPA and makers have focused solely on off-road vehicles for two years. Street riders have not been given that period of time for involvement, much less study and consultation. Federal highway motorcycle emissions haven't changed in 23 years, but if it's time to consider a change,

it's time to give our community the time to study it.

Study the advanced notice. You can obtain HTML or PDF versions at the Federal Register on-line by pointing your browser to the following site, http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html and then, using the search function there, find the December 7, 2000, document titled "Control of Emissions From Non-road Large Spark Ignition Engines, Recreational Engines (Marine and Land-Based), and Highway Motorcycles."

Know the other chess player: EPA's mandate is not to obtain a new standard that many might agree is "reasonable." EPA's mandate is to obtain the maximum gain possible considering technology and cost.

BREAK THE CHOKEHOLD!

1. FIRST, ASK CONGRESS FOR HELP. Write a letter to your Congressman and two U.S. Senators immediately to inform them of this situation and to ask for their help. Let them know you are concerned that a chokehold on highway motorcycles is being rushed into place, and you need their support to help break the chokehold. Use your own words or borrow as much as you'd like from this alert, but send the letters now.

2. SECOND, SEND YOUR PUBLIC COMMENTS TO EPA. In all correspondence, refer to Docket A-2000-01, the "Control of Emissions From Non-road Large Spark Ignition Engines, Recreational Engines (Marine and Land-Based), and Highway Motorcycles."

a) BY MAIL. Send paper copies of written comments (in duplicate if possible) to:
Margaret Borushko
U.S. EPA
National Vehicle and Fuels Emission Laboratory

2000 Traverwood, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

b) VIA E-MAIL. E-mail comments to: nranprm@epa.gov In your correspondence, refer to Docket A-2000-01.

3. THIRD, TRIPLE YOUR VOICE. Send this alert to 3 other riders you know. Urge them to send their comments AND join MRF by calling 202-546-0983. We will need all the help we can get to break the chokehold.

- MRF: My Ride is Freedom -

- For further information contact Tom Wyld at 202-546-0983 or by e-mail at wyld@mrf.org

The first motorcyclists' rights organization to establish a full-time legislative advocacy presence in Washington, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation is the only Washington voice devoted exclusively to the street rider. MRF established MRFPAC in the early 1990s to advocate the election of candidates who would champion the cause of rider safety and rider freedom. MRF proudly claims state motorcyclists' rights organizations and the very founders of the American rider rights movement among its leading members. Motorcyclists worldwide can thumb-start their search for rider rights and safety on the web at www.mrf.org.

FEMA focuses on the "World Bike" Standard. The FEMA, and its national member organisations, realise that Transport issues discussed by governments at the International level will greatly affect motorcyclists.

For some years now, FEMA is taking part in the different Working Parties dealing with Transport within the United Nations (UN). One of them has been given the responsibility to set up the construction standards for the "World Bike", the other one is establishing a worldwide Road Safety strategy.

With the Multi-Directive, the "Euro Bike" standards had been established. FEMA was in the front line to make sure that that bike was one that motorcyclists would enjoy riding. And with success! Now, we have to make sure that the "World Bike" will be free from unnecessary restrictions.

The difficulty here is that the procedure is significantly different to the European democratic process, where Parliament and Member States have to reach an agreement for a proposal to be finally adopted. Within the UN, Member States are operating independently. In practical terms, this means that the results achieved by motorcyclists in Europe will not necessarily be taken into consideration worldwide. Added to the fact that the United States, Australasia and Asia will also be part of the game.

On the Road Safety side, the UN strategy for motorcycles includes the promotion of leg protectors in the design of bikes and fluorescent and reflective clothing... This sounds like 'déjà-vu'! FEMA managed to avoid making them compulsory in Europe

and now they come back and try to impose themselves Internationally!

There is still a lot of work to be done in order to preserve the future of motorcycling. From the beginning, FEMA is looking closely to these developments and will work hard to make the motorcyclists' voice heard, together with FIM (Fédération Internationale de Motocycliste) and its sister organisations from the other continents.
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"RoadRunner 1000 MCC" European Rally 26-28 September 2001 Joint the event and help FEMA!

"Saddlesore 1,000 miles in 24 hours"

If long distance riding is to your taste why not take part in the Ireland based Roadrunner 1000 MCC's European Rally, 26-28 September, 2001? This way you can join an elite, international band of motorcyclists who have earned the title "World's Best Riders" by having a ride of 1,000 miles in 24 hours verified. And you get a nice "SaddleSore 1000" certificate to prove it!

The Roadrunner 1000 MCC is affiliated to the American-based "Iron Butt Association" (IBA) which regulates and authenticates long distance riding events. Last year (June 2000) the Roadrunner 1000 MCC organised the first ever long distance riding event in Ireland under IBA rules.

Forty-six riders achieved in excess of 1,000 miles within 24 hours with a further 16 riders achieving in excess of 1,000 kilometres. Such long distance riding events are rare on this side of the Atlantic. In America, the home of long distance riding, enthusiasts were stunned at the club's achievement which, for a few months, held the world-record for the largest number of riders to complete 1,000 miles in a single event. The club hopes to regain the record, beating the current American record of 64 riders achieving over 1,000 miles.

The European Rally is being run in aid of FEMA, the organization representing and promoting the interests of motorcyclists at the European level. By taking part in this event, you will both have a great time and do something to protect your rights as motorcyclist by supporting the work of FEMA.

Club Secretary John Wheeler commented that "last year our entrants showed themselves to be well-deserving of the title "world's toughest riders", they have also raised more for charity than previous long-distance riding events". He added "in 2001 we hope that many more riders from all over Europe will want to enter what will be truly memorable, once-in-a-lifetime experiences. And we'd like to beat our current fund raising record (£ 25,000) so as to give much needed help to FEMA.

The rally starts out from Bamberg, Germany. The "base line" route will be almost entirely on the German autobahn network where speed limits are rare, making a 1,000 miles in 24 hour achievement rather less daunting. Valuable bonus points can be earned by veering off the base line route into adjoining countries, collecting "proof", such as a timed and dated receipt, and re-joining the route. Countries within reach are Austria, Switzerland, Italy, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Contrary to popular opinion long distance riding under Iron Butt rules is not road-racing or some sort of Cannonball Run. Indeed riders can lose points for going too fast or finishing too early. Entrants start out at intervals over a 4 hour period. Riders can choose from a variety of routes which include compulsory rest-breaks, and they can ride sections of the route in any direction. Off the main routes are a variety of "bonus locations", which riders can visit, and gain valuable additional points. The "winner" is not the first to finish or the fastest, but the rider who gains the most points. A considerable degree of careful planning, navigation and time-management is required to win enough points. Solving the equation of Time, Speed and Distance is the real challenge. The secret, rather than blasting flat out and running out of adrenaline after a few hours is, to "go slow, to go the distance".

In last year's Irish rally the winner on the Handicap rode a 400cc machine and second place went to a 250cc machine much to the surprise of riders on much larger and faster machines.

The event starts with a Briefing Session on the eve of the event and concludes with a splendid Awards Dinner- everyone gets something -to which guests can be invited. Entries are now being accepted from individuals and two or more

individuals can declare themselves "a team" and so qualify for various Team Prizes.

Club Secretary, John Wheeler said "there must be at least as many keen long distance riding types in Europe as there are in the U.S.A. We hope that, especially for our European Rally in aid of FEMA, that every country will be represented."

John Wheeler added "as a result of our current record of 46 riders achieving 1,000 miles in 24 hours and the American's later beating us with 64 riders, a "Saddlesore Challenge Trophy" has been established, the cup going to the event which in any one year has the largest number of riders completing 1,000 miles in 24 hours. This looks set to be a sort of "Americas Cup" of motorcycling and we reckon European riders can make sure it stays on this side of the Atlantic".

The club has placed a limit of 150 entrants for this event.

Full details including entry forms you can download can be found on the club's website roadrunner1000@homepage.com or you can contact the club at:

PO Box 7279 Dublin 18, Ireland

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Notes: The club is also holding a similar event - Roadrunner 1000 Irish Rally in Ireland 21-23 June, 2001 which all motorcyclists are invited to enter.

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ABATE/Shriner's Toy Run Report

We had an absolutely tremendous year in 2000! We went to many events, met a lot of people, sold most all of our tickets by early summer, had a great benefit for

the kids at the Corner Saloon at Wanker's Corner, and capped it all off with an outstanding turnout for the raffle of the Deuce and the ride up to the hospital on December 2nd.

We have a lot of people to thank. I'll list as many as I can think of and if I miss you please forgive me. So much went on this year, I hope I haven't left anyone out: Columbia Harley Davidson for their support of getting us one of the first Deuces to come into the area - we couldn't of had a better choice; all the Hog Chapters for their help and support especially on run day; the SE Chapter for their outstanding efforts led by Dick Edmonds and Rena Jackson - over one-half of 4,500 tickets available were sold by SE; United Parcel Service for wanting 1,000 tickets but accepting 500 (because that was all we had left) to give to their drivers; Tri-Met for their support and use of the bus yard for the run; the Portland Police who did a great job of escorting us to the hospital; the many car clubs that allowed us to sell tickets at their shows and events - they were all very good and supportive of us; the many ABATE members who took tickets and sold them to friends and co-workers - you know who you are; Jimbo, Julie, Spike, Janet, Gary, Edd, Patty, Rena, Geoff, Barb, Brent, Dawn, Julie, Teri, Tave, Christina and Dick who all went to events and sold tickets; all the folks who helped wrap presents the night before the run; Robin and the Corner Saloon for such a great benefit - we raised over \$1,100 that day; and of course all the people who bought tickets for the Deuce.

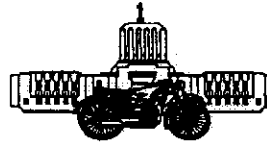
I am not done yet. There are several organizations that donated money to the Shriners: Sheri's Restaurant, Shadow Trucking, All-American Cycle, The Outsiders Motorcycle Club, Blue Line Transport, and Viking Industries. There were several individuals that donated a minimum of \$100 and many, many more who made donations throughout the year.

Finally, when you see your Toy Run Coordinator next time, take a minute to tell them what a great job they have done this year. A lot of behind-the-scenes time and effort goes into making the entire benefit from the start of the year to the end of the year a success. We have a lot of great people on the committee I am very proud to work with:

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We have chosen our next raffle bike and it is a 2001 FXDWG2. It has a lot of red paint, gold leaf, and chrome. It's really a great looking bike that will draw ticket buyers by the droves. I believe we are looking at another sell-out year. You will find a picture elsewhere in the newsletter.

We do this for the kids!!
 Thanks again!
 Ride safe,
 Mike Friend
 NE Chapter Toy Run Coordinator

Just to let everybody know for sure - the third Rider Day is officially scheduled for Monday, March 26.

Brian



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Mr. Tracy,

The Oregon State Police have learned that in the January 2001 Columbia Chapter of ABATE stated the in their monthly report:

"This year is a legislative session and we must be on our highest alert. There are rumors that the State Police will attempt to rewrite the helmet law so that beanies will be outlawed. If they succeed, we will be back to the bad old days of getting stopped because we aren't wearing what the cops think are "approved" helmets, in other words, HARASSMENT. We must immediately make contact with friendly legislators and line up their support to oppose the State Police's effort."

Upon learning of this information, I have spoken with our Patrol Services Division and have been told that we do not have any legislative plans to seek a rewrite of the helmet law.

The Oregon State Police would appreciate a clarification of this matter in your next newsletter. Please feel free to contact our Department regarding any other rumors you may be hearing. We would like to be able to confirm or deny those "rumors" before they are reported to your membership.

If you have any questions, please call me at 503-731-3027 ext. 237.

Thank you,

Gregg Hastings,
Lieutenant
Oregon State Police
Public Information Officer

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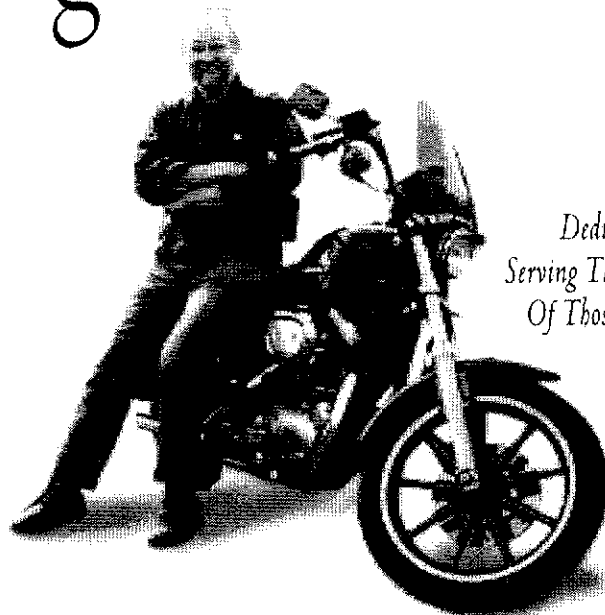
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STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 13th, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 with 11 chapters present, with all eligible to vote. A moment of silence was observed and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Reading of the minutes from the December meeting was waived.

Coordinator's Comments: Welcome to the delegation from the new Douglas County Chapter, who came to the meeting asking for a charter. They have turned in an officer list, have set up a bank account, brought signature cards for the treasury officers to sign, and have enough paid up members. Rider Days are coming up on 1/26, 2/14, and 3/26. State Board Directors are asked to encourage chapter members to attend any or all. Contact your legislators to set up meetings on the day you choose to attend. Please refer to Randy Phipp's article, "How to become an Effective Citizen". Ted passed out Certificates of Appreciation to last year's Directors.

Correspondence: ABATE newsletters from other states, e-mail from Gary Vogelpohl requesting transfer from Indian Creek to the Douglas County Chapter, BikePAC Advisory Board renewal, MRF letter acknowledging the \$3,000 donation.

OFFICER REPORTS

Legislative Director: Covered House Bill 2407 to change law allowing motorcycles or mopeds to use the same lane of traffic if traffic should slow to 20 mph or below. Copies of Assisted Serve Proposal (draft) were passed out. Changes are on the second and third pages in bold print. Reviewed ODOT figures on motorcycle deaths in Oregon for 2000.

ABATE's BikePAC Representative: Attended swearing in ceremony at State Capitol. Rider Days are 1/26, 2/14, 3/26. Explained what to do on Riders Days: Meet and sign in just inside the revolving doors, you will be directed to the room assigned to ABATE for the day. View videotape, and take a tour of the Capitol. There will be a briefing and handouts of bills or issues. After you have met with your representative, please return to the room for an exit poll with BikePAC. Suggest setting up an appointment with your legislators. Reminders to not antagonize them, just simply state your point or case.

Confederation of Clubs Representative: Meeting tonight, will report next meeting.

Education Director: Education had a break over the Christmas holidays. Four schools have called to set up classes and are scheduling for the end of January and into February. Offers assistance to all chapters to contact schools and is willing to set up another training class.

Membership Secretary: Have received the computer from Murge, have it up and running and will be working on setting up files. Mother continues to help mail reports and renewals, but Jill should be up to speed soon.

Newsletter Editor: Not in attendance. Newsletters were dropped off and mailed, but the extra issues were not brought to the State Board Meeting. These will be mailed to the Chapters or will be delivered by hand.

Products: Brad Brooker announced the 50/50 drawing and there are window stickers available for \$1 each.

Public Relations Director: Not in attendance. Roger reports that the ad for Fossil did not appear in Easy Rider because it did not have information the Editor wanted added. This change will be made and the ad resubmitted.

State Run Coordinator: Fossil fliers are out, each chapter has several bundles. Tickets will be out next month. Fossil High School has offered to cut the wood, and bus rides will be scheduled. Spoke about tickets and sales, Swap meet fliers will be out next month as Roger is still working on the parking situation at the Collector's Market at N. Vancouver and MLK Blvd. Entry is \$5 members, \$8 non-member, there will be food on site, and vendor spots are \$40, tables for rent at \$4 each. Spoke of desire to gather e-mail and fax info for bike shops. Need help for security at Fossil, donations for building the shed at Fossil.

Treasurer: Clark reports balances as of 12/31/00 are: Insurance account, \$3,573.00; Bulk Mail, \$3,350.93; Checking, \$1,138.19; Savings, \$39,348.40, for a grand total of \$47,410.52.

Chapter Auditor: Not in attendance. Chapter Treasurers may call Carla (before 10:30 PM) at (503) 357-0245, fax (503) 626-5214 or e-mail at sporsther@hotmail.com.

Historian: A separate article about Bear was misplaced, so she will resubmit to Gordon for the newsletter.

WebPage Editor: Not in attendance. Requests photos of women on bikes.

Vice-Coordinator North: Reminder that by-law revisions needs to be discussed at meetings. Vote on it as a unit, there will be no changes to sections only.

Vice-Coordinator South: Bob Avery has been elected Chairman of the Lane County Republican Party. Has received a flier from the Oregon Association for Highway Safety (a coalition against large trucks sponsored by the Railroad Industry to ban double and triple trailers), reviewing HCON Resolution 306 sponsored by Blumenauer, Wu, Defazio and 138 other co-sponsors to eliminate double and triple trailer traffic in Oregon.

Vice-Coordinator East: No report

Sergeant at Arms North: Welcome to the new VC East, Bob Hadley. Bring lots of people to Fossil to help at all stations.

Sergeant at Arms South: No report, already covered.

Sergeant at Arms East: Not in attendance

Committee Reports:

1. **Sanctioning Committee:** Fliers from South Coast's Coos River Run and Show and Shine okay for distribution. Columbia River's Sweetheart Dance okay for distribution. Willamette Valley's Casino night is okay, and the State's Swap meet on March 3 is okay.
2. **Run Committee:** No report, already covered.

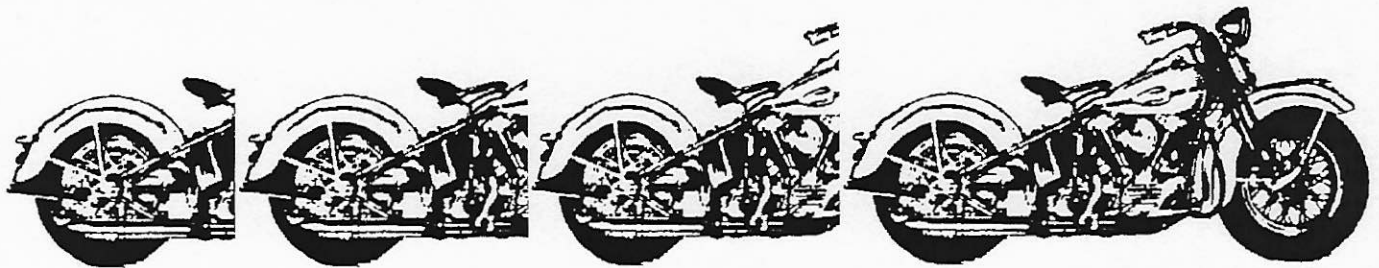
Unfinished Business:

1. **Planning Session:** reviewed outline, PIT Team is moving to committee reports.
2. **Attorney Information:** in process. Sam is putting something together, to be announced.
3. **Fossil Museum Display:** Museum is being remodeled to meet ADA standards. Captain has donated photos and information for the display.
4. **State WebPage update:** no report
5. **OCOVA membership:** Bob Avery has checked with legislators, this Hot Rod car group has limited visibility. Encourage the swapping of newsletters and their joining BikePAC to gain a better understanding of each other's needs.
6. **Washington D.C. Trip:** Ted and Joe have a place to stay, have purchased round trip tickets at \$201 per person, need a rental car and one meal per day per person. Ask chapters to write to EPA to ask for extension of comment period on proposed emission restrictions, scheduled to close 2/5/01.
7. **Chapter Flags:** WaCo is considering ordering a flag from Garment Graphics. Roger has the negative of the NE flag, will meet on Tuesday to find out what sizes are available. Chapters may come up with their own designs, but colors are red, white and blue--be careful of the use of other colors.
8. **STEAM:** No pre-registration, insurance will be taken care of, pins available, year bars to be purchased. Banner will be ready, and the Agenda will appear in next month's newsletter and a Motorcycle Awareness Instructor class will be taught.
9. **International Motorcycle Safety Conference:** No report
10. **Billboard project:** Contacted Art Media corp. Need to submit working ad to get estimates of cost. Suggestion to place one in Salem, rather than one north and one south.
11. **BikePAC planning session** will be in Albany this year, rather than at the coast. May Awareness Rally planning well under way, and they are working on a

"Amnesty Day", so folks without a motorcycle endorsement can ride in and obtain it without penalty.

New Business:

1. **Recommendation** to give Church \$50 per month for use of facility, approved.
2. **Motion** to print 1000 bumper stickers, increasing the size of the sticker and making the phone number larger. Vote: 10 aye. **Motion carries**
3. **Motion** to send Geoff White and Teresa Hepker to the International Motorcycle Safety Conference, March 1-4 in Orlando, Florida for a total cost of \$2,000 for both. Vote: 10 aye. **Motion carries**
4. **Motion** to have the new "Millennium" patch recognized as an ABATE product, allowing it to be sold with other ABATE products. Vote: 5 yea, 2 nay. **Motion carries**
5. **Discussion** to increase BikePAC membership for State to \$1,000, tabled until after meeting with attorney.
6. **Recognition** of Douglas County Charter, Roger will locate charter. Suggested they contact the former treasurer, Joy Hoover, for information. Announcements were made and the meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM. Minutes submitted by Linda Wells, WaCo Secretary.



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ODOT /ACTS 2000 Transportation Conference

Continued from December 2000 issue

Written by Randy Phipps

In this session, we were told about how a company called **Redflex**, located in Arizona, has supplied the cameras for Beaverton and installed them and operates them by a contract that back during lunch, Crunican had claimed they "**found**" in the ODOT budget. If you would think back to the first conference we, A.B.A.T.E., sent people to, NHTSA and Fed DOT was giving the state a **grant** of monies to use for these projects in Portland, Eugene, and Beaverton. In this case, **Redflex** has installed the equipment, has the capability to "crawl inside" the camera, by way of phone lines, satellites, and their computer system. They claim they can "look" through the camera and check for focus, weather, visibility, and see what is happening at the camera location in "real time" at that second. They also mentioned that a paintball gun is good at interfering with the cameras.

The company claims that they operate similar equipment in Australia, Britain, Saudi Arabia, and other countries across the world.

The system is set up so that a local officer can scan the photos that were taken by the camera system, on a computer in the local police station, and apply an "electronic signature" to the citation which would be sent out to the registered owner. Just think, when the Fed signed a law recently for e-business, most people didn't even think that the cops would make use of it. SURPRISE!!! They didn't do it for us, but for themselves as well. Mention of this was made and a reference to the "boondoggle" that occurred a year or so ago, when Portland sent out radar photo tickets, and the company they had hired to do it, wasn't licensed in Oregon, yadda, yadda. Well, Redflex has made sure that all that stuff was covered as part of their contract with Beaverton. Remember **Big Brother IS watching!**

That ended the classes for Thursday, with the dinner and Keynote speaker yet to come.

Dinner

The meal was pretty good and then we got to listen to Dr. Mark Edwards, Managing Director of Traffic Safety for AAA. His bio follows per the program:

Dr. Edwards in nationally recognized for his work in transportation safety. In 1987, he was awarded the NHTSA Administrator's Award of Merit for his contributions to improved crash data systems. He currently serves as a member of the NETS (Network of Employers for Traffic Safety) Board of Directors, chair of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Truck and Bus Safety, immediate past chair of the international Traffic Records Committee, and President of the AIT/FIA/ Foundation for Mobility and Society. NETS is the outfit that brought us the signs on trucks that ask "How's My Driving? Call 1-800-CRYBABY. We talked about them last year.

Obviously not all that friendly to our kind of folks, but well received by the safety-crats. Mostly boring discussion on how to build new committees to oversee (over-rule?) local and state organizations which are safety oriented.

After that boring session, everyone retired to assorted "hospitality" rooms, such as last night and again, we retired to the lounge. There were several police officers and assorted people from the conference in there, and we did get in some discussion with them on many subjects. Most of them, were not all that receptive to us, but some of them were asking about the helmet issue and all we would tell them was that we would be back at the next session with a couple of bills for the Legislature to consider. Didn't go into specifics.

Later, we retired for the night.

Friday, October 20, 2000

Breakfast was a repeat of yesterday, except that they had started a half hour earlier than yesterday.

The first session today included:

Pedestrian Enforcement Strategies, Crash Injury Dynamics, Fundraising for Your Local Programs, and **Workzones: Pavement Markings and Guidance Systems.**

Clear markings and guidance systems are vital for safe workzones. Join representatives from 3M and TMT Pathway in a presentation and discussion on new products, markings, paints, and signage materials for workzones.

This session discussed some new (old) technology that combines radar and flashing lights for signs on upcoming curves. If a vehicle is exceeding the set speed, four flashing lights, one upper left and lower right, then opposite arrangement will flash to warn the upcoming vehicle that there is a curve ahead, and this sign will feature the

normal curve signage with the lights attached to the same pole. At present, they haven't mentioned any photo radar to be coupled to this equipment, but if they think it through, they might just come up with such an arrangement. Let's keep an eye on ODOT and other safety-crats. It might just happen. After all, just think how much they want to keep us safe.

There was also discussion on the new technology in road markings by 3M. These include tape that can be put down in workzones and then taken up when the project is complete. New, more reflective coverings for signs, and if any of you are flaggers, there are new products coming to replace the old, heavy, steel signs that get knocked over by big rigs, and small windstorms. No more sandbags to haul around due to heavy bases for these signs, and they are spring loaded to turn back to the original position, after that trucker has gone past.

The next and last sessions were:

Boating Under The Influence, Photo Redlight: Beaverton's Experience, Medial Relations for Local Traffic Safety Initiatives, and **Older Driver Education.**

Older drivers are increasingly in the news in traffic safety circles. As the Boomers age, this topic will become more and more pressing.

Attendees will learn about the recent older driver study and advisory committee recommendations in Oregon. On the proactive side, an instructor from ARRP's 55 Alive Program will discuss his method for instructing older drivers.

This class addressed mostly the drivers over 60 years old and how with age, reaction slows down, vision fails, mental processes are not as they used to be, etc. My initial reaction was "that's why they call it old age". Further discussion spoke of how older drivers have years of experience, and how very few of them need re-training, as the teenage driver may need.

The point was raised that doctor's are now required, by law, to report anyone, not just older drivers, who the doctor, in his professional opinion believes the driver could be a hazard on the road. This automatically flags this drivers' file at the DMV and they are required to come in for vision and possibly a "hands-on" driving test. If they can't pass these tests, their license will be revoked, since the state doesn't believe that they will get better with age, only worse. No appeal, but only an "administrative" decision. You didn't

commit a crime, but you get penalized anyway.

This ended the last class and then it was time to break down our info table, gather our stuff and check out of our rooms.

Geoffrey headed back to Portland and Cherie and I headed for the planning session in Cottage Grove. However, that is another story. You will read (most of) what happened at the Planning Session, and if you weren't there for whatever reason, you missed a good work session that was completed in **ONE** day. Amazing for the amount of work accomplished.

Again, to all of A.B.A.T.E., my personal thanks for allowing me to represent you at this conference. I feel that between the three of us, we gathered a lot of good info and acquired more reference materials for us to use to guard ourselves against unwanted interference from the safety-crats.

I hope that we continue to attend these conferences as they occur, and I am fairly sure that we will be allowed an information table again at the next one. There was a lot of interest generated in our Motorcycle Awareness Program and several of the attendees were surprised that we did this. Apparently, no one has bothered to tell them that Bikers are looking out for themselves and our kids, as well as the other people on the road.

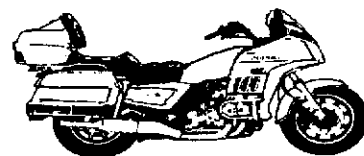
If you have further questions, feel free to contact me at the following e-mail address:

neportabate@yahoo.com or mail stuff to the PO box for NE Portland Chapter or talk to me the next time you see me. If nothing else, I do board meetings monthly, and will be at Fossil, next year, somewhere near the gate.

Ride safe and keep an eye out for some of the things I have described above.

Editors Note: Thanks Randy for this report on what the BIG BROTHER System is talking about doing (if not already). Steady vigilance is one of our best tools. Thanks to all that give of their time to hear, see, and attend these kinds of meetings. Information is the best tool we can fight them with. We all need to keep up on our information and the happenings around us or we will surely be run over and left in the dust.

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Greetings all!

The New Year is starting out great. DOUGLAS COUNTY IS BACK!! We welcomed a delegation from Douglas County at the January State Board meeting. They had done all that was required of them to receive their charter. These people really have their act together. Geno Reed is the Coordinator, and you can reach him at (541) 679-7331. Call him for meeting place and times, and if you joined Indian Creek while Douglas Co. was temporarily out of commission, please consider re-joining this chapter.

March 3rd.... Mark it on your calendar. We are putting on one heck of a swap meet. Indoor. Tailgaters outdoors. This should be a big one! Your admission price gives you a chance to win a Langlitz Leathers gift certificate, enough to buy the coat of your choice!

Joe Huff (Lincoln Co.) and I are flying to Washington D.C. on the 24th of February to talk to YOUR congressmen. We will be discussing disastrous new EPA regulations, healthcare restrictions, NHTSA lobbying, and globalization. The new EPA regulations pushes emission standard restrictions for motorcycles up about 5 years. Scary stuff! Joe and I are very excited to represent the motorcyclists of Oregon at the Federal level. Have you made it to Salem yet to talk to your representatives? If not, please do it soon! This is very important! On the 14th of February there is another Rider's Day scheduled. Please be sure to attend. Oregon's Birthday is February 14th, a great day to visit the Capitol. Be sure to write or call your Senators and Representatives to get your opinion to them too!

Call the ABATE line with your questions, concerns, or just to say hi!

Ride Free,

Ted

BikePAC Report

Well, here we are a New Year, new officers, etc. ABATE and BikePAC are still out there gong strong and I hope that they continue to do so. With your help, we will. Possibly this year, we can lose the helmet requirement issue, get "assisted self-serve" gas across the state, and other goals which BikePAC and ABATE are pursuing this legislative session. How can you help, you might ask? Easy, visit, call, or write your legislator. Tell him or her what you want (or don't want) for the laws that effect you directly. There is a new crop of folks down in Salem who may or may not know us and what we would like to have. It's up to you to let them know what that is.

Remember that we will no longer be having "Biker Days." Some of the other than Harley-type model bike riders don't want to be called "Bikers." Therefore, a new name or slogan was approved, "Rider Days!" After all, we are all motorcycle enthusiasts, regardless of whether we ride, or not, or what we ride.

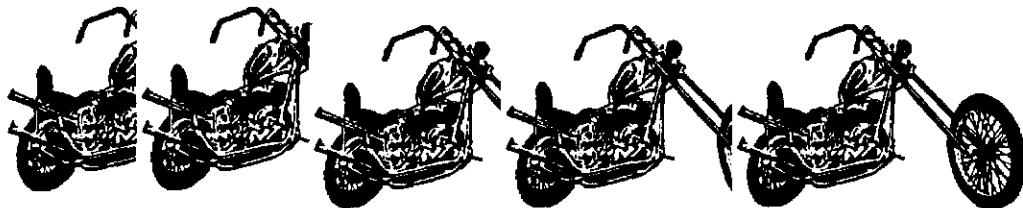
The announced dates so far are Jan 26, and Feb. 14. These will probably get into the newsletter too late for the Jan 26 date, but you should see it in time for Feb. 14. Also, take note that Oregon has her birthday on Feb. 14, as well as it being Valentines' day. What a perfect time to visit you legislator and congratulate them on their election. Or re-election, as the case may be, and wish them a Happy Valentines' Day. We may even have some kind of Valentine you could drop on them when you visit. Time will tell. We did that a couple of years ago and it was well received.

Hope to see you there, and remember, if you don't tell them what you need or what. They will do as they please or as some "Doctor" might tell them to do.

Ride safe. And remember if you don't belong to BikePAC as of yet, you can still join and help in the fight. Remember that if we don't work for the future of motorcycling, there might not be one.

Randy Phipps

State Board Rep to BikePAC



Greetings from Geoff White and Terry Schafer,

This is not a very big report this month due to the fact that the schools have had the last two months without any Driver's Education classes here in the Portland area, and I have not received any instructor reports from any of the other chapters in the state. Please do not think that there is a "slackening" in our program here. I've already heard from four different schools with requests to schedule some class visits. I've been able to schedule two of these schools for our presentation so far. I'll be posting the schedule on the Southeast Portland A.B.A.T.E. WebPage very soon with the hopes that you will be able to attend a class date if you are interested. I will also be getting out the information to all those who are interested, but unable to access the WebPage. If there is any assistance that I can provide personally, please don't hesitate to call me at: 503-671-5641 or e-mail me at: geoff.white@compaq.com. I would like to thank all of the people that have shown interest in our Motorcycle Awareness Program, and I'll do my best to get any answers back to you as soon as possible. Any reports regarding classes in the past few months would be greatly appreciated. If you have been to a Driver's Education class with our Motorcycle Awareness Program please let me know so I can keep our class and student tally up - to - date. Don't worry at all if it is a bit late. These class statistics are very helpful to me to keep informed on the health of our program. The student and teacher comments provide me with valuable feedback on how to keep our presentation interesting and effective. I'm always very interested in hearing about your successes or possible trouble spots that are encountered throughout the program. This information helps us to create the best 45-minute show around. Hey, now all we need is popcorn. Thank you to all the people that have given me the guidance to always keep evaluating our program. With your help this is, I believe an incredibly important factor towards preserving a way of life that many of us have grown to appreciate. Our Motorcycle Awareness Program will show the public that we are always concerned and striving towards a higher level of safety for all motorists.

Student comments:

"I thought that we should all get a ride on your motorcycles." Sandy High School

"Cool clothing" David Douglas High School

"It would be nice if you would tell us more about your riding experiences and stories"
David Douglas High School

"Do you ever get in fights?" Sandy High School (I think someone's been watching too many "Biker Movies" from the sixties here.)

"Does your girlfriend have her own motorcycle?" Sandy High School (asked by a young lady in a class that Linda, my girlfriend attended with me. She seemed quite interested in the idea of a woman riding her own bike. Yes, Linda has her own bike. In this particular class Linda had come from work and was dressed rather professionally while I was looking a bit "bikerish". It was a good illustration of the "many faces of motorcycling".)

"Maybe you could do some stunts on the motorcycle." Reynolds High School

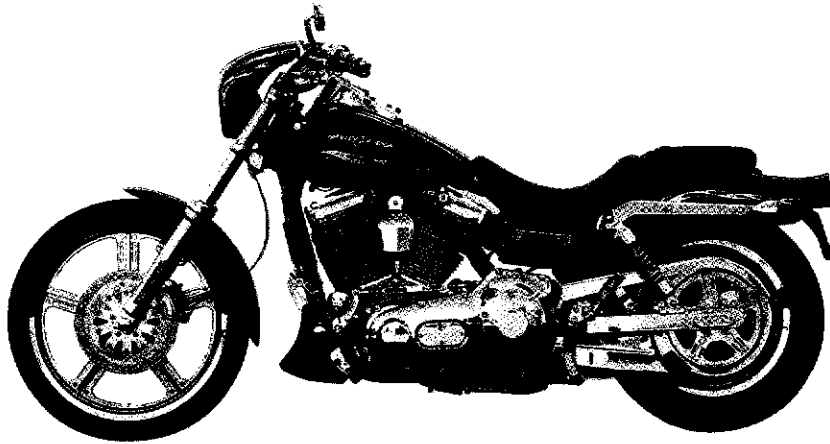
"Thank you guys. The students seem to enjoy your presentation. They actually look like they are really interested." Teacher comment, Reynolds High School

Keep those reports and comment sheets coming. Hopefully I'll be able to get out a bit and maybe come to see a class or two in some of our other chapter's areas. Thank you to all of you who make this program successful. Welcome to all the groups and organizations who wish to become part of this great team. I'm looking forward to another very busy and productive year for the Motorcycle Awareness Program.

I hope that all of you had a very happy holiday season with family and friends. I can already see signs of a riding season coming. Runs are in the planning stages, and people are getting that little look that says, "time to ride." What a great activity to look forward to! If this newsletter reaches you in time this month, please consider the possibility of attending the S.T.E.A.M. conference. Remember that this conference is held on February 17th at Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Oregon. Oh, yeah S.T.E.A.M. (Seminar To Educate And Motivate). It is a very good set of tools for people who wish to get involved in ABATE's and other motorcycle organizations programs. Education will bring us strength. Have a good winter and keep riding whenever possible. We're really pretty lucky that we can ride on some of these days when we know that some parts of the world it wouldn't even be considered. Get in touch if there is any information you would like about our Motorcycle Awareness Program.

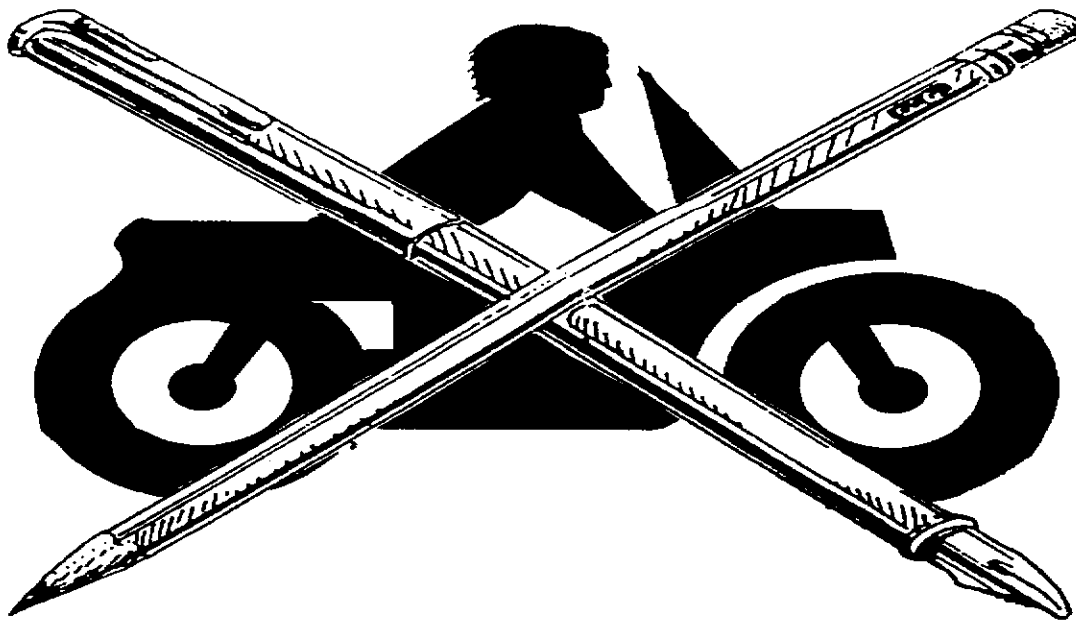
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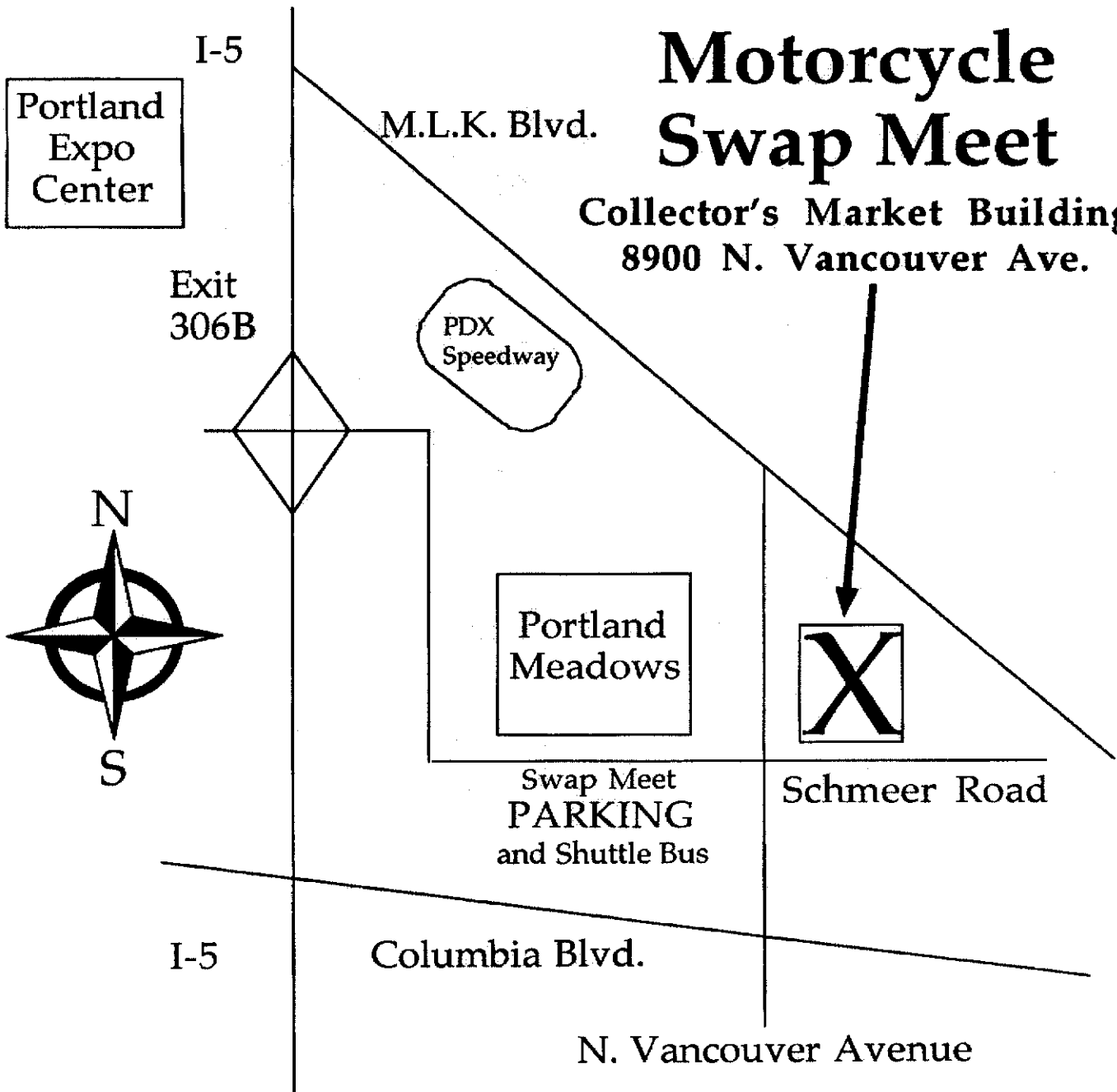
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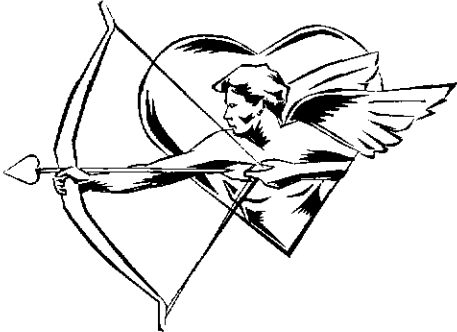
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From Washington headed south

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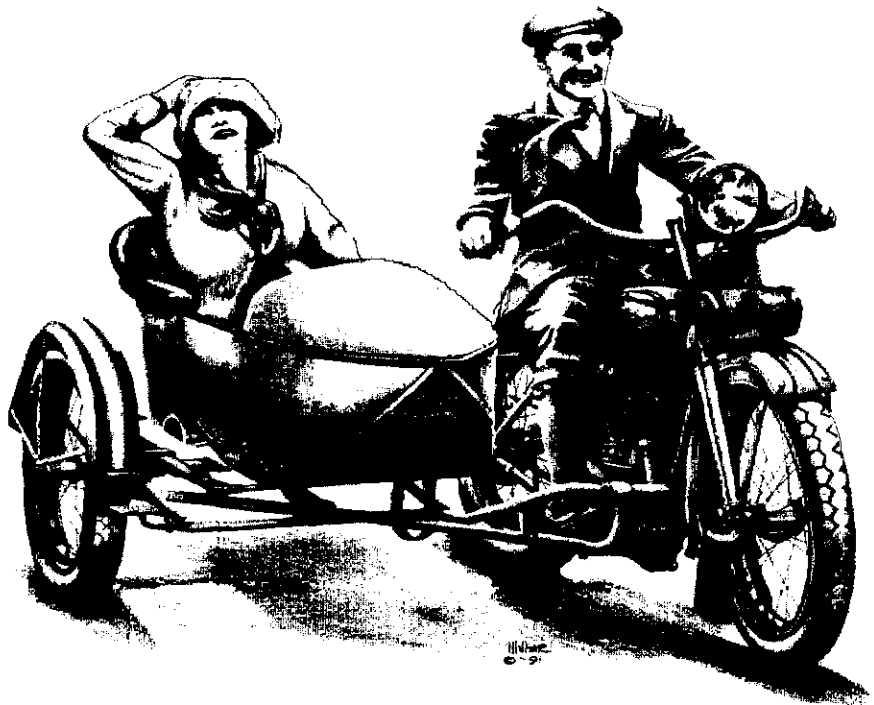
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_____	AYP7	Year Pin - 7 yr. member - black.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP8	Year Pin - 8 yr. member - dark blue.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP9	Year Pin - 9 yr. member - yellow.....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP10	Year Pin - 10 yr. member - red/white/blue....	3.25	_____
_____	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	_____
_____		Sm. _____ Med. _____ Lg. _____ X-Lg. _____		
_____	AFRTL	ABATE Sweatshirts.....	17.50-20.00	_____
_____		Sm. _____ Med. _____ Lg. _____ X-Lg. _____		
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 1984-1993 avail.	1.00	_____
_____	CLOTH	Year Bars (indicate year _____) Large 1984-1992 avail.	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 _____

Please use street address
 We ship UPS where ever possible.

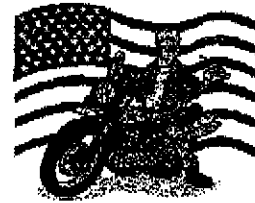
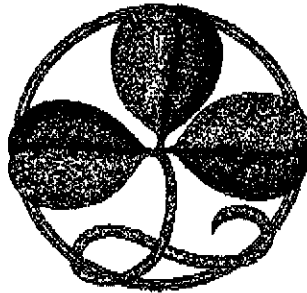
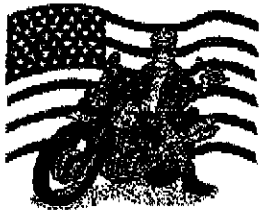
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!!

ABATE OF OREGON Inc.



A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments

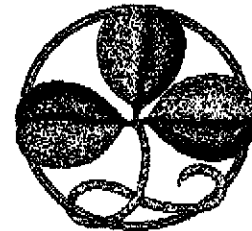
A.B.A.T.E OF OREGON SE PORTLAND CHAPTER 20TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY



WHERE: M/M RESTAURANT & LOUNGE 137 N. MAIN GRESHAM
WHEN: MARCH 17TH ST. PATTY'S DAY
TIME: 7: PM – 1:00 AM
MUSIC BY: MARQUEE
DONATIONS : \$5:00 SINGLES—\$8:00 COUPLES
COME AND MEET OLD FRIENDS ! AND MAKE NEW ONES

AGENDA

BROOMSTICK POOL \$3:00 ENTRY FEE
50/50 DRAWING
RAFFLE'S
DANCING TO LIVE MUSIC (CLASSIC ROCK AND ROLL)



same day canned food drive delivery

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BENEFIT M/C RIGHTS, EDUCATION
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CITIZENS, SCOUTING, RED CROSS, CANINE COMPANIONS, AND OTHER CHARITABLE CAUSES
THESE EVENTS PROVIDE PEOPLE WITH A CHANGE TO GET TOGETHER , HAVE A GOOD TIME , AND SHARE
EXPERIENCES AND IDEAS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF MOTORCYCLISTS STATEWIDE.

A.B.A.T.E. OF OREGON SE PORTLAND CHAPTER CANNED FOOD DRIVE DELIVERY TO HARBOR LIGHTHOUSE MISSION



WHEN: MARCH 17TH, THE SAME DAY AS OUR ANNIVERSARY PARTY

WHERE: M/M RESTURANT/LOUNGE

TIME: MEET AT THE M/M AT 10:00 AM DEPART AT 11:00 AM DELIVER AT 12:00 NOON

WE WILL RIDE AS A GROUP TO HARBOR LIGHTHOUSE MISSION AND ARRIVE AT 12:00 NOON

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE RIDE, DRIVE, OR WALK, IT DOES NOT MATTER HOW OR WHAT YOU RIDE, DRIVE OR WHAT? JUST BE THERE AND SHOW THEM YOU CARE.

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THE GREAT NE CHAPTER ABATE

REUNION PARTY

COME SEE OLD FRIENDS & MAKE NEW ONES
LET'S GET TOGETHER AND HAVE SOME FUN!!

POTLUCK

LOADING ZONE TAVERN, 4037 NE CULLY

Sunday, February 18, 2001 1:00 P.M.

WE AT TRUE APOSTLES MINISTRIES

THANK YOU

FOR COMING OUT TO THE TOY RUN

TO BENEFIT THE SALVATION ARMY THIS LAST NOVEMBER.

THANKS

TO YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT,

BIKERS WITH BIG HEARTS DONATED

\$400.00

AND

A BIG BUNCH OF TOYS TO NEEDY KIDS

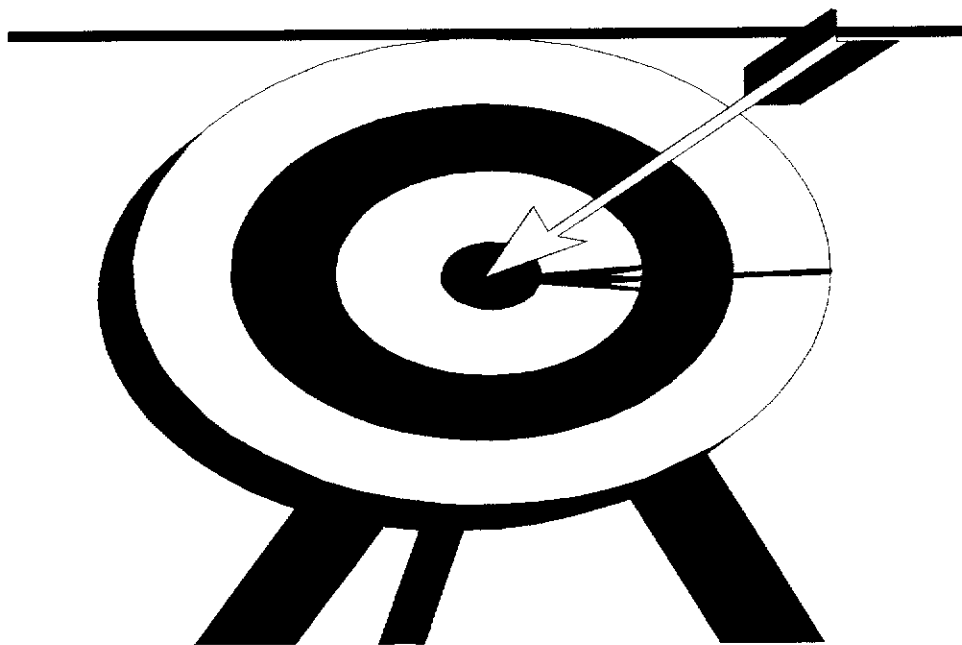
Also a special thanks to Columbia Harley-Davidson!

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invites you

To S.T.E.A.M. 2001

(Seminar To Educate And Motivate)



MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!!

STEAM 2001 will be held at Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Oregon on FEBRUARY 17th., 2001.

All motorcyclists are invited to attend this training session which is designed to help officers do their job better, and to help members become more motivated towards protecting the rights of all motorcyclists to ride safely and free in Oregon.

A special guest speaker is planned for this event.

We all can learn how to use the political process to insure that our rights are protected for now and in the future. As usual, there is no cost to attend.

Watch for future announcements.

yeagermel@AOL.com (541) 967-1286 for more information

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

with A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon at the 24th Annual

FOSSIL CAMPOUT 2001

MAY 25, 26, 27 & 28

Gates open at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 25

The Best in Live Music

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Advance Tickets

Deadline is May 5, 2001

Money Orders Only

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At Gate

Members with MRO Card - \$20.00

All Others - \$25.00

Under 14 - Free

*Non-members get \$5.00 discount
toward A.B.A.T.E. membership*

Camping included in Gate Fee

For information call:

Roger (503) 285-4329

**MAP and PARK RULES
ON REVERSE**

**Biker
Rodeo &
Bike Show**
at Fossil Fair Grounds
Saturday and Sunday

Information available
at the A.B.A.T.E.
Info Booth

**SHUTTLE BUS
TO FAIR GROUNDS**
Saturday and Sunday
Proceeds to be announced

Dunk Tank

Mudwrestling

Strongman Contest

Tattoo Contest

Adult Entertainment

Leather Accessories

Beer Belly Contest

Parts, T-Shirts

Game Tent

Bike Games

Food Concessions

**Beverages will be sold by the
Condon American Legion**

**Sign in at the information
booth to win ...**

Door Prizes

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

**Trophy for the largest participating
A.B.A.T.E. Chapter and M/C
Organization from Oregon**

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

Proceeds go to Motorcycle Rights and Education

Contributions or gifts to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

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: _____

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For February Specials we are offering a 10% discount on all our Helmets and boots!

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Such an easy way to save big money.

OPEN DAILY 9 am to 6 pm

Ride on over, enjoy our delicious Love Jerky and sign our bikers' post. We love having new friends!

Wendy

2001 RUN CALENDAR

ABATE OF OREGON

February 10 th	Sweetheart Dance	503-282-4604
February 14 th	Rider's Day at the Capitol	541-298-1317
February 17 th	STEAM Conference (Chemeketa)	541-967-1286
February 18 th	Casino Night Willamette Valley	541-746-7837 Rick
February 25 th	ABATE of Washington Swap Meet	360-568-2868 Buck
March 3 rd	ABATE of Oregon Swap Meet	503-285-4329
March 17 th (day)	Washington County Pool Shoot	503-357-1727
March 17 th (night)	SE Anniversary Party	503-760-9015
March 24 th	Lincoln Co. Long John Poker/Anversy	541-563-3711
March 25 th	AMO Swap Meet Albany	541-967-8137 Ted
March 25 th	Desert Race	503-656-5801 Billy
March 26 th	Rider's Day at the Capitol	541-298-1317
March 31 st	IceBreaker Salem Chapter	503-791-1640
April 1 st	Oregon 250	503-6414734
April 21 st	Renton WA Swap Meet	
April 22 nd	ABATE of Wa Spokane Swap Meet	
April 28 th	JJ's Benefit Poker Run N. Coast	360-665-6513
April 29 th	True Apostles Swap Meet	503-643-4725
April 29 th	China Hat Race	503-656-5801 Billy
May 5 th	Motorcycle Awareness Rally and FREEDOM RALLY STATE CAPITOL	Deb 503-469-0622
May 12 th	Oregon 500	503-641-4734
May 12 th - 13 th	Pony Mall Show	541-888-8081
May 18 th	Open HOG Brown Bag	503-335-3686
May 19 th	Willamette Valley Rhody Fest Poker Run	541-485-2352
May 19 th	Law Enforcement Poker Run	503-585-5114
May 20 th	Wash Co Poker Run	503-357-1727
May 20 th	Dual Sport Poker Run	503-670-9060
May 25 th -28 th	FOSSIL Campout	503-285-4329
June 2 nd	SE Portland Poker Run	503-760-9015
June 2 nd	GAY 90's Parade	541-888-8081
June 2 nd	Western States 1000	503-641-4734
June 16 th	Wash Co Roll-N-Ride	503-357-1727
June 15 th - 17 th	Washington Spring Opener	253-473-2276
June 23 rd	Angie's Run Columbia River	503-282-4604
June 30 th	N. Coast Around Saddle Mt Poker Run	360-665-6513
July 1 st	Hair Scrambles ??? Eugene	541-688-6352
July 4 th	Willamette Valley Chap Independence Day Run	541-485-2352
July 8 th	Salem HOG Poker Run	503-829-7005
July 20 th -21 st -22 nd	Coos River Run	541-888-8081
July 20 th -21 st -22 nd	Cow Chip Boogie	
July 27 th - 29 th	Run 21 SE Portland Chapter	503-760-9015
July 27 th - 29 th	Ocean Shores Rally	
July 28 th	BikePAC at the Sea	503-469-0662 Deb
July 29 th	Flying M Dual Sport Race	503-656-5801
August 3 rd - 5 th	Fox Creek Salem	503-791-1640

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

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ CHAPTER: _____

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:

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P.O. Box 4504
Portland, OR 97208
Attention Membership**

NAME _____

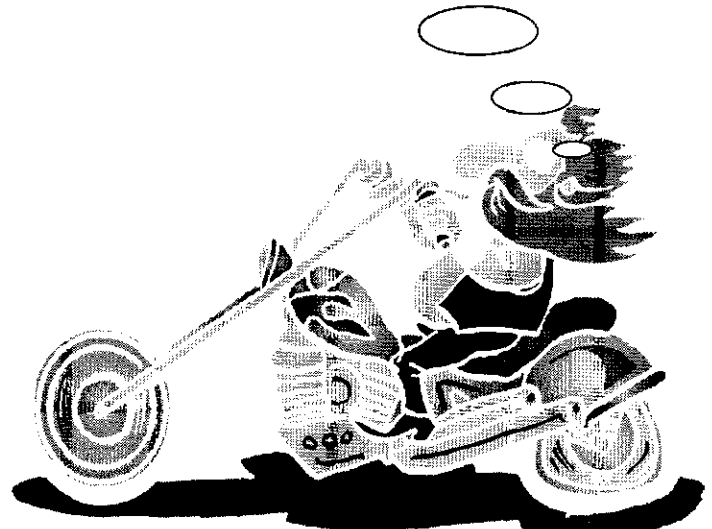
NEW ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER _____

SIGNATURE _____

What was I thinking man, I did not go to the first Riders Day at the Capitol cause I thought "SOMEONE ELSE WOULD". Man I am not going to miss the next one. ARE YOU? I hope not.



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



**TIMELY DELIVERY REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL**

Legislative Session is now in progress.

Hey Sweetheart, call your Legislator Now give it all ya got!

Chapter Meeting Places - Where & When

1 st SUNDAY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	1:00 Arby's Restaurant Winston, Oregon
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 Moose Lodge #323 3199 N. Hwy 97, Redmond
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
2 nd & 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, Zim's Brau Haus, 604 E 2nd St., 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