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Let Those Who Ride Decide!

Oregon

March 1969 NEWSLETTER

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COORDINATOR'S CORNER

On February 21, 1989, I went to the Hearing on SB 401 (which extends the lemon law coverage to motorcycles). ABATE requested all members to call the toll-free number and to write letters in support of this bill, prior to the hearing date.

On the day of the hearing, there were only 4 phone calls in support of the bill, no letters written at all, and 6 motorcyclists showed up!! Now, I ask you, is that apathy? Now maybe you know why you are wearing a helmet. If you don't start writing those letters and making those calls, you could lose your freedom of choice for the rest of your life!! Do you want that to happen? No? Then make a change in your life, and do something about it.

The toll-free Legislative Hotline number is 1-800-332-2313. Use this number to order copies of bills and to find out the current status of a bill, committee assignments, votes taken, hearing schedules, etc. The following are the bills we need support in. We need phone calls made and letters written on these bills. After my report, there is an outline that Brian Stovall provided, showing the proper way to write a letter. Address your letter to the Committee that is listed (depending on which bill) and to the Chairperson/Chairman, Vice-Chairperson/Vice-Chairman or Representative listed, at the following address: STATE CAPITOL, SALEM, OREGON 97310.

SB 401: "Extends lemon law coverage to motorcycles."

Telecommunications and Consumer Affairs Peg Jolin, Chairperson Grattan Kerans, Vice Chairman Peter Brockman Shirley Gold Bill Kennmer HB 2080: "Punishes offense of failure of motorcycle passenger to wear protective headgear by fine of up to \$100. Declares emergency, effective on passage."

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Human Resources
Rick Kotulski, Chairman
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Norm Gershon
Eldon Johnson
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Bob Shiprack
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HB 2120: "Increases Motorcycle Safety Subaccount fee upon original issuance of motorcycle endorsement to \$3."

Ways and Means Sub Committee on Transportation and Regulation Tom Hanlon, Chairman D. E. Jones

HB 2121: "Requires evidence of completion of motorcycle rider education course by persons 16, 17 or 18 years of age who apply for motorcycle endorsement. Adds \$4 to motorcycle and moped registration fee, to be paid to Motorcycle Safety Subaccount."

Ways and Means Sub Committee on Transportation and Regulation Tom Hanlon, Chairman D. E. Jones

HB 2122: "Requires applicant for registration or renewal of registration of motorcycle to show proof of valid driver license for motorcycle operation."

Senate Transportation Committee Joan Dukes, Chairperson Mae Yih, Vice Chairperson Peter Brockman Jane Cease Glenn Otto Paul Phillips Eugene Timms

HB 2515: "Requires only persons under 18 years of age to wear protective headgear while operating or riding on motorcycles or mopeds."

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HB 2515: (continued)

Human Resources Norm Gershon Eldon Johnson Hedy Rijken Bob Shiprack Beverly Stein Greg Waldon

HB 2801: "Eliminates exemption from motorcycle helmet requirement for persons with medical certificate."

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HB 2802: "Eliminates Class 5 driver license. Authorizes person with Class II motorcycle endorsement to operate moped."

House Transportation Committee Jim Witty, Chairman Chuck Norris, Vice Chairman Tom Brian Cedric Hayden Randy Miller Mike Nelson Lonnie Roberts

The bills that we are NOT in support of are:

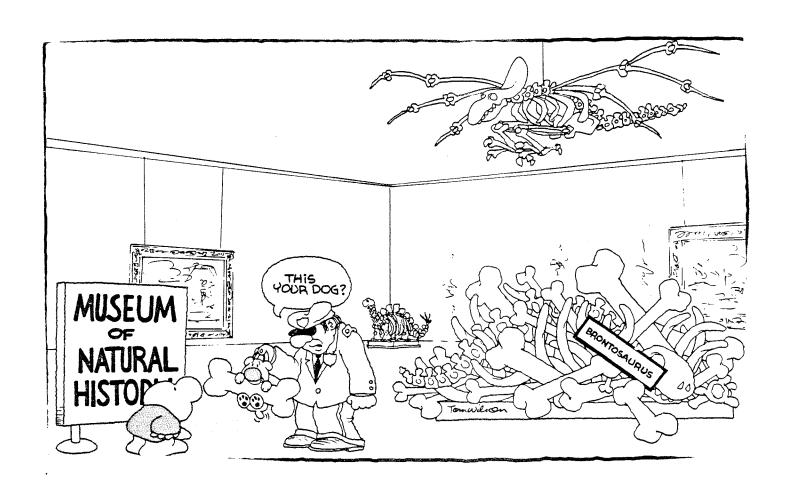
HB 2250: "Expands circumstances under which a police officer can stop a person."

Senate Judiciary Committee Joyce Cohen, Chairperson Jim Hill, Vice Chairman John Brenneman Peter Brockman Ron Grensky Bob Shoemaker Dick Springer HB 2539: "Extends required personal injury protection benefits to motorcycle and moped insurance policies. Requires all costs of arbitration regarding disputes between insurers and beneficiaries about amount of personal injury protection benefits to be borne by insurer. Expands definition of "costs." Puts burden of proof on denied benefits on insurer."

Business and Consumer Affairs Dave McTeague, Chairman John Schoon, Vice Chairman Gene Derfler Norm Gershon Mike Nelson Hedy Rijken

Well, I can't stress it enough. We need you to make those calls (it's free, even! and all it takes is your initiative) and write those letters. We don't want to lose our freedom of choice do we? If we don't speak up, nothing will get done. Take special note of HB 2801 which is the medical exemption from wearing a helmet.

See ya next time.....Rotten Roger



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To the Editor;

We know from other organizations in other states as well as our own experiences here in Oregon that the personal letter is still the most powerful tool of influence we have at our disposal. Legislators take the time to read personal letters and take them as indications of more than one person's opinion.

Many people think that since they don't have a typewriter, or aren't used to writing letters, or they misspell some words that their letter is unimportant or will be disregarded by legislators. This is untrue! Legislators count votes and they feel certain that anyone who writes to them is going to vote, whether their spelling or penmanship is perfect or not.

