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Merry Christmas!

Dedicated To Freedom Of The Road - Let Those Who Ride Decide

MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR

Well, we have to admit the weather isn't getting any better, and some people are even putting their bikes away. The legislators are heading home, so now is the time to get really organized. Tell them how you feel about current and future bike laws...

It is time to get back to all your friends who said they'd join ABATE and express the importance of doing so now. Don't you think that everyone who rides should carry his/her part of the responsibility for keeping his/her way of life free?

The more memberships we have, the more power we have at the Capitol. We, as ABATE members are doing our part, now lets get others to do theirs. If those who ride are going to decide, let's get more people into the decision making!!

Ride safe, Mike.....

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Vicky,

For months now, I have read in the newsletter appeals for the non-active members to get busy. I've heard speeches and pep talks about it. Now I have something I want said because up to now, nobody else has.

I think it's time we drew attention to the active members. The ones that give you 150%. They donate money and time. They put in hours of work into any project. They give and give. If you ask them one more time, they give somemore.

This is something that should not be taken for granted. ABATE owes its working existance to these members. Without them we are nothing.

So from me to them. THANK YOU.....Louise, Bend Chapter

NOVEMBER STATE BOARD MEETING

The State Board needs input from all members in several areas: Legislation for next year, ideas for Motorcycle Education in the state, how chapters can improve security At chapter and state runs, and ideas for dates, concessions and improving Fossil 84.

Happy New Year!

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If you cant' get to a chapter meeting, send your suggestions to PO Box 4504, Portland, Oregon 97208. We need to know what you want and the only way we can find out is when you let us know.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will find a subscription form for Freewheeling West. This is a new magazine devoted to all motorcycling activities in the Northwest. Next month they are printing enough copies of their magazine to give everyone in the state a free copy. Since it is the policy of ABATE of Oregon not to release our mailing list, these copies will be distributed to your State Reps at the next State Board meeting.

Reports from your officers:

Education Coordinator-Dave Ruby. As the position of Motorcycle Education Coordinator for the State of Oregon is going to be filled by January 1, Dave asked that all ideas for implementing the program be sent to him either at the PO Box or by way of your State Rep. Also, the Board would like each chapter to elect an Education Coordinator to act as a liasion between him and each chapter to get information about the Motorcycle Safety Program out to all members.

Legislative Director-Jim Dodson. Jim would like all ideas we have for legislation pertaining to any aspects of motorcycling.

Paraphanelia Director-JC. State pins are now available from your State Rep along with chapter bars.

Ambulance-Dr. Dave. The ambulance needs CB radios. Anyone that would like to donate radios, let your rep know.

Membership Chairman-Al Cole. Al reminded us that the membership drive runs until January 1. The member signing up the largest number of new members will win a prize plus a year's membership. Chapter membership secretaries are to keep track of individual members totals and Al will keep track of chapter totals. The chapter signing up the most new members also will win a prize.

Run Calendar-Carolyn. All run dates due by January 1. Run dates will be awarded on a first come basis for chapters with first runs and will be based on precedence for chapters who want the same week-end that they have had previous runs on. NO RUNS SCHEDULED ON BOARD MEETING WEEKENDS. Board meetings will be the second Saturday of each month for 1984.

Insurance-Carolyn. We have a tentative quote for a yearly liability policy. If anyone can get another quote or knows of another company we could get insurance from, please let me know by writing to the PO Box.

Fossil 84. We need your input again. Any ideas for dates, activities, etc., anything to make Fossil bigger and better, let us know.

Miscellaneous. Tony Walker from Douglas County is our new Co-Seargent at Arms. He replaced Milo, who resigned to get a job. Ride free, Carolyn, State Corres. Sec.

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By the time you read this, Steve and Nancy from NE Portland chapter will have tied the knot. They were married December 10. Congratulations to a swell couple.

Gary, my Co-Editor and his wife celebrated the birth of a 9lb bouncing biker baby boy born on October 25. Congratulations. We'll make him Editor in about 20 years.!!!

*** S U Z I ***

Sadness, shock and a feeling of great loss hit us all, when we found out that Suzi Gates, Representative from our West Portland chapter was killed, November 2. She was one of the most outgoing, friendliest people I have ever known, and I still can't believe she is gone. She did a lot for ABATE, and she will live in our memories forever, I know. She was a wonderful person, and a good friend to me. As the following shows, others feel the same..... Vicky * * * *

"With deep sorrow, we report the death of Suzi Gates, a dedicated member from West Portland chapter. Suzi was so alive, it is difficult to believe she is now still. Ride on in Harley Heaven and in our hearts, until we join you".....Carolyn, State Sec. * * * *

"For Suzi, State Rep., West Portland....

Suzi was a fine example of a member of ABATE. She was always willing to do more than her share and never hesitated to volunteer for any project.

The large number of people in ABATE who knew her, is a testimony to her active involvement in the Organization. She was always on the go, always an achiever.

We here in West Portland will miss her, as will many people in other chapters throughout the state.

Both personally, and as Coordinator and fellow State Rep., I will miss Suzi and mourn her passing....Let's all remember to be careful out there.....John B."

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John Botorf, Coordinator of West Portland is having "In Memory of Suzi" patches done up for us. They will cost \$2.00 each (\$1.50 for patch, .50¢ to cover postage). He will be ordering these by the first of the year, so those of us who want a patch, please let him know by writing to:

John Botorf
14240 SW Pacific Hwy
Tigard Oregon 97223

Send him your name, address, money, and how many patches you might want. And he will get them to you.

