

ABATE of Oregon 1981

Membership Newsletter

Almost Spring

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SALEM???

ABATE has five bills in various stages of being introduced into the House of Representatives. As of this date, the first week of February, we do not have bill numbers. As soon as we know the numbers, chapter officers will announce it in a meeting, and we will publish the text in the next newsletter. Here are summaries:

1. Requires the same license indorsement for one who drives a moped as one who drives a motorcycle. Makes one who drives a moped meet the same requirements to obtain indorsement as one who drives a motorcycle.
2. Permits one 15 years of age or older to apply for an instructional permit with a motorcycle indorsement. Indorsed permit allows one to learn to drive a motorcycle on roads for one year. Permit holder must not carry a passenger, and must ride in the company and under the supervision of a licensed operator or chauffeur at least 18 years of age.
3. Permits schools to offer a course on motorcycle operator training. Permits schools to obtain funds for the course in same manner as schools do for course on auto driver's training.
4. Includes motorcycle headlight in the list of offenses defined as "non-moving" violations. In other words, it would be regarded as an equipment violation rather than a moving violation, if your headlight fails. This could be beneficial when it comes to paying your insurance; at present, a ticket for a headlight failure puts a point on your insurance record.
5. ~~Includes motorcycles in a section of the law that deals with moped turn signals. Present law says that, if a moped is not equipped with turn signals, the operator may use hand signals.~~

The first three bills will probably be assigned to the House Transportation Committee. Our lobbyist, James Ashley (Rusty Nail) has been in touch with the Chairman and Vice-chairman of that committee, and both are interested and enthusiastic about these bills. We are getting a good reception from legislators, and it looks like they are willing to work with us.

NOW IS THE TIME TO WRITE LETTERS TO YOUR CONGRESSMEN!

ABATE'S LOBBYIST

ABATE's registered lobbyist for the 1981 session is James Ashley, better known to most of us as Rusty Nail. He is going to Salem once or twice a week from his home in Eugene, and spending a lot of time trying to graft his ear to a telephone. ABATE is paying for his gas, but beyond that he is a volunteer. Rusty also represents Disabled Veterans of America, and is getting around the capitol building in his wheelchair. He reports that he is getting a good welcome from a number of legislators, and that there is a lot of interest in our bills.

We want Rusty to know how much we appreciate his time and efforts on behalf of ABATE, and that without him, these bills would be having a pretty slow go of it.

THANKS, RUSTY!

Senate Bill 30 SUMMARY: "Extends insurance coverage required for motor vehicles to mopeds and motorcycles."

EXPLANATION: Present Oregon law requiring "no-fault" liability insurance on automobiles specifically excludes mopeds and motorcycles. Insurance requirements for mopeds and motorcycles include liability coverage for passengers, pedestrians, other vehicles and property, but DO NOT include medical, funeral, or disability income coverage for the insured person (the operator).

SB 30 will require that you buy a minimum amount of medical, funeral and disability coverage for yourself IN ADDITION TO WHAT YOU ARE ALREADY REQUIRED TO CARRY. SB 30 DOES NOT mean that your automobile insurance would cover your motorcycle!

Motorcyclists in other states have opposed such legislation because of the high cost of the premiums. Insurance companies don't want to insure motorcyclists because they believe it is a high risk; so if this insurance becomes mandatory, premiums will be much higher than they already are.

WHERE TO WRITE: SB 30 is in the Senate Insurance, Banking, and Retirement Committee. Address your letters to the Chairman. Additional letters may be written to individual members of the Committee.

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Senate Bill 185 SUMMARY: "Requires a person under the age of 18 years to take a driving course in order to get a license. Takes effect on July 1, 1982."

EXPLANATION: With certain exceptions as defined in ORS 482.160 (special licenses) an operator's or chauffeur's license shall not be issued to any person under the age of 18 year. An operator's license may be issued to any person who attains the age of 16 years and successfully completes an approved driver education course. In other words, persons between the ages of 16 and 18 have to pass a driver training course if they want a driver's license. This bill applies only to automobile driver's licenses; of course, in order to get a motorcycle endorsement you must first have a driver's license.