The next problem in writing to a legislator is how to go about making your point clearly and quickly. This article is intended to be of help to you in doing just that. What follows is, first, an outline for a letter, and second, a sample letter. If you use the sample, try some word changes that fit your usual talk (and keep it clean), or change the order of some of the parts. This is so legislators won't think they are seeing the same letter over and over again. If they think this they will discount the letter's value and we will be defeating our purpose.

OUTLINE

- I Return address
- II. Greeting with the person's title (Governor, Senator, Representative, etc.)
- III. Identify yourself (give a piece of information which communicates why you are interested in the topic)
- IV. State the topic (specific Bill number and title) and your agreement or opposition in the same sentence
- V. Give one clear reason for your opinion
- VI. Ask for a reply (this will give you something to refer to if you need to write this person again)
- VII. OPTION: Repeat item IV in slightly different words as a closing

sentence.

EXAMPLE (words in parenthesis are some possible words for that place; dare to use your own words)

Norm L. Biker 123 Some Street All Over, Oregon 97???

Representative __-name-__,

I am a resident of __-city-_ and I have been riding motorcycles for __-number-_ years. I am writing to __-verb-_ (urge, ask, influence, convince) you to __-verb-_ (support, pass, vote yes on, oppose, reject, vote no on) __-specific Bill-_ (SB or HB ???), __-Bill title-__. __-reason for opinion-_ (statistics show . . ., freedom of choice . . ., I believe . . ., or any of many reasons).

I would like to know where you stand on this issue, please reply to my letter. Informed voters can help informed legislators make effective decisions.

Please vote (yes, no) on (SB??? or HB???).

Respectfully,

norm L. Biker

Remember to make each letter a little different. Think about including items that might increase your influence, like a good driving record, or being registered to vote for a long time. Even if you have registered for the first time you can make the point that you are voting now and looking at who to support.

If even one person uses this to write, who hasn't done so before, we will all be closer to our goal of freedom for motorcycle riders everywhere.

Power to the Pen,

Brian Stovall

The following are minutes from the Coalition Meeting on February 18, 1989 at King's Table West, Salem, Oregon.

HB 2515, which would return the helmet law to under age 18, has been introduced, had a first reading, and referred to House Human Resources Committee, where it is currently in limbo. Even though it may not be successful, letters and calls should be directed to all legislators to influence that committee to hold a hearing. The chair of that committee is not likely to schedule a hearing for this bill without considerable pressure from other members of the legislature.

LC 2251 (now HB 2801, assigned to the House Human Resources Committee), medical exemption from helmet use, should come out soon with a bill number. Rep. Bernie Agrons may try to influence Rep. Kotulski, Chair of Human Resources, to be sure this bill gets a hearing. There appears to be considerable support for this idea among the legislators and several have signed on as co-sponsors.

HB 2539, the PIP bill, is in House Business and Consumer Affairs Committees. It was introduced at the request of the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association. It is currently written to include cars and motorcycles. It might be possible to get motorcycles dropped from this bill, but that would still leave a bill which would dramatically increase liability costs for all motor vehicles. This bill is meant to line the pockets of lawyers by requiring insurance companies to pay all costs of arbitrations, with expense being passed on to the consumer.

SB 401, which would add motorcycles to the lemon law, has a hearing Tuesday, February 21 at 8:30 a.m. in Senate Telecommunications and Consumer Affairs Committee. It is sponsored by Peg Jolin, Committee Chair, who has asked for biker support for the bill.

LC 2818 (now HB 2802, assigned to House Transportation), which would eliminate the Class 5 driver license and allow persons to operate a moped with a Class II motorcycle indorsement, should soon be assigned a bill number. Butch has been unable to find supporters for this concept, other than Rep. Agrons who introduced it at our request.

Butch asked a question which was never fully resolved in the meeting about prioritizing our efforts on HB 2515 and HB 2801. The issues at stake are:

- Should we be satisfied with the introduction of HB 2515 and use it as a bargaining chip to promote passage of HB 2801, or do we support each one strongly and independently?
- The medical exemption is an important issue even if we were to succeed in getting the helmet law changed.
- It is also a new concept that may inspire similar legislation in other states.

When we reconvened, Roger talked about a meeting of the Coalition for Petition Rights. This organization, composed of many diverse groups, is intent on preserving the right to petition. The issue is centered on current activities of shopping mail owners to prevent petitioners from gathering signatures there because it is private property. The Coalition for Petition Rights contends that petitioning is a constitutionally protected right, and should be allowed in the public access areas of such malls. The issue could be an important one in our future, as we probably will be pursuing initiative petitions ourselves. Roger is now a member of their executive committee and will keep us informed of developments.

Roger introduced Dr. Bob Brown, a physician and surgeon, who operates a clinic in the Portland area, is a motorcyclist, and who is interested in testifying in favor of the medial exemption bill, HB 2801. He

talked about some of his findings around helmets and hearing loss, and asked for input from individuals about specific medical conditions that he might use in his testimony. Everyone in the room is requested to check with members of their organizations to find persons with physical conditions that might provide useful information for Dr. Brown, and put them in contact with him: Dr. Robert M. Brown, M.D., Physician and Surgeon, 6234 N. Greeley Ave., Portland, OR 97217, 283-0191. This should be done immediately to allow Dr. Brown to prepare his testimony in time for a committee hearing.

PHONE TREE: The need for a phone tree was discussed, and how it worked was explained. A tree was developed and is attached. This will speed up the distribution of information, and decrease the cost and effort of doing so that any single individual will incur. It is extremely important now to develop and use this method of quick mobilization of Oregon's motorcyclists, in order for us to be effective in our legislative efforts. We may have as little as 24 hour's notice of critical hearings or votes.

Responsibilities of operating a phone tree are critical, since leaving any one person out can cut a large group of people off from the spread of the news. It is also important to complete the portion of the communication you are responsible for, as soon as possible.

