

A.B.A.T.E. OF OREGON, INC.



NEWSLETTER



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--> MAY 1985 <--

NOTES FROM THE APRIL BOARD MEETING

There was a lot (as in "whole bunch") of discussion about the status of Jacob Morgan (Preacher) as State Coordinator. Preacher has resigned his position as CHAPTER Coordinator, not State Coordinator, as the rumor had it. Washington County Chapter is to present more detail on the events surrounding Preacher's resignation at the May Board meeting on Saturday the 11th.

Louise reported on our finances - we are doing okay, and the tax returns have been filed with us NOT owing any. Your State reps should have a hand-out from the meeting that breaks things down in a readable manner. A motion was passed giving Louise a vote of confidence for a job well done. Just a reminder - if you haven't got your chapter treasury report in for the third quarter (JAN. - MAR), you're a month overdue! It should've been turned in at the April State meeting.

A motion was passed to re-call the Newsletter Editor; Carolyn Meerzo was elected to the post of Interim-Newsletter Editor - she thinks she'll be able to enlist the aid of the former Editor, Gary Thompson, in the battle against ignorance of ABATE happenings, but had not heard back from him as of this meeting, and so would not commit him to helping out. It was decided to send a letter of gratitude to Griz and to allow him to retain his life membership in ABATE of Oregon. (See more about Life Memberships as "perks" elsewhere in this issue).

Dr. Dave asked that all chapter Legislative Directors call him Thursday evenings between 8 and 10 pm @256-5714, so the chapters can be kept up to date on happenings in Salem. A motion was passed to allow the purchase of a telephone answering 'droid for our Lobbyist's use - that's Butch and his number is 363-6106.

ABATE will purchase a computer - a motion passed to that effect, with the funds to come from the disaster fund and the chapters' \$50 ambulance funds. (See "The Eagle Has Landed" elsewhere in this issue.)

Teresa has applied for the \$1000 grant from the AMA for the Better Biking Program - no response as yet. There are BBP classes set for May, June, July and September. There'll be a BBP class in LaGrand on the 13th of July.

Two motions were passed that will eliminate "perks" in the future - one eliminates the practice of awarding life memberships to members for tasks performed; the other will stop the practice of awarding free admission to State Runs.

A reminder - ALL CHAPTER REPS MUST BE ELECTED BEFORE THE JUNE STATE BOARD MEETING!! STATE OFFICERS ARE NOMINATED FROM THE CHAPTER REPS, SO IF YOU WANT A CHANCE TO BE A STATE OFFICER, YOU FIRST MUST BE ELECTED TO REPRESENT YOUR CHAPTER AT THE STATE LEVEL. STAND UP AND SERVE!!

Klamath Falls has courtesy cards for sale for \$6.50 per box of 100. Deacon announced that he intends to run for the job of State Coordinator. Are there going to be any other takers for the job? Don't be shy! Do it!!

Attend the next State Board Meeting - it's to be held on the eleventh of May at 1:00pm at Gatehouse Pizza. - 'til next month

--> AN OPEN LETTER ABOUT FREE LIFE MEMBERSHIPS <--

At the April 13th State Board meeting, we returned the life memberships that were given to us by the Board after we had each completed a term as State Coordinators for ABATE of Oregon, Inc. We did this only after a lot of thought and after talking to other members of our chapter about it. Our reasons are partly personal & partly due to the finances and structure of ABATE.

PERSONAL REASONS: We joined ABATE to help us maintain our way of life & right to ride, and have an influence on the laws and conditions that affect us. We think that all members of ABATE share similar goals. We feel the dues are reasonable and serve an important purpose. It's good to let people know that they have done a good job. A free life membership tells them that, but only once. We would rather have a different, more constructive reward; someone to come and say, "You did such a good job it inspires me to do my best."

ORGANIZATIONAL REASONS: Offering financial rewards is a bribe of sorts, and can distract us from the real purpose of becoming an officer, which is to do a job. Giving certain officers a free life membership began as a way to reward them for personal sacrifice and dedication. A lot of other people have put in just as much time and work for ABATE as those who have been awarded life memberships; they have not been given the same recognition. In effect, we have divided our membership into two classes - those with special privileges, and everyone else. Once we start, where can we stop?

Giving up our own life memberships was a personal decision that we feel good about, but we are not demanding the same action from anyone else. However, the giving away of free life memberships has grown beyond the original intent, and would continue to grow if we didn't change the habit. It already has a financial impact we can't afford, through loss of income from membership fees and State Run tickets; this loss would become greater over time as we gave away more life memberships. Besides, we already have enough hassle keeping things together, without setting more rules about who does or does not "deserve" this reward, or causing more resentment about the decisions.

For these reasons, we presented a proposal to the State Board, which was accepted by an overwhelming majority - to eliminate the practice of giving away life memberships, and also to stop giving away any free State Run (Fossil) tickets to ABATE members in exchange for any services, effective July 1, 1985.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Stovall and Teresa Hepker

--> A SYNOPSIS (SORT OF) OF THE THIRD QUARTER BOARD MEETINGS <--

In case the title above ain't clear, what we're covering here are the meetings held in January, February, and March. Somehow or other, I intend to distill twelve pages of typewritten boredom into roughly one page of something that's understandable and readable. I'll start with my resignation as Newsletter Editor in January. Doug Porter was appointed to fill the post; after three months without a newsletter, Doug was recalled; Carolyn Meerzo was elected as interim Newsletter Editor. I have agreed to help out until general elections are held in June. By helping out, I mean doing the majority of the work so Carolyn can concentrate on getting the membership records straightened out and up to date.