Thanks a lot John for caring. John also had little plac's made up for Suzi's parents, and those of you who did not attend the West Portland Chili feed November 20, missed seeing them. Like I said before, you care a lot John, and it shows. I know Suzi knows, and that means a lot.....Vicky.

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Now here is a Christmas present suggestion that was submitted.....Give a life membership in ABATE. A bargain at only \$100.....

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Here's some more news...By the time you read this, it will be after the Board Meeting. Now, I know this newsletter is late this month, but give me and my helpers a break, will you? We had to take time out to eat Turkey and Gary is busy trying to teach the baby how to ride his first Harley, ha ha. Seriously, sometimes it can't be helped, you know. A few people moaned and groaned because their newsletter was late in November. This was due to Gary being sick, me taking a break and going on vacation to the beach with Roger, and Teresa having extra things to do. Now I know you guys will understand what I am trying to say. We try our darndest to get this rag out on time, and if we are a little late, we have emergencies you know. This month it happened to hit the holidays, and we need to take a breather now and then-Gary has been working overtime at his job

and he is doing his darndest to do up the chapter reports in between eating Turkey and other things that come up during the holidays. (Who knows, he might even take a minute out to help the baby kick start the Harley!! Just joking Gary. You are great and very much appreciated for all the help you give me. Theresa too.) Which, all you people out there, brings me to the point I have to make. Earlier I mentioned this would be out after the Board Meeting, December 10. Well, December 10 I am resigning as your Editor. Procedure and all, I have to let the Board know before I let you guys know, see? Anyway, I am giving up the ghost. I have given my all to this news-letter, and I am now going to turn it over to GARY. He will be your new Editor, and I know for a fact he will do a lot better job. I will sit back and help him from now on, like he's helped me. So, PLEASE GIVE HIM YOUR FULL COOPERATION. He really works hard to do his part in ABATE, and as far as I am concerned he is the man for the job. He will help you, by keeping this rag running every month, and don't you guys DARE let him down. Get everything into the PO Box no later than the 15th. I know he will do the best job ever, so please, HELP HIM OUT. THIS RAG IS A BIG JOB TO PUT TOGETHER, AND IF WE DONT HAVE IT, HOW IS ANYBODY GONNA KNOW WHATS GOING ON? From time to time I will submit a little note, just to let you know I am out here keeping my eye out on things, and maybe I'll let you know if I found my glasses!!!! Vicky.....

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**** CHAPTER REPORTS ****

*** BEND CHAPTER ***

When I sat down to write the newsletter report this time I drew a total blank. For over a year I've been writing about the projects BEND CHAPTER is involved in. This month's report is the same - we are involved with the community. Really involved - they call us for help. For us it is not just a Christmas shot - it's weekly! Sometimes the people that require our help have to wait, but we get to them. I mentioned in my last report that we had 16 people to re-up. Well not very many of them did. One of them stated that ABATE was too political. It made me think of why I joined. It was mostly political. A desire to have a say in what the government expected me to do. To help them realize that I am a free thinking individual. Not to scream "I have my rights!", but to have a voice in what my rights are. To insure that I wasn't totally ruled by the Powers-that-be! You bet we're political!

RIDE SAFE . . . Louise

*** CENTRAL OREGON CHAPTER ***

Hello from the CENTRAL OREGON CHAPTER. Our membership is growing by leaps and bounds. Well, one new member anyway. Welcome Mickey B., who attended our last run/meeting and liked what he saw and joined up. Our once-a-month local run/meetings have had some good things come about. First of all, it gives our members a couple of reasons to participate: one is being an ABATE meeting, the other is just a time to get together and ride, and once we're there, a great time is had by all. Another biggie; each of the three runs we had this year generated a new member. It worked out so well I think we'll try it next year.

We've got a couple of fund-raisers in progress - one is a pot luck dinner with admission, and the other is our Christmas tree sale.

Dave, Stretch and myself went out a couple of weeks ago and gathered a bunch of spuds for our Christmas Food Drive while Joy, Reda and Florance will take care of the rest. We'll all help distribute. Kerry, Joy and Reda made suckers and donated them to the Mountain View Nursing Home to hand out to the kiddies on Halloween. Joy and Reda also volunteered their time to clean out the fish tank at the nursing home. And we had a blood run a few weeks ago. Spreading good will throughout the land!

Being that it's about the time of year when a lot of Bros will be pushing their scooters into the shop (or living room, etc.) for winter work, take time to check and correct those safety items. Remember that brake you have to pump a couple of times; that questionable clutch cable that's been on there for four years, or that bald tire or broken tail light?

Until next month, ride free, and watch out for the crazies.

Pete

*** RIVER CITY CHAPTER - THE DALLES ***
(We did not receive a report this month)

*** DOUGLAS COUNTY CHAPTER ***

By now we hope everyone is aware we have our new 1984 Calendar ready for sale. We'll have them available at the November State Board meeting so check with your chapter to see if your Representative brought any back with him(her). If not, you can order them by mail by writing to P.O. Box 51, Roseburg, OR 97470. The prices are \$3.00 if you buy it through your chapter and \$3.50 if you order by mail. If you saw the January issue of EASYRIDER MAGAZINE you will notice the price is \$4.00 by mail. It was a screw-up on EASYRIDER's part but we decided our ABATE of Oregon members deserved a price break. The calendars will make excellent Christmas gifts so do your shopping early and buy more than one. And don't forget to check out the February issue of EASYRIDER MAGAZINE for an article featuring the Art Contest winners.

Our October wood-cutting project had a small turn-out but we delivered nine cords of wood to the county wood lot and two needy families. We hope to continue this project throughout the winter as long as we get enough volunteers.

