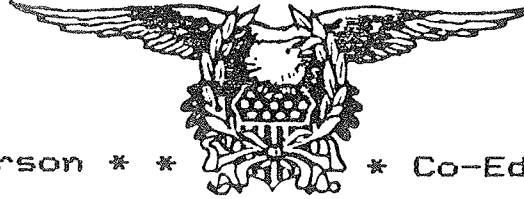


A B A T E of O R E G O N

Dedicated to Freedom of the Road!

Let Those Who Ride Decide!



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NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 1983

Open letter to the Editor:

Dear Vicky:

As the Legislative Director for the Organization for the next year, I thought it would be a good idea to submit an article for the newsletter to let people start thinking about how to go about developing an offensive legislative program for the next time the legislature meets in 1985. You can edit this letter any way you want, as long as the message gets through to the people. WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER. I can't do it by myself, nor do I want to.

What I'm thinking is this; if we can develop an extensive offensive list of motorcycle legislation which will be aimed at putting motorcycles on a less discriminatory basis, we will all be the better for it. There is nothing I'd like better than to have 25-30 such bills ready to present to the Legislature when they get ready to meet again. If only 3 or 4 of them make it through and pass, then that's 3 or 4 we didn't have before. It will also show them that we are a force to be reckoned with, and give us experience to go at it again the next time. I've got a few ideas which I'm working on that are listed below, but I'd appreciate ideas and/or suggestions from the membership at large. Anyone with ideas/suggestions could either submit them at the State Board meetings OR send them to my P.O. Box #17640, Portland, Oregon 97217.

Before I go out on my own, I will be submitting these proposals in a final form to the State Board for approval/disapproval:

- 1) Motorcycle Registration
- 2) Motorcycle Licensing
- 3) Motorcycle Insurance
- 4) Motorcycle Equipment Regulations

Until later, Ride safe.....Jim (Dodson)

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Dear Jim:

Very well put. I certainly hope that the members out there get busy and start thinking up some ideas or suggestions. We can only keep our fingers crossed. With 594 active members SOMEBODY must have SOME IDEAS?????!!!! -Vicky

Dear Members:

You read it here first. Get on the ball and help him out. He's doing his darndest to do a good job, but you heard him...He can't do it all himself. - Vic

VICTOR ATIYEH  
GOVERNOR



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
STATE CAPITOL  
SALEM, OREGON 97310

October 12, 1983

STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR VIC ATIYEH

The motorcycle has been a popular sporting vehicle for many years, and continues to assume an increasingly prominent place in Oregon and America in general — that of a fuel-efficient form of everyday transportation.

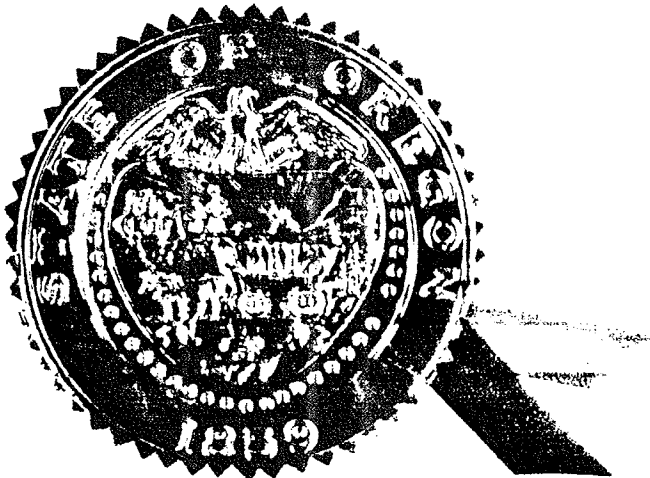
There are over 90,000 motorcycles registered to use the highways in Oregon. However, the increase in motorcycle registrations has, unfortunately, been accompanied by an even greater increase in the number of accidents involving motorcycles.

Experts in motorcycle safety attribute this rise in accidents in large part to lack of proper training and inexperience on the part of the motorcyclist. This is compounded by the lack of awareness of motorcycles by many automobile and truck drivers. It is important for the entire motoring public to be constantly aware of the importance of safety in operating a motor vehicle, and motorcyclists need to wear an attitude of safety like they do other protective clothing.

Therefore, as Governor, I hereby proclaim October 15-21, 1983, as

**"MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK"** in Oregon,

and urge the motoring public to recognize the need for greater public awareness of the motorcycles on our highways.



  
Victor Atiyeh  
Governor

## REPORT FROM THE OCTOBER 8th STATE BOARD MEETING

The big news is the implementation of our Education Bill. Squeeze (aka Dave Ruby) gave us a rundown on how the bill will be implemented and it looks like schools should be ready to start up 90 days from October 15th. At this time there is nothing that we, as ABATE members, can do to help the process, but if things go as planned, by next spring there will be coordinated programs to teach beginning and experienced riders how to ride safe on two wheels and to publicize to John Q. Public that motor-cycles are here to stay and they'd better be aware of them!

Our Legislative Director, Jim Dodson from St. Johns' Chapter, is asking for suggestions for proposed legislation dealing with motorcycles. Give your suggestions to your Rep to bring to the next State Board meet.

We now have ABATE eagle pins. Your State Rep has a sample and will take orders. Chapter cost is \$5.00 each.

