



# Newsletter



## FEB. 1983

### ABATE of OREGON, Inc.



*Let Those Who  
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Freedom of the Road*

## LEGISLATIVE NEWS

The following position paper and legislative proposal were prepared and approved by the Legislative subcommittee of the Governor's Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee, and by the legislative committee of ABATE of Oregon. The proposal was unanimously accepted by the Governor's Committee on December 30, and is being prepared to enter the legislative process.

### POSITION PAPER ON MOTORCYCLE SAFETY EDUCATION IN OREGON 12/18/82

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation initially attempted to conduct motorcycle safety programs in the same manner as has been attempted in Oregon since the 1981 legislative session (that is, through the Department of Education and the public school system). Neither the MSF nor Oregon has been successful in this approach.

It is now apparent that the public school system is not the appropriate place to present these programs, for the following reasons:

- 1 Schools suffer from a lack of funding and support in all areas. Driver's education has been eliminated in many districts, and cut back in others. Adding a new program, especially one with a driver's education prerequisite, has proved simply unworkable.
- 2 The segment of the population approached through the public schools excludes the majority of motorcycle riders, and is not equipped to approach the problem of educating auto drivers about motorcycle awareness.
- 3 Motorcycle safety programs depend on trained motorcyclists to implement them. Requiring instructors to be both riders and certified teachers severely limits the availability of qualified instructors.

The changes we propose below are supported by MSF studies and recommendations, and are drawn from successful programs in other states.

### LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

- 1 Remove motorcycle rider education funds from the Department of Education, and transfer them to the Oregon State Highway Traffic Safety Commission for use only in an Oregon Motorcycle Safety Education Program.
- 2 Delete all driver's education and educational requirements.
- 3 Establish a Motorcycle Safety Foundation-certified instructor as State Motorcycle Safety Program Coordinator/Administrator, under the Highway Traffic Safety Commission.
- 4 The Highway <sup>OREGON STATE</sup> Traffic Safety Commission shall provide technical, material, and administrative assistance.

### Program Goals:

- 1 Motorcycle safety promotion and public education.
- 2 Establish training sites for MSF-approved courses.
- 3 Establish a mobile training unit and acquire films and equipment for loan.
- 4 Coordinator will advise and assist all motorcycle safety programs in Oregon.
- 5 Coordinator will act as liaison to the Governor's Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee and other interested motorcyclist's groups.

SUMMARY OF JANUARY STATE BOARD MEETING

Al Cole, membership secretary, now has a new computer. A complete computer print-out for each chapter was passed out at the January meeting. If you are not getting your newsletter, or have not received a patch or membership card, see your chapter membership secretary.

ABATE of Oregon in conjunction with the Governor's Advisory Committee on motorcycle Safety has prepared a position paper which will be presented to the Legislature this session. This paper will broaden the scope of the education bill passed last session. The paper is reprinted elsewhere in this newsletter. Our own Richard Cremer from Roseburg is putting this paper into Legislative Bill form.

Dave Ruby and Gary Vinson have completed individual chapter assignments for Fossil. Dave and Gary will be working directly with each chapter's Fossil Committee chairperson.

The legislative patches should have been sent to each chapter and any patches which aren't sold will be returned to the state at the February meeting. For \$5.00 the patches are a great way to fund our legislative efforts this year. See your State Kep for your patch.

ABATE of Oregon now has thirteen chapters. St John's Chapter in North Portland and Lincoln County chapter in Lincoln City received their charters at the last meeting.

There will be a work party at the YWCA Camp Westwinds February 12 and 13. The Portland and River City chapters have traditionally made this work party part of their charity work during the year. This year, they have invited the State Board Members to the party week-end for a State ABATE convention. If you have any gripes or compliments, let your State Rep know so they can bring them to this meeting on April 1, 2, 3 and 4. More details later.

Life Memberships in ABATE of Oregon are available for \$100 each. This entitles the purchaser to a Life Member Patch and a life membership.

There is a change in the location for winter board meetings which will now be held in Eugene. February, March, October, November and December meetings will be in Eugene. Next meeting will be February 12 at 1:00 at Gateway Pizza. Carolyn- State Corresponding Secretary, 755-7793.

*Note - The existing program through the Department of Education has been in existence for over a year and a half, yet not one person has been trained nor one dollar spent on motorcycle safety education. Even though the Department of Education has worked hard to make the program go, it has turned out to be too complex a task to be successful.*

*The Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee has no criticism for the Department of Education in the matter. The Department of Education has taken an official neutral position, which is very helpful. If they chose to contest the new legislation, passage would be much more difficult.*

*The only mistake made was the choice of an inappropriate vehicle for motorcycle safety education, but even that choice was made on the best information available at the time. Our task now is not to make anyone wrong, but to get the revision passed and to put it to work as soon as possible.*

*GARY SCOT - CHAIRMAN, LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE*

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**MAIL ENTRIES TO:** ART CONTEST  
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Dec. 28, 1982

## Newsletter Information-Bend Chapter

The Bend Chapter has picked its run date for next year. It is June 18th "The Fathers Day Run". If everything works well, we will be combining it with a "Poker Run" for Muscular Dystrophy. Our Public Relations man Pat Cunningham will be working with Robert Anders from the MDA.