Teresa Hepker resigned her post of Legislative Director in January, so she could devote all her energies to the Better Biking Program. Dr. Dave was elected to the position later in the meeting. Please see the front page for Dr. Dave's phone # and times to call. In March, ABATE of Oregon set up a fund of \$1500 for the BBP; we also applied for a thousand dollar grant from the AMA (see April report).

It was decided in January to sell the ambulance, inasmuch as insurance for the vehicle, even on a stand-by basis, would be prohibitively expensive. A motion was passed to dissolve the ambulance program with Dr. Dave to be placed in charge - in March he presented a check of \$1200 to the Board. It was decided during the meeting to use the money to help purchase a computer, after study by a committee. (See "The Eagle Has Landed")

In February, Al Cole resigned as State Membership Secretary, citing poor health as a major factor in his decision. Al has served us ably for many moons, and his active participation will be missed. Carolyn Meerzo was elected to the post at the March meeting, and is in the process of transferring all the records over to our new computer.

-> SYNOPSIS CONTINUED <=-

Taxes were a topic of discussion at the March meeting - Louise spoke on the subject, and told us that ABATE of Oregon is established under an Identification Number - each chapter that has a checking and/or savings account should be using that number. If you are using somebody's Social Security Number, the bank will have sent a form to the I.R.S. stating that THAT person had (your balance on Jan. 31st), and was subject to tax liability on any interest shown as paid to the account. Is that all clear? If you have ANY questions about your chapter's finances, or you need to know the I.D. number, please contact Louise in Bend so she can help you out. As the organization continues to grow, proper handling of our financial matters becomes increasingly important. We got no room for error, folks - it's gotta be perfect every time!

The 1985 Run Calendar was announced at the February meeting. Rather than list all the events here, I'd like to direct your attention to the page that appears elsewhere in this newsletter - it gives a listing of all the run dates, locations, and also, the dates and locations of the summer State Board meetings. This year, each month's State Board meeting (from June thru September) will be held at the location of whichever Run is occurring on that particular week-end. The on-the-road meetings will be in The Dalles, Newport, Salem, and Douglas County. Plan to attend at least one of them. Also remember, those of you elected as your Chapters' officers for the year MUST make at LEAST one Board Meeting within 90 days after your election.

I hope that brings everyone up to date on the major things happening at the State level. If you'd like more detail, ask your Chapter State Rep to let you see the minutes of the three Board meetings - you'll see what I mean about boring! - Gary

-> LEGISLATIVE REPORT - FROM THE CAPITAL BATTLE FIELD <=-

For some reason, I feel like the system really can work!! Boy, what a controversial statement. Half say bullshit, half say you're nuts - but, so far this year - "WE", that's right, A.B.A.T.E., -US-, you and me, "GREASY (TV STEREOTYPE) BIKERS" have not only gotten Representative Fambush to introduce two bills to the House, (and it looks like they'll pass easily, thanks to Teresa Hepker, who drafted the bills!!) but we have apparently shot down the PIP insurance bill!

I'll say one thing, and I'm sure our Lobbyist Butch Harbaugh will agree, it's been an uphill fight all the way. The Senate didn't cut us any slack in notification - Tuesday 7:15 am a call from Salem. Guess what? SB 887 (PIP) will be heard on Wednesday at 8:00 am. GREAT! Only 24 hours to notify 13 chapters, get insurance quotes, do DMV statistics for our testimony, then write the testimony, get 12 copies and be on time for the meeting in Salem. Hey, Superman ain't got shit on us because we did it. We put the insurance industry on notice that we aren't going to get raped no more!

Here are the current bills and their status, and what you can do to help!!

<u>HB 2721</u> - adds M/C to Lemon Protection Laws	<u>STATUS</u> - Pending Committee Assignment	<u>SPONSOR</u> - ABATE of Oregon
<u>HB 2717</u> - Requires any licensed driver to have both written and skills test for moped operation	<u>STATUS</u> - Pending hearing in House Committee on APRIL 30 @ 8 am.	<u>SPONSOR</u> - ABATE of Oregon
<u>SB 887</u> - MANDATORY Medical Liability Insurance on Motorcycles (PIP)	<u>STATUS</u> - Unable to go to committee due to complications in the re-write Will probably die in committee.	<u>SPONSOR</u> - Senator Walt Brown
<u>HB 2639</u> - MANDATORY HELMET for ALL Motorcycle Riders	<u>STATUS</u> - Holding in House Human Resources Committee. No hearing pending at this time*	<u>SPONSOR</u> - House Committee on Judiciary

*Let's hope for the session to end before the bill is heard.

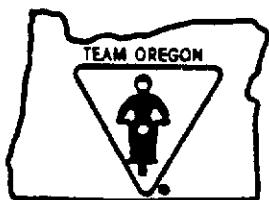
Any letters you wish to write in opposition or in favor of these bills should be sent to your Representatives and Senators as quickly as possible. Please be brief, and advise them that you are a registered voter of their district.

Special thanks to K. Falls, Marge & Preston; Emerald Valley, Gail Perry; Lincoln County, Bob Highfill & Kate Scannel; River City, Teresa Hepker; N.E. Portland, Don & Carolyn, who did statistics and typed the testimony and especially to Butch Harbaugh, who kept us informed daily of what was going on in Salem.

Communication is the key and it has fallen extremely short this year. The concerted efforts of only a few people kept this shitstorm of legislation from overrunning us and our freedoms. I hope we can improve this situation with the return of the Newsletter and with the support of all the chapters. The time between now and the end of the Legislative session is "CRITICAL" and we need contact with all of the chapters! Please call me, Dr. Dave @ 256-5714 on Thursday evenings between 8 and 10 pm or so for weekly updates. We are making a difference and we are writing our own laws. Don't let yourselves down when we're climbing for the top.