Melinda Morgan from Washington County has volunteered her expertise in Cable TV to help us make our own television commercials and documentaries. If you're interested, see your State Rep for her address and phone number. (See "NEW COMMITTEE FORMED" after the chapter reports - GT) Washington County also distributed ABATE fliers which can be modified for use by any chapter - see your State Rep for these also.

RUN DATES for 1984 ARE DUE BY THE FIRST OF THE YEAR! Chapters that want the same dates they had last year will have first choice for those dates. The rest will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Only runs on the calendar are State Sanctioned Runs. We set up a run calendar to avoid conflicts in dates with other chapter's runs & with State Board meetings. There will only be one event a weekend so everyone statewide can attend events all summer long. Send YOUR run date preference to the P.O. Box. Brian volunteered to make up guidelines for conducting a run - these will be distributed at the State Board meeting; your State Rep will have them.

The next State Board meeting is Nov. 12 at the Gatehouse Pizza in Eugene.

### \* CHAPTER OFFICERS REMINDER \*

CHAPTER TREASURERS: Quarterly reports are due! Send them to P.O. Box 4504, Portland, Oregon 97208

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES: Send all membership applications and chapter checks to cover all memberships to P.O. Box 4504, Portland, OR 97208. Make sure there is enough money to cover all applications and that the forms are filled out completely AND legibly! Also, send them as you get them - don't hold them. A few are easier to process than a whole bunch.

CHAPTER SECRETARIES: Send copies of your meeting minutes to the P.O. Box after your meetings. Send your newsletter report to P.O. Box 4504, Portland, OR 97208, in enough time that we have it by the 15th of every month.

**\*\* THE FORGOTTEN CHAPTER \*\***

There's a space on our State Banner where a Chapter Name used to be. When someone asks about it the answer is "I forgot". It's the Forgotten Chapter. How did it get that way??

Well, the Membership Secretary forgot to call members and tell them about meetings, so the members forgot to attend. The Sergeant-at-Arms forgot to come to a few meetings so members forgot to listen to chapter business. The Treasurer forgot to leave the checkbook when he was out of town, so paying chapter bills was forgotten. The Coordinator got discouraged and forgot to keep a record of what he had to do, so chapter business was forgotten. The State Rep forgot to share the State Board meeting business with the chapter, so the chapter forgot it was a part of the State organization. And finally, the Secretary forgot to send reports to the State, BUT the state didn't forget and pulled the chapter's charter.

So now, that empty space on the State Banner belongs to the "Forgotten Chapter". PLEASE DON'T LET IT BE YOUR CHAPTER!

**\*\* CHAPTER REPORTS \*\***

**\* BEND CHAPTER \***

Our chapter is going to try to stir some interest in what we are all about. Along with being a political group we here in Bend are trying to let the community know what we're about. One of our community projects is going to be a Christmas Dinner for the forgotten elderly. With the help of the Christ's Disciples we will make this a Christmas they will enjoy and remember! We are still playing cards with the elderly at the care center. It seems that if you touch the community on its level it is more responsive to you and cares about what you stand for. It is an uphill battle in our little town but we think it's well worth the fight. There are 16 of our members due to re-up; we'll find out how much this chapter means to them this month. Those of us who attended Klamath Falls' Run thank them for a good time. A personal note to Roger - THANKS AGAIN FOR ALL THOSE ---- STYRO-FOAM CHIPS. Until we talk to you again Take Care.

Louise

(Vicky, I'm sorry this is later than usual but I have been in the mountains for a couple of weeks and nobody will do my job while I'm away. I hope that your talk on all of us getting our act together will do some good. We here in Bend would hate to have someone else as newsletter editor. You have done such a fantastic job and we do appreciate it. If there is ever something you need from us just let us know. Take care and God bless.

Louise)

(Louise: Thanks for the kind words. It's nice to be appreciated. -Vicky)

**\* CENTRAL OREGON CHAPTER \***

Our membership is growing - since we've been having our second meeting of the month in the form of a run we've gained a new member from each one. New members are Ed C., Mike Z., and Kelley C. We've also elected Mike Zamora as our new SGT-at Arms.

We're having a local blood run. (I'll be in WA state working). One of our members will take pictures for the local paper.

When we had our last meeting/run, we decided to take some sort of activities other than the beer. so, being that our funds are low anyway, everybody brought their own booze, etc., instead of the chapter buying. We also hauled horseshoes up in a pick-up (the pits were there) and volleyball equipment. Everybody had a good time and we didn't have our riders heading home totally wasted. We had a handful of kiddies there also; they had a good time, but I think next time we'll try to line up some activities just for them.

Our next fund-raiser will be selling Christmas trees. We tried it last year and it worked out all right, but could have been better. This year we're getting started earlier so maybe a smoother operation will result. If you happen to be in Madras around Christmas time swing by and score a tree from us. Madras ain't that big, so we shouldn't be hard to find.

That's about all from us for now. Until next month, ride safe and watch out for the crazies.

Pete

\* RIVER CITY CHAPTER - THE DALLES \*

We are alive and kicking over here, planning to head down to Salem for Motorcycle Awareness Week on Saturday the 15th - all over with by the time this newsletter is out). We are also looking for a place to have a hill climb next spring for a change of pace. We got together for a barbecue and to drink our last keg of beer from the Mystery Run, and ended up having to buy another keg because the left-overs were definitely left over!