The local members have been posting Share the Road posters. Our Seargent-at-Arms man "Doodad" has personally posted aprox. 200 of these posters.

Our local tv station KZTV-channel 5 has been running both motorcycle films. We will be recieving a schedule in Jan. of 83.

Our P.R. man Pat has made contact with the Super of schools here and Dr. Roberts is willing to work with Joe Nelson to get the motorcycle course in the Bend schools.

Thats it from Bend.

### GREETINGS FROM THE BEND CHAPTER OF A.B.A.T.E. OF OREGON INC.

Heres some of the information on our chapters activities that didn't make it into the newsletter. The law our chapter had defined (6.090) is enclosed along with the memorandum defining it. This law was a serious threat to bikers traveling through our town, as it constituted "probable cause" for stopping any group of 3 or more motorcycles. According to other city codes patches, pins, silk-screen shirts, or colors are articles of clothing and do not qualify as "signs" under this ordinance. Flags chapter banners, and printed signs would qualify and a \$25.00 permit, 15 days in advance would be required for a group's procession through town. Groups of riders just traveling through no longer have to worry about being stopped, under this ordinance. To get this action we enlisted support from local touring clubs, religious groups, car clubs, and 4x4 clubs. This is our first victory for "FREEDOM OF THE ROAD" since our charter, 4 months ago. We call on the members of other chapters to bring local laws of this type to their chapters attention and organize to get them changed. From the desk of Pat Cunningham-State Rep. and Public Relations Officer of the Bend Chapter of A.B.A.T.E.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

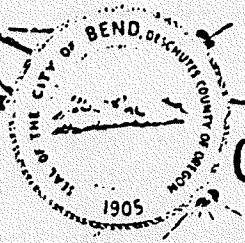
#### 6.090 Prohibited Activity:

- (1) A procession of people using the public right-of-way and consisting of 10 or more persons or 3 or more vehicles shall be considered a special event. No person shall organize or participate in a special event without obtaining a permit.
- (2) A violation of this section shall be a Class B Civil Infraction.

#### 6.095 Special Event Permit:

- (1) Application for a special event permit shall be made to the Chief of Police at least 15 days before the date of the event unless the time is waived by the Chief.

*I want to say I'm sorry to the Brothers and Sisters from Bend Chapter for not getting this in last months newsletter - They fought hard to get this city ordinance corrected - Thanks for keeping Bend a good place to ride -  
Ector*



CITY of BEND

P.O. BOX 431 • BEND, OREGON 97709

MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Bend Police Department  
FROM: Assistant City Attorney  
RE: Parades and Processions  
DATE: November 5, 1982

Question Presented

How should the word "procession" in section 6.090 of the Bend Traffic Code be defined?

Answer

The City of Bend recently adopted a new traffic code. This code sets forth regulations for use of city streets for parade type activities or special events (e.g. pole, paddle race). The regulations apply to all "processions" of 10 or more persons or 3 or more vehicles. This does not mean any grouping of these number of persons or vehicles will constitute a procession. There must be some formality associated with the procession; that is, their purpose in using the right-of-way must be (a) publicized, and (b) goal orientation that goes beyond mere usage of the right-of-way for ordinary travel. Publication can take the form of press releases, general civic communication (posters, flyers, loud speakers) or may be simply associated with the grouping itself such as signs in the procession. There must also be a goal associated with the procession. Two that come to mind would be (a) finishing a race, or (b) communicating with the general public through display, music or signs.

If these elements are present, the grouping would then constitute a procession and the special event regulations would apply.

*This is the memorandum we requested to be written to define the original law.*

Notice to all other ABATE chapters  
The Bend Chapter has one funny little  
tattoo artist to pass around to all members  
of ABATE Inc. 50% of his earnings will be  
donated to our chapter.

Wanted to Buy  
Black leather jacket  
Mans size 44  
Call Tom  
389-4087  
RVC

For info. about the Bend Chapter please call Pat at 389-1388



## DR. CHARLES HARTMAN

President, Motorcycle Safety Foundation

### 1.9 critical seconds

If you're a "head's up" rider and constantly look ahead to anticipate traffic hazards, chances are you seldom get "surprised" on your cycle. That's the way it ought to be. The best way to handle an emergency situation is to avoid becoming involved in it in the first place.

Practicing good visual scanning techniques and changing lane placement as traffic conditions vary is awfully important. Using these good habits vastly improves your chances of seeing others and their seeing you. But none of us always rides at a peak performance level at all times. We're all human.

Are you prepared to handle "surprise" situations? To cope with them successfully both the speed and the nature of your reaction is critical.

