



Newsletter



MAY 1983

ABATE of OREGON, Inc.



*Let Those Who
Ride Decide*

*Dedicated to
Freedom of the Road*

CAMP WESTWINDS CONVENTION

Roger told us we were going to be there to work, and we worked. Your State Representatives were in meetings all day Saturday and we accomplished a lot. The Rules of Operation were thoroughly gone over by individual groups and by the committee as a whole. We feel that we now have guidelines which won't have to be revised in the near future.

Our business meeting got underway after dinner on Saturday. Can you imagine eighteen State Reps dying to party but taking care of business first? It really happened.

Eleven chapters attended. Bend, Coos Bay and Central Oregon were not there. We want to thank the YWCA again for the opportunity to have this meeting. We talked to people from other chapters and exchanged ideas and information. And, we did forget to clean up. I understand there were cigarette butts and dishes left outside for others to clean up after most of us left.

ABATE of Oregon has a new Vice-Coordinator. Mike White from Jackson County was elected at the April meeting. Congratulations, Mike!

Dr. Dave, our resident paramedic from Portland found an ambulance for us. Total cost is \$750 with all details included. Each chapter is asked to vote on contributing \$54 to the state to purchase the ambulance. The ambulance will be based in Portland and will be available for all state sanctioned runs. Each chapter will be responsible for the gas from Portland to the run and admission for the paramedics manning it. Last year at Fossil, our ambulance gave our group credibility with the local officials.

Chapter ID patches are available. No minimum order, money up front at \$2.75 each. Your state rep can order them from Roger. Also, T-shirts with your chapter's name are available. Price \$7.00 with a minimum order of 12. All profits for the state's legislative fund. Contact Roger for details.

We need newsletter ads. Enough newsletter ads will make our newsletter self-supporting. Prices listed elsewhere. Let's try to get this newsletter on a self-supporting basis.

Another fund-raiser for the State. Santiam and Flavor-Pak labels are worth 3¢ each for our state treasury. Give them to your state reps who will bring them to the state meeting. This offer runs until October.

Congratulations to Emerald Valley who had their probation lifted. There was a lot of hard work on the part of a few dedicated people who didn't want their chapter to die. Congratulations again, Emerald Valley.

The May meeting of the State Board will be in Eugene at the Gatehouse Pizza Restaurant at 1:00, May 14. SEE YOU ALL AT FOSSIL.

At the conference at Westwind, several suggestions were made about letter writing:

- 1) Send letters to the Committee Office as well as to individual legislators. This means that some people should write to Committee members care of the Committee Office, and other people should send the letters to the legislator's office.
- 2) When sending a lot of letters to a Committee Office, it has been suggested to put them all in one large envelope and send them via registered mail. This should be cheaper and would guarantee that the post office delivers them. One disadvantage to this method might be that it is obvious that they are all coming from a group of people who wrote them all at one time. They are better than form letters by a long shot, but MIGHT be more effective if sent in individual envelopes.
- 3) It is important that all legislators be informed of our opinions on major bills, We should be writing letters to our own legislators, and also to legislators from areas where we do not have ABATE Chapters. One way to communicate with these folks would be to send them copies of the letters we send to Committees about these bills. This would inform the legislators about our concerns, so that when a bill comes up for a vote on the Floor they will know what it is about and how motorcyclists feel about it.

-Submitted by:
Teresa Hepker

Here is something that I think will prove interesting to us all, and cause us to maybe thnk a little bit when our children are playing around our motorcycles:

(The Editor)

A girl in my office has a little 8 year old boy who is in the hospital. His stepfather and a friend of the family were working around one of those small Honda 3 wheel motor-cycles that are used to go hill-climbing (you know, the ones with the big knobby tires?). Well, they were working on it, trying to get it started. The little boy got on the motorcycle, just to sit on it, and all of a sudden the motorcycle jerked into life, and the boy, instead of falling off, grabbed ahold of the handlebars and the bike took off with him, through a barbed wire fence, and the little boy flew off, the bike falling on top of him, crushing his skull. He is still in the hospital, slowly recovering. At last report, he is now able to distinguish sounds. This s a sad thing to happen, and carelessness on the part of the step father and friend, for allowing him to get on the bike in the first place. However, when a person is real busy, it is hard to notice every thing that is going on.

So let's all take a minute to think about this. Whenever you are working around motor-cycles, be sure that your children are made aware of the hazards and things that could happen when they are playing around motorcycles, or decide to hop on one, just as this little boy did. It could happen to somebody, but we don't want it to happen to anybody! Thanks for listening.....Vicky (Editor)

"Coming together is a beginning".

"Staying together is progress".

"Working together is SUCCESS!!!!"

Haven't we all made ABATE a success? Let's keep it going!!!

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Think about this:

"Laws merely lead to an increase in the varities of crime". Lao-Tsu, 2852 B.C.

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Can you believe this one?

It's always something, it seems, that they have to ticket us for. Now it is the KIND OF HELMET you wear!!! It is against the law to wear a BLACK full coverage helmet- in (of all places!) AUSTRALIA!

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JUST 20 STATES NOW HAVE THE MANDATORY HELMET LAW!

Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Nevada, Wyoming, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Michigan.

**Let's keep working at keeping the helmets off our heads. We've been doing great so far, we don't want to be on this list!!!! -Editor

Articles from Easyrider:

"LIDLESS STATES RATED SAFEST IN NATION"

Nationwide 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.