I am sending a letter by Alan Brittenham, which hopefully appears elsewhere in this issue (it does! -GT). It continues to come up again and again - somebody gets too drunk to ride and ends up dead or worse. It's a hard thing to stop someone in that state - they are beyond logic and reason - but our friends, our brothers and sisters, deserve the effort. I hope someone would care enough to do the same for me.

Teresa

\* DOUGLAS COUNTY CHAPTER \*

Douglas County is pleased to announce the winners of the 1984 ART CALENDAR CONTEST! We received approximately 170 drawings from Canada, Scotland, New Zealand and all over the United States. The publicity EASYRIDERS MAGAZINE gave us really helped. The winners will receive a copy of the calendar, a one-year subscription to EASYRIDERS, and their picture will be published in the December issue. They will be paid the EASYRIDER's regular fee for art submissions. Here is a list of the winners:

- COVER PICTURE - Heather Kline; South Bend, Indiana
- January 1984 - D. Duane; Belleville, Illinois
- February 1984 - Michael John Utz; Sugar Land, Texas
- March 1984 - P.E. Duket; Fresno, California
- APRIL 1984 - JERRY DePAOLIS; PORTLAND, OREGON
- May 1984 - Dave Nelson; Burlington, Washington
- June 1984 - David Rainbow; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- July 1984 - Jennifer Stanley; Pikeville, Kentucky
- August 1984 - W.A. Dittrich; Represa, California
- September 1984 - Dayle Curtis; West Fargo, North Dakota
- October 1984 - Barry Hochstrasser; Palmer, Alaska
- November 1984 - Russell T. Bolender; USS CARL VINSON
- December 1984 - D. Duane; Belleville, Illinois
- January 1895 - Michael Chomick; St. Petersburg, Florida

\*\* CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYBODY \*\*

The calendars will be on sale by the first of November. We will have them available at the State Board Meeting in November as well as at the local meetings. The price will be \$3.00 each. If you want to order one by mail the price will be \$3.50 to cover postage and handling. Please send your money to P.O. Box 61, Roseburg, Oregon 97470.

As for other chapter news - the members will be cutting up some wood that was donated to our chapter and delivering it to low income people who need it. Any that is not delivered to individuals will be dropped off at the county wood lot. We will be doing this after our meeting on October 16th.

On October 29th our chapter will hold its annual Halloween Party; Lindy's Tavern has offered their place as a location. There will be a small cover charge which we'll split with Lindy's, as they're supplying the music. We hope to have prizes for the best costume also. (Unfortunately, this bash'll be history by the time this issue is out. I repeat, we need a MONTH-AND-A-HALF advance notice on your party dates. The above should of been in last month's newsletter so all would know about it!-GT)

Several of our members are really getting into the membership drive spirit, so the rest of you better plan on some competition from Douglas County. That's it for the October report.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!!

\* EUGENE \*

(We did not receive a report from Eugene)

(Hey People! That's three months without a report! We'd really like to hear from you!!)

\* JACKSON COUNTY CHAPTER \*

Summer runs are over -- and now for the big one - the TOY RUN! Meet us December 3rd, 10:30am at the K&D on Crater Lake Highway. We welcome anyone that wants to join us for a run through the Rogue Valley - just pack a toy. There will be goodies after the run, and an informal "get together" later. Pads will be available for crashing. Don't forget the LEATHER RAFFLE - a drawing will be held at the end of the run. Win a set of leathers, OR a man's & a woman's leather jackets. If you don't buy a ticket you can't win, so see your State Rep for information.

On a board change, our new PR person is Judy Wilger. Due to out-of-town work circumstances, it was with much regret we had to replace Paul W. We know Judy will do a great job.

We still have a few ABBOTT T-shirts for sale - for only \$5.00! (Men's S,M & Women's S,M). Write to Jackson County ABATE, Box 1184, Medford, OR. See you all on December 3rd!!

Ride Safe - Liz

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\* KLAMATH FALLS CHAPTER \*  
(No report received this month)

\* LINCOLN COUNTY CHAPTER \*

Lincoln County is alive and well. We just finished our Benefit Poker Run for the Y.M.C.A., and a great time was had by all those who participated. We were a bit disappointed that no other chapters were represented on our run. We were sure that someone upstairs was watching out for us, as the weather was absolutely beautiful. Plaques were awarded to the winners at the end of the run, and later that evening we had a dance at Moby's; the band was outstanding.

We are now gearing up to go to Camp Westwind. Lois was cooking there this summer and got to talking to them - they said they needed some work done on the cabins before winter set in. Lois came back to talk to us and we will be doing the work. It sounds like it will be a fun weekend.

It won't be long before we start to put together the Toy Run for Mrs. Santa Claus, who does so much for the needy children of Lincoln County. Any assistance the club can offer will be greatly appreciated.

Thought that I'd let you know that Lincoln County is growing with each meeting. It is such a good feeling to be able to share our beliefs and friendship with so many.