Letters to write: Along with letters on specific bills, writers should be encouraged to do some of the following as well:

Thank you letters to legislators who have helped us.

Rep. Bernie Agrons

Rep. Jim Whitty & the House Transporation Committee

members.

- Letters to the governor at any time, to let him know how we feel and what the issues are.
- Letters to the editor of local papers, to keep our issues in public view.
- Letters to legislators should also show that we are not concerned with just a single issue: let us not get stuck in the "helmet law only" pigeonhole.

Motorcycle Awareness Month (MAY=Motorcycle Awareness and You): The Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety is preparing the proclamation, and Team Oregon is working on a rider education demonstration for the legislators. Butch has been offered \$1000 worth of donated time on KZEL which he suggested could be used to kick off motorcycle awareness activities.

Next meeting:

March 25, 1989

11:00 a.m.

King's Table West Salem, Oregon

BikePAC of Oregon meeting to follow.

Next Governor's Advisory Committee meeting is March 9, 6:30 p.m., Brack's Restaurant, Woodburn.





The February meeting covered a lot of ground and we saw some new faces. Thanks DJ, Dave, and Peter for showing up and contributing. Under old business, TEAM Oregon if still tabulating the results of the survey they conducted earlier this year. A discussion of the TEAM Oregon class wouldn't count as your motorcycle endorsement test was conducted by Steve Garets from TEAM Oregon. It was decided to keep this issue on the back burner and to concentrate on legislation at this Teresa Hepker, Chair, presented the information she had received from the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund. For the past two years, over two million dollars has been spent to aid motor vehicle related accidents. however, there is no breakdown between automobiles, mass transit, pedestrians, or motorcycles, so all the costs are lumped together. There was no way to separate motorcycle accidents from all other motor vehicle accidents so we could determine if we are really costing the taxpagers, or in this case, motorists of Oregon millions and millions of dollars.

Other old business included a discussion of border signs which would inform motorcycle riders of the helmet and lights-on law. The committee will be kept informed about communication from the Oregon Department of Transportation regarding these signs. In the meantime, letters from you to Orville Gaylor, Sign Design Specialist, Traffic Engineering Section, Oregon Department of Transportation, 504A Transportation Building, Salem, Oregon 97310 requesting border signs would help get some action on this item.

An update of legislation introduced by the Governor's Advisory Committee was given. HB 2120 to correct a typo in the original education bill so that both new endorsements and renewal endorsements contribute the same amount of money to TEAM Oregon, HB2121 requiring motorcycle rider education for 15 to 18 year olds to receive a motorcycle endorsement, and HB2122 requiring proof of endorsement of the operator of the motorcycle upon renewal of registration, were all heard in the House Transportation Committee and were passed out of committee.

HE 2080 which would correct the helmet law fine for a passenger to be the same as that of the operator was taken away from the House Transportation Committee by Vera Katz, Speaker of the House and assigned to the House Human Resources Committee, those wonderful people who referred the helmet law to a vote of the people. We need letters and telephone calls to have his bill heard in the Human Resources Committee.

Progress of other legislation introduced by the Coalition including a legislative concept (LC) for a medical exemption from wearing a helmet and moped operator licensing was reviewed. Senator Peg Jolin has introduced SB401 which will include motorcycles with automobiles in the "lemon law". Off road vehicle legislation introduced by Paul Paulson was also reviewed.

The Governor's Advisory Committee will ask the Governor to declare May as Motorcycle Safety Month. An idea to have TEAM Dregon present a safety demonstration in front of the capitol was discussed. Questions from the floor about motorcycle awareness and high school driver's education were answered.

The next meeting will be March 9, 1989 at 6:30 pm at Brack's Restaurant in Woodburn, Oregon. All Governor's Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public and your ideas and input are welcomed. Carolyn Meerzo, Committee Member.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT MARCH 1989

The survey forms from last month's newsletter are coming in and they are coing to be extremely helpful for all of us, members, chapter officers and state officers, alike. The results will be tabulated and should be in your April newsletter. So far, preliminary reports show that you want more and better legislative information, that you joined to support legislation (except for that one person who heard he would find 40 foxy ladies at every meeting), you think that your State Board Officers are doing OK, and you like the newsletter.

REMEMBER TO GET THOSE SURVEYS BACK BY THE MARCH STATE BOARD MEETING. Either send them in or take them to your chapter meeting for your State Rep to take to the State Board Meeting.

Chapter totals for February 1, 1989. Over a thousand and still growing! Remember if you have a problem with your membership, let me know. Write or call Mother, ABATE of Oregon, PO Box 4504, Portland, OR 97208, 255-7793.

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INDIAN CREEK	42	0	42	2	44
JACKSON COUNTY	99	14	113	4	109
JOSEPHINE COUNTY	51	3	54	2	56
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NE PORTLAND	115	-5	110	9	119
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WASHINGTON COUNTY	39	1	40	-2	38
YAMHILL COUNTY	56	8	64	ē.	F.F.
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	990	40	1,030	10	1,040

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S NOOK

Well, I see nobody answered my ad. Don't anybody want this job?

Well, speaking of jobs, I got me a new one, effective March 27. No more Vicky and Willy Word Processor!! I have now progressed to bigger and better things. I just became a Claims Analyst Trainee, and hopefully in three months, after my training is up, I will be a full-fledged Claims Analyst, just whippin out those ol claims right and left!! See, that's why I went to school and did all that homework and stuff like that.

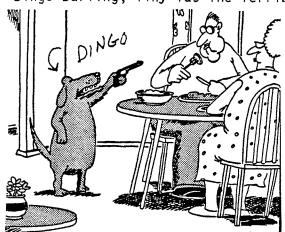
So, the bad news is, this little rag we read every month will not be done on the Word Processor anymore. Your April Newsletter will be done on a (gasp, choke, wheeze) TYPEWRITER!! Need I say, I don't know what one of those things is anymore. Well, I got one at home, and so you will see maybe a change in the newsletter format. Hopefully it won't be much different, but if you see a lot of misspelled words, it's becuz I don't have a spell check, or I ran out of correctotape or white-out. And if you see a lot of *#(\$#)@-+-!!! that means I got fed up with the typewriter and bashed it's little carriage return into a brick wall.

