

LEGISLATIVE NEWS
FROM SALEM

There are presently two bills before the Oregon Legislature's Senate Transportation Committee which would repeal the mandatory helmet law. They are S.B. 287 & S.B. 644. There is also one bill before the House Transportation Committee to do this. It's number is H.B. 2340.

Of these three bills, only two of them were written at the request of motorcyclists and deserve our support. They are: S.B. 287 & H.B. 2340. These bills would simply repeal the helmet law (for everyone/ H.B. 2340), or, (for those over age 18/ S.B. 287).

S.B. 644 a bill introduced by Senator Wallace P. Carson would also repeal the helmet law, but not until July of 1978. In addition, this bill would, if passed, prevent a motorcyclist from being able to collect damages for head injuries incurred in an accident (no matter who was at fault), unless he was wearing a helmet.

Needless to say, motorcyclists would do well to support S.B. 287 & H.B. 2340 and strongly oppose S.B. 644. Letters regarding these bills should be directed to whichever committee is going to hear the bill you're writing about. Specifically, letters on S.B. 287 or S.B. 644 should be sent to:
Senate Transportation Committee
Room 431, State Capitol Building
Salem, Oregon 97310

letters on H.B. 2340 should be sent to:
House Transportation Committee
Room 60B, State Capitol Building
Salem, Oregon 97310

S.B. 287 & S.B. 644 have been scheduled for hearings on April 7, 1977 at 8:00 a.m., so as you can see, we haven't got much time left before our bills are heard. However there is still time to make our voices heard, and if we all sit down and write a few letters, they should hear us loud and clear!!

One other bill we need to write letters about is S.B. 341. This bill, if passed, would require all motorcycles registered in Oregon to comply with D.E.Q. noise pollution standards. Failure to do so would mean you could not register your bike in this state. Direct all letters regarding this bill to:
Senate Environment and Energy Committee
Room 331, State Capitol Building
Salem, Oregon 97310

Letters to your Congressman will have much more impact if you include some reasons why you feel they should support or oppose a particular bill. Some possible reasons to include in your letters will be found on the following page.

REASONS TO SUPPORT S.B.287 & H.B.2340

- 1) Helmets have not been proven to be protective headgear;
- 2) Helmets have been proven to cause neck injuries;
- 3) Federal highway funds can no longer be withheld if a state does not have a mandatory helmet law;
- 4) At present, sixteen (16) states no longer have a helmet law, and twelve (12) more (besides Oregon) are considering repeal during the current legislative session;
- 5) Helmets do nothing to prevent accidents; instead, they increase the likelihood of an accident by restricting one's peripheral vision and hearing capabilities.

REASONS TO OPPOSE S.B.644

- 1) The initial cause of an accident is negligence on the part of the other motorist, or perhaps the state (for bad roads, etc.), and not failure of the motorcyclist to wear a helmet. If this were not the case, the bike rider would have no reason to sue for damages;
- 2) While the helmet may lessen the cyclists' injuries, it may just as easily compound his injuries;
- 3) Any attempt to separate the injuries caused by non-use of a helmet from those caused by the accident itself is absurd since all injuries stem from the occurrence of the accident;
- 4) This bill will do serious damage to our attempts to make motorcycling safer, by perpetuating the myth that helmets are a safety device.

REASONS TO OPPOSE S.B.341

- 1) This bill is discriminatory since it seeks only to regulate motorcycles;
- 2) Noise emitted by a street-use motorcycle has a positive effect in traffic situations. Namely, that of alerting other motorists to the presence of the bike;
- 3) Most motorcycle noise complaints stem from the use of off-road motorcycles (dirt bikes), which are not required to be registered in this state. Thus, since S.B.341 only relates to registered motorcycles, it will do very little to reduce motorcycle noise pollution complaints.