Just a note to say it was my fault that no letter was received from us last month - due to improper address on the envelope it was returned. Decided not to re-submit it this month as everything has already happened. 'Til next month - Millie

\* NORTHEAST PORTLAND CHAPTER \*  
(No report received this time)

\* SOUTHEAST PORTLAND CHAPTER \*

'Tis that time again - it's getting a bit cold now but we will survive. There's a lot in the works for the annual Portland Toy Run - it really does my heart good to see so much dedication to the idea of bringing a bit of Christmas to those who, unfortunately, would have nothing to look forward to this holiday season. We have a new problem to overcome though. It seems that there isn't enough parking at the hospital - only a 75 foot long parking strip, which will accommodate perhaps 35 motorcycles plus the ambulance full of toys. We voted to allow seven of our members who bring in the highest number of toys to park at the top; if the other four participating chapters go along with this plan, it'll allow us to recognize those of our members who work the hardest. I understand that efforts are underway to get a National Guard Truck to ferry everyone else up from the parking area below the hospital; it's a bit of a hike up the hill. We should have more information available by next month. While I'm on the subject, we're planning a pre-Toy Run party, with admission set at \$2.00 and a new toy. Sheila Blocker had a Toy Party for Lloyd's House of Toys and scored quite a few toys for the run. If you haven't already got one, the letters are available for the merchants so you can ask for donations. This will be our first run on Pill Hill - lets everyone pull together to overcome the parking hassles and make this our best Toy Run ever! We look forward to seeing everyone there on Sunday, Dec. 11th

That's about all of interest, except that there are at least 15 members that have expired in the past three months!! Hey! You Southeast members out there - if you know anyone who's let their membership lapse, remind them that ABATE works for EVERYONE that rides a motorcycle!! Everyone with their face in the wind should be a member, especially those that WERE members; we need to get these people back and keep 'em interested - we'll all benefit!  
Ride Free - Marge

\* ST. JOHNS CHAPTER \*

Greetings from St. Johns! A special THANKS goes out from all of us to Dowel and Anne Mason for all their time, help and support. We'll sure miss you both!

Elections were held September 13th, with the results below:

COORDINATOR - Vince Radcliffe  
VICE COORDINATOR - Bob Sheasley  
SECRETARY - Gayle Monks  
ALTERNATE STATE REPS - Bob, Sonja, Ralph, Chris,  
Kerry and Dennis  
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER - Ralph Conners, with Jim Dodson helping  
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS - Eddie Kolb

A special thanks to Jim Dodson for all his time and energy in making Motorcycle Safety Awareness Week a great success. Also, thanks everyone - the Harvest Party held October 22nd was a success.

We welcome competition in the Membership Drive. Let's see who comes out on top. Good Luck! Come on new members! Hope to have seen all of you at the State Capital!  
Until next month, RIDE FREE! - Gayle Monks

\* WEST PORTLAND CHAPTER \*

December is almost here and that means the Toy Run for Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children. The infamous West Portland coffee and donut crew will be there to warm you up. (Hot chocolate, too?) As you are sitting there reading this our bike wash at the Concord House will be history. It looks like good, clean fun.

If you see someone moving backwards on the freeway you should wave - it's George on his 1947 Flathead in - you guessed it, reverse! Congratulations are in order - Dennis is a proud owner of a 1983 FXRT, in black, of course. Rick decided on a '84 Wide Glide over his Honda 750.

I hope everyone turned out for the excursion to Salem on October 18 - I didn't count but there were approximately 150 people there. The Police escort we were supposed to have didn't show up until we were already at the capitol, and then they wanted to issue citations to people for stopping traffic at intersections to let the pack through the red lights. Pretty much figures! Some great speeches were made by Gil Bellamy from the Traffic Commission, and by Mike White.

And now, I'll close from here at the Towers Inn. 'Til next time...

Laura Pratt

\* WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAPTER \*

Well here it is October again and we all think now that summer is over and the legislative session is over that we can all relax and sit on our duff and not even bother to go to chapter meetings except when we don't have anything else to do. Right? WRONG!!! I realize we are all too busy (at least in our minds) to go to a silly meeting twice a month. Sometimes even once a month, what with hunting, football, baseball, rain, cold, our bike is down, we don't have the money, we have company, our feet hurt, we have to work all day, we have to get up too early in the morning, and on and on. Having been around for a few years, & having been a sergeant in the Army, and having raised four kids, I think I have heard all the excuses there are for not doing something. My answer to this is the same as it has been for many years - BULL SHIT!!! ABATE needs its members active now just as much as it needed you all summer and during the legislative period.

For one thing, now is a good time for all to pitch in and think up ideas for fund raising and then help put those ideas into action. We all need to be eager to help on committees and to step forward with our ideas. With all the brainpower we have in ABATE we should be able to come up with great ideas for fund raising, charity work, and especially, public relations. I have gone up to many people and asked them what they knew about ABATE and most of the time the answer is, "What's an abate?" We need to inform the non-motorcycling public about our organization just as much as we talk to the motorcyclists. Who do you think the people are that pass bills that take away our freedoms? They're the same people that run you off the road, and turn left in front of you and run over you and then say, "I didn't see him.", and it's our own fault when we don't even bother to come to our own meetings, and don't bother to say something to the person next to you in the grocery check out line, or the laundry, or wherever. When you have the attitude that these people are just "straights" and wouldn't understand anyway, guess who doesn't understand? Indeed, our motto is "Let those who ride decide", but when we decide to hell with everyone else, it won't be long until there won't be any decisions left up to us to decide. It's bad enough when we don't try to communicate with the non-motorcycling public - when we don't even support our own organization, well, that's too much! So what's it going to be brothers and sisters? Do we work to support our organization and fight for our rights, or sit back and let 'em be taken? Think about it!