But we shall see how it goes!! I vaguely remember doing the Newsletter on a typewriter for about 5 years back in the early 1880's when I obtained the lovely position of Editor for the first time, at the turn of the century.... So, I guess I can do it again. At least I can stay home and do it over the weekend, and knowing me and my trusty Tommy Typewriter, I will be working on it EVERY WEEKEND!!

At least I will have Sydney Sweets, and Dingo Darling laying at my feet, or across the typewriter as the case may be. Dingo Darling loves to be where the action is, and if I have a lot of paper laying around he likes to grab it and chew it up. Kinda like the kid in school who told his teacher his dog ate his homework. Will anybody believe the dog ate the newsletter? You'd better if you don't get one...Course, try to tell Dingo Darling you didn't get your newsletter....Come on over, and he will discuss it with you. Providing you have a meaty arm, leg or neck he can munch on while talking.....

And I just KNOW Tiny Tas The Terrible and Mighty Mick will munch away on the typewriter ribbon or eat the correctotape and then I will have a great excuse as to why I didn't get the newsletter out this month!! So watch your mail for a new newsletter. Have patience, like I said, I need to figure out just WHAT a typewriter IS.....Oh, and one more thing...If you see dog tracks (from their muddy paws...I know what you're thinking...They go outside, they don't go on paper, ha ha!!) all over your newsletter, its cuz I figure it gives it that special little effort...called teamwork...

The 5 of us will see you on the keyboards next month....Vicky, Sydney Sweets, Dingo Darling, Tiny Tas The Terrible, and Mighty Mick



"Hey, bucko ... I'm through begging."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Here's a letter from Dave Nelson (Tripper) of Yamhill County:

Hello from Yamhill County. Well there is a hint of Spring in the air. As we are all getting those last few parts and starting to shine up for that first warm and sunny day of Spring, there is something that come's to mind.

Last summer was the beginning of the hooded (? couldn't tell what that was) area. Not to many of us enjoyed it, but there is a way to get rid of the olbrain bucket.

Ya see, the way I look at it, people got to get off their duffs and fight. What good is 1,030 members if only 250 to 300 of them are active. At this rate, we will need 10,000 members to get the message across that we don't want a helmet law.

We are the motorcycle militia of the 1980's and 1990's. We are armed with pen, paper and determination. THE ONLY WAY that we can repeal the mandatory helmet law is to use our ammunition. By this, I mean that we must keep writing letters to our House Representatives and State Senators. We must also flood the House and Senate Committees with short, polite letters expressing our views.

It doesn't do any good to complain to each other, we must put it in writing and send it to Salem. We must take careful aim and fire in support of such bills at HB 2080, HB 2120, HB 2121 and HB 2122. We must be ready at a minute's notice to write these letters for the State of Oregon is not going to give us much notice.

People such as Rep. Bernie Agrons, Rep. Lonnie Roberts and Senator Peg Jolin need our immediate support if they are going to keep standing up for us on the House and Senate floors.

It is kind of like having your big brother stand up for you when you are out numbered and you just sit there and watch him get whopped. You must stand on your own two feet and help out in the fight, or you both lose.

 ${\rm HB}$ 2080 is bouncing around and when it pops up, you only have 5-7 days to nail it and convince Committee members to use it to roll the law back to the 1987 status.

Also ideas such as LC 2252 (to be sponsored by Bernie Agronsand would defeat helmet laws for those over 18 years of age) need our support in numbers when it comes into the open.

We especially need our brothers and sisters in Portland and Eugene to get word to their Reps as the votes go by population. Also, it is up to the residence of SW Portland (District 8) and NW Portland (District 10) to get rid of Mary Alice Ford and Vera Katz respectively. NO ONE ELSE can do this. These two are enough of a pain that any one would be better for our cause. Vera Katz, House Speaker, especially, must go. She will stand in our way with her methods of Committee appointments and which Committee she puts a bill in. This lady is dangerous to freedom of choice (and she doesn't even drive a car), so get on your feet and find and support strongly, an opponent for her.

In closing, don't complain about the law unless you are doing everything possible to defeat it.

See ya in the sun....Tripper, Yamhill County

The meeting was called to order, February 11, 1989, at Sundown Station, Creswell, Oregon, by Coordinator Rotten Roger.

Roll call of chapters: Central Oregon1, Clatsop County 2, Columbia County 2, Coos County 2, Douglas County 2, Jackson County 2, Josephine County 2, Klamath Falls 1, Lane County 2, Lincoln County 2, Mt. Hood 2, NE Portland 2, Salem 2, SE Portland 2, St. Johns 0, Washington County 2, Yamhill County 2.

Treasurers Report: Checking \$491.94; Savings \$55.52; Postal Fund \$278.90; Total \$826.36

Total membership for the state as of February 1, 1989 is 1040!

NE Portland chapter has challenged everyone to a contest. Who ever gets the most newsletter ads wins a prize selected by them.

The beer for Fossil this year is Heidelberg. The t-shirt contest is still on. All entries must be in by March state board. Lane County chapter could use help on the clean up committee. Be sure and get in contact with Louie of Jackson County about concessions. Louie's phone number was printed wrong last month, his number is 664-6456.

Chapters who have not picked up their rockers should do so immediately. They need to be paid for. Chapter t-shirts are in. We still need to collect money from chapters who have CFFOC t-shirts also.

Rusty asked that all chapters send pictures to him that they want to go in the coloring book. Also if anyone has estimates on printing costs for the coloring books, please send those to him also.

Butch Harbaugh gave alot of information on whats going on in legislature right now. We all need to call and write our representatives constantly between now and June as there are six bills in legislature right now concerning motorcyclists.

NE Portland withrew their motion made last month to raise profit from 15% to 25%.