For those of you Douglas County people who missed our Halloween Party on October 29th at Lindy's, you missed out on some great costumes and a lot of fun. The Chapter made \$62 from the cover charge. Lindy's donated the prizes for the costume contest. Jerry Seay took 1st place (\$10), Kris Shorb was 2nd (\$5) and Richard Cremer - 3rd (a pitcher of beer). CONGRATULATIONS!

At our November 6th meeting we held elections to replace some of our officers. Kris Shorb will take over Joy Hoover's position as Public Relations Officer so Joy can step into the Secretary office previously held by Muriel Pettit. We also elected two new Sgts.-at-Arms - Wally and Kenny. Milo asked to be replaced as State Rep - Tony Walker was elected in his place.

We will be putting on our annual Christmas Party for the Pitchford Boys Ranch. Because of their small facility only a few members will be able to attend but we will need donations of cookies and baked goods to take out there. The date has not been set yet so come to the next meeting to find out the details. ALL our meetings are starting at NOON now at Mr. Pizza in Roseburg on the first and third Sundays.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!

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* EMERALD VALLEY CHAPTER - EUGENE *

EMERALD VALLEY is still with you people. First of all, we would like to say a few words to all old and new members..... where the hell have you been!!? We need your support in helping this chapter work. There are a lot of you out there, so get your act together and attend those meetings. We need you!

Results of this year's election are:

COORDINATOR: Perry Dierschild

VICE COORDINATOR: Larry Wiskow

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Diane Porter

STATE REP: Bob Harper

PR & SGT.-AT-ARMS: Bob Rabideau

ALTERNATES: Bob Skolaski and Al Cole

We have a new meeting TIME AND PLACE - 4:00 pm the 1st and 3rd Sundays, the Guide Shack Tavern, 52nd & Main, Springfield

Our annual Toy Run is under way - first priority are sixteen kids from HEAD START who WILL have a Christmas this year.

We would like to also remind everyone out there about the membership drive. Get out there and do some recruiting. We now have courtesy cards available which may be picked up at our regular meetings. So get out there and give this chapter and ABATE some of your time. After all, it is you and everyone involved in this that make it work for everyone!

REMINDER: Our first Sunday meeting in January is cancelled due to New Year's Day. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!

* JACKSON COUNTY CHAPTER *

We wish to announce a change in our officer line-up. Our new State Rep is Al H. who is replacing Van, who had to resign due to work. Al will also continue to be our Legislative Chairman. Our new alternate is Wayne H. Congratulations to both!

In January we will have a local attorney/judge as guest speaker to explain and answer questions on the new DWI laws. Ignorance is no excuse.

Our next big blow-out will be the annual Valentine's Party in February - we hope to see some of you there.

ALERT!! A new helmet bill and mandatory PIP bill are already in the making again!! There is no time to rest, even though this isn't a legislative year!

We from JACKSON COUNTY wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS, and wish to thank everyone for helping our chapter have such a good year. RIDE SAFE, Liz

* KLAMATH FALLS CHAPTER *

Due to the resignation of Preston Shaw, Bob Motschinbacher is now Secretary, and due to the resignation of "Loco" Joe Dyer as Chapter State Rep, Todd Lovell is our new State Rep. ALL Chapter correspondence should be sent to Bob at 826 Upham, Klamath Falls, OR 97601. (Phone: 884-9709) Thank you. Bob Motschinbacher, Sec., K. Falls Chapter.

* LINCOLN COUNTY CHAPTER *

Lincoln County Chapter of ABATE is alive and well!

The holidays are really sneaking up on us. We have several things in the works. First we have a traditional Thanksgiving dinner set for senior citizens on November 20th. This will be held at the Center Restaurant.

We are co-sponsoring a Toy Run for Mrs. Santa Claus with another motorcycle club from our area. It will be held at the Chili Bowl Tavern on December 4th, from 12 'til 5:00 pm.

On December 9 & 10 we will be decorating a Christmas tree at the Sea Town Shopping Center. The trees will be judged by the public. Each vote will consist of a can of food for our Food Share Program in Lincoln Co. All proceeds will go to them.

New Year's Eve we will be having a party at Moby Dick's Restaurant. There will be live music and during the evening we will have a raffle. Starting time will be 9:00 pm. If you get a chance, stop on by and join us.

We are keeping busy with lots of things in our community and still are managing to grow. It is such a wonderful feeling to be able to share all of this with other people. 'Til next month, hope you have a happy and safe holiday. Millie

* NORTHEAST PORTLAND CHAPTER *

Greetings from N.E. We are sorry to say goodbye to our previous secretary, Jan. I hope that I can do as good a job as she did. Our Toy Run is coming along fine - we're in the final stages of preparation. We're also working on a video class so that maybe we can get the word out about motorcycle safety on the tube. Other than that there isn't too much to report, so until next time, RIDE FREE Leslie

* SOUTHEAST PORTLAND CHAPTER *

Hello Chapter members. Winter's here and life is cold at times - there's a real loss in knowing Susi is gone. Real people are hard to find - she was a real doer and sharer. We all will miss her. Later, Lady.

On a brighter note, Chapter member Gary Thompson and his wife want to announce the birth of a future Harley rider and hell raiser! His name is Erik Michael, and he was born at 11:35 pm on October 25th at St Vincent Hospital; he weighed nine pounds 10 ounces, and was 21 1/2 inches long! We're talking about a BIG baby! Pauline and Erik are home and doing real well! Congratulations to the proud parents!

