



From your Coordinator: Roger Yarnell

RANDOM THOUGHTS...

I want to thank everyone who helped make our 25th Birthday Party a success. If you missed it, you sure missed a good one.

Washington County ABATE is putting on four more events this year (Roll and Ride, Mid-Summer Poker Run, End of Summer Run, and the Toy Run), plus we meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at the Prime Time Sports Bar in Forest Grove. If you haven't been to a chapter event for a while, come on out and say "Hi!" We miss you.

The rain is getting warmer now. Soon the prime riding season will be here. Is your bike ready? It's time to start checking it over so you can hit the road when you want.

One of the most important tools you can own is a decent tire gauge. Step up and get a good one. You can get one at most parts stores for about \$10 that will last a long time and give you accurate readings. Under or over inflated tires will not only mess up your bikes handling and gas mileage, but it will also cause your tires' tread to wear out faster.

Do you feel like there are a lot of folks in the chapter that you don't know? Consider seeing our Run Coordinator, Len Punzel, and volunteering to help man a check point at one of our rides. That way, you get a chance to meet everyone on the ride!

When was the last time you went to another chapter's event? When we support other chapters, we are supporting ABATE of Oregon, which we are all a part of. Besides, it is really nice to go to an event, not have to do any work, and just ride away when the fun is over.

Ride safe, and have fun out there!

Roger Yarnell



Our Mission Statement

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety and liberty through community involvement and legislative action

The best way to air out your head is to get your knees in the breeze.

Cycle therapy is more fun than psychotherapy.

Only motorcyclists understand why a dog wants to ride with its head out the window.

Four wheels move the body – two wheels move the soul.

If you want to blend in, ride the bus.

Bikes don't leak oil – they mark their territory.

Two-lane blacktop isn't a highway – it's an attitude.

Trivia question: Who are the WaCo chapter families that are ALL volunteer officers? (Ask Dave Meeker)

Idiot of the Month Award:

Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words "Give me all your money or I'll shoot," the man shouted, "That's not what I said!"

From your Vice Coordinator: Rick Skaggs

More than 100 members of the U.S. house have co-sponsored a bill to end health insurance discrimination against motorcycles for transportation. While the action is to AMA Vice President for Government Relations Edward Moreland. The AMA is calling on motorcyclist's and others who face health insurance discrimination to urge their representatives to support H.R. 1076 known as the HIPAA Recreational Injury Technical Corrections Act. Time is short the bill has broad bi-partisan support, but we need 218 votes for passage. If we do not act by April, we will likely miss our chance for action. You can easily send a message to your lawmaker through the Rapid Response Center at www.amadirectlink.com



Married Life? (submitted by Dexter Clark)

A doctor examining a woman who had been rushed to the Emergency Room, took the husband aside, and said, "I don't like the looks of your wife at all."

"Me neither, Doc," said the husband, "but she's a great cook and really good with the kids."

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An old man goes to the Wizard to ask him if he can remove a curse he has been living with for the last 40 years. The Wizard says, "Maybe, but you will have to tell me the exact words that were used to put the curse on you."

The old man says, without hesitation, "I now pronounce you Man and Wife."

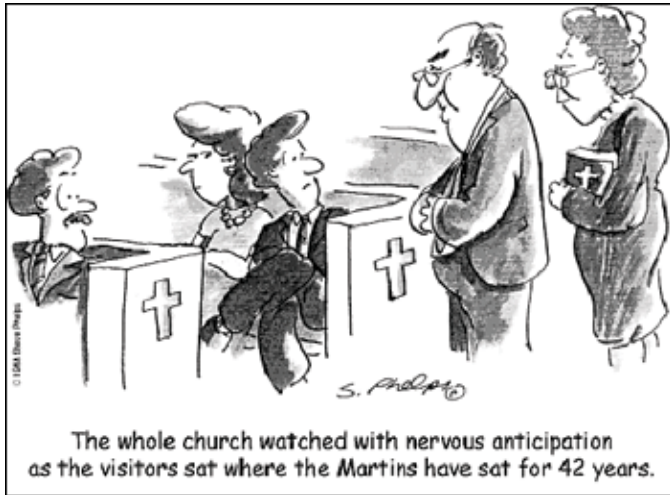
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Moe: "My wife got me to believe in religion."
Joe: "Really?"
Moe: "Yep. Until I married her I didn't believe in Hell."