A motion was made and passed by Jackson County that state board meetings be roving from June thru Sept. and be held in each of the following areas: Portland, Central Coast, Medford/Grants Pass, Central Oregon.

A motion was made by Lincoln County that the state board drop not being able to hold a run on state board weekends. Motion failed.

There being no further announcements or business the meeting was adjourned.

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NEWSLETTER REPORTS

CENTRAL OREGON CHAPTER

Not much going on over here. Just looking for a place to have our meetings.... Terri

CLATSOP COUNTY CHAPTER

Yes, Chapter 16 is alive and kicking. Not rain, sleet, or even snow will stop us. We've got a GREAT year ahead; lots to look forward to between the Summer Run calendar and being the new kids in town.

Wanted to especially thank those of you from Nehalem and Tillamook who visited us last chapter meeting. Really enjoyed the company, hearing your ideas and hope to be seeing lots more of you. (Hey, don't forget Frank knows the way to Time Out Tayern.)

Our new officers are:

Ways and Means
Safety and Education
Newsletter Editor
Secretary
Treasurer
Sargent at Arms
Legislative Director

Don Smack
John Wilson
Vicki Richmond
Kelly
Peggy Allred
Randy Hartuigsen
Leighland

Thanks for pitching in; your help is greatly appreciated. Looking forward to working, riding and partying with all of you!!

Our immediate focus is on fund raisers. March we will be having a garage, bake sale. Proceeds going to the chapter, so, all of you be saving your prize possesions and best receipes for this big event.

There are good possibities we will be throwing a charter boat, seafood bash in the Spring. Hope some of you will come cruise the coast with us and join in the festivities. We'll keep you posted. Also the wheels are in motion for a regional run with Columbia County this summer and we're ecstatic to work together with them. Until next time, happy trails to you!! Kelly

COLUMBIA COUNTY CHAPTER

No report!!

COOS COUNTY CHAPTER

February brought a cold surprise for those of us in Coos Bay. In the past few weeks, skis not wheels have been the preferred mode of travel, although there were reported sightings of a few diehards out there sliding around in the wet stuff. Pat saw a scooter parked next to a snowmobile at the bar one snowy night. Now that's a picture worth a thousand words!!

This is going to be a busy spring for us. By the time this gets printed up, we will have had our garage sale to beef up the chapter treasury.

COOS COUNTY CHAPTER (continued)

April 15-16 we will be building a swimming platform and wheelchair ramp for Camp Easterseal. This year we are making it a goal to have booths and float entries at as many annual events as our budget allows. I would urge any of you to give this a try if you already haven'ts. It's a relatively inexpensive way to reach a lot of people, many of whom have never heard our point of view.

We're also looking forward to participating in the Windy Creek Run put on by Douglas County this summer.

Thank you Dave Paddock of Empire Signs for once again giving us the use of your shop.

And that's it for this month. From all of us on the balmy? coast, ride safe and free. Marie Erm

DOUGLAS COUNTY CHAPTER

Well, all these cold temps and snow on the ground for a week, really cuts into your riding time. So I guess I got no excuse not to have something to submit, eh?

When I first moved to Oregon, no helemts, year around riding, right on I said. Now we got a lid law, my bike is under the snow and the roads are too icy for cages. Must be cabin fever setting in. I don't usually do so much complaining.

But Spring is coming, the roads will dry, and some day with everyone's help, I'll be riding without a lid.

If you should be riding through Douglas County and want to drop in on a chapter meeting, the new time is 11 AM the 3rd Sunday of every month at Round Table Pizza. Everybody's welcome.

ABATE calendars are \$5.00. We still got a few. If you got one and haven't paid yet, try and get your cash to Joy at the State Board Meeting. We'd prefer that to sending Tiny on a collection run.

February 25 is Casino Nite at the Union Gap. Last year we raised enough to send two kids to Camp Easterseals and donated \$150.00 to the Mary Bryan Wheelchair Van Fund. More this year.

So go read someone elses report. I'm gonna go stoke the fire!! Next month, eh? Ray

JACKSON COUNTY CHAPTER

How's the weather down there? No report.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY CHAPTER

Hello again!! Wow, two months in a row. We must really be getting it together.

We are busy talking about our Casino Night for Hospice. The head of Lovejoy Hospice will be at our next meeting on February 13. We should have it all together by the end of March?

JOSEPHINE COUNTY CHAPTER (continued)

At our last meeting, we wrote letters as a group to the House Transportation Committee to let them know our feelings on some bills they are reviewing concerning motorcycles, which we all heard about from State. It worked out great for us and it guaranteed that the letters would be sent because our Treasurer collected them and posted them himself.

Looking forward to Jackson County's Valentines Dance. Should be great fun. Our chapter meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month at Angelo's Pizza, 263 Rogue River Hwy, Grants Pass at 11 AM. Come on down and join us.

Catch ya next month. Trike Terri

KLAMATH FALLS CHAPTER

Our chapter has been using the winter exsemption from the State for two months. I know that the sign-in gives addresses of Reps to the Recording Secretary but some (myself) want some State input as to what happened. As a past State Officer and a very interested member, I would like that "input" of what was handed out and what minutes are to be recorded. Maybe sometime I'll be active at the State level again, and this is my way of staying educated.

Thanks for the space to say my words!! Love and respect brothers and sisters, Murge

LANE COUNTY CHAPTER

Lane County Chapter is now 41 members and growing every month. We've got all kinds of things in the making. Our next Casino night is February 26 from 4 PM to 8 PM at Shers II Tavern in Noti. By the time this is printed, we will have already had Casino night. More info on it next month. Also, we are planning our first run of the year for the month of March. THE POLAR BEAR RUN. More info on that soon. Lane County ABATE is doing great!! Till next month, Harley

LINCOLN COUNTY

We have braved the winter storms and finally saw our lawns again. With the snow so deep on the Central Coast, it was a good time to just stay indoors, it was to cold here to go out.

