

# RED - HOT ISSUE

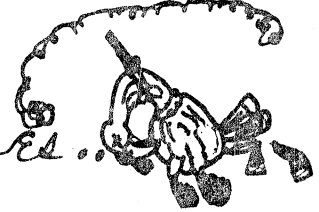
WE NOW HAVE phone numbers to call for any information pertaining to ABATE, Legislation, Runs, or other functions. This is one more helpful way to help our members to become better informed. CALL: 244-1283 or 286-3885 Portland.

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, Chrmn 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!!!



*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 Balles.....*

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



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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.

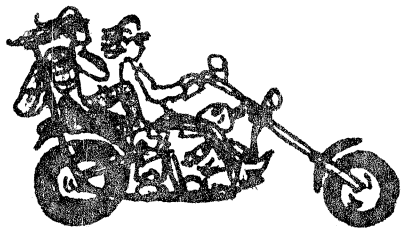
THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING was met by many ABATE Members from Portland, White Salmon, and The Dalles.

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. J. 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 liber 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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