The above lists are not meant to be complete, so, if you can think of other reasons to support or oppose a particular bill, by all means, use them in your letters. Just remember:

WRITE NOW!!!

by Darrell "Doc" Laffoon

I M P O R T A N T N O T I C E

(Senator Walter Brown is a railsitter WE NEED HIS VOTE "WRITE LETTERS")
He is a Dem, in District 13. We need his support on SB 287. and
opposition on SB 644. So People in his district, which are (97034,
97009, 97015, 97222,) Write letters NOW. His address is; 16 S.W.
Monticello, Lake Oswego. 97034.

SB 287 & SB 644:

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

On April 7 at 8 am, in the Senate Transportation Committee Room, Senate Bills 287 and 644
will be heard. We would like people to be there. This is a Thursday morning. We need to
show we are deeply concerned. This is NOT a protest, but an orderly representation of our
support.

You are needed to be there, neat and clean and very ORDERLY--and SILENT. If you have any
questions call these numbers: 244-1283, 289-2061, 286-3885. (Portland)

HOUSE BILLS
in
COMMITTEE "NOW"

The bills listed below are now in committee. We will
publish a full report on each of these bills in your regular
newsletter so you will be informed of their progress.

HB 2500 - Requires payment of additional fee for reinstatement of suspended or revoked
operator's license.

HB 2690 - Requires requests for information contained in Motor Vehicles Division's regi-
stration index to be submitted in writing and to include signature and mailing address
of person requesting information.

HB 2140, 2141 & 2142 - Increases gas tax by two cents a gallon, increases heavy vehicle
fees, restricts use of flat fee option, limits weight of farm vehivles, imposes tax on
engine cubic-inch displacement, deletes optional fee for seasonal carriers, and authorizes
annual adjustment of highway user fees.

HB 2378 - Directs that statewide special election of gasoline and mileage taxes and license
fees be held and appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Secretary of State for
election expenses.

THIS LIST IS WHERE YOUR LEGISLATORS NOW STAND:

+ Achilles, T.	H383	378-8862	o Blumenauer, E.	H283	8824
o Brogoitti, R.	368	8892	+ Bugas, T.	367	8890
o Burrows, Mary	H386	8865	o Byers, B.	369	8893
- Cherry, H.	H278	8819	o Chrest, J.	H475	8783
+ Davis, D.	H287	8829	✓ o Dereli, Peg	H285	8826
o Duff, J.	H373	8855	o Fadeley, Nancie	H286	8827
✓ o Fawbush, W.	H487	8793	o Frohnmayer, D.	H377	8857
o Gardner, M.	H474	8782	o Gilmour, J.	H479	8785
o Grannell, B.	H293	8837	+ Gustafson, R.	H284	8825
o Hanneman, P.	H393	8876	+ Johnson, C.	H384	8863
o Johnson, S.	364	8878	+ Jones, D.	H374	8834
o Kafoury, Gretchen	H473	8781	o Katz, Vera	H486	8792
o Kerans, G.	H291	8832	+ Kinsey, L.	H380	8859
+ Klein, C.	H485	8791	- Kulongoski, T.	H381	8860
o Lang, P.	269	8977	o Lindquist, E.	H295	8540
+ Lombard, K.	H372	8854	o Magruder, D.	H480	8788
+ Markham, B.	365	8883	- Marsh, T.	H484	8790
+ Martin, R.	H395	8772	o Marx, B.	H280	8823
- Monroe, B.	H492	8796	o Morris, B.	H388	8869
+ Myers, H.	H288	8831	o Otto, G.	H292	8856
✓ + Priestley, W.	H493	8797	✓ o Ragsdale, M.	H371	8853
+ Richards, S.	H496	8799	+ Riebel, A.	H472	8780
o Rieke, Mary	H389	8870	o Rijken, M.	H279	8822
o Rogers, B.	366	8888	+ Rutherford, B.	H471	8779
+ Shaw, A.	H470	8778	✓ + Simpson, M.	H481	8789
+ Starr, G.	H478	8784	o Stevenson, E.	H277	8818
o Sumner, J.	H276	8815	- Van Vliet, T.	H385	8864
+ Vian, B.	H382	8861	o Whallon, G.	H495	8798
✓ o Whiting, P.	H488	8794	+ Wilhelms, G.	H392	8872
+ Wolfer, C.	H491	8795	o Yih, Mae	H378	8858
+ Atiyeh	S323	8176	✓ o Boe	S203	8173
o Brown, W.	S309	8845	✓ + Browne, E.	S303	8840
+ Burbidge	S215	8809	✓ o Carson	S319	8852
✓ + Cook	S211	8806	o Fadeley	S217	8812
- Groener	S219	8814	✓ + Hallock	S311	8847
o Hanlon	S218	8813	+ Hannon	S302	8839
o Heard	S223	8700	✓ o Isham	S210	8805
✓ + Jernstedt	S317	8850	+ Kafoury	S305	8841
- McCoy	S209	8804	o Meeker	S316	8849
+ Potts	S214	8808	+ Powell	S212	8807
+ Ripper	S205	8802	✓ + Roberts, B.	S307	8844
+ Roberts, F.	S310	8846	o Roberts, M.	S306	8842
o Smith	S318	8851	+ Thorne	S206	8803
✓ o Trow	S204	8801	o Whipple	S216	8810
o Wingard	S312	8848	o Wyers	S301	8838