Speed isn't the word for it. The average amount of time a rider has from the moment he sees a threat, decides what to do and carries out that action is less than 1.9 seconds. That's a finding from the now famous University of Southern California Motorcycle Accident Study, conducted by Harry Hurt. And you'd better believe it.

"OK," you're saying, "1.9 seconds. No problem, my reflexes are quick." If true, that gives you a leg up on the problem. Quick reflexes can help. But the worst part is yet to come: the nature of your response. The Hurt study shows

that even riders who paid attention and had a full 1.9 seconds to react often took the wrong evasive action. Quick reactions are of small benefit if they are the wrong reactions!

Motorcyclists involved in accidents typically made several basic collision-avoidance errors. What shows up in case after case was a failure to use both brakes. In fact, both brakes were used in only 17 percent of the accidents studied. By using only their bike's rear brake, as many did, these cyclists greatly increased their stopping distance and ruined their chance to avoid the crash or reduce its severity.

Not only were wrong actions frequently taken, many times no action at all was taken. A startling 32 percent of the accident-involved riders did NOTHING by way of an evasive action prior to the collision. No braking, no swerving, no nothing. They apparently sat there and sailed into a crash. Why?

An educated guess is that many riders are not schooled in emergency or crash-avoidance techniques. Or, if they "know" what to do they haven't practiced it and made it a regular part of their riding style.

A lot of riders I've met can tell you, correctly, that 70 percent of a motorcycle's braking capability is in the front wheel brake. But even armed with that knowledge, they use only the rear brake in virtually all riding situations. If you don't use both brakes routinely, you're not going to magically start doing so under emergency pressures.

### *"They apparently sat there and sailed into a crash."*

This doesn't mean that we all need high-speed, high-performance rider training. Nor does it mean that existing novice training, like the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Motorcycle Rider Course, should be completely redesigned. It would be foolish to concentrate on emergency training before the novice has mastered the fundamental skills needed for everyday riding. But novice instruction may need more emphasis on such vital knowledge and skills in the latter stages of the course.

Further, we "experienced" bikers are well advised to get our act together. We can do this through formal instruction like the MSF Better Biking Program, by reading appropriate articles and training manuals, and especially by developing a "traffic strategy" and practicing a variety of accident avoidance skills. . . before we get "surprised."

With only 1.9 seconds available, the choice you make must not only be made quickly. . . it must also be made correctly.

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### ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER - NORTH PORTLAND

The St. John's chapter got its charter at the State Board meeting of January 8, 1983. Our officers were present and have been presented to the board. We will hold meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at Prefetto's Pizza Parlor on North Lombard.

After three meetings, we have 22 members and many more have expressed interest.

Our Opening party will be held on February 4, 1983 at Prefetto's Pizza Parlor, 4857 N. Lombard St. from 7 p.m. until 2:30 a.m. The cost will be \$10.00 per person for all the beer and pizza you can eat and drink.

St. John's is planning some mini runs this summer and setting up a soft ball team. The challenge is out to all other chapters. We will keep you informed.

Our next meeting is January 25, 1983, at 8 o'clock p.m. If you are in the area, stop by and see us. Ride Free! Anne Bradwell, Secretary.

# Let Those Who Ride Decide

ABATE is just like your tool bag - you need it to stay on the road!!!

## "Where is My Newsletter?"

"Where is my Newsletter?" and "I haven't gotten a Newsletter since February" are questions asked by a few ABATE members. "Why in the world do the members of ABATE move without bothering to send in their NEW address to us?" and "I wonder why Joe Pull and Mary Varoom didn't renew their membership?" are questions asked by the people who read the Newsletter.

## "FOUR BONES IN ANY ORGANIZATION"

The WISHBONES who spend all their time wishing someone else would do all the work.  
The JAWBONES who do all the talking, but very little of anything else.  
The KNUCKLEBONES who knock everything that anyone else tries to do.  
The BACKBONES who get under the load and do the work.  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1983

- January 8 - State Board Meeting, Eugene
- February 4 - St. John's Chapter Opener
- February 12 - State Board Meeting, Eugene  
Jackson County Valentine's Party
- February 12 and 13 - Camp Westwinds Work Party
- February 13 - K Falls Ham Dinner
- March 12 - State Board Meeting, Eugene
- April 1, 2, 3 and 4 State Board Convention  
Camp Westwinds
- May 1 - Jackson County Pat Graham Memorial Run
- May 7 and 8 Fossil State Run
- May 14 - State Board Meeting
- June 4 and 5 Emerald Valley Pig Roast
- June 11 - State Board Meeting
- June 12 - Jackson County Poker Run
- June 18 and 19 - Bend Run
- June 25 and 26 - West Portland Run
- July 2, 3 and 4 - Emerald Valley Pot Luck
- July 9 - State Board Meeting
- July 9 and 10 - State Board Meeting, WINDY CREEK RUN
- July 16 and 17 - River City Run  
Clark County WA Fun Run
- July 30 and 31 - Jackson County Run  
Ann Abbott Campground
- August 6 and 7 - Emerald Valley Clay Creek Run
- August 13 - State Board Meeting
- August 20 and 21 - East Portland Run - McNeil CG
- August 27 and 28 - Coos Bay Run  
AMA National Road Riders Convention  
Clark County Fairgrounds WA
- September 10 - State Board Meeting
- September 17 and 18 - Central Oregon Run
- September 24 and 25 - K Falls Run
- October 8, 9 Emerald Valley Swap Meet
- October 8 - State Board Meeting - Eugene
- October 21 - Jackson County Pumpkin Run
- November 12 - State Board Meeting - Eugene
- November 26 and 27 - Emerald Valley Toy Run & Berberque
- December 3 - Jackson County Toy Run
- December 10 - State Board Meeting - Eugene
- December 11 - Portland Chapters Toy Run