By the time you read this, MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK will be a thing of the past for 1983. Were YOU at Salem? Have you tried to make others aware of yourself and your bike in an acceptable manner? If so, GREAT! If not, I guess I have to quote an old biker adage - "If you snooze, you looze!" The hell of it is, if YOU snooze, we ALL looze. Get it? Now is the time to really work on public relations! In case you didn't know, a little grease makes the wheels turn easier. Let's not stop PR with the end of MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK - it needs to be an ongoing project.

Now that I (hopefully) have your attention, I'll go on with the Washington County Chapter Report. We have signed up two members since last report, and the next project we're working on is our Toy Run. To be held on the 4th of December, it'll benefit the Toys For Joy program that the Hillsboro Firemen have. The toys are distributed all over the area. We REALLY want your support on this. If you can't possibly afford a new toy, you can bring a good used one. Now, what more could you ask for? We'll be meeting Sunday morning at 10:30 on the parking lot of the Poynter School, and from there we'll go along the parade route down Main Street to 1st left to Washington to the fire house. There we'll drop off the toys, then the firemen will be having a little get-together. After that we're arranging a party at a local tavern. Now, if that isn't enough for a lousy toy, I'm open for suggestions. There will be posters out in November - this is just a first announcement. At our last meeting, we had City Councilman Darnedde and Police Chief Herman Woll as guest speakers. They were invited to speak on the City of Hillsboro's view of the current attempt to revise the city charter. Chief Woll has been most cooperative about our Toy Run plans also. We have been given the main parade route, we don't have to obtain a parade permit, and if you don't think a little PR doesn't work, how many of you have gotten a ticket that you really didn't deserve in the City of Hillsboro lately?

Some of us have been writing letters to the Federal Study on the 55 mph speed limit. If we can do something to get it back up where it should be, let's do it. A simple letter is all that's needed at this time. In case you've forgotten the address, it's: Dr. Damian Kulash, National Research Council, Transportation Research Board, 2101 Constitution Ave., Washington, D.C. 20418. That's about all I have to say in this report, except that I sure would like to read about what's going on with the chapters that don't send in their reports. We out here in Washington County are interested in you brothers and sisters, so how about it? Write something into the newsletter.

Ride Safe and Free! Barber

\*\*\* FORMATION OF A NEW COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED \*\*\*

At the October State Board meeting I volunteered my services and ended up heading a committee - no pun intended. Public relations is a large part of being an active ABATE member; it happens on an individual level and it can happen in a group. If we pool our talent and enthusiasm together we may intice a livlier membership. We might even excite ourselves!

Now, there's lots of ways to get other people's attention, but the way to reach the most people in the least amount of time is through radio and television. A non-legislative year is a good time to work on PR. I'm willing to work with members who are interested in making a few Public Service Announcements for ABATE of Oregon. Then, if we work well together I'd like to produce a series of half-hour programs on motorcycle safety and possibly even a historical documentary on ABATE of Oregon. Here is what you need to do if you're the least bit interested:

- 1) Bring it up at your chapter meeting and see if anyone else has the itch. Set up a video committee in your chapter.
- 2) Find out what cable company is nearest you. It will be in a densely populated area. Remember, that's CABLE - not a television station. (A cable company carries many stations.)
- 3) Ask the cable company if they provide a PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL. If they say yes\*, ask them how you or your committee can get trained and certified to use the equipment. They can provide training to either groups or individuals. This is NOT "school", so it won't take much time, but waiting to get trained will take anywhere from a few weeks to over six months. ACT NOW!  
(\*IF THEY SAY NO, ASK THEM WHY NOT AND HOW YOU CAN COMPLAIN TO THE FCC!)

Ideally, all of our chapters could not only make events happen but we can give these events the additional media attention they deserve. This probably won't happen right away but there's lots of potential here. Home movies and slides are fine if you have the audience, the screen and a projector. Let's make mass media images of what we're about instead of just bitchin' about Hollywood.

I have more to say but don't want to take up any more space - if you'd like to carry on this conversation, please contact me as an interested individual or committee. All comments and questions are appreciated as we are just getting started and are quite flexible. Feel free to call me but I warn you - our 'droid may answer. Ride free & safe!

Melinda Morgan, 1944 Maple Street, Forest Grove, OR 97116. PHONE # 357-7878  
(P.S. Will someone please let me know what the name of the committee is?!)

## Woman sentenced for death of cyclist

A 25-year-old Portland woman was sentenced Wednesday to six months in jail for criminally negligent homicide in a March 20 drunken driving accident in which a Gresham motorcyclist was killed.

Multnomah County Circuit Judge Phillip T. Abraham imposed the sentence on Laurie J. Ricks of 3385 S.E. 10th Ave. He said he was convinced Ricks needed no further deterrence from drunken driving.

Abraham said drunken driving had reached epidemic proportions in the United States. He said he imposed the jail time with the hope it would deter others from drinking and driving. Under Abraham's sentencing order, Ricks will be eligible for work-release passes during her time in jail.