Hey, it's almost Christmas! Think about all those smiling boys & girls when Santa and his Bikers arrive! Every member is going to make it happen. The run committee has done a great job, so let's follow through! (Continued on next page)

(S.E. PORTLAND CHAPTER REPORT CONTINUES)

If anyone knows of people in the Salem area who may be interested in ABATE call Woody at 254-4377 and leave their names and numbers. The Capitol city would be a great place to start and there would be added numbers for the organization. Thanking everyone for their help.

Come to our meetings! They start at 8:00 pm on the first and third Monday at the Pizza Baron, 122nd and Division. Marge

* ST. JOHNS CHAPTER *

Jim reported that, considering the obstacles, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Week came off pretty good and that valuable experience was gained to make next year's events even better. He read a letter that he had written to the Governor and said he'd let us know what kind of response he receives.

The Chapter's Fall Harvest Party was a success in all respects except for the number of people who missed it! Maybe if word gets around about what a fun time we had more people will show up. Those in costume were eligible for some pretty nice prizes, and the winners of the games didn't do too shabby either. Carol had the Chapter's banner done, and Gerti even baked a cake!

Ralph has donated a foos ball table that the Chapter is going to raffle. He says he needs at least \$75 dollars for it, so anything after that will be ours. The only thing is, no one has been pushing the tickets since the Harvest Party. They'll be distributed at the next State Board meeting with a date set for the drawing.

The Chapter is considering several sites for a winter run, which just might be a first. There will be something special for all those that ride in. More on this later, but the places considered are rumored to be ideal for partying with the only thing that people'll have to bring is a sleeping bag, and it won't even crimp the pocketbook that much!

St. John's members and others are reminded that we're still playing volleyball at Portsmouth Grade School on Thursday nights starting at 8:15. Northeast Chapter members have been giving us some good play, but there's always room for a few more players. They've even had to set up a second net a couple of nights.

Chapter meetings continue to be held at Prefetto's the second and fourth Tuesdays, which means you have to look at your calendar to make sure you show up on the correct night. November's first meeting almost had more guests than members present, so it made for a short meeting. Those members not attending are sorely missed at meetings. Everyone's input makes for more interesting activities so don't be afraid to speak out and/or volunteer for something at the meetings. A lot of people pulling together always makes the tasks easier and improves comraderie.

* WEST PORTLAND CHAPTER *

Hopefully you will be reading this newsletter before December 17th and this will remind you to be at Pay-N-Pak early for the Toy Run.

Our second annual Chili Feed is a week away at this writing but will be history by printing time. Lots more things are planned this time with more chili and raffles and door prizes and fun!

I hope everyone will join us in our remembering of Susi Gates. We are accepting donations to be given to her mother to cover funeral and cremation costs. Susi was a valuable member who always went out of her way for our chapter. Her dedication and exuberance will be greatly missed.

I want to compliment West Portland Chapter on the way that everyone is, and has been, working together on our functions. It's always so much easier when everyone shares responsibilities like we are instead of putting things up to 2 or 3 people. Good job! A thank you to Mary Schmidt for letting us meet at her house for our special meeting and for using her kitchen to make massive quantities of chili and everything else that she is doing to help. Having Mary in the chapter is like having five volunteers scrunched into one!

Do you think Jan from N.E. will ever find her way home from Sturgis? Wish I could be out doing what she's doing. Ah well there's always next year. Enough rambling for this month - hope to have seen you at the chili feed.

Riding free (and wet!!)

Laura Pratt, Secretary

* WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAPTER *

We here at Washington County Chapter are busy getting ready for our Toy Run on December 4th (it'll probably be over by the time you read this). It's the time of year again when we're all thinking about Thanksgiving. Well, while we are giving thanks, think about the issues ABATE has brought before the legislature this session and give some thanks that you don't have to wear a helmet unless you want to; that you don't have to buy an expensive insurance policy in addition to what you already have; and that there will be schools for the new and experienced riders to attend in order to learn how to ride safely. These are some of the things that we as ABATE members worked hard to get passed and were successful. I know you read a "soap box" speech from me last time about participation and membership; if you continue to read this you may hear a little more. Really, we can't afford to allow ourselves to become complacent about our attendance of chapter meetings or gathering in new members. The time between legislative sessions is the best time I can think of to rebuild our chapters and increase our membership. And last but not least, public relations. So again I say, let's get off our duffs and get out among the public in a positive way and promote ABATE. This is a good time to do as many fund raisers as possible. There are a lot of worthy causes out there begging to be helped. (continued on next page)

(WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAPTER REPORT CONTINUES)

Okay, I'll go on to a new subject. My wife, Melody, and I are starting research on a paper (or a book if it evolves) on the subject of motorcycle accidents that involve injury or death. If you would be so kind as to send us newspaper clippings, pictures, or any facts relating to this subject, we would really appreciate it. This endeavor will take some time to prepare but we feel it will be worth it if it grows into a book. We plan to work out something with ABATE so that it can possibly be distributed through our chapters. If you want to save postage, you could give these (clippings) to your State Reps to bring to the Board meetings to be given to our reps.

I guess that's about all for this time except that we need all of you at your various chapter meetings. Remember, ABATE is ALL of us! One more thing: Preacher, my wife, and I are ordained ministers, so if any of you want to be married, need some counseling, etc., please let us know, as we'll be glad to help.
Ride Free - Rev. Barber

Well, it appears that I have a bit of space here, so I'd like to say just a few words about the newsletter.