This bill in the long run could have very positive effects on the number of accidents (and tickets) chalked up by the young, inexperienced driver. Just as with motorcycles, inexperienced operators tend to have more accidents than other drivers, and proper training can help reduce those accidents. This could also benefit motorcyclists if the driver education course contains training in driver awareness of motorcycles.

WHERE TO WRITE: SB 185 is in the Senate Transportation Committee. Write to the Chairman. Additional letters may be written to individual members of the Committee.

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Senate Transportation Comm.
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97310

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RIVER CITY CHAPTER REPORT

A committee has been formed to work out a bicycle rider education program for The Dalles school children. We hope to involve members of the local police and school officials in this program.

River City's 4th Annual Fossilization will be held April 25-26 at Shelton Wayside near Fossil. Admission is \$6 in advance per person, \$8 each at the gate. More information is in the ad in this newsletter.

Chapter meetings are every 1st & 3rd Monday at Spooky's, at 8:00 p.m.

DOUGLAS COUNTY CHAPTER REPORT

D.C. Chapter has had several successes since it started: a woodcutting program for the elderly, a Christmas party for the boy's ranch, and two television interviews!

New officers are to be elected in April. Contact local officers to find out time and place of your next meeting.

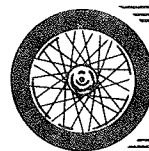
OTHER CHAPTER REPORTS

If you don't see a report here, and want to see one, send a written report to:
ABATE Newsletter, Rt. 4 Box 46, The Dalles,
Oregon 97058.

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RUN APRIL 25-26 !!!



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687-9762
MON-FRI 9:00-6:00
SAT 9:00-12:00

ABATE MEETS WITH THE AMA

On January 25, representatives from _____ and the AMA got together to talk about legislation. Present were Roger Hendricks, Kane Taylor, and Preacher Jim McLucas from Portland, Teresa Hepker and Brian Stovall for River City (The Dalles) for ABATE; Herb Seaver, AMA District 28 President; Chuck Washburn, AMA District 27 President; Marcia Washburn, Marv Estes, Dale Allin, and John Goff, all from Dist. 27.

The AMA folks have come up with a bill very similar to SB789 (the rider education bill that failed in the last legislative session), which will be introduced in the Oregon Senate. It covers rider education and licensing, and includes detail on funding, course content, and instructor qualifications, subjects not defined in the ABATE'S bills this term.

During the three or four hours of the meeting, both groups expressed surprise and pleasure at the similarities in the bills being written, and interest in forming a coalition to work in the 1981 legislative session. Discussion of SB 30 led to formation of the opinion that the bill would make insurance very expensive, and that the bill might not be in the best interests of motorcyclists. It was also mentioned that persons with medical insurance policies through their jobs are already covered and don't necessarily need to buy more.

A second meeting is scheduled for Feb. 22, to discuss progress of the bills, other legislation, and ways to cooperate in lobbying and presenting testimony at hearings.

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Events!

See the second annual Tug-o-War - watch the "East" defend its title!

Bilce Show (Sun.) ride ins only, \$1 entry,
CASH PRIZES, 2 classes

Join us in a ride from The Dalles. Ride leaves The Dalles Bridge Junction at 11:00 AM April 25

When: April 25 + 26
Where: Shelton Wayside
12 mi. S. of Fossil

How much: \$6⁰⁰ Advance
\$8⁰⁰ At the Gate

Send advance ticket money
no later than April 1 to:

Fossil Run Committee
2326 E. 12th St.

The Dalles, Oregon
97058

DON'T MAKE THE MISTAKE of thinking the AMA is just for racers or dresser riders, and not for you---the AMA is our only effective voice in Washington, D.C. A measley \$15 will bring you a magazine that tells you about what they are doing to keep the Feds in line, and a few other goodies besides.

We are all riding on the same roads, under the same laws!