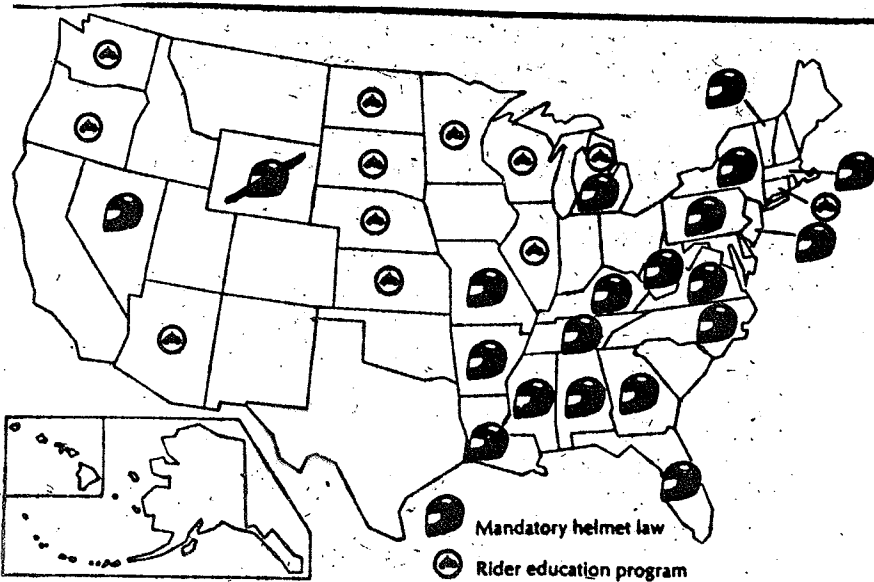
Topping the list were Iowa, no helmet law; Wisconsin helmets required only for riders under 19; South Dakota, no helmet law, and Kansas helmets required only for riders under 18, except within the city limits of some towns that require them for everyone.

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 Operator 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 little 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".....



It is interesting to note that with the exception of Michigan, no states with mandatory helmet laws have been progressive enough to establish rider education programs. Changing that situation is a major challenge for motorcyclists in coming years.

ITS DARN FRUSTRATING!!

It feels good to complete an ABATE newsletter mailing. It feels great to send members a first class paper about them that is for them!! The sad, frustrating part is when the members don't care enough about their newsletter to notify their membership secretary as to their new address. So PLEASE, if you move, fill out a membership form completely and mail it to ABATE. Remember, we still need you, no matter where you are!!

EDITOR: VICKY PETERSEN
STAFF: THE SAME

Thanks to Mike for the great job he did in putting out our past newsletters-you will be missed.

I AM THE MEMBER

I'm the person who was asked to join ABATE of Oregon. I paid my \$10 and waited for my patch and card. I came to your meetings and noone paid any attention to me or even noticed I was there. I tried several times to be friendly to some of the members, but they had their own buddies they talked to and sat next to. So I sat alone. Noone noticed I was there. I hoped very much that someone would have asked me to take part in a fund-raising project or something, but noone saw my hand when I volunteered. I missed a meeting because my scoot was sick and could not get there. Noone asked me at the next meeting where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much to the others whether I was there or not. The next meeting date I decided to go to the bar before the meeting and have a couple of drinks. Well, I decided the bar was more friendly than the last meeting, so I stayed at the bar. I made the next meeting and noone asked why I missed the last meeting. I guess I just wasn't wanted. You might say I am a good guy. I like to ride free, I don't like Big Brother telling me how to tie my shoes, or which boot to put on first. I like to putt and I feel it is my duty to keep Big Brother off the cyclists back. Well, do you know who else I am? I am the member who did not send in his \$10 when it was time to renew.....

Anonymous

Message from the Coordinator of Oregon:

Let's all try really hard to make the new members feel welcome. Remember, we were all new at one time, ourselves, and didn't we feel welcome when someone took the time to notice us?

Dear Members:

I come to you at this time to ask ALL of you for some help. Last Saturday morning, April 16, Jerry Graham suffered serious injuries in a motorcycle accident. Jerry lost an eye and is undergoing extensive surgery to rebuild his face and head. This will be an ongoing situation for some time-and very expensive-it's a thousand dollars a day for a room in intensive care.

Jerry and his wife Patti, are two of the original members of ABATE of Oregon. Unselfish and caring people who worked on committees, newsletters, organized runs, contacted legislators-all the hard, tedious chores that saw the helmet law repealed-and helped build ABATE of Oregon into the organization of which we are all so proud.

The Grahams and their beautiful children need OUR help now. I'm sure you're all getting the pitch by now-money-unfortunately, lots of money. Let's show them what ABATE of Oregon is made of-pump some bucks their way. Don't just dribble it in-pour it in, please. Let's put a ton of sunshine into what otherwise may be a very cloudy summer for our friends. (A stranger to the Graham's gave us the first \$100-who knows what a family can do.)

Send all contributions to: PATTI GRAHAM
P.O. BOX #19564
PORTLAND OREGON 97219

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you. Hope to see everyone at Fossil and other runs this summer, and thank you all personally.

Respectfully,



Luke Metcalfe
Founder - ABATE of Oregon



Heres some interesting newspaper articles I thought everyone might like:

Thanks to ABATE of Tennessee:

"HELMET MAKER SUED FOR \$10.5 MILLION"

"Lewis Thompson Jr., injured in his first football game in high school, is suing a helmet maker for \$10.5 million, saying he is permanently paralyzed because the helmet was poorly designed. An attorney for Thompson filed suit in Wayne County Circuit Court. The youth's spinal cord was injured September 10 when he tried to tackle a player from Cody Hi School".