First, someone made a comment to me that, because all the chapter reports are completely re-typed, he wonders if perhaps they're being "changed" during the translation. If you'll think back, just a year ago everyone was required to type their chapter reports; they were then reduced down on a copier and inserted into the newsletter wherever they might fit - even sideways. It gave the newsletter quite a distinctive look. Personally, I feel the way we are printing the newsletter now, particularly the chapter reports, makes for a neater and easier to read newsletter. I want EVERYONE to know that, since I have been typing the chapter reports for Vicky, I have NEVER changed the content of ANY CHAPTER'S report. What I have done, and will continue to do, (as long as I'm typing chapter reports, that is), is to rearrange words, sentences, and paragraphs to suit the dictates of available space WITHOUT changing the content or meaning of the report. That's part of what an editor does. If any of you chapter secretaries feel that I'm messing up your reports or leaving things out, let me know. Make a copy of your report before you mail it, then compare it with the finished product. I hope you will feel that the few changes I DO make are for the better. As for leaving anything out of your reports, may I point out Washington County's November report? As you can see, it takes up 4/5ths of the page; what I typed that from ran for three TYPEWRITTEN pages, in type the same size as this. Barber, do you think I left anything out? I'm glad you're not always that long-winded, but when you are, I make sure everyone gets to read what you have to say.

I'm very happy to report that there were TWELVE chapter reports this month. Eugene, it's nice to hear from you at last. I'll have all thirteen chapter reports yet. Lets ALL of you have a chapter report in by the 15th of December! I'd like to see all thirteen of you in the first issue of 1984. All this space I'm taking up with this stuff could be put to better use letting everyone know what YOUR chapter has been up to.

Until January 1984, I'll be LOWRIDING along.

Gary

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FEDERAL CASES

• Rep. Robert S. Walker, R-Penn., has, once again, introduced anti-motorcycle legislation in Congress. Walker's House Concurrent Resolution 82, like his Resolution 220 of 1979, calls for the formation of a presidential strike force to investigate and prosecute outlaw motorcycle gangs. Walker wants a federal strike force established in every U.S. judicial district. But, once again, Walker's proposal makes no differentiation between what he terms outlaw gangs and any other group of motorcycle riders. **CYCLE GUIDE**

You may wish to file this in your Don't Give A Hoot folder. The United States Department of Transportation has spent some more of your tax money on their research. According to figures the DOTies released to the *Journal of American Insurance* — and may we point out there is that strange combination of fed transportation people with insurance industry dudes again — anyhow, they've determined the latest highway safety hazard is sneezing. The figures indicate that at 70 mph — and never mind the 55 speed limit; the feds don't observe it either — anyhow, at 70 mph a driver will cover some 330 yards in a dazed and/or semi-blind condition during a single sneeze. Rumor is that NHTSA will recommend warning labels on snuff boxes. We're not worried; knowing NHTSA, they'll probably blow it. **ROAD RIDER**

Not long ago U.S. Marshall Les Smith held a seminar in Indianapolis, Indiana. The topics to be discussed were: Motorcycle Gang Philosophy, Priorities In Life, Intelligence Network, Use of Women, Club House Fortification, Runs, Criminal Activity, Colors. When approached by the motorcycle press and bikers rights organizations, the officials were very clear in stating that no motorcycling representatives were to be allowed. This is the only four day seminar of its type held, however there is an eight hour seminar held in Glenco, Georgia also. Wonder what they're afraid the bikers will find out they're teaching? **BIKER LIFESTYLE**

...These days **ABATE** of Georgia stands for American Bikers Active Toward Education. We mention that here because their new format for their newsletter is excellent, one of the better ones we've seen. Besides, it frequently quotes from RR... **ROAD RIDER**

In England they have a way to make even surer you won't be running exhaust that exceed their noise limit. They not only fine you, but they fine the dealer as well. The penalty can be well over \$100. **BIKER LIFESTYLE**

In Tennessee a helmet repeal bill HB 769 made it through the house and has gone on to the Transportation Committee. Their address is 24 Legislative Plaza, Nashville, TN 37219. Every letter helps move a legislator a little closer to your point of view. **BIKER LIFESTYLE**

What two things do Jerry Garcia, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Johnny Paycheck and Bo Diddley (Bo Diddley?!!) have in common? The first is easy — they're all musicians. The second is more difficult. Give up? All five are contributing to the music in a forth-coming movie called — and get this — *Hell's Angels Forever*. **ROAD RIDER**

Last year, even though there was an increase in motorcycle registrations, there was a decrease in motorcycle related accidents and fatalities according to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. Makes ya wonder about all the crying about bikes being dangerous. **BIKER LIFESTYLE**

What does the American Journal of Public Health have to say about the effectiveness of motorcycle daytime headlight laws? Well, an article in that highly respectable monthly by one Andreas Muller, PhD, says, and we quote the abstract: "The analysis shows no statistically significant difference (in motorcycle fatalities) between states with and without such laws, suggesting that daytime headlight laws are ineffective." **ROAD RIDER**

Good News for Rider Education

If you live in New Mexico, Maryland or Texas, finding a rider education course to help you improve your skills is going to get a lot easier. These states, following the lead of 11 others, have just enacted self-funded rider education laws.

You'll probably notice your registration fees are a little higher than in the past, but that extra revenue provides the funding for new rider education programs. A well-trained group of new motorcyclists can't help but improve the image of motorcycling, as well as help keep insurance rates down for all of us.

—Paul Van Zuyle **Rider**

Fear or Respect

I can't remember ever being afraid of a bike, but I can remember being afraid of crashing. In fact, the ghost of that fear is still in the back of my mind every time I ride. But now fear has been replaced by respect, and that dictates how I control the bike. No one should give up that fear entirely. To do so is to develop a potentially fatal case of over-confidence. People have a tendency, in time, to become complacent with their vehicles; I suppose because of a lack of bad experiences. But drivers of automobiles can afford bigger mistakes than motorcyclists can. If we rely upon real-world mistakes to remind us of that, the curtain just might ring down and close the whole show.

