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## SPEED LIMITS, WD40, FOOT-BALL, HOPS AND FAXES

## Speed limits: To sign or not to sign

The Oregon Legislature passed a law allowing ODOT to raise the speed limit on certain sections of rural interstates to 65 mph for trucks and 70 mph for cars. Right now those limits are 55 and 65. The bill is sitting on the gov's desk, unsigned. He can either sign or veto the bill until October 8, after which it would become law without his signature.

Many truckers strongly believe that reducing this speed limit differential will increase highway safety. The dfferential would be reduced by 5 mph.

## WD 40: Lubricating the Nasdaq

Although it will certainly be on the evening news all weekend, I wanted to make sure that all of you know that representatives from WD-40 will be ringing the opening bell for the Nasdaq Exchange this coming Monday, September 22 at the normal 6:30 a.m. time. On the off chance that the major networks drop the ball and don't bring you this all important news, you should make a note so that you don't miss this wonderous occasion.

Most or all of us are WD-40 users, if only frequently. If you go house to house, you will find a homeowner with a can of Wd-40 somewhere in the house. The can may be new or old and may be missing the itty bity red straw. I've been a member of the WD-40 club for quite sometime. Members receive periodic emails about the innumerable uses of WD-40. If you the website want to join, is http://fanclub.wd40.com. And remember to set those alarm clocks.

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### TAP Football: OSU v UW

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Once again, TAP has another college football outing this fall, this time to Corvallis on October 18, when the Beavers host those Dawgs from up north. This year's version of TAP's annual fundraiser for Special Olympics features a bus ride from Lake Oswego to Albany, where the gamegoers get on to the P & W railroad for the ride into Corvallis, where the tracks are right next to the stadium, the best parking in town. A lunch is included, and there will be the customary refreshments. We did this bus/train combo last year and had a blast.

TAP obtained 50 tickets which were first offered to TAP members. Any unsold tickets (don't hold your breath) will be offered to the general transportation community later this month. We were very fortunate to get these tickets, since Oregon State has been selling out its tickets, and this UW ticket is a very hot one. Regardless of either team's record, and as of right now both believe they can contend for the PAC 10 title, the intensity level for the game between these two teams is always very high, to say the least.

FYI Duck fans, the U of O did not have any tickets to spare. If any of you have any pull with the ticket office, then please contact TAP since it would be nice to alternate between the two stadiums. We've gone from getting 200 tickets for the Civil War game in 1999 to zero tickets in 2001 and 2003. Still, I know of at least one avid Duck fan who is making this trip, probably for the sole purpose of rooting against the

Beavs although it's hard to imagine a Duck fan rooting for those Dawgs. That's her right to do, provided she's paid her money (\$100 per ticket) and is not thrown off the train.

## Hops: Parental Deficiency

I recently picked a hop, took it home and asked my daughter what it was. She had no clue. I became very disappointed since I had obviously failed her as a parent. Growing up, we raised hops and it was always one of my favorite crops although it was one of the most labor intensive. Ever try to move long irrigation pipes through a maze of vines? The worst time was right before harvest. But the smell of hops is so pleasing.

My wife was likewise clueless as to what it was, but I felt no responsibility there since she's a city girl and her ignorance could be overlooked; perhaps it was expected.

# Faxes (and later Emails): A rule on the horizon

A rule which would ban the sending of certain unsolicited faxes was set to go into effect this month, but has been delayed until early 2005. After nearly nine years of sending out *Rollin' On*, exclusively by fax for the first few years, I finally got around to obtaining everyone's written consent to receive *Rollin' On*, whether by fax or email. In the process I received some new names, some of which were not legible on the fax form. Please check your name, since instead of Dillon your name may appear as Dogbreath.

Thanks to all of you for your responses and helping with the housekeeping.

That's all for now. Until next time, keep the cargo *rollin!* 

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