"ONLY ON A HARLEY, MY DEAR"

"Harley-Davidson, the one and only scooter recognized by the beer chugging, jaw busting rebel-without-a-cause crowd, also has become the exclusive two wheel ride of the ever so chic New York fashion set. The only hog you will find on the pages of the April issue of Vogue magazine is Willie Davidson's pride and joy. The chromed, fire-breathing beast will appear nestled among barely dressed models, blue sky and white sands of the Arizona desert in a beauty spread shot by photographer Bruce Weber. Why Harley? "Harley-Davidson is the choicest motorcycle you can ride", answers Deborah Ligouri, Vogues' assistant to the fashion editor. "We couldn't see using anything else. A BMW just simply WOULD NOT DO!!" Why? she was asked. "Because it just isn't a Harley, my dear", she answers. Plain and simple. As for leatherwear in the fashion world? "Why, the only color is BLACK, darlings!!"

Thanks to ABATE of Washington:

"SHEEBA THE MUTT GROUNDED BY LAW"

"Sheeba the mutt, a dog that wears goggles and rides in the fast lane, has been grounded while a court decides whether to mend her motorcycle riding ways. "She rides on the gas tank in front of me, and I keep it padded", the dog's master, Swen Bos said of the pooch that has accompanied him in open-air riding across the country.

"She holds the front of the tank with her paws", Bos said. "And she wears goggles as a safety precaution."

Bos, a 23 year old iron worker, has been hauled into Municipal Court in New Jersey by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which objects to his giving Sheeba motorcycle rides.

The case comes up Tuesday night before Judge George Cluff. Bos predicts he will lose. But if he does, he said, "I'll appeal it".

"I was hoping the SPCA would give it up," Bos said. "But they haven't. They're pretty stubborn."

He faces a charge of transporting an animal in a cruel manner. The violation of state law carries a max sentence of a \$250 fine, six months in prison, or both.

SPCA Chief Richard Altrath said, "We're law enforcement and we have to go by what the law says, and the law says you can't carry an animal in an open vehicle. It is a real sympathy case, but the guy is dead wrong."

Sheeba is an off-white mix of collie and malamute. Bos got her at a dog pound four years ago, and said he realized her tastes in transportation, when he gave her horseback rides. Motorcycle rides followed. The dog was small enough to fit in the pocket of his parka.

But Sheeba is now 42 pounds so Bos made her a seat on the gas tank. Bos said he has driven at least 35,000 miles with Sheeba, including trips to New Orleans, Florida, New Hampshire, and Cape Cod.

Bos got his first SPCA warning in August and several days later, he was ticketed by the West Milford New Jersey police for carrying a passenger without a helmet. The charge was dismissed in court.

A few days after that, Altrath said he mailed Bos the ticket that has him in court. Postponements have delayed the case until now.

"The guy loves the dog, and I have no problem with that", Altrath said. "But if you love the dog you don't endanger him by doing this. We've suggested that he put a sidecar on. But the law says you can't carry him on an open vehicle. It will cause an accident some day by other motorcyclists gawking. This is a definite part of the problem."

Thanks to ABATE of New York:

"3M FOR CYCLE CRASH VICTIM"
"Helmet-maker, drivers liable"

"A 23 year old woman who suffered severe brain damage in a 1977 motorcycle-car collision was awarded \$3 million in damages yesterday by a Bronx Supreme Court jury that found the maker of her defective helmet and the two drivers liable. When the accident occurred August 25, 1977, Denise Cornier, of Balcom Ave., Bronx, N.Y., was wearing a helmet made by Bell Helmet Corp. of Norwalk, California. The helmet had failed federal safety tests nine months earlier, according to testimony. "The model helmet she wore failed impact tests conducted in November 1976 by the U.S. Department of Transportation", said Cornier's lawyer, Leonard L Finz. "Rather than protecting her head, the helmet made the head injuries more severe". Cornier was riding with her former fiance-James Spagna, 27, of Beaumont Ave., Bronx-on his Honda motorcycle when it collided with a car driven by Mac Davis, 62, of Schley Ave., Bronx, a half block from Cornier's home. She was thrown off the motorcycle by the crash. Cornier was in a coma seven weeks and suffered permanent brain damage, said Finz. At the Head Truma Program at New York University Medical Center, she continues to undergo treatment for double vision, memory loss, speech difficulties and lack of coordination. The jury of four women and two men deliberated for six hours before finding Spagna, Davis and Bell Helmet liable for \$3 million in damages".

"DEAR ANN LANDERS"

"DEAR ANN LANDERS: Our son was hurt rather seriously in a motorcycle accident. (If he hadn't been wearing a helmet, he would have been killed!!)

The doctor who took care of him in the emergency room called a consultation and it was decided that the boy's spleen must be removed. He was rushed into surgery. My sister-in-law says the spleen is a very important organ and removing it may shorten the boy's life. Is this true? We asked the doctor, but he talked in a circle and used such high-class language we don't know what he said. Can you explain this? WORRIED PARENTS IN KENTUCKY

DEAR WORRIED: The spleen is a valuable aid in fighting infection but people who have had their spleens removed --- have lived to a ripe old age. If your son has a tendency to catch colds, he should get shots to protect him against pneumonia. Most doctors suggest this. I wonder why yours didn't. Ask him."

As ABATE of New York so aptly put it in regards to this article:

"This doctor had this kids parents believing his spleen was in his head! Can't figure how the helmet saved his life when they operated on his spleen!!Hey Ann, go ride in the wind!!!!"

Thanks to ABATE of Kansas:

"When the topic of regulation for powered hang gliders came up recently, a government spokesman (FAA, we presume) opined that government should not intervene inasmuch as the only person endangered would be the pilot. Our question: What does that do to the reasoning of motorcycle helmet law advocates who have used the exact opposite logic all these years?"

QUOTABLE QUOTES

Involved is what a chicken is in regards to Ham & Eggs; committed is what the Hog is. Stop talking and start doing.....

CHAPTER NEWS REPORTS

BEND CHAPTER:

Membership is at 40.

We are busy working on our local run and the "RIDE FOR LIFE" for the AMERICAN KIDNEY FUND. We have several money makers going on to help finance our first run.