—Richard Wahl
American Motorcyclist

Everyone Does

Stereotyping is something we motorcyclists claim others do to us, yet within our own ranks are some of the biggest offenders of all, largely due to the natural tendency to put one's own interests before those of others.

—Greg Harrison
American Motorcyclist

Instead, how about a newspaper ban?

And we have one in mind: the *Sunday Independent* of Wilkes-Barre, Penn. Recently, the paper published an editorial suggesting the creation of specially designated "cycle routes" for motorcycle travel. Motorcyclists then would be barred from using other streets and highways.

The *Sunday Independent* said requiring riders to keep to the special routes would improve their safety. The newspaper neglected to mention just how.

"Admittedly, we are proposing a complex solution, one that surely would be unpopular with cyclists, but short of banning them outright, how can the problem be solved?" the newspaper opined.

CYCLE WORLD

24th and Growing

That's according to the A.C. Nielsen people, whose survey shows that about 15 percent more people are participating in the sport than in 1979. However, biking's 12-million-person following still makes it only the 24th most popular U.S. participation sport, well behind the big three: swimming (over 100 million swimmers), bicycling, and fishing.

—Motorcyclist

Don't call me Yank. I'm from Georgia

A number of Americophiles have banded together in Great Britain to find and salvage some 250 Harley-Davidsons that—as the story goes—were buried by American forces just before the D-Day landings.

Rumors have it that more than \$2 million worth of tanks, jeeps, artillery and, yes, Harleys rests in burial plots near the country towns of Newton, Abbot and Bovey Tracy.

The reclamation project is being called, natch, Operation Yankee. CYCLE WORLD

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

Patrick Simmons, one of the founding members of the Doobie Brothers, has been named National Chairman of the Bikers Fight Against Muscular Dystrophy campaign for 1983 by the Harley-Davidson Motor Co., Inc. Simmons has taken a personal and active involvement in the Fight Against MD since Harley-Davidson first organized the nationwide fund raising drive in 1980.

CUSTOM BIKE/CHOPPERS

For a while they were going to make it a requirement that motorcycles have two license plates, one in front and one in back, in Massachusetts until they realized they goofed up in the legislature.

BIKER LIFESTYLE

...Attention! Stand by for a philatelist alert. Right! They're raising postage rates again, but that's not what we have in mind. What we mean is: Coming soon (October 10th, to be exact) to your local post office is a new 5¢ stamp on which is depicted a Pope motorcycle. No, not the Pope on a motorcycle; a Pope brand motorcycle just like those manufactured in New England from 1911 to 1918. Back in those days, probably you could have sent about five letters with 5¢ worth of stamps. By the time the new rate increase is effective, probably it will take about five of those 5¢ stamps to mail one letter which, in turn, probably will take five times as long to reach its destination. It's called progress...

ROAD RIDER/September 1983

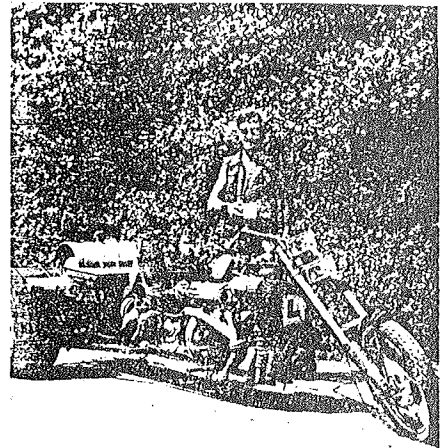
SAFETY EDUCATION

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation has cited New Mexico for making "significant advances in motorcycle safety during the year." In 1982, over 1200 riders underwent training in the rider education program; over 3000 riders have participated in the course since 1981. In that year alone, New Mexico enjoyed a 31 percent reduction in motorcycle fatalities.

MOTORCYCLIST/JULY 1983

North Carolina has a mandatory helmet law and also has a higher death/accident rate for motorcyclists than 23 states that don't have a helmet law according to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

BIKER LIFESTYLE



LOOPHOLE BIG ENOUGH TO DRIVE A TRIKE THROUGH

British lawmakers are very concerned with the safety of beginner motorcyclists. By law, they must ride 125cc machines of restricted horsepower and display a learner ("L") plate, presumably to warn more seasoned drivers that there is a novice in their midst. The law itself is a little questionable, but it is made utterly idiotic by the fact that a Learner can ride a machine any size or displacement, provided it has three wheels. Apparently the higher-ups feel that three wheels are more stable and, thus, safer than two. This shaky reasoning allows any learner to hop on a chopped turbo CBX sidehack to pick up a few of the basics about riding. It also allows for weird creations like this jolly huge V-8-powered trike. Looks like just the thing for the new rider. The "L" plate is prominently displayed so it's all quite legal and ever so safe too.

MOTORCYCLIST/SEPTEMBER 1983

Slipped right past us again this year. May 30 not only was Memorial Day, it also marked the 87th anniversary of the meeting of Evylyn Thomas and Henry Wells. Seems that back in 1896 Evylyn's bicycle and Henry's Motor Wagon collided, an unfortunate occurrence which resulted in a broken leg for Evylyn. Yep, last May 30 was the 87th anniversary of the first injurious auto accident. See all the snazzy trivia you'd miss if you didn't read this column? ROAD RIDER/September 1983

Statistic indicate that seat belted motoists have even more head injuries than bikers do. Why doesn't the government demand that they wear both seat belts and helmets? The costs of hospitalization and other related costs must be overwhelming. If they're really concerned with the safety of the citizens why this oversight?