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A little boy went up to his father and asked, "Dad, where did my intelligence come from?"
The father replied, "Well, son, you must have got it from your mother, 'cause I still have mine."

The Challenges of Modern Churches



And then there are the blonde jokes... (submitted by Dexter Clark)

A blonde calls Delta Airlines and asks, "Can you tell me how long it will take to fly from San Francisco to New York City?"

The travel agent replies, "Just a minute..."

"Thank you," says the blonde, and hangs up.

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Two blond guys were discussing popular trends on sex, marriage and values. Stu says, "I didn't sleep with my wife before we got married. Did you?"

Leroy replies, "I'm not sure. What was her maiden name?"

Getting to Know Our Members: Interview with Trace Ceccacci

Q: How long have you been riding?

A: I dunno, 20, 25 years.

Q: What kind of bike do you ride?

A: VTX1800C. Illusion Blue. No, it's NOT purple. *Illusion Blue*.

Well, OK, maybe the flames are purple, but that's all.

Q: Where is your favorite place(s) to ride?

A: I don't think I have a favorite place to ride. The mountains, the beach, the desert, Hell, I don't care. Anywhere I can get a nice road. Particularly if it's warm, dry, I can open it up a little bit, and there are no police in sight. Or out of sight for that matter. In fact, that's worse. Oh, and it's important to have gas stations every hundred miles. VERY important.

Q: Who do you like to ride with, and why?

A: My, you do have a lot of questions, don't you? I don't want to give names here. You know who you are. I like to ride with people with the same riding style. Which means, a little aggressive, but not crazy, I'm not out to kill myself... But I do tend to think of speed limits more as suggestions than hard and fast rules. I'm not riding a Vespa, after all.

Q: What's the scariest riding experience you've ever had?

A: Now why would you want to bring up something like that? I don't want to relive those things, they were bad enough the first time! You don't ride as long as I have without collecting a whole bunch of scary stories. Where would I begin? OK, you insist? The Los Angeles freeways. Enough said.

Q: What's the best ride you've ever been on?

A: In 2006 I went to Sturgis, was back for 3 days, then went to Tucson, spent a month riding around Arizona before coming back, hit Street Vibrations on the way home. I forget how many different national parks and monuments I went through. About 9000 miles in two months. By the way, this is also the worst ride I've ever been on. And let me tell you, you don't want to ride across the southern California desert, you know, south of Death Valley, on an August afternoon. You just can't carry enough water. Don't laugh! Hey, what did I know, I'm from Oregon.

Q: If you could win something related to motorcycling, what would be your dream prize?

A: I don't think I've ever dreamed about winning a motorcycle-related prize. I could be wrong, I don't generally remember my dreams.

Q: What advice would you give to new riders?

A: Take the Team Oregon beginner's course. (Bet you've never heard that before, huh?) Don't get that big, shiny, fast new machine as your first bike. Get something old. You are likely to drop it more than once before you figure out what you're doing. Get a mid sized engine. Something powerful enough to get out of the way of that cage cutting into your line of travel, but not so fast you are tempted to race that Hayabusa on the freeway. *Don't* get that Hayabusa as your first bike or it will also be your last. Don't get cocky. Pavement hurts.



(Dumb editor's note – What's a Hayabusa? Oh, that thing that just went streaking by at 120 mph and made all the cagers wet their pants? Right!)

IF I HAD MY LIFE TO LIVE OVER - by Erma Bombeck

I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for the day.

I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage.

I would have talked less and listened more.