Ricks was convicted in September

of negligent homicide after a brief trial at which she agreed to let Abraham determine her guilt or innocence by reading police reports.

James E. Hardin, 34, was killed on Northeast Marine Drive near 134th Avenue when the pickup truck Ricks was driving veered over the center line and struck his motorcycle. According to evidence offered by the state, Ricks had a blood alcohol level of 0.18 percent at the time of the accident, substantially above the 0.10 percent standard then in effect for legal drunkenness.

The standard is now 0.08 percent.

At the trial, Deputy District Attorney Charles Ball said Ricks had no memory of the accident. He said one of Hardin's legs was severed in the accident and that he bled to death.



# Motorcycle rally kicks off safety week

Between 500 and 1,000 bikers are expected in Salem today for a motorcycle safety rally at noon in front of the Capitol.

The rally, sponsored by the Oregon chapter of A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments (ABATE), will kick off Motorcycle Safety Week in Oregon.

"We just want to tell people about motorcycle safety and make them aware that most motorcycle fatalities are caused by cars," said Jim Dodson, ABATE legislative director. "People are not looking."

Dodson said motorcyclists from across the state will enter Salem about 11:30 a.m. from the Interstate 5 exit at Portland Road NE and ride to the Capitol along Fairgrounds Road and Summer Street NE, with a police escort.

The rally will feature four or five speakers, Dodson said, including Gil Bellamy, administrator of the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission.

"But today we like to think of ourselves as pro-legislation, not anti-helmet," he said.

The rally was timed to coincide with the enactment date of House Bill 2880, which transfers motorcycle registration tag funds from the Department of Education to the Department of Transportation for safety education, Dodson said.

"We just wanted to show our appreciation to the state for promoting safety," he said.

This is a story about four people named EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY, and NOBODY. There was an important job to be done and EVERYBODY was sure that SOMEBODY would do it. ANYBODY could have done it, but NOBODY did it. SOMEBODY got angry about that, because it was EVERYBODY'S job. EVERYBODY thought ANYBODY could do it, but NOBODY realized that EVERYBODY wouldn't do it. It ended up that EVERYBODY blamed SOMEBODY when NOBODY did what ANYBODY could have done!

ABATE of Florida

June '83  
Cycle World

## BUT HOW WILL THEY CONSUMMATE IT?

Thanks to an East Coast newspaper and a reader in Titusville, Fla., we have the story of a motorcyclist who says that he's going to marry his bike.

Really.

Fed up after two divorces and a bitter split with his girlfriend of four years, the man, who lives near Miami, decided to give up on women. "I realized I was looking too hard to find happiness with someone else," he said.

So? "Give me a motorcycle," he, uh, reasoned.

Sometime this spring, after he has finished rebuilding the engine, he plans to dress up the bike in a veil, take it before a notary public and do right by it. He'll wear a black tux emblazoned with the manufacturer's logo on the back. A tattooist, who already has begun to decorate the groom, will be best man.

The bride is a 1949 Harley-Davidson, silver-plated "with gold lug nuts." Her name is Moonlady.

"I'm serious about this," said the betrothed.

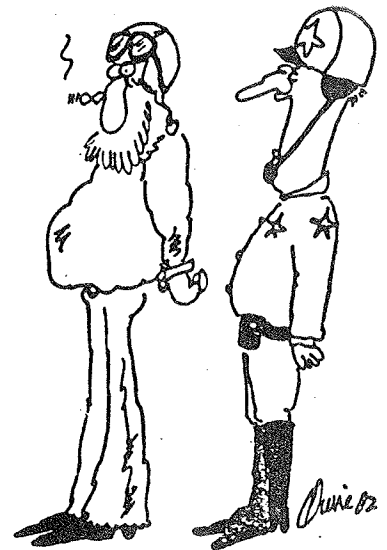
We have no word about where the couple will honeymoon.



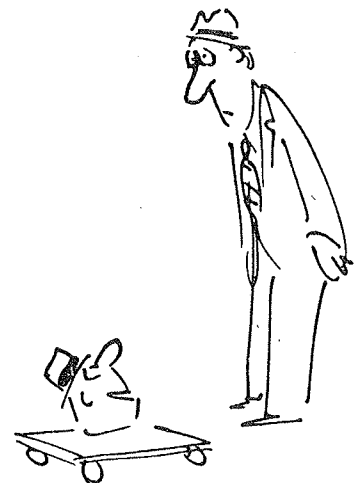
"Good grief, your bike's only been in the shop two days!"

## How to Find a Riding Course

Motorcyclists and potential motorcyclists looking for a riding course can now get help through the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's toll-free number: (800) 441-7676. (Delaware residents call collect, (302) 429-8226.) The operator will help you find the nearest 20-hour Motorcycle Rider Course for new riders, or six-hour Better Biking Program for experienced riders.



Don't be silly — you're not under arrest for riding a motorcycle, you're under arrest for smiling while you ride!"



"I was lucky I was wearing a helmet"

# Few Will Pause To Honor Dead

Marian Allen of Alpharetta was complaining to be about what happened when she rode in a funeral procession for a departed friend. The hearse and the cars behind were winding through Roswell.

"Nobody showed any respect," she said. "the expensive cars just whizzed on past. Even when the police escort blocked intersections to allow us to pass, the people who were stopped showed impatience."