THANKS!!

- Dr. Dave



MOBILE BETTER BIKING PROGRAM RECEIVES \$1000 GRANT FROM AMA

Early this year, the ABATE State Board OK'd a proposal to apply for a Rider Contingency Fund Grant from the American Motorcyclist Association, to help fund this year's Mobile Better Biking Program. The AMA approved our application, and sent us a \$1000 check just in time for the opening of our 1985 training season. Because of the way the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission reimburses our expenditures, the money provided by this grant will be recycled throughout the year, and sure helps us in the continuing challenge of Paying The Bills On Time. Thanks, AMA!

ABATE of Oregon, Inc. has set aside \$1500 for operation of the Better Biking Program, and will replenish the BBP account up to that amount at the end of each quarter. At the end of the year, after all OTSC reimbursements come in, funds exceeding \$1500 (not including the AMA's \$1000) will be returned to the ABATE general fund.

EDUCATION, NOT LEGISLATION?

Although the Better Biking Program has the financial support of ABATE of Oregon, Inc., it isn't clear if we have the active support of the members. The reason ABATE is involved in a rider education program, is because the members believe that "Education, Not Legislation" is the way to improve motorcycle safety. Our strongest argument against the helmet law, is that riders and car drivers need to be educated in order to reduce the number of accidents; and that a helmet law is only an attempt to save a few lives AFTER the accident has already happened.

YOU are one of the riders that could improve your skills by taking a rider training class; so is the teenager on the street-legal dirt bike, and the couple on the full-dress Goldwing, and the guy who's been riding Harleys for 45 years. We need to train large numbers of Oregon motorcyclists, since that's the only way we can prove we're right. If riders don't sign up, our argument in favor of education is going to fall flat on its face - and we'll be back to saving our heads in spite of ourselves.

What are we asking you to do? Take a rider training class. Help set one up. Go out and sign up other riders for a class. Learn about it, talk about it, write about it. Our future rights depend on the choices we make now.

Let those who ride, decide.

**** CHAPTER REPORTS ****

=> BEND CHAPTER (=

- NO REPORT RECEIVED -

=> DOUGLAS COUNTY CHAPTER (=

Douglas County started April with their 5th anniversary meeting on April 7th. At the March meeting our chapter voted to change our meeting days to the first Sunday of each month at Mr. Pizza in Roseburg at noon.

Our chapter has worked hard since last summer to build up our Camp Easter Seal Sponsorship fund. We have been making arrangements to send three people to camp this summer.

On April 20th Douglas County will hold a Better Biking Program in Roseburg. This class will be the first held by ABATE this year and Ed hopes to have a full class.

Fossil Run concession plans are in the works. We'll be selling biscuits or hash browns and gravy, fresh fruit, milk, and coffee along with frito pies for dinner. In addition, we will have the ever popular ABATE of Oregon hats for sale - these will come in handy for KEEPING THE SUN OUT OF YOUR EYES!

As for our sixth annual Windy Creek Run, it'll be held in conjunction with the September State Board meeting on September 14th. Arrangements have been made to hold the meeting at the Glendale Lions Club. Windy Creek Park is 5-10 miles outside of Glendale. Even if you don't need to attend the meeting, we hope you'll attend our run. - 'til next month

=> EMERALD VALLEY CHAPTER (=

- NO REPORT RECEIVED -

=> JACKSON COUNTY CHAPTER (=

- NO REPORT RECEIVED -

=> KLAMATH FALLS CHAPTER (=

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=> NORTHEAST PORTLAND CHAPTER (=

Greetings once again from Northeast Portland. I hope everyone's been enjoying all the great weather that we've had for the past few months - I know that I sure have.

It's been a while since anyone got a newsletter so I'm just going to review what was in our chapter reports for the past few months. Our chapter now has it's own Post Office Box - our new address is: N.E. PORTLAND CHAPTER, ABATE of OREGON; P.O. BOX 28223, PORTLAND, OR 97228. All mail to our chapter should be sent to that address.

Westwind didn't turn out so well this year because so few people showed up for work. The people that did show up got the work done and had a pretty good time. Let's try to get a few more volunteers out there for next year.

Congratulations to Carolyn on her election to the position of State Membership Secretary. We're all very proud of her for taking the job, and wish her a lot of luck. She has her work cut out for her!

Congratulations also to Trash, our chapter membership secretary, on his upcoming marriage! He's going to marry one of the greatest people in the world - ME!! The wedding will take place on Saturday, the 29th of June, and if you're in the neighborhood stop by, have a few beers, and help us celebrate.

That's about all I have for now, so ride free and watch out for the cagers, 'cause they don't realize it's time for the bikes to re-appear on the streets and highways. See all of you at Fossil!!

- Leslie

=> SALEM CHAPTER (=

- NO REPORT RECEIVED -

=> RIVER CITY CHAPTER (=

Hi! Long time no cheese omelette! The River City Motorcycle Rodeo is on for June 8th beginning at three in the afternoon. The events will include a bike show, skill and handling contests and the increasingly popular poodle punt. It is open to all street legal motorcycles ridden to the rodeo - we're talking Run-Whatcha-Brung here! Prizes and trophies for the winners, camping will be provided and it's got to be the spectacle of the year! We suggest a donation of \$5.00 from spectators and participants. Pre-registration is encouraged as it will help us with our preparation. Write me at 928 Wilson, Hood River, 97031, and I'll send you an entry form and complete list of events, along with a map that shows where it's at!