I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained, or the sofa faded.

I would have eaten the popcorn in the 'good' living room and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace.

I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth.

I would have shared more of the responsibility carried by my husband.

I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.

I would have sat on the lawn with my grass stains.

I would have cried and laughed less while watching television and more while watching life.

I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil, or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.

Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy,

I'd have cherished every moment and realized that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.

When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, 'Later. Now go get washed up for dinner.'

There would have been more 'I love you's' and more 'I'm sorry's.'

But mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minutelook at it and really see it; live it and never give it back. STOP SWEATING THE SMALL STUFF!!!

Don't worry about who doesn't like you, who has more, or who's doing what. Instead, let's cherish the relationships we have with those who do love us. (Submitted by Billie Jean Williams)

Not all blonds are FEMALE!

An Irishman, a Mexican and a Blond Guy were doing construction work on scaffolding on the 20th floor of a building. They were eating lunch and the Irishman said, 'Corned beef and cabbage! If I get corned beef and cabbage one more time for lunch, I'm going to jump off this building.'

The Mexican opened his lunch box and exclaimed, 'Burritos again! If I get Burritos one more time I'm going to jump off, too.' The Blond Guy opened his lunch and said, 'Bologna again! If I get a bologna sandwich one more time, I'm jumping too.'

The next day, the Irishman opened his lunch box, saw corned beef and cabbage, and jumped to his death. The Mexican opened his lunch, saw burritos, and jumped too. The Blond Guy opened his lunch, saw the bologna and jumped to his death as well.

At the funeral, the Irishman's wife was weeping. She said, 'If I'd known how really tired he was of corned beef and cabbage, I never would have given it to him again!' The Mexican's wife also wept and said, 'I could have given him tacos or enchiladas! I didn't realize he hated burritos so much.'

Everyone turned and stared at the Blond Guy's wife. The Blond Guy's wife said, 'Don't look at me. He makes his own lunch.'

From Your Treasurer: Sharon Yarnell

Treasurer Report 04/14/08

The month of March was all expenses, and no deposits. The expenses were:

\$75 for NCOM registration for Gary Kniss

\$351 to reimburse NCOM airfare for Gary Kniss

\$272 to reimburse NCOM airfare for Kay Sipple

\$24.60 to Chris Daley for Newsletter Postage

\$1900 to Team OR to purchase a container

\$100 to MRF to register the entire chapter for Best of the West

\$128 to Paul Hering for Basket Supplies (for the Birthday Party)

No Deposits for March.

The month of April is starting out much better. Expenses, so far:

\$500 for seed money for the Birthday party

\$415 to the Elks for dinners at the Birthday party

\$44.50 to Kay Sipple for a Team OR class

\$89.50 to Kathleen Pennington for a Team OR class

\$89.50 to Derek Gitts for a Team OR class

\$89.50 to Brittany Dormer for a Team OR class

Then came the Birthday party, and along with it came deposits, totaling \$5154

(including re-depositing the \$500 seed money).

The Birthday Party was awesome. Everybody there had a great time. If you weren't there, make sure you come next year. It's sure to be bigger and better!

Sly

Treasurer



For the latest news from MRF, go to

<http://www.mrf.org/> (submitted by Rich Virchow)



We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. So I'm not fat, I'm just really intelligent and my head couldn't hold any more so it started filling up the rest of me!

That's my story and I'm sticking to it!



Whoever coined the phrase, 'Honesty is the best policy', was obviously never married to an insecure woman with a fat ass.

Secretary's Report: Sharon Mize

Date: April 14, 2008

Time called to Order: 7:30 pm

Guests: Nick's first meeting - Welcome!