Our work party at the J Bar J turned out great. We got a lot of nice pictures of the Brothers and Sisters working with the boys at the ranch. All in all everyone had a great time. The boys treated us to lunch.

We are having a "Potluck" this month. It is a get-to-know-you-better affair for the members and their families. We will meet at Lance's.

For information about the Bend Chapter, please call Pat at 389-1388. Beginning April 26th, our meeting time will move from 8:00 to 7:00.

The Bend Chapter wishes to thank Bend Honda Kawasaki, the Yamaha store and New Cycle West for their donations to us.

From Bend until next month, "RIDE SAFE".

JACKSON COUNTY CHAPTER:

On March 20th, we had a very successful poker run for Easter Seals. We raised a \$228.08 for the Telethon. Thanks to everyone for their help. A special thanks to Josie of the Triple Tree for donating \$50 in the name of A.B.A.T.E.

Committees have been formed for the Abbott Run July 30, 31st. Should be even bigger and better than last year.

Special thanks to Leon & Larry for donating the clocks and belt buckle for the poker run and the meeting.

Jackson County is 89 members strong and still growing, thanks to our older members for recruiting. And welcome to all the new members. Looks like a GREAT summer is coming up!!

--Robin

ST JOHNS CHAPTER:

Hello from St Johns! First, a plea to all St. Johns members, there are 32 of you out there somewhere, yet attendance at meetings is consistently low. It is your chapter, and we need everyone's input and help.

St. Johns is in charge of clean-up at Fossil. If everyone would police themselves, it will make the job go a lot easier at the end of the run. We want to leave the park spotless, so that we can keep going back.

Please note that the calendar in the past newsletter has listed our meeting dates wrong. The correct days are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at Prefettos Pizza Parlor, 4857 N. Lombard, 8:00 P.M.

Until next month, Ride Free-Anne Bradwell

DOUGLAS COUNTY CHAPTER:

The new officers are busy trying to get into the full swing of things.

For the April 17th meeting, we are going to try to get Bill Markham as a guest speaker to share with us his views on the Helmet Bill, as well as any thoughts he may have on the PIP Insurance bill.

We should be distributing more cheese in April or May. Did any other chapter become involved in this venture?

At each meeting, we are getting new faces either from people joining or from people showing an interest in joining. We are looking forward to seeing more new faces and a lot of joiners. Remember that anyone interested in riding, should join ABATE and be sure to fight for their rights.

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Joy still has ABATE calendars for sale. Please buy 1 or 2 and support ABATE.

Reminder for Douglas County:

Muriel still needs volunteers for cheese. This is real good P.R. for the organization, so be sure to give me your name and come help out.

Also the May 1st meeting changes to 11:00 A.M.

EMERALD VALLEY CHAPTER:

Emerald Valley ABATE has recently increased in size with some folks from Cottage Grove. We now have 40 paid members. In order to accomodate everyone, we will be having 2 meetings a month, one in Veneta, the other in Cottage Grove area. We will be meeting the first Thursday of each month 7:00 PM at Vie Killians workshop, 23168 Warthen Rd, Elmira, and the third Sunday of each month 1:00 PM at Willie Martins, 32989 Lynx Hollow, Creawell. The Sunday meeting is subject to change if it conflicts with runs. For the month of May, it will be held May 1st at the Pub Tavern, Cottage Grove. We'd like to thank everyone for making our Donkey Raffle a success. Ted Jeremiah from Cottage Grove got the Ass. That's it. See you all at Fossil...Sheila Pierce

RIVER CITY CHAPTER:

Well, we don't know yet where our summer run will be, but even if we knew, I couldnt say, 'cause it's a secret!

Those of us who went to Westwind want to thank the YWCA for the use of the camp and the great food. The Portland ladies who set up the Easter egg hunt did a good job-the kids had a fun morning complete with prizes. It was great to have the chance to meet and get to know folks from other chapters, and not have to stick to business the whole time like at regular board meetings.

The Board did a big job (revising the Rules of Operation) besides having the monthly Board meeting, and the Fossil Committee had time to tie up loose ends. I am impressed with the number of dedicated, talented and enthusiastic individuals on the Board, and know they wouldn't be there if they didn't have a lot of support back in their own chapters. ABATE is a far cry from the small group who managed to get the helmet law repealed. With the numbers we have now, we oughta be able to take on the Feds next!

There was just one downer to the weekend at Westwind, and I am not happy at having to even bring it up: a lot of cleanup got left to the 3 people who stayed until Monday. We didn't much mind sweeping up sand, but picking up butts and garbage and dirty dishes outside shouldn't be necessary. We usually have enough class to pick up after ourselves, but evidently that slipped the minds of a few individuals.

River City officers:

Chairman: Brian Stovall

Secretary: Teresa Hepker

Treasurer: Terry Humphreys

NE PORTLAND CHAPTER:

Camp Westwind April 1-4 was sure a fun trip! Most of us drove over Friday and parked in the lot and got hauled across the Salmon River in boats to the island the YWCA camp is resting on. Well, it didn't rest long cause when we began lugging our gear and paraphenalia up the trail back in the trees to the beautiful camp setting and gave the place some biker atmosphere-the party began! Every bunk spider in the camp gave way to a biker body as Saturday morning saw more of us trudging up the trail. Lots of beachcombing, lounging by the lodge fireplace, and poker games filled the time (excellent chow too!) but the top priority of the weekend was the State board meeting. Participation was active, attitudes were calm, and probably more was accomplished at this meeting than any other, the whole year! Now get this: we were even invited to attend another work weekend and earn another party weekend there! We tried to leave the place cleaner than we found it and the cooks seemed to enjoy our moving about freely in the kitchen area helping them too! A biker weekend without bikes-with the sound of ocean

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waves beating on the shore rocks instead-it was diff'rent, we all agreed, but it was great-you just had to be there...