We are busy working on our Anniversary Party that will be history by the time this appears in the newsletter. I'm sure that all who attended had a wonderful time.

We are watching the bills that are going into the House of Representatives, and it appears that they are all headed to the Department of Human Resources, which has Mary Alice Ford on the Committee. We really need to express our displeasure with this.

Now that the pipes are repaired(?), it is time to start getting our bikes ready for the riding season. We haven't got much going on in Lincoln County right now.

We will be staring to work on our Beaver Creek Run soon. It seems hard to believe that this year is passing so fast. I'm not sad that winter is going fast, but I sure hope that we have a nice long warm summer. Ride safe and stay warm...Millie

MT. HOOD CHAPTER

Hi once again. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, our Poker Run was on the wings. Well, all's coming together nicely now. All we need is all of you out there to join us. We're not selfish. We'll share our fun with all of you and trust me, we plan lots of it. We'll have nice prizes, come and win some bucks maybe, and be among a lot of neat people.

You know, there are sure a lot of hard working people in ABATE and I must not use up to much space with pages and pages of names. Some people, however, stand out in my mind....Carolyn, Membership Secretary; Rusty, Ways and Means; Vicky, Newsletter Editor (hooray!! Me); Joy, State Treasurer; and of course, our had working Coordinator, Rotten Roger. It's nice working with them and it also makes it easier working with dedication. Thanks..Until next time, adios...Angie

NE PORTLAND CHAPTER

What happened?

SALEM CHAPTER

Get snowed in?

SE PORTLAND CHAPTER

By the time you read this, our Anniversary Party should be days away. Tenative date is March 25. As of this writing, all the details haven't been ironed out, so attend a meeting for details.

In our chapter news, another wheelchair was donated last month to a needy kid at the Shriner's Hospital. The funds for this came from our Toy Run activities, so as you see, our Shriners project is not just a once-a-year event. The Toy Run people are involved year-round. Once again, a big pat on the back to Mike Hodge for his ongoing efforts with the Shriners.

The Fossil Run is fast approaching, and we need to start getting some sort of concession organized for our chapter. The photo-souvineer booth worked out well last year, maybe we should do it again this year for all three days. Keep the ideas coming, and attend a meeting or two. See ya on the road, Phil

ST. JOHNS CHAPTER

Dingo Darling has been waiting breathlessly for a newsletter report to fall through what is left of the mail slot which is a slit in the door now. Followed by a hand or an arm.

WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAPTER

(Hooray!! Washington County isn't sick anymore. Vicky) Hello from the Arctic Region of Washington County. Has it been cold or what? Sorry about the lack of communication - there was some confusion over who was supposed to be submitting this article. Well, that's all cleared up now so there won't be another lapse from this end. First, we'd like to introduce our new officers:

Coordinator Vice-Coordinator Secretary Treasurer Tom Krise Cliff (Gizmo) Sharon Eric

WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAPTER (continued)

Ways and Means Membership Secretary Sgt. at Arms State Reps

Stan Terry Paul Paul, Gizmo

We are excited about our new members and officers and look forward to some really good things in 1989.

1988 went out in a roar with a great toy run and an excellent Christmas feed and dance. Thanks to all of you who showed your support.

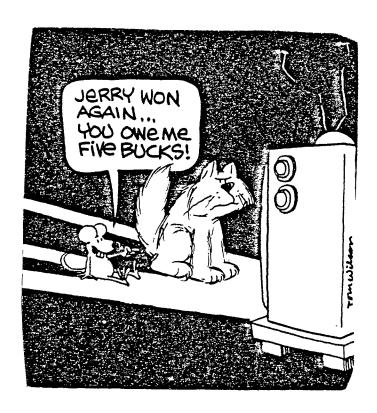
Until next month, ride free and happy!!

YAMHILL COUNTY

Hey, we have had a few problems with our newsletter being published. (You sent it to the wrong address...Vicky) I hope that will never happen again...Anyway, our chapter helped out one family this last holiday season with food and clothes. The can food drive is still working for the 1989 holiday season. Bring a can of food to each meeting or donate a dollar (or so) if you can...

Our New Years Party was not only profiable for the chapter, but fun was had by all who attended. Plenty of food and drink and friends made the 1989 New Year memorable.

1989 will be a busy legislative year for ABATE. HB 2515 has given us renewed hope for our FREEDOM OF CHOICE. All registered voters should write their representatives and all other reps to express our belief in freedom of choice. If you have any questions, contact the following people: Dave 835-9742, Dennis or Judy 538-6716, Melvin 864-2376, Patty 538-1590. Our meetings are the 1st and 3rd Sundays at Dominicos Pizza in McMinnville at 3 PM NOT 5 PM. Hope to see you all at the next meeting. If you have any questions, call the numbers listed above. Ride safe and free....Patty







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WANTED: AHAHA!! I knew I would get your attention if I put a want ad in here. I need a Newsletter Editor that preferably has access to a home computer and printer to take over for me. THIS IS NO JOKE. I have classes that take up my time, and a tentative new job coming up if they decide to hire me, and I will not be able to do the Newsletter any longer on my Word Processor. Contact State Coordinator or Newsletter Editor, ABATE Of Oregon, PO Box 4504, Portland, OR 97208

"We are all travelers in the wilderness of the world and the best that we find in our travels is an honest friend." Robert Lewis Stevenson

"It is a matter of regret that many low, mean, suspicions turn out to be well-founded." Edgar Watson Howe

ABATE OF OREGON CHAPTER MEETINGS - WHERE AND WHEN

FIRST SUNDAY:

LANE COUNTY

12 Noon, Round Table Pizza, 6th St, Eugene

FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAYS:

COOS COUNTY:

1 PM, Ginos Pizza, North Bend. 269-5419, Maria.

DOUGLAS COUNTY:

11 AM, Round Table Pizza, Roseburg.

JACKSON COUNTY:

11 AM, Angelo's Pizza, West Main Street, Medford.

info, call Pete Karpa, Louie Armstrong, 664-6456

YAMHILL COUNTY:

3 PM, Dominico Pizza, McMinnville.

SECOND AND FOURTH SUNDAYS:

JOSEPHINE COUNTY: 11 AM. A

11 AM, Angelo's Pizza, 263 Rogue River Hwy, Grants

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FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS:

SE PORTLAND:

8 PM, The Pizza Barron, SE 122 and Division.

THIRD MONDAYS:

KLAMATH FALLS:

6 PM, Inga's Cheese Haus, 4023 S 6th. Call: Preston

at 882-7070.