Attendance: 38

Moment of Silence: for those no longer with us – Roger

Blessing by: Len Punzel

Pledge of Allegiance: Luke Stocker

Mission Statement: Billie-Jean Williams

Minutes: Sharon Mize

Correspondence: flyers about Roadbrother Run 4/19/08, and Strip Poker Run 6/7/08

Coordinator's Comments: Roger Yarnell - Welcome! Thanked all of those who helped before the Birthday Party. Read a list of all of those who participated and thanked Rick Stocker for getting everyone home safely, as well as monitoring the parking lot. Special thanks to Cathy and Veta for their great work, as well as to Paul for selling tickets and coupons, all helping the chapter achieve their goals. Also asked if anyone read the paper today, metro section in the Oregonian. There was an article written by Andy Parker about the kid who lost his life last year when a lady pulled out in front of him from a Taco Bell on 185th. Their family was committed to riding safely. We are one of the largest clubs in Washington County and the family didn't even know we existed. We need to promote the safety side, do more PR and let the public know that we are not just motorcyclist who don't like to wear helmets. Matt from our State Chapter mentioned that we have bumper stickers "Look twice for bikes!" Also, the Life Savers Conference has bumper stickers "Your car can kill!"

Vice Coordinator's Comments: Rick Skaggs - Wanted to congratulate Veta Holscher as she was honored with the John L. Scott's 1st Annual Marketing Award!

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer: Sharon Yarnell - Month of March was all expenses. \$75.00 NCOM registration for Gary, \$351.00 and \$272.00 airfare for Gary & Kay, \$24.60 to Chris for newsletter postage, \$1,900.00 for container for Team Oregon, \$100.00 MRF Chapter, \$128.00 to Paul for baskets. Expenses also included \$500.00 Birthday party, \$415.00 to the Elks for dinners, \$44.50 to Kay, \$89.50 each for 1/2 Team Oregon for Cathleen, Derrick and Britney. Set aside \$4,000.00 End of Summer Run which made the working balance \$6,127.00 less \$182.00 to the Elks for Meadowwood Camp. Gross for the Birthday party was \$5,956.00 minus expenses, approx. \$2,273.00 leaves a balance of \$3,683.00 minus 10% to the State (-\$368.00) left a profit of \$3,314.00.

Legislative Director: Jordan Kelley - Not a lot going on. Elections/primaries coming up and we all need to research our candidates' backgrounds and not just what they are saying, so get out there and vote. Rich asked how New Jersey was doing with death threats, federal helmet bill being challenged. We need to write editorials or send e-mails to that state to help him out - he could be removed from office.

State Board Representative: Jordan Kelley - The Fossil showers are defunct, but Gene is working with the RV park to see if they can help us provide access to showers, etc. The State balance is \$32,094.01, membership 1903 (300 less than last year). Insurance is twice as much, based on attendance at events. When we send in form asking for legal name (not Spanky or whatever your nickname is) and address would truly help get the numbers more accurate. Newsletter format may (continued on page 10)



Senior Driver - by GRANDMA (submitted by Dexter Clark)

The other day I went up to a local Christian bookstore and saw a "Honk if you love Jesus" bumper sticker. I was feeling particularly sassy that day, because I had just come from a thrilling choir practice followed by a powerful prayer meeting, so I bought the sticker and put it on my bumper. I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection just lost in thought about the Lord and how good He is, and I didn't notice that the light had changed.

It is a good thing someone else loves Jesus; because if he hadn't honked, I'd never have noticed.

I found that LOTS of people love Jesus. Why, while I was sitting there, the nice man behind started honking like crazy, and he leaned out of his window and screamed, "for the love of God, GO! GO!" What an exuberant cheerleader he was for the Lord. Everyone started honking! I just leaned out of my window and started waving and smiling at all these loving people.

I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love. There must have been a man from Florida back there, because I heard him yelling something about a sunny beach. I saw another man waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in the air. When I asked my teenage grandson in the back seat what that meant, he said that it was an Hawaiian good luck sign or something. Well, I've never met anyone from Hawaii, so I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign back. My grandson burst out laughing; why even he was enjoying this religious experience.