Fossil is sneakin up on us quick but we're gonna fool it this year cause we're ready for it! We've got concession stands, beer, bike games, and lots more all planned out. We're planning on warmer weather this year too, and lots more people there. So keep those flyers spreadin the word so after Fossil we'll see lots of people flashing those year pins and wearin the new Fossil t-shirts. Most of our people are going; in fact, some of our guys are rebuilding their bikes (a few of us are completely assembling new bikes!) to be ready by Fossil so you'all all be seeing some familiar faces atop new mounts. This biker weekend will be alive with the sound of bikes, booze, and squeals for sure and just in case the squeals get too loud, we've got our very own ABATE owned ambulance to be on the scene fully equipped with paramedics (I wonder if they'll be offering free breast examinations again this year....)

MAY DAY! MAY DAY! PIP INSURANCE! We've still got a chance to beat this down to visibility-keep those letters going in. We simply can't afford it and we should have the right to decide to ride with or without personal protection insurance!--Glidin' around, Jan.

S.E. PORTLAND CHAPTER:

By the time you read this, Fossil 1983 will be history-as Camp Westwind is already. Our state officers spent six and a half hours at meetings, revising our rules and taking care of business. Our sincere thanks to those who traveled so far to work so hard for ABATE. By looking in my crystal ball, I can see that the chapter membership ALL worked together to share the burden of making Fossil a huge success, thus taking some of the heat off of the officers. Of course, at this writing, (mid April), my crystal ball is a bit hazy-here's hoping that its prediction comes true-everyone has a blast, and everyone pitches in to help!! Since our last report, we've voted to put up \$54 as our share of the purchasing an ambulance, providing that ALL the other chapters kick in their FAIR share-obviously, newly -formed chapters with only a few members wouldn't be expected to donate as much. The ambulance would be used during ABATE functions, and would be driven and staffed by paramedics. Total purchase price is \$750.

In the state legislature, we still need your support (read that "LETTERS") on various bills. Letters AGAINST mandatory PIP insurance (H.B. 2845) are still vital!! I don't have to tell you what PIP would cost- 'nuff said. H.B. 2034 would modify the vehicle code to make driving with a BURNED OUT headlight an equipment failure, rather than a moving violation. Unfortunately, an admendment was tacked on that would leave the decision up to the court. This seems silly, since an officer of the law SHOULD be able to tell one the difference between a burned out headlight and a turned off switch. Still, one could always take a burned out bulb and a sales receipt for a new one to court as evidence. Now, if they would only repay lost wages....H.B. 2696, the mandatory lid law, is still in committee-we need your letters against this one in order to get them to drop it!

By this time, most everyone should have heard that President Reagan signed a bill that raises the import duty on heavy-weight scooters by 45%-the bill takes effect around the middle of May and should give Harly Davidson the time it needs to get new models out and compete without the whopping price advantage of the imports. Most of you wrote letters in support of the increased tariff, and it's a sure bet that they had some influence on the President's decision You CAN make a difference!

Be informed!! Attend our meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month-we look forward to seeing ALL of you at the Pizza Baron on 122nd and Division at 8 PM!! -Dan Abbott

WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAPTER:

High, Bro's & Sisters.

Here's our report from the "new kid on the block", the 14th chapter of A.B.A.T.E. Our chapter is off and running strongly and the energy at our meetings is very high. We have 35 members on the roll at our last meeting and several said that they were going to go by Mike's shop (our membership secretary) and sign up the following day, so needless to say, we are very happy and excited that there is so much interest in becoming involved with our state government to keep us riding free. As we all know, that is the only way we are going to stay free in the wind, and that's by bein' c e in the legislative process. Those that do

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not keep in contact with their congressmen and give them input concerning your ideas, really do not have a gripe coming when something doesn't go the way they want with our laws.

We are all looking forward to seeing all of you at Fossil. It will be a ball, as well as a worthy cause (cause ABATE needs the money), we are looking forward to partying with all the sisters and brothers and getting to know you, and you, us. I guess I will cut this short so our secretary (Melody) can have a chance to report, so in closing I'll just say we love you all and will see you soon. Also, we really would like any of you that can, to visit our meetings. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, 8 PM, at the Pizza Hut in the East end of Hillsboro. Ride Free - Barber.

Greetings!! As you read in my ole man's message, I get to tell you more of #14. (Washington County ABATE). Every day we meet new people wanting to talk ABATE. We have taken to carrying literature with us when we ride. It is great to feel part of a righteous group. One item brought up in our meeting is of interest to bikers, especially those riding in strange territory. Get a CERTIFIED copy of your scoot's title history. The information goes clear back to the factory. If you get stopped to have numbers read, etc., it impresses the law enforcement personnel tremendously!! Title history is available at your local DMV for \$11.

HB 2880 (Ed. bill), HB 2845(PIP) and HB 2696 (Helmet) has been the focus of our letter writing. We have 2 carloads ready for the PIP hearing in Salem on Monday, the 18th. We are trying to work closely with the West Portland chapter and some of them will be with us in Salem. Brotherhood is great!!

We have a "Bro" Stan. We are proud to have him as a charter member of #14 and last week "Mom" joined. "Mom" used to ride the WALL OF DEATH in the Carnival. (Motorcycle stunt rider in the Carnival for us not up with the venacular). I can't wait to hear her tales!! Stan donated the \$54 for #14's share of the ABATE ambulance and "Mom" donated \$53 towards the liability insurance for the ambulance. Thank you! Thank you!! We are so proud of our 2 mature riders who chose Harleys over wheelchairs!! Ride proud - Melody ♪

WEST PORTLAND CHAPTER:

On June 25 and 26 we are having our "Run in the Sun" at Canal Creek. Canal Creek is 10 miles east of Waldport on Highway 34. Contact any of the people below for more information. Flyers will also be sent to each and every chapter. So mark that date. We'll let you know when tickets go on sale. See you there. (By the way, on the next page is a map explaining how to get there!!)