A "+" by the person's name means that the person has stated that they will vote in our favor.

A "-" by the name means that the person will vote against us.

A "0" means the person is a "fence-sitter". These are the people to really concentrate on.

We are opposing SB 644, SB 341, and SB 675. Read this newsletter and THINK.
NOW, let's ACT.

APRIL 7: SB 287, 644, 645

THESE BILLS WILL BE PRESENTED
AT 8:00 AM, IN SALEM

READ THESE BILLS THOROUGHLY. BE INFORMED OF WHAT
IS BEING PRESENTED.

IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE HEARING, BE NEAT, CLEAN,
AND SILENT. WE NEED YOUR REPRESENTATION.

PLAN TO BE THERE!

OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY--1977 Regular Session

Senate Bill 644

Sponsored by Senator CARSON

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Prohibits plaintiff from recovering damages for injuries suffered as result of failure to wear protective headgear while riding motorcycle. Requires Motor Vehicles Division to establish procedures and standards for cyclists' protective headgear.

Repeals provision establishing offense of failure to wear such headgear.

Effective July 1, 1978.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to motor vehicles; creating new provisions; amending ORS 487.735; repealing
3 ORS 487.730; and prescribing an effective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** In any civil action for damages for death or injury to person or
6 property resulting from the use or operation of a motorcycle, the plaintiff shall not
7 recover damages for those injuries suffered as a result of plaintiff's failure to wear
8 protective headgear. The court shall admit into evidence competent testimony
9 separating those injuries caused by the failure of plaintiff to wear protective headgear
10 from the total injuries received by plaintiff. The jury shall reduce plaintiff's recovery
11 accordingly.

12 **SECTION 2.** As used in this section, except where the context otherwise requires:

13 (1) "Motorcycle" has the meaning given that term by subsection (10) of ORS
14 487.005.

15 (2) "Protective headgear" means protective headgear for which safety standards
16 have been established by the Motor Vehicles Division pursuant to ORS 487.735.

17 **Section 3.** ORS 487.735 is amended to read:

18 487.735. (1) The Motor Vehicles Division shall:

19 (a) Set up a procedure, similar to the procedure provided by ORS 483.482 to
20 483.488, which will be followed for approval of protective headgear.

21 (b) Establish standards for safe protective headgear to be worn by persons operating
22 or riding on motorcycles [*as required by subsection (1) of ORS 487.730*].

23 (2) Standards established by the division under this section shall conform, in so far
24 as practicable, to the safety standards for such headgear issued by the Federal
25 Government and, to the extent there are no such federal standards, to the safety
26 standards promulgated by the United States of America Standards Institute.