BIKER LIFESTYLE

Nationwide statistics gather by the MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) show that the four safest states to ride in are also non-helmet law states. The four states, in order from the safest) were Iowa, Wisconsin, South Dakota and Kansas; all of which have no helmet law or none for adult riders. All four states do have an aggressive motorcycle licensing program. Draw your own conclusions. BIKER LIFESTYLE

You can file this surprising follow-up in your Justice For Awe file. Last December we reported a tragic and terrifying episode which took place in the Boston area. An automobile chased a motorcycle, knocked it down against a telephone pole and then the car occupants, John Griffen and his son, Michael, got out and attacked the cyclists with a tire iron. David Emanouil, 23, the father of two young daughters, died of a brain hemorrhage two hours later; the passenger, John Gilbride, a cousin of Emanouil's, was hospitalized. Police arrested the Griffens on multiple charges. Early in May their trial began and for the next couple of weeks local newspapers reported such grim details as Michael (age 19) waving a tire iron from the car window, throwing beer bottles at the cycle and its riders and yelling "You're dead. We're going to kill you!" John Gilbride, who now walks with a limp, has breathing problems, has lost his senses of taste and smell, and has lost sight in one eye and hearing in one ear, all as the result of the attack, said, "They're animals. They have two arms and two legs but they couldn't have been human... They told the police they wanted to kill us, that we had kicked their car but that's ridiculous." Michael Griffen testified that the reason the car struck the cycle (at least twice) was because the accelerator pedal had stuck. The jury deliberated for six hours, returned with verdicts for both men of guilty of murder in the second degree, guilty of assault with intent to murder, and guilty of assault by means of a dangerous weapon. The judge sentenced the pair to life imprisonment on the basis of the second degree murder conviction alone, postponed sentencing on the other two convictions until later. It is regrettable that the media coverage was limited to the New England area; it's a story which should have appeared all over the country. ROAD RIDER

FEDERAL CASES

- Pennsylvania is considering adopting a law which has all the spirit of Nathaniel Hawthorne and the Scarlet Letter. SB1561 proposes that motorists convicted of driving under the influence be issued special license plates, thereby marking them as transgressors. Standard colors for Pennsylvania plates are yellow with dark-blue letters; convicted offenders would get red plates with yellow letters, the same colors that Hester Prine was forced to wear.
- Quite often something seems so obvious that no one ever bothers to check its validity, and when a study finally is made, the original premise is found to be riddled with holes. A case in point is the daytime headlight-on law for motorcycles, a statute currently on the books of 17 states. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation recently contracted Penn State University to conduct a nationwide survey of all available data concerning the headlight-on laws, and the study concluded that there were no significant merits to the headlight law. Nor, for that matter, were there any benefits found for laws requiring reflectorized helmets. In some cases these laws have been in effect for 15 years and, prior to Penn State's work, the only other study was done by the state of North Carolina. That test was inconclusive.

Cycle Guide

One For Us

Believe it or not, Big Brother isn't all bad. Congress has finally approved a bill that requires states to allow motorcycles to travel on their highways' car pool or "diamond" lanes unless states certify such use would create a safety hazard.

Car-pool lanes were originally designed to facilitate traffic flow in congested areas during peak commuting hours. Until now, car-pool-lane administrators have excluded motorcycles from using diamond lanes while giving the right to buses, van pools and car pools.

At long last, chalk up one for motorcycling. CYCLE

NHMRO (New Hampshire Motorcycle Rights Organization) defeated a helmet bill in that state when nearly 400 members showed up for the hearing in Concord, which is unheard of in provincial New Hampshire, who pride themselves for their lack of legislative initiative. The bill died on the house floor and didn't even make it to the senate. NHMRO wants to thank everyone who attended the meeting. There is strength in numbers and they proved it. BIKER LIFESTYLE

TV Villains

...television reviews appear weekly in *TV Guide*. Commenting on the NBC series, "Knight Rider," [Robert] Mackenzie wrote: "Motorcycle hoodlums are like Nazis — increasingly rare in real life but too useful as villains for television to drop."

—Roger Hull
Road Rider

Musical Helmets

State legislators in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Maine are studying bills that would outlaw the use of helmet-mounted speakers by motorcyclists.

The restrictions are written into bills that would prohibit the wearing of headphones by operators of motor vehicles. Proponents of the bills cited an increase in the number of traffic accidents involving joggers, pedestrians, bicyclists and roller-skaters wearing stereo-headphone sets.

—Cycle World

Daytona Plague

For Daytona residents it must be more like the succession of plagues that descended on Egypt. February brings the curse of car fans, March an affliction of bikers, and April the swarm of students. But that's Daytona's business. Its economy is driven by big-but-brief influxes of cash from tourists; and those who suffer through it all (most profitably, I might add) need only remind themselves of that.

—Ed Youngblood
American Motorcyclist

The Orange and Black

As always, Harley-Davidson took over the south end of the beach. This was a big year for the orange and black. Not only did people come out in droves to visit the lavish H-D show in the Daytona Hilton and take advantage of the demo rides on all the new '83 Harleys, but Jay Springsteen lapped all but four other machines in a convincing win of the Battle of the Twins epic — Harley's first reason to celebrate at Daytona for many a year.

