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NEWSLETTER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, Sept. 16, Timothy Lake

We discussed some ideas about how to encourage existing chapters and start new ones in other parts of the state. A suggestion was made to change statewide meetings from twice-a-month Portland meetings to meetings called as needed, and held at various locations to encourage participation from outlying areas.

On the regional level, Rusty Mayall, Region V Coordinator, described her efforts to pull together a working coalition of the states in the Western region, and talked about plans for an organizational meeting for directors of ABATE groups in the region.

In discussing activities of the National organization, the Board decided to propose a change in date and location for the next National meeting. The present schedule calls for a meeting in Daytona, Florida in March of 1980. The Board feels that a more central location, say in the mid-west, later in the spring, would encourage more participation from a greater number of states. A letter and poll has been sent out with this suggestion.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, Oct. 27, Boardman Park

Attending: State Officers--Chairman, Membership Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and Safety Director. Representatives from E. Portland, River City (The Dalles) and Indian Creek (La Grande) chapters.

First the bylaws of ABATE of Nebraska were reviewed with the purpose of suggesting changes to make them suitable for use as bylaws of a national organization. Bylaws for incorporation of the national organization will be adopted at the national meeting in the spring.

Next followed a discussion of Oregon's bylaws, which among other things authorizes the Board of Directors to "take any action deemed necessary to accomplish the goals of the organization." Since the Board feels that our bylaws are inadequate, a new set of bylaws will be drawn up and included in a future newsletter for approval by the members. Some of the changes will include: forming the Board of Directors from representatives from each chapter; a new election procedure for State Officers (ballot by mail); term of office will be from July 1 to June 31, rather than January 1 to December 31, so new officers can get used to office before the start of the Legislative session in January.

Two positions on the Board were changed to reflect the actual activities of the persons involved: Rusty Mayall is now our Legislative Representative, instead of Newsletter Editor, and Teresa Hepker is Newsletter Editor instead of Safety Director.

Diane Walker, chairperson of Indian Creek Chapter, presented a plan to divide responsibilities among Board members and local chapters. She broke our activities down into three categories: LEGISLATIVE (legislative contact, bill introduction, letter writing, petition drives); ORGANIZATION (finances, recruitment); and PUBLIC RELATIONS (information gathering and dissemination, research, drives and runs). Each category will be supervised and coordinated by a committee of one or two Board members and a representative from each chapter. This way, EVERY CHAPTER is involved in EVERY ASPECT of the organization, and there is communication between chapters and Board.

STATEWIDE MEMBERSHIP MEETING, September 26, Portland

It was decided to make sure all officers and local chapters have a copy of the State bylaws. Board members and local officers should be familiar with them.

It was decided that State meetings will no longer be held twice a month, and that Board members will no longer be responsible for local chapter business in Portland. An organizational meeting for the southwest Portland area was set up for October 11 in place of the next scheduled meeting.

Screaming Eagles Raffle was held, the YWCA Camp Westwind fund raising campaign was discussed, and Mike Dugger, ABATE of Washington, announced a Clark County Chapter Run Sept. 29-30. A Collection was taken to help offset the cost of acquiring Harry Hurt's motorcycle accident report. The DOT gas allocation plan was reviewed, and addresses given for Pres. Carter and Federal Senators and Congressmen. For more information, call 229-5770 (Portland).

EAST PORTLAND CHAPTER

(mistakenly called N. Portland in last newsletter) Members attending talked about winter activities and letters regarding Joan Claybrook. There will be a bake sale/auction at the Nov. 28 meeting. One member described a recent ticket he got for carrying a dog in front of him on the bike. The dog knows how to ride (and was even wearing a helmet!) but the fact remains that Oregon law forbids carrying any object on a bike in such a manner that it might interfere with the operation of the vehicle. It's a situation you might think about when it comes to toting a six-pack home from the corner store: it might be a better idea to bungee it on the back and avoid the ticket--or the loss of control that might occur when you grab for it as it slides toward the pavement...

RIVER CITY CHAPTER

A report was made on state and local events, and meeting schedule was changed to a regular schedule (first Monday of each month). The chapter's relationship with the Salvation Army was discussed. The Saturday after each meeting is ABATE work day at the Salvation Army store.

Y W C A will provide hot cocoa etc. for all those who participate in this year's annual Christmas Tree collection on Dec 1- be at 1101 SW 10th in Portland, at 8:00 a.m. Bring chainsaws, trucks, yourself!
Call 244-1283 or 620-6127 FOR MORE info!