27 **SECTION 4.** The effective date of this Act is July 1, 1978, and the provisions of
28 section 1 of this Act shall apply to all injuries occurring after July 1, 1978.

29 **SECTION 5.** ORS 487.730 is repealed.

Senate Bill 287

Ordered printed by the President of the Senate in conformance with pre-session filing rules and indicates neither advocacy nor opposition on the part of the President (at the request of Senator E. BROWNE)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Modifies requirement that operators or riders of motorcycles wear protective headgear applicable only to persons under 18 years of age.

SB 287

[2]

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to motorcyclists; amending ORS 487.730.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 Section 1. ORS 487.730 is amended to read:

5 487.730. (1) A person commits the offense of failure to wear protective headgear if
6 **he is under the age of 18 years and he fails to wear protective headgear of a type**
7 approved by the Motor Vehicles Division while he operates or rides on a motorcycle.

8 (2) This section does not apply to any person who is either within an inclosed cab or
9 is operating or riding on a vehicle designed to travel with three wheels in contact with
10 the ground at speeds of less than 15 miles per hour.

11 (3) Failure to wear protective headgear is a Class C traffic infraction.

Senate Bill 645

Sponsored by Senator CARSON

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Prohibits plaintiffs from recovering damages for injuries suffered as result of not wearing restraining device in motor vehicle.

SB 645

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to motor vehicles.

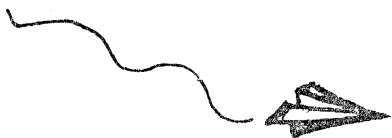
3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** (1) In any civil action for damages for death or injury to person or
5 property resulting from the use or operation of a motor vehicle, the plaintiff shall not
6 recover damages for those injuries suffered as a result of plaintiff's failure to wear an
7 available restraining device. The court shall admit into evidence competent testimony
8 separating those injuries caused by the failure of plaintiff to wear a restraining device
9 from the total injuries received by plaintiff. The jury shall reduce plaintiff's recovery
10 accordingly.

11 (2) As used in this section, "restraining device" means seat belt, shoulder harness,
12 air bag or any combination thereof.

13 **SECTION 2.** The provisions of section 1 of this Act shall apply to all injuries
14 occurring after July 1, 1978.

NOTE: Matter in bold face in an amended section is new; matter *{italic and bracketed}* is existing law to be omitted; complete new sections begin with **SECTION**.



meeting notes.....

At the last meeting in Portland, the Screaming Eagles M/C was voted upon to become charter members of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon. Welcome to A.B.A.T.E., Screaming Eagles!!

..... from the Dallas.....

OUR LAST MEETING was held Tuesday, March 22nd, with a 26 total present, including three new members. It was stressed several times throughout the meeting for as many people as possible to attend the hearings coming up April 7th.

The "Inspiration and Participation Committee" reported on their newly developed tactics. Instead of urging them to come to meetings to write letters, we take along pen and paper and sit down and write letters right there with them, besides stressing meeting dates. Last time a total of eleven letters were written on Inspiration Committee visits.

The names and addresses of the "Fence Straddlers" in the Senate were read off and the rest of the meeting devoted to letter writing. Approximately 25 letters were sent out.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE: Tuesday April 5th at Spookey's Pizza Parlor, 8:00 pm.

Our letter writing does not stop there by any means. I have written about 30 letters during spare time and I know other people try to do the same. All we can do is estimate. Till next time.....Sugar Foxxe



SOME OF US recently attended another chapter's meeting and a question arose to the fact: What happens to ABATE if we lose in Salem this year? Do we just fold up? Go our own separate ways Or do we just have a big party? WRONG!!!!

ABATE has been through some wins and losses and we're still going strong. We are Nationwide and are gettin' bigger and better. What makes us that way is YOU, the Members. Your question and most of all your cooperation and effort in attending meetings, Runs, and volunteer work. WE THE PEOPLE make it work. So keep it up. Come to the meetings and bring your friends.