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE—OFFICE USE ONLY	AMA . . . We Keep You Riding!		<i>We are interested in you!</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15.00 — FULL MEMBERSHIP — Includes the right to participate in AMA-sanctioned racing meets, AMERICAN MOTORCYCLIST and voting privileges for Class A Regional Trustees.	1.	Mark "1" next to your primary motorcycle activity and "2" next to your secondary motorcycle activity.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	6.00 — ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP — Must have full Member residing at same address. Does not include AMERICAN MOTORCYCLIST, voting privileges or the right to participate in AMA-sanctioned racing meets.	A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Daily transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal, AMA No.
	Please charge my: <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCharge/Visa card # <input type="checkbox"/> Exp. Date		B.	<input type="checkbox"/> Organized tours or road runs
	PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE		C.	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal long-distance touring
	Name		D.	<input type="checkbox"/> Road race
	Street		E.	<input type="checkbox"/> Dirt track
	City State Zip		F.	<input type="checkbox"/> Motorcross
	Applicant's signature		2.	Number of motorcycles presently owned
Mail with remittance to: AMA, P.O. Box 141, Westerville, OH 43081		3.	Years riding experience	
		4.	Age	
		5.	Sex	
		6.	Occupation	
<small>I agree to comply with AMA rules for sanctioned motorcycle meets and I understand that all benefits become effective upon receipt of my membership card, except the right to enter sanctioned meets which becomes effective immediately. I understand that \$4.00 of my Full Membership dues is for my monthly AMERICAN MOTORCYCLIST and that Associates receive all benefits except AMERICAN MOTORCYCLIST voting privileges or the right to participate in racing meets. AMA benefits may be changed from time to time by the AMA Board of Trustees.</small>				
<small>I understand that the AMA cannot assume responsibility for any aspect of my safety, and that if I participate in any sanctioned meet I do so voluntarily on my own assessment of my ability, the track and all facilities and conditions assuming all risk and I release and hold the AMA harmless for any injury or loss to my person or property which may result therefrom.</small>				
Member, Dealer or Club No. _____				

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B BROTHERHOOD The state of being a brother; and association of people of the same order; the mutual regard resulting from this association.

A AGAINST In contact with; opposite to; in opposition to; in preparation for; in exchange.

T TOTALITARIAN (TO-TAL-I-TAR-I-AN) Of or relating to a political regime based on subordination of the individual to the state and strict control of all aspects of the life and productive capacity of the nation by coercive measures.

E ENACTMENTS To make into law; the passing of a bill into law; a decree; a law.

means Freedom

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM NEW RENEWAL DATE _____

NAME _____ AGE _____

\$10 enclosed--full membership (includes newsletter)

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

\$ 5 enclosed for each additional member at same address, paid at same time as full membership (no newsletter)

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Each member will receive membership card and patch.

List full names of additional members:

Send to: ABATE of Oregon
P. O. Box 4504
Portland, Oregon 97208

17 WAYS TO KILL MOST ANY ORGANIZATION!

1. Don't attend meetings, but if you do, arrive late.
2. Be sure to leave before the meeting is closed.
3. Never have anything to say at meetings; wait until you get outside.
4. When at meetings, vote to do everything - then go home and do nothing.
5. The next day, find fault with the officers and members.
6. Take no part in the organization affairs.
7. Be sure to sit in the back, so you can talk it over with a friend.
8. Get all the organization will give you, but don't give the organization anything.
9. Never ask any one to join the organization.
10. At every opportunity, threaten to resign, and try to get others to do the same.
11. Talk cooperation, but don't cooperate.
12. If asked to help, say you haven't the time.
13. Never read anything pertaining to the organization.
14. Never accept an office, as it is easier to criticize than to do things.
15. If appointed to a committee, never give any time or service to this committee.
16. If you receive a renewal notice, ignore it.
17. Don't do any more than you have to and when the others willingly and unselfishly use their abilities to help the cause, howl because the organization is run by a clique.

"GUILTY ANYONE?"



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HAS YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED???