

# Episode Nine

## **EPISODE 9 The Story of Jon Bair**

On December 31, 1992 SHARPs and neo-Nazis met up on icy streets, with fatal results. Episode 9 tells the story of the New Year's Eve that changed the life of SHARP member Jon Bair and shifted the balance of the battle to take Portland's streets back from racist skinheads.

Featuring interviews with Jon Bair, Jason and Michael Clark.

**PORTLAND SHARPs:** Excerpted from an email from a Portland SHARP:

“As far as SHARP goes in Portland:

1988- 1989 SCAR (Skinheads Committed Against Racism)

1989-1992 SHARP

1992/3 - 1994 PUB/PB Portland United Bootboys/Portland Baldies (still some around so can be called to present)

1994/95 - PRESENT RCBB (Rose City Bovver Boys)

This is the anti-racist legacy of Portland.

There were some smaller crews along the way but most were short-lived, got absorbed or were run off. There were skinhead gangs here before the nazi bullshit that weren't anything..racist or not..they have a history of their own. When the nation begun to accept that Skinheads were Nazi's then the local crews had to decide where they sat..a lot of skinheads grew their hair then..some stuck it out.”

**Erik Banks** was a member of the white power band Bound For Glory, based in St Paul, MN. He is considered a martyr by racist skinheads.

**Assault Rifle** The rifle 20-year-old Jon Bair used was a semi-automatic, large gauge assault-type rifle. An assault rifle is a rapid-fire, magazine-fed rifle designed for military use. It is a shoulder-fired weapon that allows the shooter to select between semi-automatic (requiring you pull the trigger for each shot), fully automatic (hold the trigger and the gun continuously fires) or three-shot-burst modes. [This is a link](#) to a simplified explanation about these types of weapons.

**Baker City, Oregon** sits on the eastern edge of Oregon, 300+ miles from Portland and about an hour from Idaho; it is the county seat of Baker County. The population has hovered at between 9 and 10,000 people since 1940 and is currently around 9,800. Its namesake is Senator Edward D Baker, a Union Army veteran killed in the U.S. Civil War. The Powder River runs through town on its way to join the Snake; the Blue and Wallowa mountains lie to the west and the Wallowas to the east. It is home to the Powder River Correctional Facility.

**Powder River Correctional Facility** is one of Oregon's 14 prisons. It serves as a transition and re-entry facility for the Department Of Corrections. Program-eligible inmates preparing for transition from prison back into their communities are sent to PRCF for alcohol and drug treatment. Inmates in this program are assigned to a highly regimented program that includes a daily routine of 14-16 hours of treatment, education, and transition classes in conjunction with institution and or community-based work. The inmates provide labor for the local parks in the region. [According to the website](#): "One of the primary reasons for this work is to reduce the costs of government, particularly to rural governments, who could not successfully complete needed work projects by other means."

**Post Prison Supervision** is an [agreement](#) entered into by an inmate as a condition of release. Its [terms](#) can be complicated and result in return to prison.