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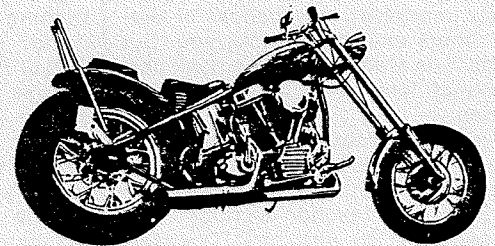
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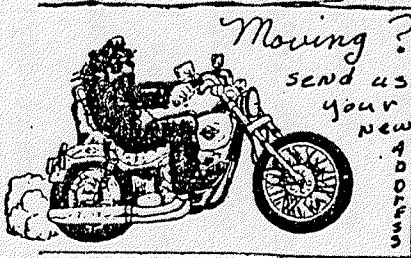
EMERALD VALLEY ABATE

What had died down to embers has now been rekindled into a flame, in the joint effort of thirteen Abate members of the trouble-riddled Emerald Valley Chapter. We have met weekly for the past two months with the strong will to reorganize and have our presence felt by an organization we believe in.

Emerald Valley Abate is now meeting the first and third Thursdays of each month, 7:00 pm at the Wilson residence - 25096 E. Hunter Road, Veneta, Oregon.

We are a small nucleus of people that will ride and work together for the common interest, regardless of the outcome of our probationary period - which, by the way, we're confident it will be positive.

New officers as elected at our last meeting are as follows:



PRESIDENT	Vic Killian
VICE PRESIDENT	Perry Derscheid
LOCAL SECRETARY	Diana Porter
STATE CORRESPONDANT	
SECRETARY	Sheila Pierce
TREASURER	Sue Wilson
SGT. AT ARMS	Tom Quarry
STATE REPRESENTATIVES	Al Cole
	Bob Skolushi
ALTERNATE REP	Joe Bailey

We hope you enjoyed the accomidations of the January State meeting at Gateway Plaza. We have made arrangements for the February and March State meetings to be held there also.

For information call: Diana Porter 935-3164  
Sheila Pierce 935-3011  
Al Cole 687-0307

We would like to extend an invitation to any interested Emerald Valley members willing to get involved and work with us to come to our meetings.

*Sheila Pierce*

RIVER CITY CHAPTER REPORT - JANUARY, 1983

Officers: Chairman - Brian Stovall 298-1317 Secretary - Teresa Hepker  
Treasurer - Terry Humpherys Sergeant-at-arms - Joe Melero

Mark Pellissier, our representative on the Fossil Committee, explained that RC Chapter will be responsible for communications with police agencies and park service, checking availability of portable toilets, and providing persons to work on security.

Members voted to apply for a concession to serve FOSSIL STEW, and restrict Brian's access to barley.

A committee was formed to plan a summer run, July 16-17.

A committee was formed to work on fund raisers and publicity: motorcycle mash, bake sale, bottle drive, and radio talk show.

Arrangements are to be made to invite Rep. Wayne Fawbush to a special meeting. Discussion followed about his recent appointment to the Ways and Means Committee, which decides how the State's money is to be used.

The secretary is to put meeting announcement in the local newspaper.

CENTRAL OREGON ABATE

Our food and toy drive was a large success. We collected enough food and toys from private and public donations for twelve families. Two food baskets were given to the large families. Toys were given along with the food baskets to the families with children. We recieved a thank-you letter from the local Welfare office thanking us for delivering food and toys to the needy and making their Christmas happier. I would like to thank our members for making the food and toy drive a success.

We have had a membership drive for several months, but to no avail. So an incentive plan was brought up at the last meeting. Our chapter will buy a pizza and a pitcher of beverage for each member who brings three people and gets them to join ABATE.

Our meetings are the first and third Tuesday of each month at Seven o'clock at the Madras Grizzley Bear Conference room.

We are now beginning to prepare for the fossil run. We hope to have as much fun at Fossil this year as we did last year.

FLORENCE WULLAM / SEC.