A couple of the people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and started walking towards me. I bet they wanted to pray or ask what church I attended, but this is when I noticed the light had changed. So I waved to all my sisters and brothers, smiled at them all, and drove on through the intersection.

I noticed I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light changed again, and I felt kind of sad that I had to leave them after all the love we had shared, so I slowed the car down, leaned out of the window, and gave them all the Hawaiian good luck sign one last time as I drove away.

Praise the Lord for such wonderful folks!



God Was Too Busy Today

A United States Marine was attending some college courses between assignments. He had completed missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. One of the courses had a professor who was an avowed atheist and a member of the ACLU.

One day the professor shocked the class when he came in He looked to the ceiling and flatly stated, "God, if you are real, then I want you to knock me off this platform. I'll give you exactly 15 minutes." The lecture room fell silent. You could hear a pin drop. Ten minutes went by and the professor proclaimed, "Here I am God. I'm still waiting."

It got down to the last couple of minutes when the Marine got out of his chair, went up to the professor, and cold-cocked him; knocking him off the platform. The professor was out cold. The Marine went back to his seat and sat there, silently. The other students were shocked and stunned and sat there looking on in silence.

The professor eventually came to, noticeably shaken, looked at the Marine and asked, "What the heck is the matter with you? Why did you do that?"

The Marine calmly replied, "God was too busy today protecting America 's soldiers who are protecting your right to say stupid stuff and act like an idiot. So, He sent me."

Party Animals – If your pets had attended the Birthday Party...



Gimme another beer!



Whee, look at me!



Ossifer, I don't see no straight line!



You are sho funny!



Last call for alcohol!



Worshipping the Porcelain God



I can't believe I drank the whole thing!

Gotta get rid of this beer breath



Secretary's Report (continued):

change to column in which they will do a trial run to help minimize paper and postage. May is awareness month. Trimet buses in Medford, K-Falls offering wraps of "Beware of Motorcycles" advertisements may run once a week and trifolds(handouts. Dave also needs help with the t-shirt table. Dave will be at the Best of the West conference, but not the state meeting. Laptops that were tabled passed 6-4 with cost of \$899.00 each, three, totaling \$2,700.00. Changing dates for STEAM was also tabled. Issue of changing reimbursement amounts was tabled - \$33,000.00 if 372 signed up to join - \$75.00 or 50% which ever is less. Would save \$6,000.00. Bringing back the information to chapters for feedback. Bylaws - ratified - change of dates for officer nominations in October, but not taking the positions until January. Last month suspended Willy's authority - removed and will continue his position. Ted - Best of the West in Vancouver, WA, board meeting to be cancelled so they can attend. Rich asked if Rot reviewed the DVD's, but Rot did not attend State meeting. Paul said retention not as good, how come we lost 300 members - Jordan couldn't really say why. State PR gal doing a great job. **Public Relations:** Veta Holscher - Birthday party was a great success. Has Roll-n-Ride fliers and Mid-Summer fliers are ready to review. Vendor letter is also available for review.

Membership Secretary: Cindy Henderson (not present) but Margo filling in. Paul asked what do we do to maintain retention? We currently have 308 members, last year 356 - need continuing education. Balance is \$142.25. Patty Candido said she has been a member for 2 years and hasn't received any newsletters. Chris can add the e-mail address and maybe Cindy can add another line in for e-mail address but state can't do this with the old software program they use. Bill mentioned that retention needs actual involvement - people have talents, but not deep pockets.

Education Director: Patricia Carner (not present)

Newsletter Editor: Chris Daley - need news items/articles from our Coordinator and Recording Secretary. The road clean-up party only had 5 people show up so decided to reschedule. Ted volunteered to pick up the carpet pieces on the road and Chris would cancel the May 31st clean-up day since we have another event that day. Kay asked if we have to schedule a date? Yes, since Chris has to arrange to pick up vests/signs/pinchers and sign for the equipment and bags. Next road clean-up is October 11th.