Our chapter meetings are at 7:30 pm on the first and third Monday's of each month. The first meeting of the month is at Pietro's in The Dalles, and the location for the second monthly meeting is decided at the first. Pete has been letting us trash his house in Hood River for some of the recent meetings. Thanx Pete and Kerry. Chapter rides leave 10 am Sunday mornings

-> SOUTHEAST PORTLAND CHAPTER (->

Hi everyone! Well, it looks like the good riding and partying weather is here. Speaking of partying, we had on hellofa great 4th anniversary party last month - good beer, good tunes, and good people. If you didn't show, you missed it. Other than that, not much going on right now. See you at Fossil!

- Carl

-> WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAPTER (->

- NO REPORT RECEIVED THIS MONTH -

-> WEST PORTLAND CHAPTER (->

HERE IT IS!! Winter seemed like it lasted for years, and then *POW* - it's 80° out! Well, I'm ready to jam! I hope everybody else is too, 'cause I wanna see you all at Fossil again! And I especially wanna see ya at Canal Creek! We're going to do some things you probably haven't done at an ABATE run before, but ya gotta be there to do it. So, see ya there, huh? - Dennis

And now, a few words from your Editor: A-HA!!! thought you'd never hear from me again after my farewell speech in January! Well, your luck just ran out! I've been asked to step back into my typing leathers and help get SOMETHING printed for all you news-starved scooter people out there. If the number of chapter reports above is any indication, my days as a whip-cracking Editor have been totally forgotten! Five chapter reports! Out of thirteen chapters, only five reports!! Unbelievable!! I suppose morale IS a bit low, after not seeing a Newsletter for three months, but I'm glad to see that at least a few Chapters haven't given up on seeing another Newsletter. We need to hear from every chapter in the organization! My new baby is due to arrive on Fossil week-end - give her a gift and send in your Chapter report by the 15th of May. The legislature is in session in Salem - NO ONE'S liberty is safe as long as THEY are there, and that's why we need to stay informed. We can't do that unless everyone knows what everyone else is doing! So let's see a few more reports next month, okay!?

Lowrider Gary

Speaking of Fossil week-end, I'd like to remind everyone to take a few moments of your time during all the partying to pause and give thanks to the many who are unable to attend our party - or ANY party. I'm refering to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to this country. To many people, Memorial Day means only another three-day weekend. If not for those whose permanent address is engraved in a marble slab or on a wooden cross, there'd quite possibly be no reason to have a party! Something to think about while you're riding home on Monday . . .

GARY

THE EAGLE HAS LANDED! The ABATE Eagle is now nesting at the Membership Secretary's home, so now we can get down to the business of getting the membership up-to-date and on line. For those of you who don't know, the Eagle is the new computer purchased by the State Board for use by the State Membership Secretary. I will begin entering names this month and, hopefully, will have a printout for each chapter at the May Board Meeting. (Provided the chain don't break!) In the meantime, for any urgent business regarding memberships, please give me a membership card number and send me all information at the State P.O. Box 4504, Portland, OR 97208 until I get all the membership information on the computer. I want to thank my old man for his patience with me these hectic weeks, and to Trash from N.E. for helping him add a dedicated line to our home for the computer. So, onward and upward with the Eagle!!

- Carolyn Meerzo, State Membership Secretary

WHO DO YOU WANT TO RUN YOUR STATE BOARD NEXT YEAR? MAY IS NOMINATION MONTH!! STATE BOARD ELECTIONS ARE TO BE HELD IN JUNE! NOW IS THE TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT WHO YOU WANT TO LEAD. INSTEAD OF BITCHING ABOUT HOW LOUSY THINGS ARE BEING DONE, YOU CAN ACTUALLY GET IN THERE, GO FOR IT, AND DO THE JOB. BE A PART OF THE PROCESS! DON'T JUST RELY ON THE SAME PEOPLE TO DO IT - BURNOUT TAKES ITS TOLL, AND VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED!! PARTICIPATE!

- Dodging the red line -

**** 1 9 8 5 A B A T E R U N C A L E N D A R ****

MAY 5 - SWAP MEET AT PORTLAND EXPO CENTER

MAY 11 - STATE BOARD MEETING IN EUGENE

MAY 25 - thru the 27th: ** FOSSIL STATE RUN **

JUN 8 - STATE BOARD MEETING IN THE DALLES

JUN 8 - and 9th, RIVER CITY MOTORCYCLE RODEO

JUN 15 - and 16th, BEND CHAPTER'S FATHER'S DAY RUN

JUN 22 - and 23rd, WEST PORTLAND CHAPTER'S CANAL CREEK RUN

JUL 6 - and 7th, WASHINGTON COUNTY'S MYSTERY RUN

JUL 13 - STATE BOARD MEETING IN NEWPORT

JUL 13 - and 14th, LINCOLN COUNTY CHAPTER'S BEAVER CREEK RUN

JUL 27 - and 28th, JACKSON COUNTY CHAPTER'S ABBOTT RUN

AUG 3 - and 4th, KLAMATH FALLS CHAPTER'S ODESSA RUN

AUG 10 - STATE BOARD MEETING IN SALEM

AUG 10 - (1 day event) SALEM CHAPTER'S MYSTERY RUN

AUG 17 - and 18th, (NE & SE) PORTLAND CHAPTER'S McNEIL RUN

AUG 24 - and 25th, EMERALD VALLEY CHAPTER'S SUMMER RUN

SEP 14 - STATE BOARD MEETING IN DOUGLAS COUNTY (location TBA.)