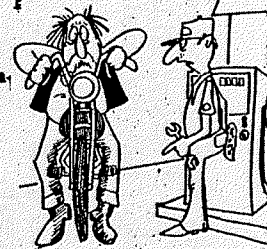
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CHRIS DUCKHAM  
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Voting in a democracy is like changing the oil in your motorcycle.

If you don't do it, you've got no one else to blame.

Register and VOTE. It's as important as your right to ride.



"I've been in this business for years, and to me it sounds like she needs a new flint."

KLAMATH FALLS CHAPTER REPORT

We now have a regular meeting place for the winter months. We shall be meeting the second and last Sunday of the month at Linkville Station, 1330 Oregon Ave. We meet at 12 noon. It seems to be a great asset, as the attendance has greatly improved.

This chapter is planning a Valentines Day pigout. It shall be held Feb. 19 at Linkville Station. There will be lots of munchies and good times.

Joe Dyer, one of our members, is in touch with the local rehabilitation center to see if they would be interested in making our patches for our annual poker run. This fall. There seems to be a good response.

All in all interest seems to be picking up among the members, and we also have a membership drive going. We have picked up some new members recently.

All the members would like to wish a quick recovery to Bruce Hamilton, get back on your feet bro!

Kristi

Hello fellow ABATE members,

Jan. 12, 1983

Jan 7 1983, a group of Lincoln County residents joined together to form a Lincoln County ABATE chapter. We obtained our charter last Saturday Jan 8 1983 at the state board meeting in Eugene. We presently have 14 members from Waldport, Newport, Yachts, and Lincoln City, and plan to continue growing. Our next meeting is Jan 21st, and thereafter on the 1st Friday of every month. We are currently working on some fund raising ideas for our chapter.

WEST PORTLAND

After a little confusion about our meeting dates we've finally set on a definite time, date and place. We will be meeting at Gino's Pizza on SW Cedar Hills Blyd. next to Westgate Theater at 8:00 pm every 2nd and 4th Thursday. If you need exact directions any of the officers listed below can help.

What can I say about the 3rd Annual Toy Run?! We were glad to have been in on it. That was a fantastic ride down 82nd. 225 motorcycles. Great.

We donated all the canned food that we collected at our party on November 20th to the Salvation Army. Just trying to help someone else have Christmas dinner.

We are planning a run on June 25th, 1983. We don't know where yet but we wanted everyone to reserve that date. We will definitely keep you posted.

All about helmets and Mary Alice Ford. Apparently our own Washington County State Rep for District 8 is trying to re-introduce legislation that would bring back the helmet law. Here is her address so lets get together and send her a few letters and tell her how we feel about that. It seems a personal tragedy that happened to her son has prompted this, so we really have some breaking through to do. Here's the address:

That's it for this month!!!

MARY ALICE FORD  
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JACKSON COUNTY NEWSLETTER

MIKE BLAIR  
NEWSLETTER  
379 Dwight Ln.  
ROSEBURG,  
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Well it's time for our Valentines Party once more it will be on Feb. 12th, at the Triple Tree Tavern 4999 Hwy 234, Central Point. It's always a great party all are welcome, we will notify each chapter state rep with details. Bring your sleeping bag there will be crash space at various members homes.

We are also planning a Family Ice Skating Party on feb. 19th, for those of you who do not have skates you can rent them for 3.00 all day or 1.00 a hour food will be sold and hot coffeee etc. It will be at Hyatt Lake from 10:00 to 8:00. Bring all the kids it should be fun. Weather permitting! Call Robin at 772-4621 for more info.

I would like to welcome our new members, we got 11 new members this last month, Jackson County is on the up swing. We are now 60 members strong!

Have a great day!!!

Robin

GOOD POINT!



YOUR CONGRESSMAN WRITES BACK -  
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VOTE, SO HE DOESN'T GIVE A DAMN  
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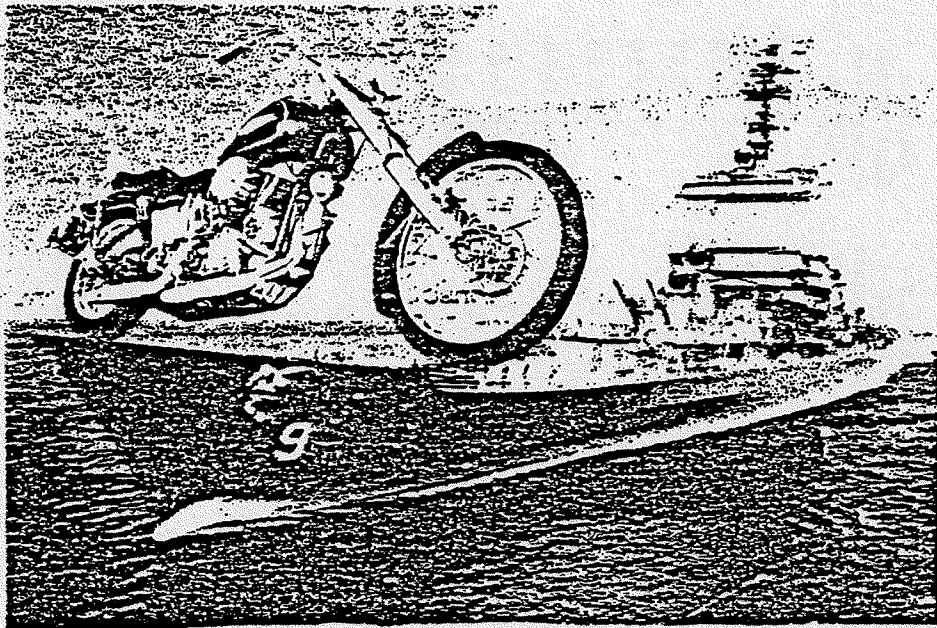
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## Lidless states rated safest in nation