AND REMEMBER: We're for "Freedom of the Road", not just Oregon, and not just helmets. LET'S GET IT ON!!!! "Inspiration and Motivation Committee"



You know there's nothin' like the sight of rows of gleaming chrome and polished bikes lining the curbs under street lights to brighten up a lousy week-night. It's SPRING!! The weather is clearing up!! Dust off your putt and oil the chain, put some crusty leathers on the ol' lady and go down to the meeting this week. Whether it's Portland, Indian Creek or any of our chapters you're welcome. You'll find good times and good people. "I & M Committee"



TO ALL CHAPTERS:

Could you and would you please send us the times and location of your meetings so we can keep updated on what's happening. AND "where" (for the Newsletter). Remember, we're always looking for articles or stories relating to A.B.A.T.E. or our Members. SEND US your ideas so we can share them with the members. "Inspiration and Motivation Committee"

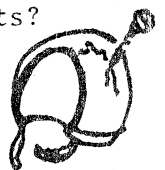
and from a member:

This so-called helmet, I must wear
While riding on my bike so fair,
Is something that I must resent,
Its ruler is the government.
They say this thing is really safe,
The truth is that it helps death rates.
This helmet just may break your neck,
Or make your poor head bleed to death.

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What they tell you is not real,
Hear me now and let's appeal
This damn law that they made for us.
I tell you this is just too much!
What happened to my god-damned rights?
Yes, on this issue I must fight.
Because I feel they took away
My right to say what I must say!

BY: Katherine Marie Franck



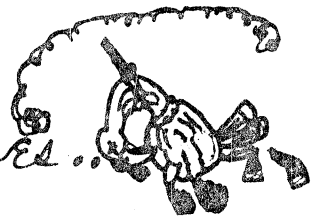
RED - HOT ISSUE

WE NOW HAVE phone numbers to call for any information pertaining to ABATE, Legislation, Runs, or other functions. This is one more helpful way to help our members to become better informed. CALL: 244-1283 or 286-3885 Portland.

HERE IS A LISTING OF THE BILLS WHICH ARE OF INTEREST TO YOU. IF YOU DO NOT KNOW the full meaning of these Bills, use your HOT LINES.

- SB 159: M/C instruction permit, daylight supervision, single operator
- SB 160: operator's license
- SB 287: protective headgear for those 18 years old and less
- SB 341: noise control standards (tabled)
- SB 644: failure to wear helmet during accident makes you unable to collect damages (Carson)
- SB 645: auto and seatbelts
- SB 675: P.I.P.; insurance specifications: funeral, medical etc. ("No-fault") (Cook) ("NO")
- SB 905: Driver's Ed and motorcycle instrucion
- HB 2144: registration period license fee
- HB 2340: Helmet Repeal*****
- HB 2983: lights
- HB 2987: license plates customized for motorcycles

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and while were talking about issues..

SOMEWHERE IN THIS GREAT NORTHWESTERN STATE OF OURS, there is a special breed of varmint, commonly known as a "turkey". If YOU have written any letters to senators and such people, and have used naughty words, made threats, been snotty, or anything like that, then you have set back by leaps and bounds all the hard work done by those of us who keep thoughts like that to ourselves and our partying buddies. YOU ARE NOT HELPING US ANY WHEN YOU DO THIS. In fact, you are HURTING the issue. If you cannot write a letter to these people voicing your views, then, even tho it hurts me to say this, don't write. Just put your helmet back on and keep on snivelling. IF YOU HAVE WRITTEN A LETTER LIKE I AM TALKING ABOUT, you deserve to be shot, stuffed, and ROASTED. Pass the cranberry sauce, please.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT BREAKFASTS: Saturday, April 9 at 8:30 am (Osbeck's Rose Manor Inn, 4534 SE McLoughlin, every other Saturday during the Session: April 23, May 7, May 21) Optional "hearty" breakfast is \$2.95 plus tip. 15 MINUTE PRESENTATIONS WILL BE GIVEN BY YOUR LEGISLATORS, FOLLOWED BY ABOUT AN HOUR FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. PRESENT WILL BE: Jan Wyers (State Sen, Dist 6) Phil Lang (State Rep Dist 6, Speaker of House) and Earl Blumenauer (State Rep Dist 11, Chrmm House Revenue and School Finance Committee)