SEP 14 - and 15th, DOUGLAS COUNTY CHAPTER'S WINDY CREEK RUN

SEP 21 - and 22nd, ST. JOHNS CHAPTER'S SILVER FALLS RUN

OCT 12 - STATE BOARD MEETING IN EUGENE

NOV 9 - STATE BOARD MEETING IN EUGENE

DEC 14 - STATE BOARD MEETING IN EUGENE

* GUIDELINES FOR FLIERS *

As summer approaches once again, I felt it would be useful to re-run this article. I hope those of you responsible for drawing up your chapter's run fliers will follow the guidelines below - they apply to the fliers you hand out as well as those that appear in the newsletter:

- 1) Try to make your message as brief and to the point as possible. Many fliers are thrown away unread because they look too "busy". Keep in mind that I generally reduce fliers to 1/4 size, which has the effect of "cramming" things together. Give a phone number to call for more information, rather than trying to cram everything in.
- 2) Vertical format, rather than horizontal, is preferred.
- 3) Allow at least 1/4" of blank paper on all four sides of the page.
- 4) Maps are great on the back of the hand-out fliers, but when you include a map for the newsletter, please do so on a separate sheet of paper. It's easier for me to copy and reduce them if I don't have to worry about something on the back side of the "master" showing thru in the "copy".
- 5) Please send me copys that are as close to the original as possible; i.e. the "first generation" copy. A copy of a copy of a copy can look awfully bad by the time the newsletter gets printed. Whoever is responsible for drawing up the original flier should send me the very first copy made, and USE WHITE PAPER FOR THE NEWSLETTER COPY! I can't emphasize this point too much!! Colored paper "originals" do funny things in the photocopier - so use white paper (for me) only!!
- 6) Avoid using "banner" style headlines that consist of white letters surrounded by a black background - they reproduce and reduce poorly & require extra work to "clean-up" for printing.
- 7) There is NO ADMISSION CHARGED at any run sanctioned by ABATE of Oregon! Surprised? We are a "non-profit" organization, therefore, we can only ask for "donations". Please make sure your fliers use the word "DONATION". Also, please refrain from using the word "beer". Substitute "BEVERAGES".
- 8) Please try to have flyers to the Newsletter at least 60 days in advance of your run date. This is your Newsletter - take advantage of it in order to reach as many people as possible.

I hope this will be of some help to you when it comes time for you to prepare the flier for your run. I also want you to know that I don't mean you shouldn't use colored paper for the fliers you hand out at meetings - it's just that I need white paper to make copies from. If you make up a flier and ask members to make copies, make sure THEY get their "master" copy on white paper as well. Thanks!

-Gary

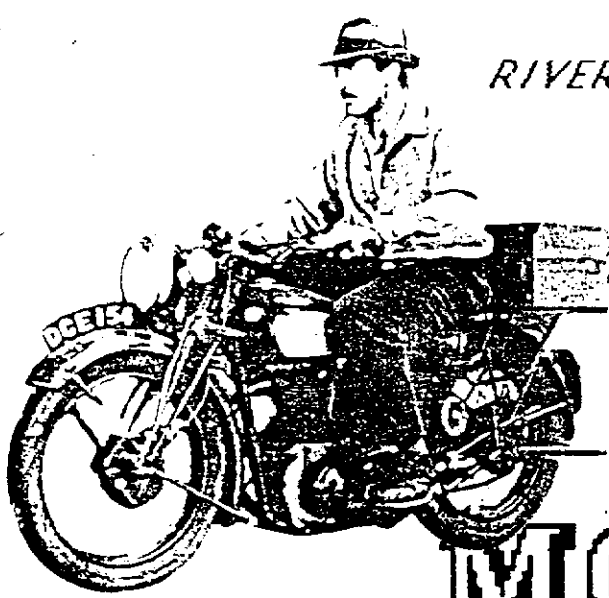
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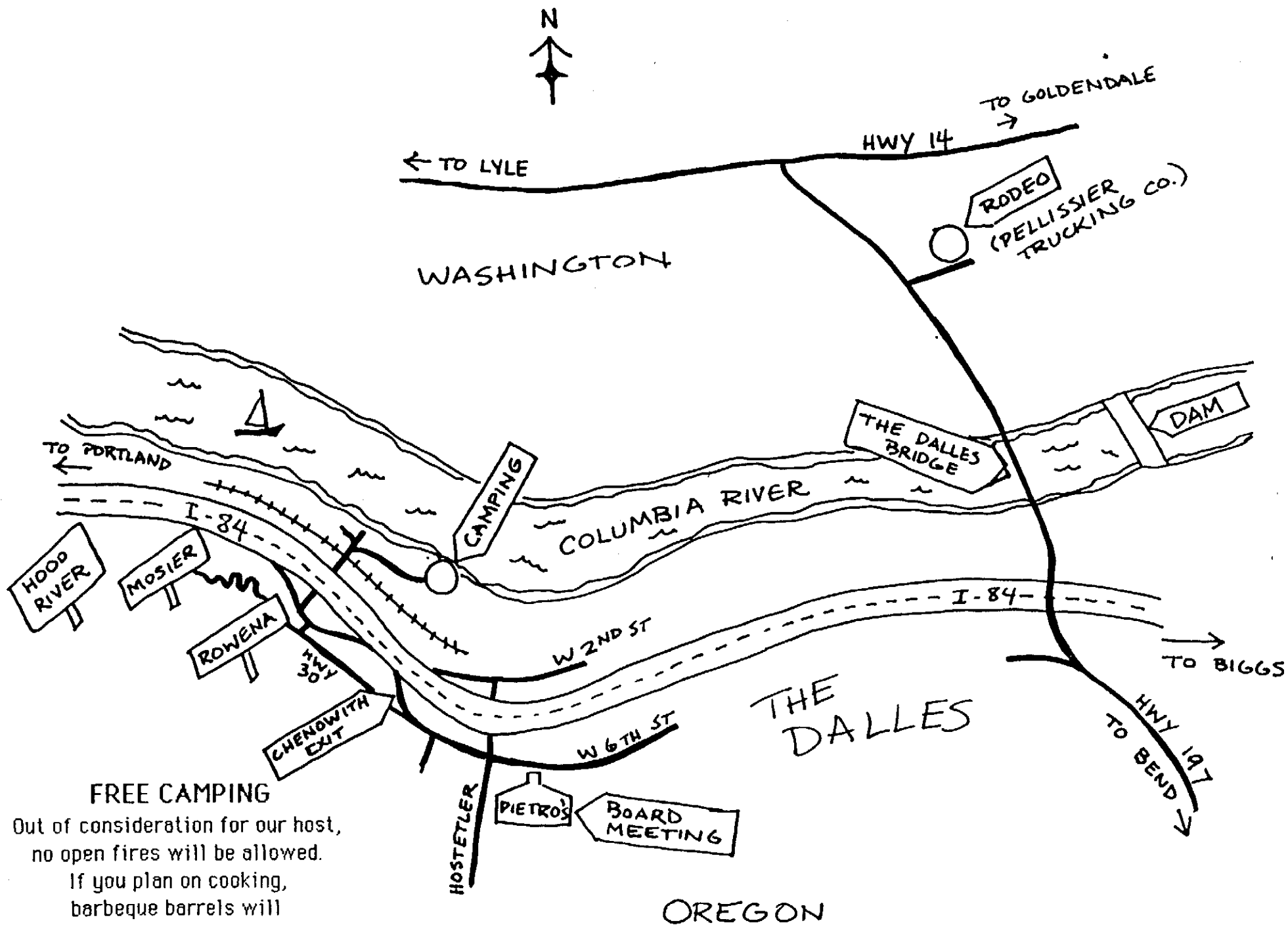
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You know, I used to think the world would end or be forever altered by a war of terrible proportions, nuclear or otherwise. Then I figured the new technology of computers and mass storage of information would topple our world by creeping into our private lives. Well, I changed my mind. The end of all of us will be in the name of safety. Oh, safety is okay, but a lot of stuff gets done in safety's name that has nothing to do with safety.