**N**ationwide statistics gathered by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation show, astoundingly enough, that the four safest states to ride a bike in have no statewide mandatory helmet law for adults.

Averaging the number of accidents per 10,000 bike registrations, the number of fatal

accidents per 10,000 registrations, and the number of deaths per 100 accidents, the MSF rated the states from most safe to least safe.

Topping the list were Iowa, no helmet law; Wisconsin, helmets required only for riders under 19; South Dakota, no helmet law; and Kansas,

helmets required only for riders under 18, except within the city limits of some towns that require them for everyone.

One thing most of the safest states have in common is an aggressive motorcycle licensing program. Kansas, for example, uses a modified version of the MSF's Motorcycle Oper-

ator Skill Test, which is credited with reducing bike accidents by 15 percent in states that have adopted it.

In Kansas the driver is tested on shifting, turning, stopping control, and cone weaves. Recently, reacting to the fact that most bike accidents are caused by careless cagers turning in front of bikes, Kansas added two other elements to its test: a quick stop and an evasive swerve.

According to Kansas officials, riders proficient in these emergency maneuvers stand a far better chance of avoiding winding up with their bodies pasted to the pavement and their bikes planted in the back seat of some old lady's Plymouth.

Explaining their tough attitude toward licensing, one Kansas official said, "If you can't do the maneuver on an off-the-street course, on the bike you will be driving, then you shouldn't be driving on the street where you will face real-life situations you're not prepared to handle."

*from Easy Riders Dec. '82*

### Motorcycle Loan Deduction Saved

A recent amendment to a U.S. Senate bill makes it likely that motorcyclists will be able to continue to deduct the interest paid on their motorcycle loans at income tax time.

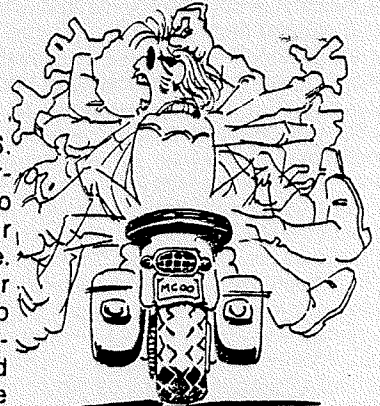
Originally, legislation by Senator Harrison Schmitt of New Mexico would have limited interest deductions to only home mortgages and auto loans, as a way of raising more revenue.

The Senate Finance Committee then completed a tax package which would generate \$20 billion without touching any of the income tax credit deductions. The measure must still go before the full Senate and House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee.

The American Motorcyclist Association was a key opponent to the original proposal, arguing that it would discriminate against the substantial savings that motorcycles make in fuel consumption. The AMA noted that of the 1.14 million motorcycles sold during 1981, 30 percent were bought on installment plans.

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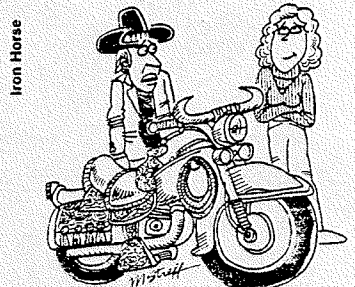


"MY GAS TANK IS LEAKING AND MY BALLS ARE ON FIRE"

RAPIDLY WAVE ARMS AND LEGS WHILE SLAPPING AT CROTCH - SCREAM AT TOP OF LUNGS. APPROPRIATE COMMENTS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM JERRY 'EX-GOD' WESTFALL'S PAMPHLET "CALLS OF THE WILD" OR "PROFANE FOR SOCIAL OCCASIONS"