"And not one - not ONE - car pulled over to the side of the road. I'm sad this tradition has apparently passed."

I'm sad I had forgotten this tradition. I don't know about the rest of the country, but in the South of my youth, one pulled over to the side of the road out of respect for the dearly departed, without exception.

I can recall meeting a funeral procession once when my mother was driving the family car. We knew who was the guest of honor in the hearse. It was the town bootlegger.

My mother pulled off the road anyway.

"You're going to pull off the road for HIM?" I asked her.

"He'd pull off for me," she said.

I talked to Jimmy Mayfield, commander of the Georgia State Patrol's Metro Traffic Enforcement Unit, about this long-passed tradition.

"I'm sure that this practice of pulling over when you met a funeral procession started simply out of respect," he said.

"But we still have a law that states when a motorist meets an emergency vehicle with a light flashing, the motorist is supposed to pull over to the right. Most funeral processions are led by police escorts with a flashing light. They should pull over, if not out of respect, then because it's the law."

The chances of a motorist being ticketed for not pulling over upon meeting a funeral procession are slim, of course, because the only police who would likely be around to do the ticketing are the ones leading the funeral.

"And they aren't going to break off," said Cmdr. Mayfield, "to give out a ticket."

But there is the matter of respect. Are we too busy, in too much of a hurry, to stop for a few moments to honor, if not the dead, those left with the grief?

Not everybody's too busy

Marian Allen with the end of her story:

"In the entire trip from the funeral home to the burial site, I saw only one person show any respect. Pulled to the side of the road at the entrance to the church was a rough-looking, bearded young man wearing a leather jacket.

"He was standing, helmet

removed and tucked under his arm, his long hair blowing in the wind, facing the slow-moving line of funeral cars. His head was bowed as he stood by his huge, black Harley-Davidson motorcycle, paying his last respects to the stranger in the hearse."

I got goosebumps writing that. Reprint from *The Atlanta Journal*, Sunday, Feb. 6, 1983.

## EDITORIAL: TO DRINK . . . TO RIDE . . . TO DIE

One of the saddest duties anyone can have is attending the funeral of a brother or sister who has been killed on their bike. I just went through another one last week, and, let me tell you, I don't like 'em.

The first feeling I get is: What a waste . . . what a waste of a human life. So many more good things that will never come to pass, so much pain inflicted on the next of kin, and for what?

The second feeling I get is: Why? Why do so many of us get drunk and try to ride? Why is it so socially acceptable to be smashed and ride? The man I bought my bike from used to get so drunk he'd fall over trying to start an *Electra-glide*! Then his buddies from the tavern would come out, hold him up until he got it started, then send him off on his merry weaving way. I ask you, is this the meaning of brotherhood?

And finally, to all you people standing around the grave, laughing, talking, drinking beer, don't you see what's going on here?

The man is *dead*! You'll never see him again! Doesn't that mean anything to you?

Which one of you will be next, cuz as sure as beer contains alcohol, there will be another funeral. And way too soon.

The only conclusions I can draw from this are a set of personal resolutions:

I will *not* get drunk and try to ride my bike. If one of my brothers or sisters appear to be too drunk to ride, I will do my best to prevent them from doing so.

I will be extra careful about traffic situations from now on. I will assume that everyone out there on the road is out to get me, and ride accordingly.

I will not be the next one to die. Neither, I hope, will any of you.

Ride Careful,  
Alan Brittenham

From ABATE of Washington

## Chimp 'goes ape' over biker

By JAMES HANNAH

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A 49-year-old biker attacked by a 4-foot-tall chimpanzee who hopped on his motorcycle during a traffic jam says he was hurting too much at the time to get scared.

"I'm just glad to be alive," Gary Morrison, an ironworker with six children, said Friday from his hospital bed in Columbus.

Morrison, who lives in Roseville, Ohio, said he was riding his motorcycle along U.S. 22 south of Zanesville on Thursday afternoon when he saw cars backed up. He slowed down, thinking there had been an accident.

"The chimpanzee had wandered out into the highway," said Rick Rose, a deputy with the Muskingum County sheriff's department. "That's when the motorcyclist slowed down because he couldn't believe what he was seeing."

The animal's trainer, Jimmy Estep, who lives in Zanesville and in Tampa, Fla., said the 14-year-old male chimp, named "Bongo," had been

chained to a tree in a trailer park. Bongo, a performing chimp, rides a bike, roller skates and walks on stilts.

Rose said Bongo, who weighs 135 pounds, got excited as workers were preparing his pen for the winter and broke his chain.

Estep, 42, who has owned Bongo for 11 years, said he has been keeping chimps for 20 years and none had ever injured strangers.

Morrison said the chimp walked out in front of his bike, forcing him to stop.

"He came over and came toward me and jumped on the bike with me and started biting me," said Morrison, who figures the primate may have been spooked by his motorcycle helmet.

He said Bongo practically pulled him from the bike and that the two tussled in the dirt.

"He got me down and started biting me heavily on my hands and leg," Morrison said.

He said he escaped from the chimp at one point, only to be tackled again.

"I was hurting more than I was scared," he said. "We were wallowing around. Blood was flying everywhere."

Morrison said Estep finally beat the animal off with a club, five to 10 minutes after the attack began.