Here. Cut this out and STICK IT in your wallet. Next time somebody says:"What's A-Bate?" Just show 'em this. This should be helpful to our new members, too.

WHAT IS ABATE?

ABATE is a group of concerned M/C riders that holds no prejudiced views toward anyone- we come from every form and stand together for our rights regardless from whence we came. We are the idea of having concerned M/C riders from every aspect of biking joining and working together to fight for their rights against unfair legislation. ABATE is the neutral ground that allows every M/C rider to stand beside and support each other in a brotherhood for FREEDOM OF THE ROAD, and to safeguard our right to own our machines, and to be individuals with different views on the way we ride and live. This is ABATE and what it's all about. It's a dream, a concept, that all riders are Brothers with a common interest, and now a common ground on which to stand. And, if we are to continue being these things.....we had better stand on that ground and be heard!! Together!!

OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD at 8 pm, the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 215 SE 9th (9th and Ash) Portland. We welcome your attendance and encourage your support. JOIN IN THE FIGHT FOR PERSONAL FREEDOMS AND CITIZENS RIGHTS: JOIN A.B.A.T.E. NOW!!!

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A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER.....

SAY PEOPLE, I know you've been wondering what your membership fee is used for. At least twelve times a year, a Newsletter is sent out. This month alone, three have been sent out. Postage and printing runs about \$50 per Newsletter. Money is also needed for special printing such as the "Hats Off in '77" booklet. This was given to all legislators to educate them to our cause. Money is also needed to put on Swapmeets, spaghetti feeds, and other statewide social functions. As the situations change, so will our monetary needs and expenditures. The ledger book is available at all meetings to be reviewed by any upstanding members.

IF YOU STILL DO NOT KNOW who your senator or representative is, call 222-9794 (in Portland) or write: Oregon Voter Digest 108 NW 9th Portland, OR. Tell them your area, and they will be very happy to help you. YOUR LETTERS ARE STILL VERY MUCH NEEDED to make our goal a SUCCESS.

The people who WORKED at the YWCA work parties spent a fun weekend at Camp Westwind. We met on the dock at 9:30 am and had to be boated across. We had a cabin to ourselves, that slept 15 people, with a Franklin fireplace. AND...the whole beach was ours to have fun on. There will be another work party on April 23 & 24th; if you are interested, write to A.B.A.T.E. P. O. Box 4504 Portland, OR

Don't miss it !!!

ABATE of Oregon donated \$100 to Darrell Laffoon to show our appreciation for his time and expenses while he has been lobbying for us in Salem.

Spaghetti feed: Abate of Oregon held a spaghetti feed and bake sale March 12th. We had a good turn out. Parents and members alike came and enjoyed the GOOD FOOD. People were informed about ABATE. A great time was had by all.

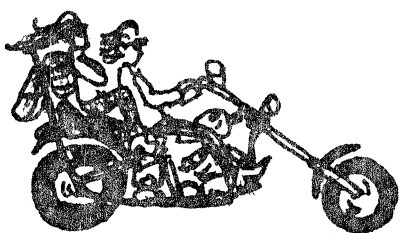
THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING was met by many ABATE Members from Portland, White Salmon, and The Dalles.

We met at the crack of (dawn) at The Dalles and then continued to the Stonehenge monument to meet the first day of Spring...even though it rained and the wind blew terribly. We all asked for a nice summer to putt without our helmets!!!