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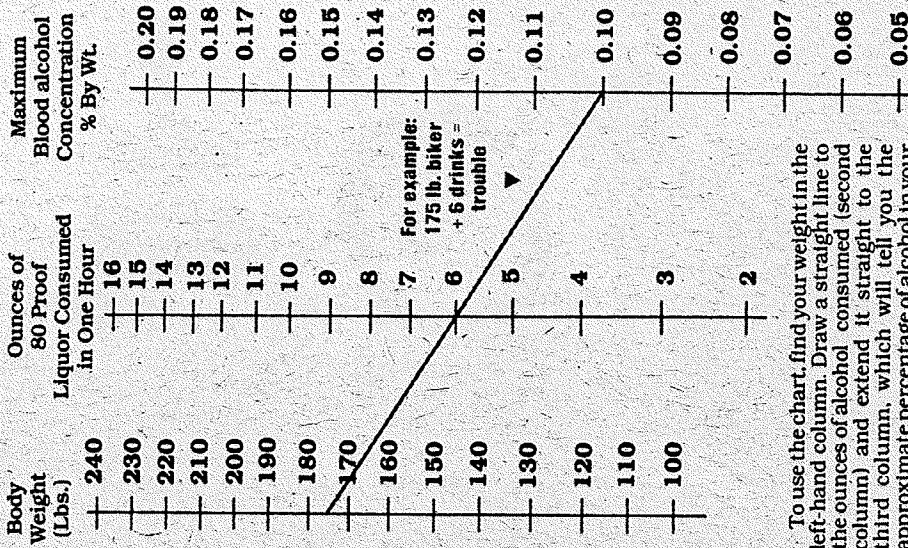


Iron Horse

"Golly, how'd you guess I was from Texas"

# How loaded are you?

Want to eliminate the feeling of surprise you get when the beefy fellow in the blue suit tells you the result of your breathalyzer test? Here's a handy-dandy chart that will help you estimate your blood alcohol content.



To use the chart, find your weight in the left-hand column. Draw a straight line to the ounces of alcohol consumed (second column) and extend it straight to the third column, which will tell you the approximate percentage of alcohol in your bloodstream (actual percentage will be somewhat less if you've been eating). Although state laws vary, you'll be in trouble with The Man in most places if you score 0.10 or more.

Also, the amount of alcohol in beer varies by brand and state law, but figure an ounce for each 12-ounce can and you'll be close. The alcohol content of the booze will pass for is that piss? out of your system at a rate of .015 percent per hour, so if your drinks were spread out over a long time, or if you stopped drinking a few hours before you use the chart, make sure you subtract that from the figure in column three.

Many thanks to ABATE of Wisconsin for the chart.

## PENTHOUSE

JULY, 1982

### THE CASE OF THE BACKWARD MOTORCYCLE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

BY JAMES DALE DAVIDSON.

Senator Proxmire bestowed a Golden Fleece Award on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for spending \$120,126 in an attempt to invent a motorcycle powered by the front wheel and steered from the back. The bureaucrats contended that such a configuration would make the motorcycle safer. Don't ask why. Their own tests showed that the backward motorcycle would be difficult, if not impossible, to steer. So, a motorcycle that cannot be steered will fall over. And having fallen over, it won't be very safe, unless the original idea was that the safest motorcycle is one that can't be ridden at all. In that case, it would have been simpler just to invent a motorcycle without wheels. But what the heck, it was only your money. So they went right ahead and let out a contract to a private firm to build the backward bike.

Now it should be said here that more often than not, the private contractors who receive government money display all the rectitude of a chippie on a troop train. No matter how useless the project, they know the money is good. So they take the checks to the bank and let the taxpayer take care of himself.

But in this case, the contractor blushed at the absurdity of his task. After a preliminary study had confirmed the obvious, that the backward bike would never work, the contractor actually asked that the whole project be scrapped. Well, it didn't matter. The government said nothing doing. The bureaucrats insisted that the project go forward.

The contractor and the subcontractor tried again, but within a month, they were more convinced than ever that they were wasting taxpayers' money. Once again, they asked that the project be stopped, and once again, the agency bureaucrats demanded that the backward bike be built and tested. It was.

A more futile contraption probably never existed. Expert bikers were called in, in an attempt to locate someone who could actually ride the thing. By the time the tests were finally concluded, the champion rider had kept the backward bike upright for a grand total of 2.5 seconds. So much for the judgment of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. (In fairness, we have to report that the highway agency contends that it actually spent only (!) a few thousand dollars on the backward cycle. The PR person who spoke to *Penthouse* could not "remember" the exact amount.)



"I told you we should have learned some biker songs!"