Webpage Editor: Robert Beadle - If anyone has pictures of the Birthday Party, please submit them to him by email at webmaster@wacoabate.info

Quartermaster: Paul Hering - No report

Historian: Trace Ceccacci - (Not present)

Chapter Products: Dave Meeker - (Not present)

Ways & Means: Luke Stocker - Balance is \$606.00 - Buy tickets at break!

Run Coordinator: Len Punzel - Birthday Party is over, went great and thanks for all of the help. Everything else is on course and looks great.

Run Coordinator II: Kay Sipple - No report

Old Business: None

New Business: Dian Punzel - true confession - pulled over in the left lane and almost ran over a motorcycle. She loves motorcycles, but he was in her blind spot. Billy stated that flashing lights or a light modulator helps motorists see them. John Moe mentioned that in his 55 and Alive class they stress when changing lanes to turn your head and use the mirror to double check. Roger mentioned that as a truck driver, one of his biggest pet peeves is someone taking all day to pass another vehicle, which doesn't leave any room for error if something happens in front of you.

Linda Henderson - needs volunteers for the April 27th swap meet.

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If you or you know someone that rides a motorcycle you may want to forward this information along. This is some of the information that came out of today's AMA Rick and Management meeting in Clackamas, Oregon.

The popularity of motorcycling is rebounding, and both motorcycle registrations and endorsements are increasing, and unfortunately for us, so are motorcycle fatalities. You could argue that if all the other numbers go up, then statistically speaking, it only makes sense that more motorcycles, traveling more miles = more fatalities.

The downside for us is that groups opposed to motorcycling (like the IIHS or Insurance Institute for Highway Safety just to name one) focus on the fatalities and WILL use the information against us. Historically the 2 methods used to try and ban or eliminate motorcycling in America are the direct approach (an outright ban, which is harder to do) and the indirect approach which is to increase the cost of having a motorcycle through a series of schemes that increase the cost to buy, maintain, and insure a motorcycle.

In this context, it is useful to know what data and what data sources the opposition has. The following web site off a Yahoo Groups question page. The question was about the total number of fatalities in 2004 which was reported as: 4008 nation wide, an increase of 1,892 fatalities or 89 percent between 1997 and 2004. This is the kind of data that is used to "require" air bags on future motorcycles, increase our insurance rates, etc., the list of expense increases goes on and on. And occasionally it gets used to pressure or require motorcycle rider education to get a license, which I feel is not is not a bad thing.

This is background information from one source. It is not all of the data that is available. I do not expect that everyone will have the interest to read through this. But some will.

[http://www.msf-usa.org/imsc/proceedings/a-Shankar-Where are the Increases in Motorcycle Rider Fatalities.pdf](http://www.msf-usa.org/imsc/proceedings/a-Shankar-Where%20are%20the%20Increases%20in%20Motorcycle%20Rider%20Fatalities.pdf)

Chuck Jeffcoat

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Ted - Best of the West June 12-14th at the Inn at the Quay - will pass around a sign-up sheet until 5/21. Dave will be selling products - great time to see what's working in their state and what's not. Banquet in the hospitality suite - great time!

Gary - May 26th, Monday, we have the annual Veteran run starting at Paradise HD at 10:00, for those not going to Fossil.

Jordan - Will have a sign-up sheet for Fossil with a date and time which will circulate until the next State Board meeting.

Berle - Poker Run benefiting the Senior Center in North Plains on May 17th, route is going out south this time, 140 miles, lots of prizes, starts at the Hitchin Post. 1st bike out @ 10:00, last at noon.

Paul - Several people asked if the thank-you letter that Sharon read was his daughter's. Said that the eye surgery on his granddaughter went perfect. Stitches removed last Friday and eye more open.

Lauren - Toy Run Committee June 8th, Sunday - Ticket to Ride - Action Motor Sports - can't buy a ticket unless you buy Toy Run tickets - hope to see you all this year - but not sanctioned yet. Lauren is going to be Mrs. Claus!