The bikes continued on a cross country run back to The Dalles...while the rest went to the Mary Hill Museum and Fort Dallas Museum, trying to further our education. (haha)

We all met at The Dalles, socialized for a while and headed home with good memories of being with good righteous people!!!!!!

.....a beautiful putt- lets do it again!!



Summer is coming.....

*A. B. A. T. E. - Dedicated to Freedom of the road
..... for everybody.....*

The following is a letter from a Member of the Screaming Eagles Motorcycle Club, to us.
Dear Abate Members:

The Oregon State Corrections Division continuously states its purpose is to rehabilitate prisoners. Since 1968 it has told the public, on numerous occasions, how advanced and liberal it is. It has on many occasions, through all forms of news media, advertised its many advances in education, vocational training, community based projects and club activities.

A different story emerges when the facts are known. A prime example are the GESTAPO actions of the Oregon State Penitentiary Officials against the "Screaming Eagles Motorcycle Club". The prison has decided it has received all the favorable publicity it can milk out of the club. As a result it has decided to harrass members, affiliates, and the free people who visit the club functions and meetings.

Recently, the prison officials decided to strip shake all Free People who are invited to attend club functions, men and women alike. Some of them have been attending club functions for over four years and longer. None of them have ever been accused of any wrong doing in connection with club functions. Recently two people who are respected and responsible members in the community were ordered to submit to a strip search. These two of several visitors said NO! The State Police were called and an attempt to intimidate them further. They still refused. As a result the Prison said they could not attend any more club functions. Only those persons who would submit to this humiliation would be permitted to attend.

The following week, all club functions were cancelled, until the State Police had completed an investigation of all the Free People and inmates involved with Screaming Eagles M/C. During the last nine years, the S.E.M.C. has involved its members in several worthy activities. Each year it sponsors a Bike run and the proceeds go to the CYSTIC FIBROSIS fund. Each year it has had bike shows within the prison. These shows have received the backing of all segments of the Bike world, through out the west. They have held mini Bike drags and well known Bike entertainment groups have put on shows for the prisoners. Even though they may come a thousand or more miles, they receive no compensation. Every Bike show, regardless of the weather, has been received by the vast majority of the prison population, with appreciative attendance. Even here, the prison stated it would permit two Bike Shows last year. "It renigged." The Bike Club here has built many custom bikes that have been shown throughout the North West. These Bikes have always taken 1st and 2nd place prizes. The trophies are displayed for the public's approval in the visiting room. For the last nine years the Screaming Eagles Motorcycle Club has given accredited training courses in small and large Bike mechanics, through the help of ABATE OF OREGON. This training helps prepare men for a good paying job in society. This year the prison developed its own vocational training program in this field. For nine long years the Bike Club has put up a bitter battle for what the prison now agrees is worth while.

Through contacts made in this club, many members have gone into society with jobs, a place to stay and other assistance necessary for them to become a respected member of society. Regardless of the good that has come from this club, no other prison club had suffered the indignities, harrassment or incurred such rath from prison officials. No Club has shown itself to be more worthy of the prison's blessings. Many prisoners are wondering if this signifies the beginning of the end of all prison club Functions. Over the past four years the inmates have maintained their equilibrium against pressures that exceed those of Pre-Riot 1968. This is another harrassment procedure of the prison that develops bitterness in the minds of the inmates. Perhaps this was summarized by a member of another club who said: "They expect us to learn and live by rules and regulations. They tell us to learn to respect the law and become good citizens. If we do, it sure as hell won't be by example. They violate every rule, regulation and law encated. They become rich doing the very things we get years in prison for."

Most of the Screaming Eagles troubles and problems developed after the club received a new sponsor, who was assigned to the club by the prison administration. Supposedly, a sponsor assists a club in its activities. Our new sponsor is the son of a State Policeman, nephew of a State Policeman and Parole Board Chariman and they apparently disagree.....

Signed, William Louis Foster #34920 Member, Screaming Eagles M/C

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