SECOND AND FOURTH MONDAYS:

SALEM

7 PM, Casey's Pizza, 4500 S Commerical. Call:

585-6518 or 363-8247.

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS:

CENTRAL OREGON:

7 PM, Pietro's Pizza in Madras.

CLATSOP CTY:

7PM, Workers Tavern (basement), 281 W Marine Drive

(under the bridge) Astoria

COLUMBIA CTY:

7 PM, Luigi's Pizza Place, Rainer (SPRING)

ST. JOHNS

7:30 PM, Prefettos Pizza.

THIRD TUESDAYS:

COLUMBIA CTY:

7 PM, Luigi's Pizza Place, Rainer (WINTER)

SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS:

WASHINGTON CTY:

8 PM, Sunshine Pizza, Cornelius.

FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS:

NE PORTLAND:

7:30 PM, Gino's Pizza, 108th and NE Halsey.

THIRD WEDNESDAYS:

LANE COUNTY:

7 PM, Round Table Pizza, 6th St, Eugene.

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS:

MT. HOOD:

 $\overline{7}$:30 PM, TJ's Lounge and Restaurant, 39024 Proctor

Blvd, Sandy, OR. Call 668-4979 for info.

FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS:

LINCOLN COUNTY:

7:30 PM, Moby Dicks Restaurant, Newport.

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For info: Mike Ritchey By golly golly Mikey, I can't seem to get it together.

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January 4, 1989

Dear Colleague:

Recently, a doctor indicated that he did not want to take any future personal injury or worker's compensation cases because the insurance companies made him feel like a beggar asking for alms after rendering legitimate services for injured victims. The irony is that the doctor's care is what put this injured party back on the road to productivity.

Unlawful insurance claims settlement practices have become a disgrace to the citizens of Oregon. These practices must be stopped! As one of many steps, you will find enclosed a newspaper article summarizing the lawsuit which was filed in order to help protect the rights of injured parties in this state.

Soon, you will be asked to help document the "bad faith" actions that have occurred over the years in Oregon. In the meantime, if you or any of your patients are having difficulty with an insurance company, or if you or your patients anticipate any resistance to a legitimate claim, please be advised that our offices will make every effort to advise you how you can collect what you are owed for services rendered and we will continue to assert the rights of persons injured as a result of the negligence of another.

The suit summarized in the enclosure was not filed on behalf of the Oregon Chiropractic Physicians Association nor the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association. This lawsuit was filed on behalf of victims throughout Oregon and we intend to pursue until we prevail.

Patients and doctors are free to contact any of us listed above. If one of the above phone numbers is inconvenient, please use our toll free statewide number: 1-800-289-3443.

Injured parties generally need professional help in order to be fully compensated for permanent damages. Today, we <u>all</u> need help to protect us from the wrongful conduct of insurance companies to which we pay premiums for protection. We will continue to do what we can until the injustices are made right.

Best regards,

Daniel J

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Section D

Friday, December 30, 1988 *

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Salem lawyer sues state insurance chief

By Dave Berns Of the Statesman-Journal

A Salem lawyer filed a lawsuit Thursday charging that Ted Kulongoski, the director of the Department of Insurance and Finance, has violated state law by failing to release information about insur-

ance companies.

In the six-page suit filed in Marion County Circuit Court, the lawyer, Dan Gatti, charged that Kulongoski had received hundreds of complaints against in-

But he said Kulongoski refused to compile an annual public report detailing the complaints.

"Kulongoski is an embarrassment to the governor and the people of the state," Gatti said. "He's not doing his job."

The state office is required to release such data, according to a law passed by the 1987 Legislature. Kulongoski said his staff was compiling the data and could release the information as early as next month.

"We're trying to make it informative, accurate and fair . . . which is what the Legislature wanted," he said.

Kulongoski said that because the law took effect in September 1987, he was not required to compile the information until this year. But Gatti said Kulongoski had been slow to release the data.

In fact, Gatti said, the department has failed to provide him with complaint information on several occasions.

"The guy refuses to give me complaints about insurance companies," Gatti said. "It's very serious stuff I'm alleging."

Ron Eachus, a state public utility commissioner and a member of the 1987 Legislature, said the law was passed so consumers could know whether insurers had a large number of complaints against them.

Kulongoski, who was appointed to his job in 1987 by Gov. Neil Goldschmidt,

supported the measure during legislative hearings, according to Eachus, a former state representative from Eugene.

Gatti, however, said Kulongoski himself a former state legislator and 1982 candidate for governor — could be withholding such information because of political motives.

Gatti charged that Kulongoski hoped to someday run for U.S. Rep. Ron Wyden's Portland seat and did not want to anger powerful insurance interests in the meantime.

Kulongoski, however, denied that charge and said Gatti had another motive for filing the lawsuit. Gatti hopes to use the information to persuade the 1989 Legislature to give Oregon lawyers broader authority to sue insurance companies, he said.

Lawyers in the state cannot sue insurance companies through Oregon's Unfair Trade Practices Act. Only Kulongoski, as the department director, has that authority.

The Oregon Trial Lawyers' Association hopes to expand that authority to its members, Kulongoski said.

Gatti, however, denied that the trial lawyers group had anything to do with the lawsuit.



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GARY BUSEY GOES PUBLIC -- "LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE"

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13 -- Actor Gary Busey today made his first public statement since the December 4 motorcycle accident in Culver City, CA that left him with a serious head injury. Although still under heavy medication in a medical care facility, Busey is making excellent progress on the road to a full recovery and issued his comments to Bikers Against Manslaughter to alert America's motorcyclists that he is still adamantly opposed to mandatory helmet laws.