Let's look at our "defenders of the public," those who keep us all "safe." So many have attitudes that are more lethal than the weapons they carry (for their own safety, of course). They set up roadblocks to keep the roads "safe." If they told you it was a ploy to keep people home at night, it wouldn't go over; but since they do it for "safety," that's okay, fine.

In a hot pursuit to make the world "safe" from criminal types, chemical experiments, behavior modification and genetic engineering are being experimented with (in Texas), "no knock" laws are attempted, search and seizure laws mock the Constitution of the United States (incidentally, I recently heard a commentator state the Constitution was too old for these modern times and it could threaten our "safety" because it made certain political processes take too long).

The mandatory seat belt laws are also being introduced in many states also in the name of safety. But how is this law going to be enforced? The helmet law is going to come up in the name of safety. (Damn Rider Education and Public Awareness, they aren't safe enough for our leaders). In these cases, I wonder if you are injured by use of either of these devices if you can sue the people who enforced it and made it law? I've read about reductions in accident settlements where these devices were not used. It would seem turn-about is fair play.

Anti gun people want guns banned because they feel guns

aren't safe. Others want motorcycles banned because they aren't safe. I got a good look at safety run amuck when a friend recently bought a self propelled lawnmower, to make it run you have to squeeze the handle. When he releases the handle to disengage the drive, it also shuts off the motor. To mow his lawn, he must make one pass, stop, turn the damn thing around, restart it (the starter is real far away from the motor) and make another pass. It takes him twice the time to mow his lawn, but he's damn safe doing it. Since mowing a lawn is such a dangerous job, I quit mowing mine.

In my town, the name of safety was used recently where the city council banned use of any water from newly to be dug wells for drinking. All new wells cost for a permit, plus you must have periodic inspections of the water again at your cost. They never said anything was wrong with the water.

Last night a township by Indianapolis banned juvenile parties, even under parental supervision, at the people's own homes. The somber faced wench who instituted this used safety as her motivation. What the hell will be next? My hammers and wrenches 'cuz I smack an occasional thumb and skin some knuckles up once in awhile? Or maybe my power tools because people screw up and get hurt using them occasionally? Or how about putting me on government relief because the stress of working for a living is not safe for my heart?

Refrigerators probably should also be banned because kids have suffocated in them. Oh, what about electricity? Everybody knows how dangerous that is. Crap - I could just about view everything and everybody as dangerous. But what makes an object like booze, a gun, a refrigerator, hand tools, or a lawnmower or motorcycle safe or not? THE PERSON USING IT!! If somebody has no common sense or is terminally ate up, with a bad case of dumb-ass—nothing is safe and nature in her wisdom fixed it so most of these will die soon and painfully. So be it.

The government can't legislate brains or common sense, how the hell can they continue in the name of safety? (Unless it isn't really safety)? I wish all the safety-crats would all buy Corvairs, pick up Ralph Nader, MADD, Rube Goldberg and go follow a hoard of Lemmings over a cliff somewhere thousands of miles away from me.

Meanwhile, I'll load my gun, drink some whiskey and go work with power tools.

