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FUEL, SAFETY, E-MAIL, 10#s; AND CIVIL WAR GAME TOO

When is it going to stop? Fuel price increases, that is. This has been a one way street so far, all uphill. OPEC raised its production quota, to no avail, since some of its members had already been fudging on their limits. There is a clamor for President Clinton to tap into the national reserves, but some question whether this problem justifies such an action. There is proposed legislation to impose fuel surcharges, which is aimed at helping the independent drivers.

Meanwhile, the American Trucking Association has filed a lawsuit against the State of Oregon, claiming the weight-mile tax is discriminatory. ATA's recent win in Idaho has it believing that it can repeat its feat in Oregon.

Safety Association

FYI, a new national safety association has been formed here in Oregon. National Association of Transportation Safety Professionals (NATSP) will provide certification for safety practitioners, and will issue a Certified Practitioner Standing (CPS) to those persons who qualify. Efforts are underway to obtain recognition and standing with professional associations. Let me know if you wish further information about NATSP.

E-Mail Edition

Last month I passed the word that my website was up and running. I hope that you have had a chance to check it out. For you busier types who have not yet done so, I do want to let you know that the back issues for this year are posted there. Depending on my schedule and energy, I may later post some other issues.

The Obligatory Disclaimer

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Some of you have asked if and when I could send *Rollin' On* in an e-mail format, instead of by fax. The answer is: now. I have been reluctant to change, since my experience is that e-mail addresses change more frequently than fax numbers. For example, the fax # can still work if Sally Smith is replaced by John Jones. It's not like all of you always keep me informed of your various personnel changes. Well, with e-mail addresses, what happens many times is that when the person leaves, so does her/his e-mail address. The bottom line is that I expect there to be more maintenance, and therefore more lost and forlorn souls from my distribution list.

Historically, I have prepared *Rollin' On* on Microsoft Publisher, which is not exactly universally available to everyone. This September issue is the first in a Word format, which is more widely accepted. If everything goes according to plan, the next issue for those so requesting will be by e-mail, and for everyone else it would still be by fax. So even if you have e-mail access, which most of you presumably do, don't feel obliged on my part to change to the e-mail version, at least not at this time. The fax machine still works for me. I'll need your e-mail preference people to send me the following information **by e-mail to larry@rollin-on.com**:

1. The complete fax # at which you currently receive *Rollin' On*.
2. Your individual and company names.
3. Your e-mail address (automatically included in the message).

4. Your phone # (I always like to work with a net, especially for those pesky operator-error problems).

5. Whether someone else currently receives *Rollin' On* at the same fax #, and if so, the name and whether that is to continue. I'm hoping for a smooth transition, which will be tested by . . .

10 Digit Dialing

The 7 digit number is giving way to the 10 digit number. To be sure, we've always had 10 #s, but we never had to bother to dial them for local calls. That changes as of October 1. So I have the pleasure of changing my fax data base to include the 10 digit number for local calls.

Civil War Game

It's that time again. The last three years, the Transportation Association of Portland has purchased a large block of tickets for this great rivalry. We bought 200 tickets for this year's game, the largest single block of tickets sold for the game, which this year is in Corvallis on November 18. Kickoff time is changed about 78 times before finally set the Monday or so prior to the game. TAP has less than 20 tickets remaining, so if you want to go, you'd better act now. The game was sold out before the season ever started. The ticket price of \$85 gets you a bus ride to the game, a "railgate" party in heated W & P box cars at the stadium with a donation from the Union Pacific, refreshments on the bus, and, yes, a ticket into the game. Proceeds go to the Special Olympics, so it's all for a good cause. Let me know if you want any tickets.

That's all for now. To shippers, carriers, agents and other third parties, keep the cargo **rollin' on!!**

Short Bio

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