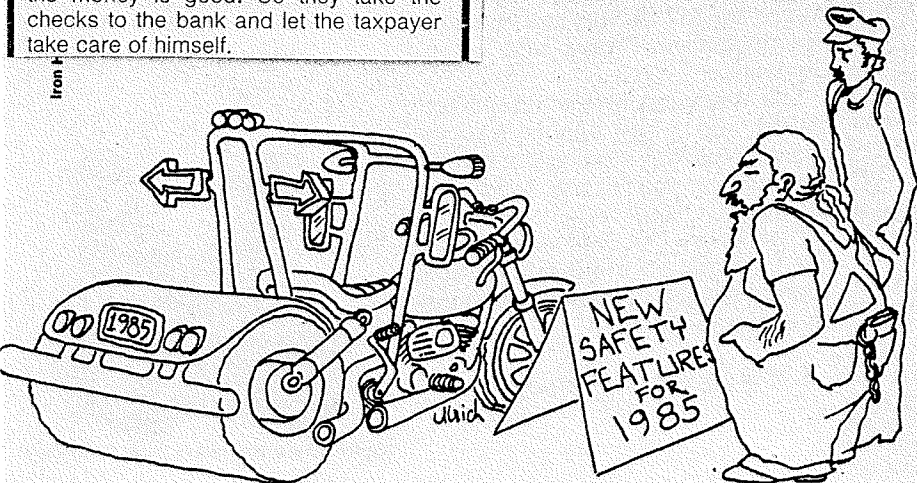
## Red-light-running chick hits rock star on Harley

Soft rocker Billy Joel, who once told an interviewer he'd get violent if somebody tried to take his bike away from him, had one of his four scoots — a '78 Hog — knocked out from under him by a red-light-running chick in Huntington Station, New York. Joel, winner of five Grammy awards, suffered a fractured right wrist and a broken left thumb in the crash.

According to his physician, Dr. David Andrews, the singer-songwriter-piano player will be as good as new following his recovery.

Police reported that Joel was struck by a car driven by Cornelia Bynum, 27, of Huntington Station. According to Sergeant Wayne Muller, Bynum admitted running a red light and turning left into Joel's bike. Despite this, no charges were filed against her. Muller said, because "it was a very typical motorcycle accident [in which] people make left turns in front of motorcycles. They apparently don't see them, and the motorcyclist ends up on the short end of it."

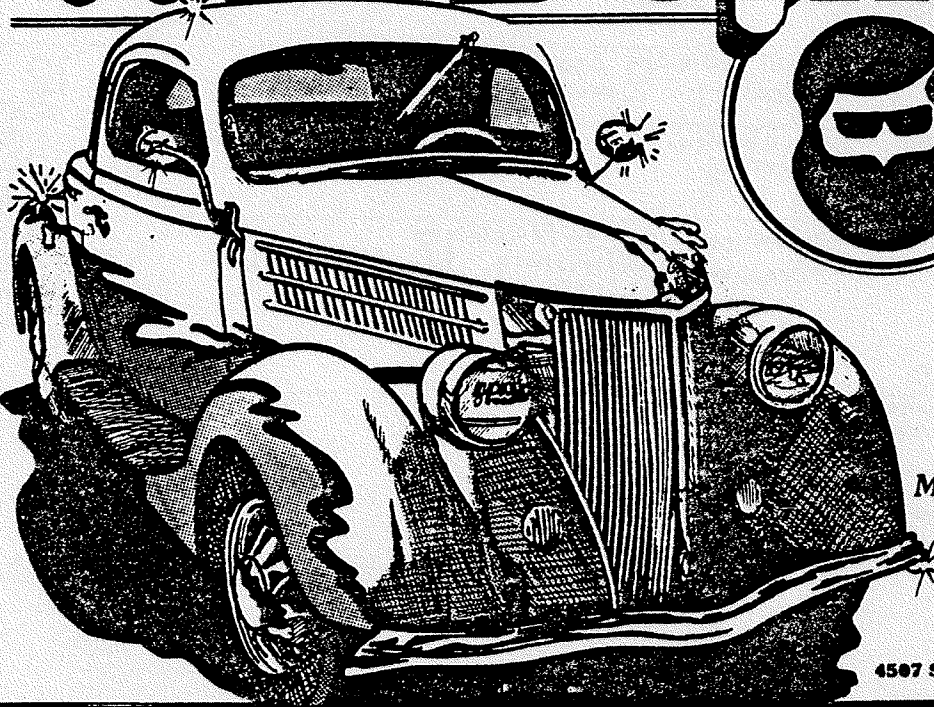
Joel, who has been active in organizing charity runs on the East Coast, has no illusions about cagers' feelings toward bikers. "Everybody on the road is out to get you," he says. "A truck goes by and it can blow you right off the road. Cars are constantly pulling in front of you like you're not a real vehicle."



"I think they've finally taken all the fun out of it."

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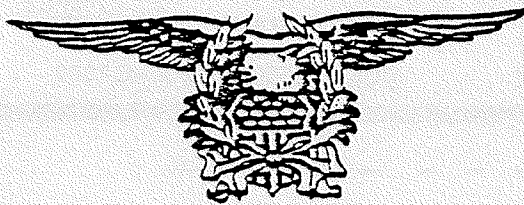
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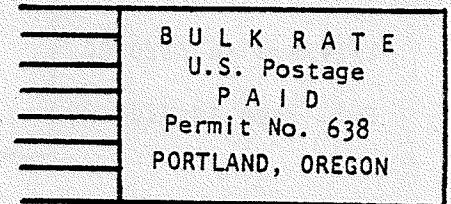
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