Later,
Animal



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Majority Leader
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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97310

March 28, 1985

Gary M. Thompson

Gresham, OR 97030

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Thank you for your letter opposing HB 2639 (the motorcycle helmet bill). There will be public hearings on this bill in the House Human Resources Committee before it reaches the floor of the House of Representatives. As a member of this committee I will take your advice into consideration when debating the pros and cons of this issue.

The hearings haven't been scheduled at this time and probably won't begin until some time in May. If you have any further questions concerning the hearings or anything to do with HB 2639 contact (the committee administrator) Bruce Bishop at 1-800-982-1211 ext 85783.

Once again, thank you for expressing your concern over this legislation.

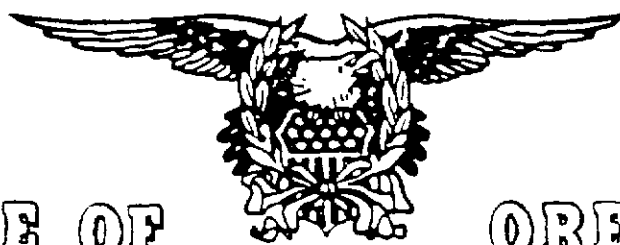
Sincerely,

Shirley Gold
Shirley Gold
Majority Leader

The letter above is one I received in response to my stand on the helmet bill currently residing in the House Human Resources Committee. I thought I would share it with everyone, and report on the current (as of April 28th) Legislative scene in Oregon.

The Legislature would like to adjourn on June 15th. If they do so, it would end the shortest session since 1975. About 2000 bills remain in committee, and many could be ignored with no apparent loss (especially the helmet bill and PIP bill.) The actual figure is 2,146 bills introduced this session, with 101 having passed as of April 22nd. So far, it looks as if the bills that are going to be pushed (of major interest to us, anyway) are in the Transportation Committees. HB 2266, the 2¢ fuel tax, SB 213, creating five driver's license classifications, SB 30, making odometer tampering a crime, are bills the committee chairmen would like to see action taken on before the session ends. Out of all the bills currently in committees in Salem, it appears that money measures are targeted for the strongest pushes. Obviously, the information I have on bills due to be pushed is limited to what I've been reading in THE OREGONIAN - you will HAVE to stay in touch with Dr. Dave in order to keep on top of what's going on in Salem. The Legislators love nothing better than slipping stuff by on short notice - see Dr. Dave's report on the PIP bill hearing. It's also important to write to the people that are involved in looking at proposed legislation. The letter above is the only reply I received to the nine letters I mailed to ALL of the House Human Resources Committee members. However, just because I didn't receive nine replies doesn't mean my letter writing was a futile effort. Those people DO take notice of their mail, especially when there's a lot of it all opposed (or for) a particular bill - look at what happened to the mandatory seat belt bill. Sure, it re-surfaced as a mandatory bill for those under 16 years of age, but at least we, as adults, won't HAVE to "buckle up" next year, and it's because of letters that changed the tide of the Legislators' opinions. NEVER GIVE UP! WE CAN MAKE THE SYSTEM WORK FOR US!! - Gary

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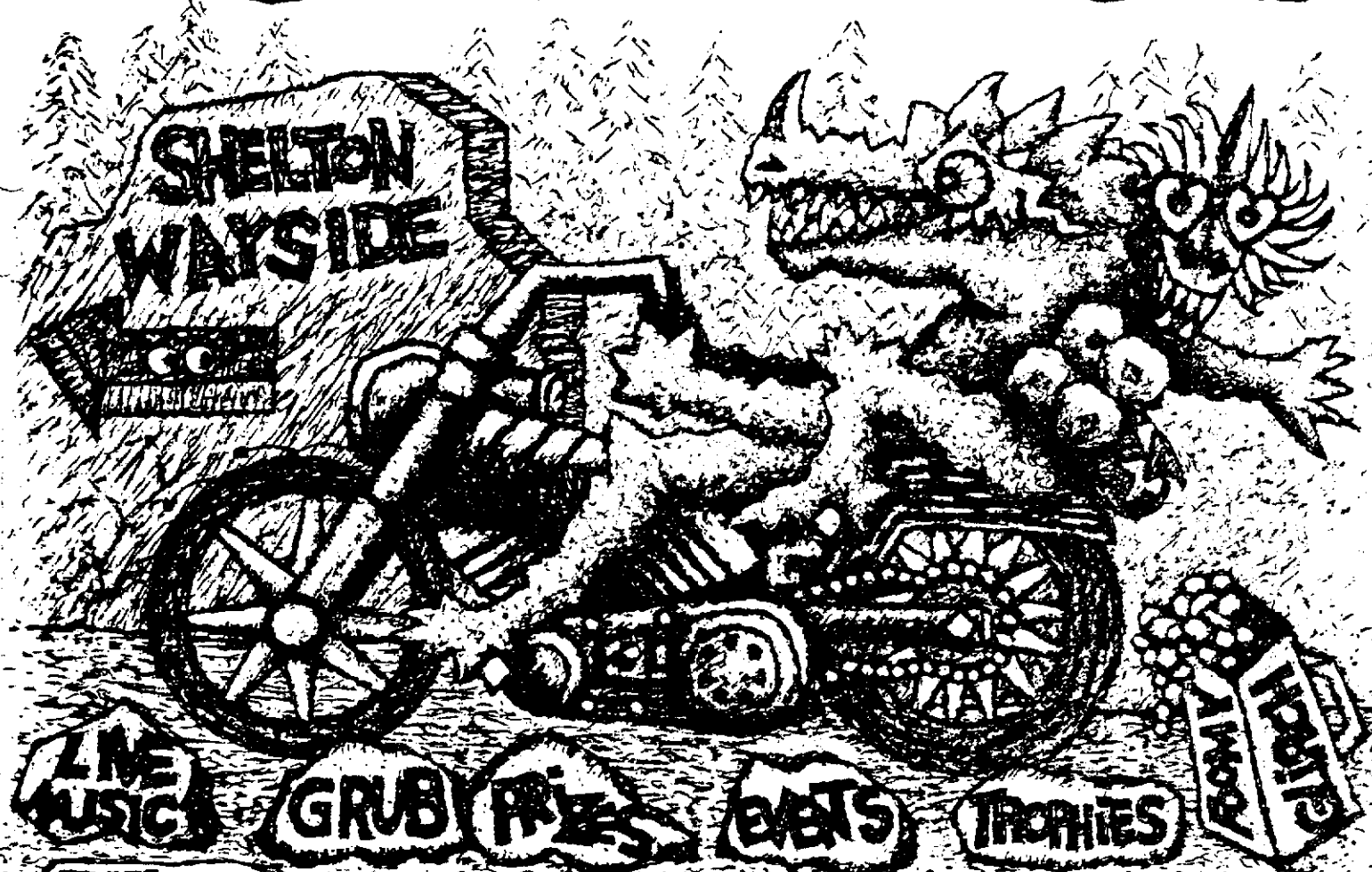