Morrison's hands were fractured and cut, and he had a bite on his leg, according to officials at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, where he was listed in good condition Friday.

Bongo will be quarantined in his cage.

In San Antonio, Texas, on Thursday, a 410-pound gorilla "very carefully and quietly" unlocked his cage at the zoo and mauled a zookeeper who had squirted him with a hose, officials said.

Zookeeper Rick Estrada, 26, was listed in fair condition and is expected to undergo additional surgery Saturday after being attacked by an 11-year-old gorilla nicknamed "Mopie" who is on loan from the Bronx Zoo in New York.

# AMA gets a 'handle' on Nevada law

The AMA's Government Relations Department has sought clarification of a Nevada law that requires motorcycle operators to keep both hands on the handlebars at all times. The request followed the appearance of a letter to the editor in Road Rider magazine from a reader whose riding partner had been ticketed for removing one hand from the handlebar to adjust his jacket.

While at first glance it may seem logical to want motorcyclists to keep a good hold on the handlebars, it is apparent that the law would have to make exceptions for necessary actions like adjusting a face shield, switching a fuel petcock to reserve and signaling turns on older motorcycles. And the law does make exceptions, but the statute is written in such vague language that an overzealous officer like the one described in the July issue of Road Rider could ticket a rider for simply adjusting his jacket.

According to Nevada Revised Statute 486.211, "The driver of a motorcycle or moped shall drive with one hand on each handlebar at all times, except when it is necessary to use or remove one hand for the safe operation of the motorcycle or moped." Wayne Teglia, director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, notes, "The practice of re-

moving one hand to manually give turn signals would be an exception for safe operation."

Because the statute is open to a wide range of interpretations—is zipping up a jacket or adjusting a radio essential to safe operation?—the AMA warns

riders living in or passing through Nevada to be wary. And Nevada motorcycling activists interested in working to have the law modified when the Legislature returns to session in 1985 are urged to contact the AMA government relations staff.

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## TIPS & TECHNIQUES

### "Estimating Following Distances"

Probably the most critical and most frequent distance a motorcyclist must judge accurately is following distance. For example, if you are following a car at 20 mph your following distance should be 40 feet or more, 80 feet or more at 40 mph. Remember when you change speed, you must change your following distance accordingly. The Two-Second-Count method is a simple way to establish your minimum following distance. Do this: Pick a fixed point ahead of you; when the rear of the vehicle you are following passes the reference point, start counting off 2 seconds ("one thousand one-one thousand two"); when you have finished counting, the front of your motorcycle should not be beyond the reference point. The reference point can be a shadow, a pavement marking, or any fixed object close to the roadway. The method will work at any speed as long as both vehicles are traveling at the same speed. The distance will automatically be greater for higher speeds and less for the lower speeds, allowing the proper distance for the speed you are traveling.

Hey \_\_\_\_\_!!! Happy 40th!!  
Love \_\_\_\_\_.

## APART FROM THE CROWD

• Helmet-law protests aren't something uniquely American; England has a similar mandate that's just as unpopular. But in England the protests take on a decidedly, well, British flair, straight out of Monty Python. Consider the case of Brian Nicholas, a man who rides around with his head wrapped in a turban. Nicholas takes advantage of a quirk in British law that exempts Hindus from having to wear an approved helmet. Cited and called into court, Nicholas—in his turban—challenged the judge to come up with a legal definition of a Hindu. The judge, even with the help of Scotland Yard, couldn't do it and had to dismiss the case. CYCLE GUIDE

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Hey, if anyone has sold anything, let me know. That way I got room for something else. Like maybe a REWARD for my glasses.....

Chapter meeting places:

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1st Monday : River City: 8PM Spookys Pizza, The Dalles  
1st & 3rd Mondays: SE Portland, 8PM Pizza Baron, 122nd & Division  
1st Monday, 3 & 4 Sunday-floater: Central Oregon: 7PM Meet Market, N of town-Madras  
1st & 3rd Wednesday: NE Portland: 8 PM new time!!!! Ginos Pizza, 108th & Halsey  
1st & 3rd Fridays: Lincoln County: 8PM Moby Dicks Tavern, Newport  
1 & 3rd Sundays: Jackson County: 11PM (through Sept.) Knights Spot in Phoenix  
2nd & last Sunday: K Falls: Noon, Linkville Station Tavern  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays: Bend: Call Pat for info 1-389-1388 (Pietros Pizza-7:00)  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays: St. Johns: 8PM Prefettos Pizza, 4857 N Lombard, Portland  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays: Washington County: 8PM Pizza Hut, East end of Hillsboro  
2nd & 4th Thursdays: West Portland: 8PM Ginos Pizza, Cedar Hills Blvd., Portland  
1st Thursday, 3rd Sunday: 7PM Thursday, Vic Killians, 23168 Warthen Rd Elmira  
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Run calendar for November December

November 12 -State Board meeting in Eugene

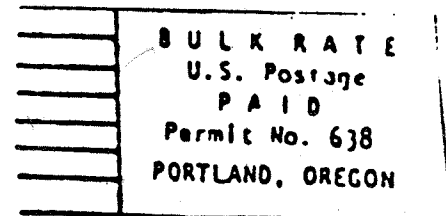
December 10 - State Board meeting in Eugene

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