50/50 Drawing: \$41.00 - 576156 - Jordan Kelley is our lucky winner!

Membership Drawing: \$142.25 - Amber Biermann - Not present to win.

Next Meeting: April 28th - 7:30 - Primetime Sports Bar

Senior Sex?

Upon hearing that her elderly grandfather had just passed away, Katie went straight to her grandparent's house to visit her 95-year-old grandmother and comfort her.

When she asked how her grandfather had died, her grandmother replied, "He had a heart attack while we were making love on Sunday morning."

Horrified, Katie told her grandmother that 2 people nearly 100 years old having sex would surely be asking for trouble.

"Oh no, my dear," replied granny. "Many years ago, realizing our advanced age, we figured out the best time to do it was when the church bells would start to ring. It was just the right rhythm. Nice and slow and even. Nothing too strenuous, simply in on the ding and out on the dong."

She paused to wipe away a tear, and continued,

"He'd still be alive if the ice cream truck hadn't come along." (submitted by Roger Yarnell)

IT COULD BE WORSE!

A father passing by his son's bedroom was astonished to see that his bed was nicely made and everything was picked up. Then he saw an envelope, propped up prominently on the pillow that was addressed to "Dad." With the worst premonition he opened the envelope with trembling hands and read the letter.

Dear Dad:

It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing you. I had to elope with my new girlfriend because I wanted to avoid a scene with Mom and you. I have been finding real passion with Stacy and she is so nice. But I knew you would not approve of her because of all her piercing, Tattoos, tight motorcycle clothes and the fact that she is much older than I am. But it's not only the passion...

Dad she's pregnant. Stacy said that we will be very happy. She owns a trailer in the woods and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children. Stacy has opened my eyes to the fact that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. We'll be growing it for ourselves and trading it with the other people that live nearby for cocaine and ecstasy. In the meantime we will pray that science will find a cure for AIDS so Stacy can get better. She deserves it.

Don't worry Dad. I'm 15 and I know how to take care of myself.

Someday I'm sure that we will be back to visit so that you can get to know your grandchildren.

Love,

Your Son, John

P.S. Dad, none of the above is true. I'm over at Tommy's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than a report card that's in my center desk drawer. I love you. Call me when it's safe to come home.

WaCo ABATE Bulletin Board

MEETINGS

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UPCOMING 2008 EVENTS:

Roll N Ride	June 8
Poker Run	July 26
EOS	Sept 19-21
Road Clean-up	Oct 11
Toy Run	Nov 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

15TH of each month

Send photos to
 webmaster@wacoabate.info

Interested in riding to Alaska? Check out a site found by Rich Virchow:
<http://www.cnn.com/2008/TRAVEL/getaways/04/10/motorcycling.alaska.ap/index.html>

Montana Golfing Rules ----- Just Released !!

The Montana State Department of Fish and Wildlife is advising golfers to take extra precautions and be on the alert for bears while playing on Gallatin, Helena, and Lewis and Clark National Forests Golf Courses. They advise golfers to wear noise-producing devices such as little bells on their clothing to alert, but not to startle the bears unexpectedly. They also advise you to carry pepper spray in the case of an encounter with a bear. It is also a good idea to watch for signs of bear activity.

Golfers should be able to recognize the difference between black bear and grizzly bear droppings on the golf course. Black bear droppings are smaller and contain berries and possibly squirrel fur. Grizzly bear droppings have bells, golf-gloves and sunglasses in them and smell like pepper spray. (submitted by Dexter Clark)

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Where do forest rangers go to
“get away from it all”?

If you try to fail, and succeed,
which have you done?

Whose cruel idea was it for the
word “lisp” to have an “S” in it?

What do you do when you see an
endangered animal eating an
endangered plant?

Would a fly without wings be
called a “walk”?

If a turtle doesn’t have a shell, is
he homeless, or naked?

Why don’t sheep shrink when it
rains?



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