SOUTHWEST PORTLAND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, Oct. 11

This meeting was disappointing, with only a few people showing up. New faces would be a big encouragement to the folks trying to get this one together, besides the fact that participating in a meeting can give a member information about what ABATE is doing, what the government is doing, and what you could be doing to help yourself out. Remember riding on the merry-go-round, and the brass ring that would give you a free ride if you got it? Our government operates a lot like a merry-go-round: if you don't reach out and grab that ring, somebody else is going to get it-- in this case, bureaucrats who don't know beans about motorcycles are going to be making the laws that we, the bikers must live by. If you want to know when and where the next SW Portland meeting will be, call 244-1283.

INDIAN CREEK CHAPTER

Indian Creek Chapter of ABATE became active as a result of an article printed in the local paper about outlaw bikers on the rise in this valley. Motorcyclists wrote letters to the editor, talked among themselves, and called for a statewide meeting to try to improve the image of motorcyclists. Out of this local concern, the La Grande Toys for Tots Run was born.

So it continues; the members here watch the media closely for any adverse publicity which may be harmful to the riders here who don't wish to be classed as "grease encrusted bikers." We wish to remind the general public that we do good things and aren't all bad. We would some day like to see an annual Run to some big organization like the Shriners Hospital.
Diane Walker

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Letters to the Editor:

**SOS**

Bonafide Bikers, Ladies, Club oriented people are needed by the Bikers of Oregon State Prison. People without felonies are eligible for outside membership. Bi-monthly meetings are held inside O.S.P. Contact: Screaming Eagles M/C, 2605 State St., Salem, Oregon 97310. Terry Stevens, P.R. Director. In this case, S.O.S. means, "Save Our Scooters."

Reno, S.C. V-P, S.O.S. Nat'l. V-P

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**E. PORTLAND CHAPTER** *Presents*

*a* **RAFFLE** *sales and* **RAFFLE** *Auction*

WED, NOV. 28 at: 8 PM { *SEE MEETING SCHEDULE for LOCATION*

*→ In place of regular Business Meeting!*

"Gentlemen, there are three kinds of lies--lies, damned lies, and statistics." Benjamin Disraeli, address to the British Parliament.

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You;

I still have memories of blasting over the  
silver beaches at the wind,  
With an iron stallion freed to the sun.

Dancing over the thin waves, that polish  
the sand on their way back to the ocean.  
Cutting through the vision rippling heat.

A smooth, slow fire pushing beneath me,  
the singing thunder that silences the loneliness  
of the road.

I am always free!

by Panama Red (Larcy Severson)  
Intermittant remarks: Prophet (Gabriel Jennings)  
H.A.M.C.  
California

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#### CAMP WESTWIND FUNDRAISING APPEAL

The YWCA has been very supportive of ABATE in the past, and provides us with the use of their copying machine at minimal cost. ABATE has made a point of helping them with their annual Christmas tree sale, and on work parties at Camp Westwind. Now, if you have never been to Westwind, you've never really been to the Oregon coast. The Camp is 700 acres of beach, river, marsh, forest, mountain, rock, trails and rustic cabins. You get to the place by crossing a river in a boat, and the only motorized vehicle allowed is the camp tractor. Recently the camp had been in financial difficulties, and many needed repairs have not been made because of the lack of money. Now, the YWCA has been given a \$25,000 grant, with another \$25,000 promised if the Y can come up with \$50,000 to match it by July 1980.

ABATE members can help Westwind meet its \$50,000 goal by:

1. Participating in their paper drive. Portland residents can drop bundled papers at the YWCA, 1111 S.W. 10th, or call 223-6281 (ext 47) for pick-up. Outlying chapters might consider a special trip in to deliver papers collected in their areas.
2. Donating any amount of money, earmarked for Westwind. Donations are tax deductible.
3. Suggest ideas for fundraising events and offer assistance to carry them out.
4. Donating "in-kind" materials and services for some of the work needed at Westwind. (For instance, if you are a plumber or carpenter, your donated time would count toward the \$50,000 goal.) Besides, working at Westwind is more like a vacation than work!

ACTION ON JOAN CLAYBROOK

ABATE of Tennessee composed a letter and petition asking for removal of Joan Claybrook from her position as head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The petition was circulated through ABATE organizations across the U.S. Tennessee is now trying to set up a meeting between 3 reps from Tennessee and President Carter in order to present the petition to him. Good luck, Tennessee!