We're planning a garage sale on Saturday April 23. We'll let you know how that goes in the next letter.

We're saying goodbye to our Secretary Laura Pratt (me). Welcome to the new Secretary that is to be elected 4/28 and the best of luck.

Keep those letters regarding the Helmet bill, Education and PIP Insurance going to the House!!

Remember, we will be selling donuts and coffee (and popcorn if John has his way) on Sunday at Fossil. So bring some change!!

See ya at Fossil. -Laura Pratt

Dennis Ellerbrock - Coordinator

Bill Pratt-Treasurer-245-0650

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Meetings are every 2nd and 4th Thursday 8:00 PM at Ginos Pizza on Cedar Hills Blvd.

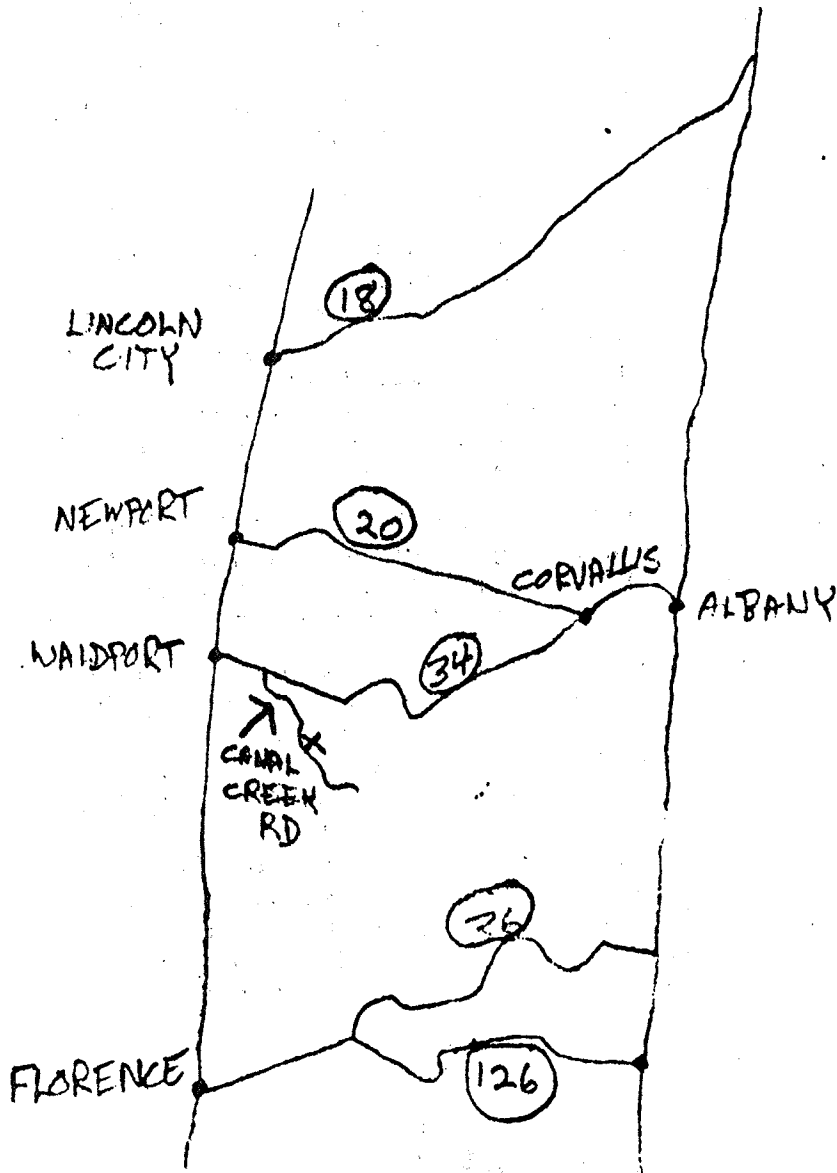
NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

WELL, I SEE THAT 4 OF YOU CHAPTERS DIDN'T MAKE THE DEADLINE THIS TIME!!!! I DON'T THINK THAT WE NEED TO NAME NAMES, AS WE KNOW WHO WE ARE, NOW DON'T WE?? SHAME. GUESS THE REST OF US WON'T KNOW WHAT ALL YOU GUYS HAVE TO SAY. BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME. I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY SNIVELING FROM ANYBODY, AS I GAVE EVERYONE PLENTY OF TIME TO GET THEIR INFORMATION IN TO ME, AND ROGER WENT TO THE POST OFFICE FAITHFULLY THREE OR FOUR TIMES A WEEK TO CHECK AND SEE WHAT WE HAD. SO PLEASE, NEXT TIME, LETS TRY TO HAVE ALL 14 OF US IN THE PAPER. WOULDN'T THAT BE A RECORD????????