"I still feel that it should be 'Let Those Who Ride Decide',"
Busey said in a telephone conversation with David Nichols, an ABATE
of California member and producer of "American Top 40" radio show.

B.A.M. National Director Bill Bish asked Nichols to contact Busey,
explain how his unfortunate mishap has spurred a helmet law crusade
across the country, and ask the actor if his anti-helmet law position
has faltered since his recent accident.

"Wearing a helmet should be a matter of personal preference,"

Busey told Nichols, adding that he hasn't yet decided if he'll put on
a helmet next time he rides. "I may prefer to wear one or not, but

- more -1-800-4-BIKERS (1-800-424-5377) 24 HOURS TOLL FREE NATIONWIDE that'll be my choice -- just as it should be everyone's personal choice."

Nichols then spoke with Busey's personal manager Herb Nanas, also a motorcyclist, and related how 11 states have introduced helmet legislation in the two months since the well-publicized accident.

According to Nichols, "Herb said that Gary will launch a media blitz to help counter the negative publicity as soon as he is physically and mentally recuperated enough to face the news media and talk-show circuit."

"We're delighted that Gary Busey will be taking steps to help correct any wrong impressions and snap judgements that people have made in the wake of his accident," said B.A.M.'s Bill Bish. "Our B.A.M. offices have been fielding calls almost daily from motorcycle rights organizations that need to know about his condition and when he'll issue a statement. I'm also happy that Bikers Against Manslaughter has been entrusted to get this information out quickly to those that need it most."

In a related incident, actor James Caan lost control and crashed his Harley Davidson motorcycle near Santa Monica, CA on February 12 when a car cut him off. Caan suffered broken ribs and abrasions but did not sustain any head injuries -- he was not wearing a helmet.

WHY SHOULD I ADVERTISE IN THE ABATE NEWSLETTER?

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TEAM OREGON MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM 1989 Tentitive Schedule Scheduling Meeting on November 17, 1988 OSU-Corvallis

Team Oregon Motorcycle Safety Programs at your Community College Basic Motorcycle Riding and Street Skills Courses (5 Day course) These are the start dates for each course.

Month	CCC	CHCC	LCC .	LBCC	PCC
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March	none	none	none	none	3/16
April	4/19	none	none	4/6	4/6
May	5/17	5/4	5/4	none	5/4
June	6/7	none	6/1	6/8	6/1
July	7/19	7/6	7/6	none	7/6
Aug.	none	8/3	8/3	none	8/10
Sept.	9/20	9/7	9/7	none	9/7
Oct.	none	none	10/5	10/5	10/5

Experienced Rider Courses (one day course)

These dates are the only day the class meets

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Month	$-\infty$	CHCC	LCC	LBCC	_PCC
March	3/12		3/12	3/25	
April		4/22	4/16		4/1
May			5/21	5/7	5/20 & 27
June .	6/24	6/3	6/11		J. 20 00 2.
July			7/16	7/22	7/22
Aug.	8/5	8/13	8/13		
Sept.			-	9/17	
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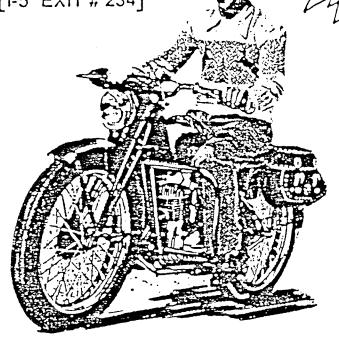
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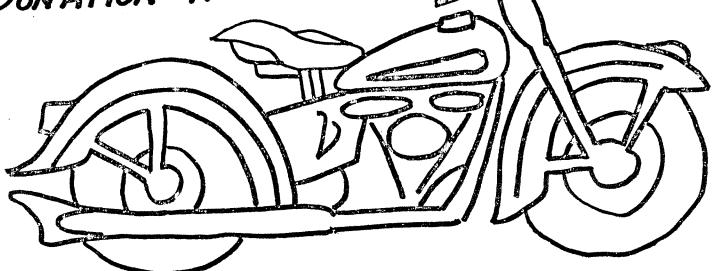
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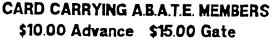
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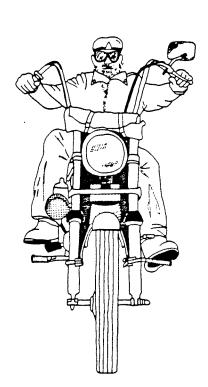
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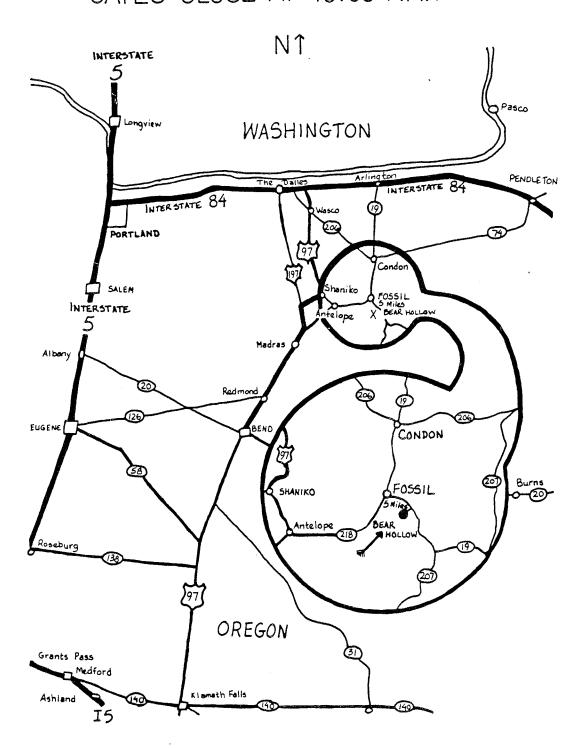




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