A Census Bureau report on transportation habits in America indicates that, in 1976, of those who used vehicles to get to work, 62% drove alone in cars or trucks, 17% were in car pools, and 1% used motorcycles or bicycles. (I'll bet that ratio is changing rapidly! ed.)

Due to the cost of publishing a regular monthly newsletter (our goal for 1980), we have established a new advertising rate schedule. CLASSIFIEDS AND PERSONALS: 50¢ for 25 words. Ads must be submitted by the 25th of the month for publication in the next month's issue. Please include an address or phone number. Ads received after the 25th will be held over one month before they can be published. BUSINESS ADS: Business card size: \$2.50/month or \$25/year. Quarter page: \$5/month or \$40/year. Half page: \$9/month or \$70/year. Full page: \$15/month or \$125/year. Mail ads to: Newsletter, c/o Teresa, Rt. 4, Box 46, The Dalles, Oregon 97058.

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According to a recent newspaper article, Washington "Traffic Safety Commission Director Walt Friel and state school chief Frank Brouillet have been asked to initiate immediately an aggressive public education program aimed at cutting down motorcycle fatalities." A three-year rise in motorcycle deaths was noted during a Senate transportation subcommittee meeting called to study the effects of the year-old helmet law repeal, prompting Sen. Peter Von Reichbauer to send letters to the two state officials suggesting this action.

(Thanks to Carl Brophy for sending us news clippings...)

"The Wall Street Journal's 'Fuel Tight Future' front page story predicts motorcycles, bicycles, home entertainment, amusements close to home (particularly bowling alleys) and resorts close to large population centers, will be the winners over the next few years when motorists will be passing up long trips for home recreation. The Journal cites the passing of a way of life that has been based on a plentiful supply of gasoline. The first half of 1979 motorcycle sales in some displacement categories indicates that the time has again come for the motorcycle." from Joe Parkhurst's MBN (Motorcycle Business Newsletter), July 16, 1979

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#### ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

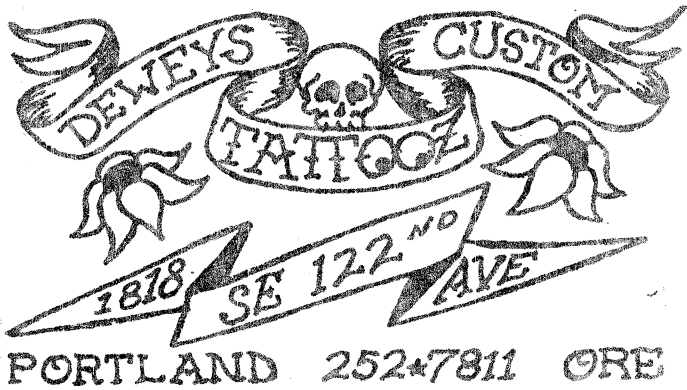
As you know, 1980 is ELECTION YEAR. In addition to our President Jimmy Carter, many state and federal officials are up for re-election. Elected officials are the ones who make our laws and make appointments to other important posts. They are the only ones who can remove from office an appointed official who is doing a bad job (case in point is Joan Claybrook, an appointee of the Carter administration). Now, Jimmy definitely has re-election on his mind. One member recently wrote him a letter, and in return received a form letter from a presidential aide, along with a complementary photo of Our Favorite President, Mr. Carter. Perhaps, in an effort to keep from losing votes, Mr. Carter will respond to public pressure for removal of Claybrook.

Just one thing....Carter can't lose YOUR vote if you are not a REGISTERED VOTER! Here's how to get yourself and your friends registered: Voter registration forms are available from county clerk's offices, banks, schools, post offices, and most public utilities offices. To register, you must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, and a resident of Oregon for at least 20 days. Forms can be filled in and mailed, so you can take an extra to give to a friend. REMEMBER: the best way to get the government to do what you want it to, is to elect people who think the same way you do. Get ready to vote!

### **LOCAL CHAPTER MEETINGS:**

- E. Portland: 2nd and 4th Thursday each month, SE 9th & Ash, Centenary Wilbur Church, 8 pm
- The Dalles (River City): 1st Monday each month, Spooky's Pizza Village, 8 pm
- La Grand (Indian Creek): 3rd Thursday each month, Grizzly Bear, 6:30 pm

CONGRATULATIONS to Pat and Pam Pridgen of Indian Creek, just married the last weekend in September. (or is it Panches?!? we'll get it right one of these days...!)



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