WEST Portland Run in the Sun

June 25-26th

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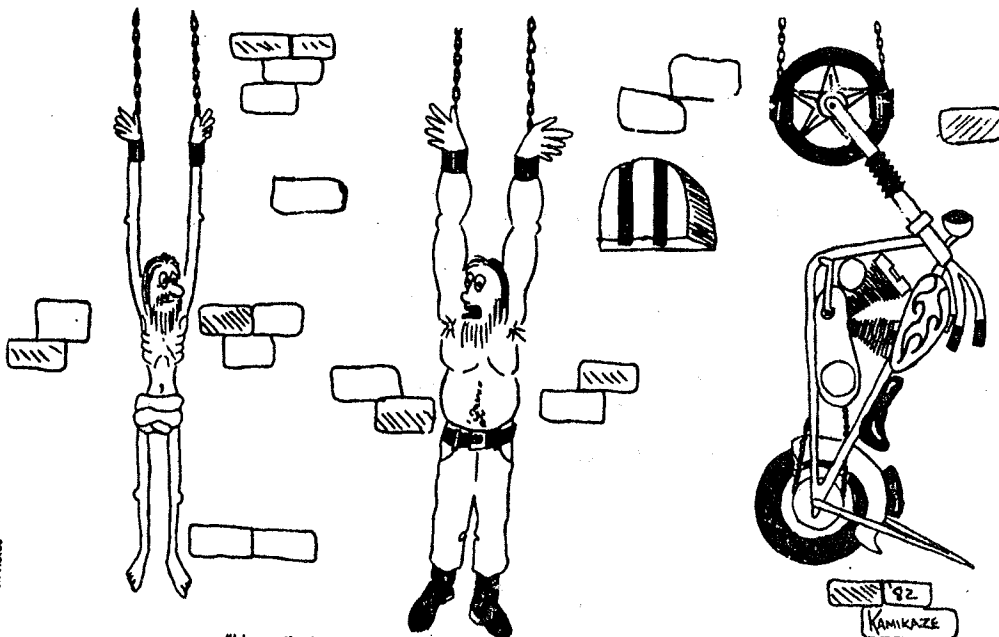
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(River City submitted this) FOUND: At Westwind parking lot by the last car leaving on Sunday: large grey sleeping bag (Stag brand.). Phone 1-298-1317 if it's yours.

(I submitted this-your editor) LOST: My neat sunglasses at Camp Westwind parking lot. They were sitting on the dipsy-dumpster garbage container right next to my 65 white Chev pickup. They are kind of 2 toned. Dark at the top of the lenses, fading into lighter near the bottom of the lense. The frames are kind of a black and rusty brown tortoise shell. I don't think anyone else has a pair like em, and I sure would like them back if you found them. Phone 1-287-2795 ask for Vicky.