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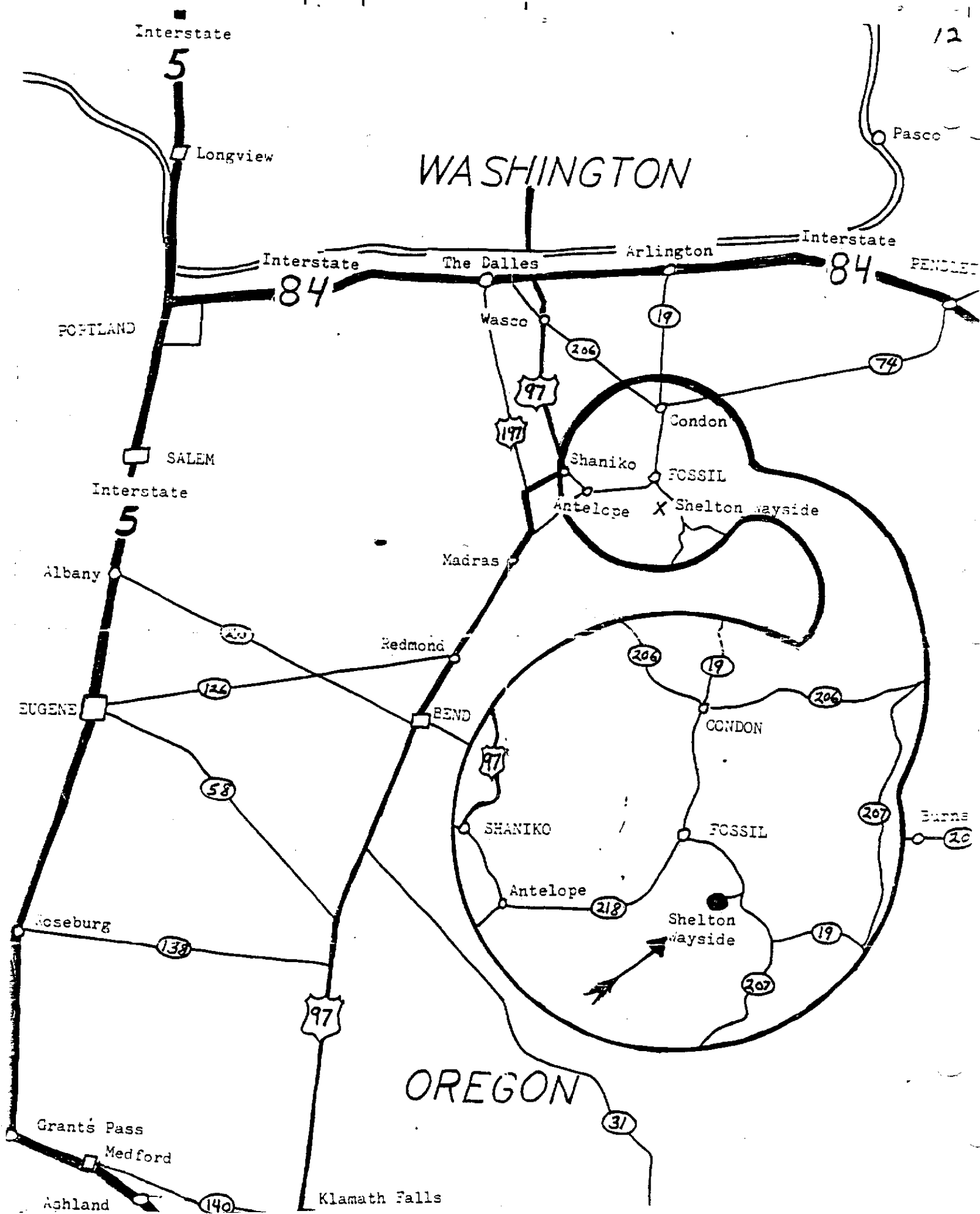


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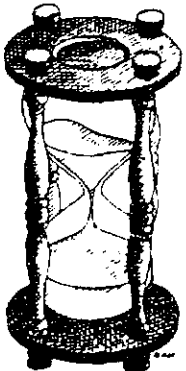
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