—Bob and Patti Carpenter
Road Rider

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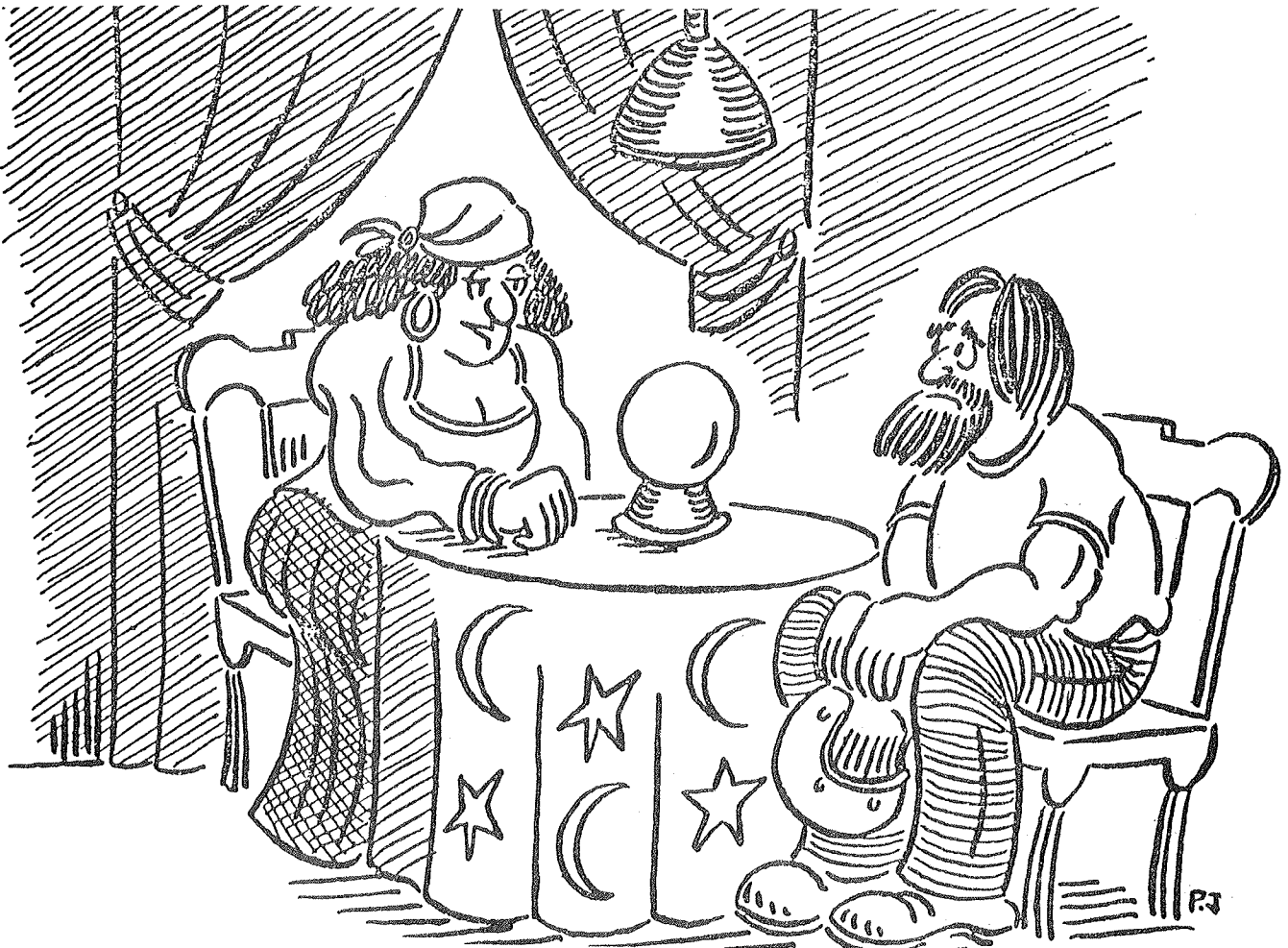
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ABATE of Oregon is a statewide organization with local chapters throughout the state. Each chapter conducts business according to its own needs, under the guide lines established by the State Board. The State Board is made up of two representatives from each chapter, and its officers are elected from those representatives.

ABATE functions as a legislative organization and has been instrumental in effecting fair legislation concerning motorcycles. The helmet law is but one of the many Bills we have dealt with.

ABATE members also donate time and labor to other non-profit organizations, our annual Toy Run being but one of these activities.

ABATE chapters also sponsor motorcycle runs throughout the state in an effort to raise funds for operating expenses. These runs also provide people with a chance to get together and to meet new people and have an all around good time.

These are but a few of ABATE's functions. For more information, attend a local meeting.

If you or someone you know rides a motorcycle, on or off the road, ABATE has a lot to offer you and you have a lot to offer ABATE. Why don't we get together and do our bit towards helping to make life just a little bit better for all of us?

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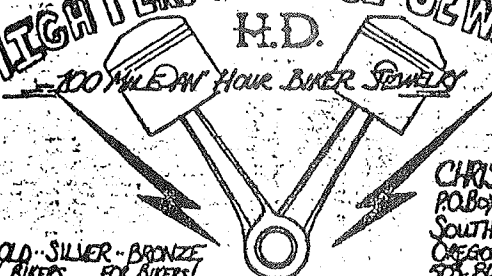
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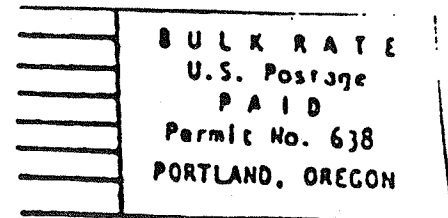


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