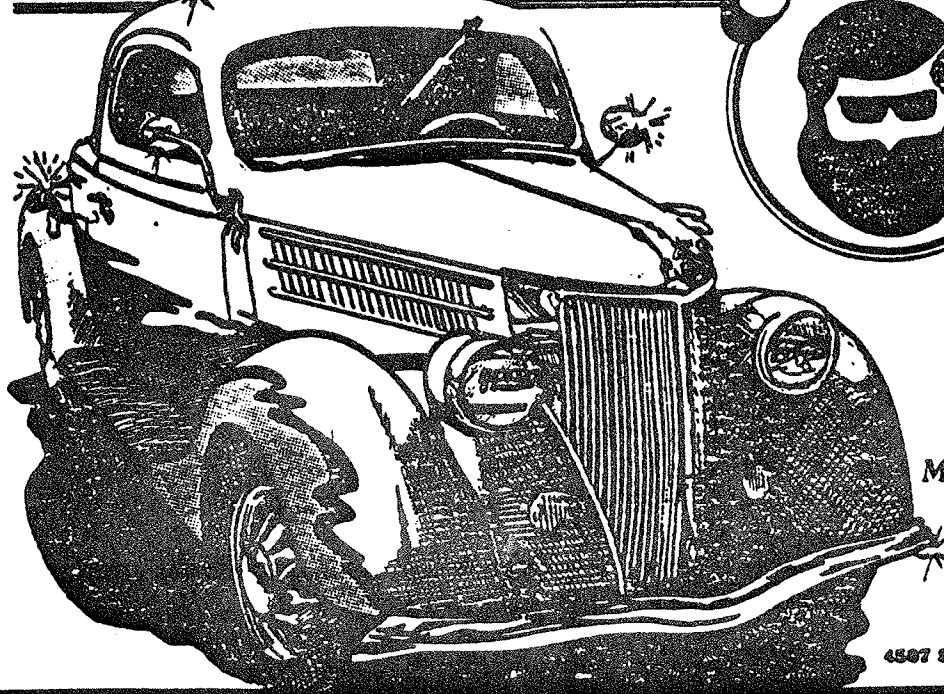


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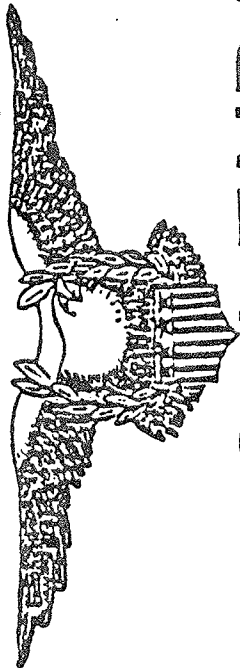
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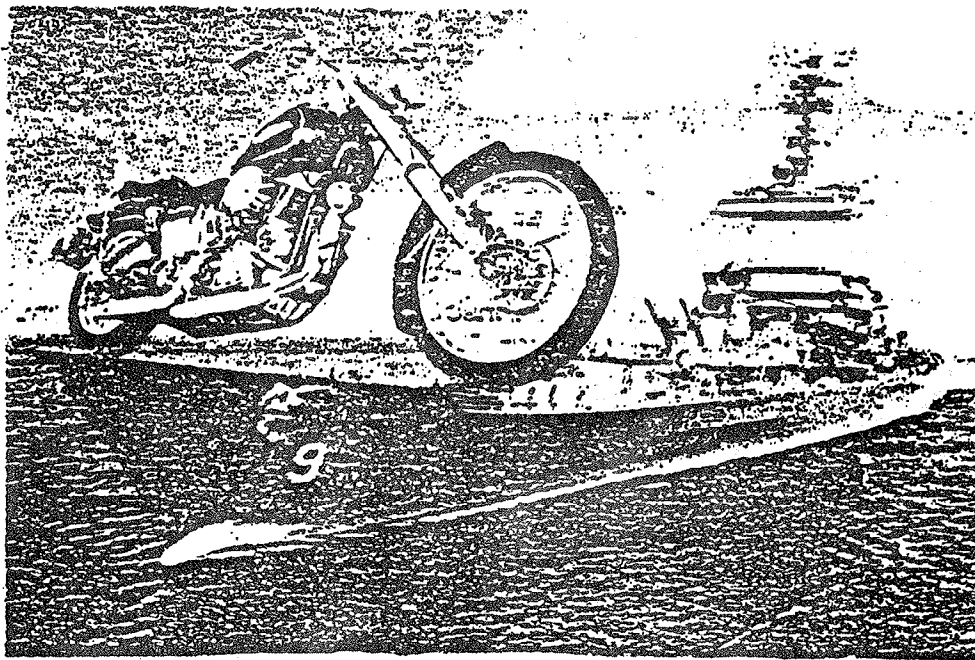
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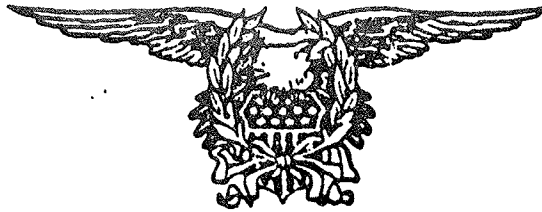
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DATE: April 5, 1983

Here is a list of bills that some members may be interested in (submitted by Klamath Falls Chapter):

- SB 35 Refusal to take breath test--1 yr. suspension to 3 yr. suspension
- SB 37 Eliminates separate employment and non-employment driving records
- SB 151 Tape recording of conversation involving suspect in felony
- SB 152 Impeach witness for any conviction of crime
- SB 293 All children under 5 years must have seat restraints
- SB 310 D.U.I., driver phone number on license.
- SB 380 Police officer can't arrest on minor traffic violations.
- SB 394 Restricts deadly force used by police officer.
- SB 439 Makes it a felony to harm a police dog.
- SB 496 Possession of armor piercing bullets a crime.
- SB 510 Outlaws all drug paraphernalia
- SB 632 Impoundment of vehicle for 2nd or more D.U.I. conviction
- SB 653 Forfeiture of vehicle or gun for trespassing.
- HB 2034 Permits modulating headlamps on motorcycles
- HB 2077 Removes certain drivers while suspended as felons
- HB 2078 3rd conviction of D.U.I. moved to felony not misdemeanor
- HB 2081 Reduces "joyriding" to a misdemeanor.
- HB 2389 Permits police to record all conversations without permission
- HB 2391 Permits impeachment of witness for any traffic conviction.
- HB 2416 Restricts use of deadly force by police officer
- HB 2420 Lowers blood alcohol level to .08% to be legally drunk
- HB 2550 Furnishing alcohol to minor (under 18 yrs) a felony.
- HB 2686 Allows deadly force to stop theft and criminal mischief
- HB 2696 Helmet law
- HB 2845 Mandatory Personal Injury Protection (PIP) insurance on bikes
- HB 2880 Motorcycle rider education bill

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May 1: Jackson County Pat Graham Memorial Run June 4 and 5: Emerald Valley Pig Roast
May 7 and 8: Fossil Run June 11: State Board Meeting
May 14: State Board Meeting June 12: Jackson County Poker Run
* * * * * June 18 and 19: Bend Run
* * * * * June 25 and 26: West Portland Run

CHAPTER MEETING PLACES, DATE AND TIME, ETC

1st and 3rd Sundays: Douglas County: 1PM, Mr. Pizzas, Harvard Blvd., Roseburg
1st and 3rd Mondays: River City: 8PM, Spookys Pizza, The Dalles
1st and 3rd Mondays: S.E. Portland: 8PM Pizza Barron, 122nd and Division
1st and 3rd Tuesdays: Central Oregon: 7PM, Grizzly Bear Pizza, Madras
1st and 3rd Wednesday: N.E. Portland: 8PM Ginos Pizza, 108th and Halsey
1st and 3rd Fridays: Lincoln City: 8PM, Moby Dicks Tavern, Newport

May 1983 calendar grid showing days of the week and dates.

2nd and 4th Sundays: Jackson County: 11AM, Triple Tree Taven on Antioch Rd & Hwy 34
2nd and 4th Tuesdays: Bend: call Pat 1-389-1388 for info.
2nd and 4th Tuesdays: St. Johns: 8PM, Prefettos Pizza, 4857 N. Lombard, Portland
2nd and 4th Tuesdays: Washington County: 8PM Pizza Hut, East end of Hillsboro
2nd and 4th Wednesday: Coos Bay (no info given)
2nd and 4th Thursday: West Portland: 8PM Ginos Pizza, Cedar Hills Blvd, Portland

June 1983 calendar grid showing days of the week and dates.

2nd Thursday, 4th Sunday: K. Falls: 8PM Thursday, 12 noon Sunday, Linkville Station, 1330 Ore. AVE
1st Thursday, 3rd Sunday: Emerald Valley: 7PM Thursday, Vic Killians Workshop, 23168 Warthen Rd,
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Note: As this is my first time doing * 1PM Sunday, Willie Martins, 32989 Lynx Hollow, Creawe
this, please accept my apologies if I * (May only-May 1st Pub Tavern, Cottage Grove)
got anything wrong, and do not hesitate * * * * *
to correct me on it. Thanks, Vicky