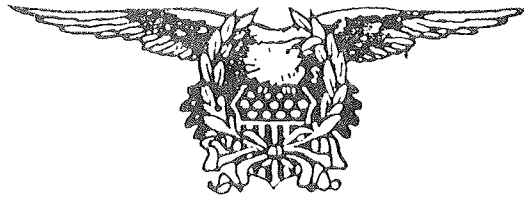


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Co-EDITORS - Teresa & Gary



A. B. A. T. E. of Oregon, Inc.

— JANUARY 1984 NEWSLETTER —

LETTER FROM THE COORDINATOR

Well, here we are, a new year with new horizons. I hope everybody made it through 1983 successfully. It's a new year for us and ABATE. Hopefully, we can work as one and grow equally. We're getting new chapters, new members and new respect that we've long waited for...

We now have a chapter in Salem that will be a focus center that everyone will be looking upon. Not only the established chapters, but the legislators will have an eye open too. It will be a challenge few other chapters will ever be confronted with. Let's wish them luck, and give them full support....

Until next month, RIDE SAFE.....Mike White

NEWS FROM YOUR STATE BOARD MEETING--DEC. 10

ABATE of Oregon is now 14 chapters strong. The newest chapter is in Salem and they received their charter at the December 10 meeting. Welcome aboard Salem Chapter!

Al Cole, Membership Chairman, reports that a lot of new membership packets are being returned to him because of poor addresses. These returns will be brought to the State meetings to be distributed to the chapter reps.

It was with thanks for a job well done that the State Board accepted Vicky and Theresa's resignations as Editor and Co-Editor of the newsletter. Gary Thompson (who is also a Co-Editor) from the SE Portland Chapter will assume the position of Newsletter Editor. He has been doing the chapter reports for the newsletter. Anyone out there who wants to help Gary, let him know. You can send your suggestions and offers to the PO Box 4504, Portland Or 97208.

Dave "Squeeze" Ruby has agreed to head the Fossil Committee again this year. He, Marv Blocker and JC will be the State Board reps on the Fossil Committee. Send your ideas, suggestions and offers of help to the PO Box. Give your chapter requests for concessions to your State Rep before the January board meeting.

For all of you out there who think it's too cold to attend your chapter meetings, Toad from K Falls hitchhiked from K Falls to Eugene for the December meeting!!

We voted to have our State Convention at Camp Westwinds the 9-10-11 of March. Last year your State Reps revised the State's Rules of Operation in a marathon session. This year we will produce an officer's manual which will have guidelines for all officers. Any suggestions or ideas, send them to our PO Box.

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

State Board report continued:

NOTICE: QUARTERLY TREASURERS REPORTS DUE BY THE JANUARY 8!!!!

Bob, Chapter Treasurer, said anyone having any questions, call him. Your State Rep has the number. Send your reports to PO Box 4504, Portland Or 97208, before January 8 so Bob can get his report together for the State Board meeting.

We should have an ABATE bike trailer by Fossil. Roger donated rails, Marv donated a VW front end and Pat from Bend volunteered to build it. Anyone with other donations send us a letter at our PO Box. The trailer will be hauled by the ambulance.

Ride free!! Carolyn, State Corresponding Secretary.

EDUCATION AND SAFETY REPORT

Most everybody knows by now that we are getting involved with the Motorcycle Safety Program thru the OREGON TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION. Each chapter should select someone to coordinate the Safety and Education in their local area. This person should be able to work with the State Education Director and the community to promote our cause. Right now each chapter should select this person. We will be moving on this real soon. We need to prepare!!

Ride safe!! Dave Ruby, PO Box 4504 Portland Or 97208

FOSSIL 1984 MEMORIAL DAY

Now is the time to start planning for FOSSIL!! The biggest and obvious difference this year is the change of the date. We decided to have FOSSIL on Memorial Day weekend. The two major reasons are, hopefully the weather will be better, and to give those people who have farther to travel more time to party. We need input on how to make this year's FOSSIL RUN the best ever. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to let us know. Contact your Chapter Rep or write me. Remember, this is our STATE RUN. We need your support... Thanks for listening.

Dave Ruby, PO Box 4504 Portland Or 97208

SCREAMING EAGLES PLANNING BIKE SHOW

We received a letter from the Screaming Eagles with their plans for their annual bike show around the 7-14 of July.

They're asking David Allen Coe to cut an album during the show and would like to get together with us for a Toys for Tots Run to end at the bike show.

Anyone who wants to attend a Screaming Eagles meeting needs to be cleared by submitting your name, social security number and date of birth to Frisco Moose, Screaming Eagles Motorcycle Workshop, 2605 State St, Salem Or 97310.

Let's show the downed bros of our honorary member chapter that they aren't forgotten. More details as they become available.....

Carolyn, State Secretary

RESPONSIBILITY

It seems that one of the major problems confronting our Organization at the present time is the legal and moral obligation of responsibility for our members and guest at our various functions.

Responsibility is a difficult concept to deal with. The myriad courts of our land are crowded and back-logged, all in an effort to ascertain responsibility. Ideally each individual should be responsible for their own actions, but, unfortunately it is not an ideal society that we live in. In our system responsibility is divided up and meted out to all parties involved. If an occasion arrises in which blame must be affixed, the party most responsible is to blame, and therefore liable.

As far as ABATE is concerned, this means we are liable to a certain extent for things that happen to individuals participating in our functions. I realize that sometimes acting in a responsible manner inhibits our ability to have a good time, however, as an organization, in order to avoid legal restrictions on our freedom we must voluntarily assume a somewhat responsible stance. As individuals we must assume some responsibility four ourselves and sometimes for those around us. Acting responsible may be inhibiting, but how inhibiting is knowing that someone is in the hospital or dead because of your failure to assume some responsibility and prevent that person from harming themselves.

I feel that we must assume the attitude that to get so screwed up that you harm yourself and/or others is not cool. If peer pressure is directed towards acting in a responsible manner, then you can expect a positive reaction from the individuals involved.

I am against legislating morality and values, as this is totalitarian and has never worked in any society. If we enlighten participants in our functions as to the effects and dangers of alcohol through education, the addition of a little peer pressue will solve our problem.

When considering solutions to the problem, remember, legislated rules require active enforcement, social values enfore themselves....

John B, West Portland Chapter

A.B.A.T.E. Hosts Senior Meal

A very special dinner will be hosted by the A.B.A.T.E. group of Lincoln County, a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts.

The group will be giving a Thanksgiving dinner for local senior citizens at the Centre Restaurant at Canyon Way in Newport. Dinner will be served at 12:30 and 2 p.m. on Nov. 20.

Transportation will be

provided for those that need a ride. There will also be entertainment provided.

"We hope to provide a very enjoyable afternoon for approximately 100 of our local senior citizens," says group member Lois Davison.

Local seniors who wish to attend the free dinner must pre-register. Sign-up sheets will be placed in the

Retired Senior Volunteer Program offices in Naterlin Community Center and at all Lincoln County Elderly Nutrition Mealsites. Deadline for reservations is Nov. 14.

The 2 p.m. time slot has been filled, but there is still room for the 12:30 p.m. dinner, Davison says.

The group is still welcoming donations for the dinner. "We still need turkeys," Davison, says,

but adds that "any donations; time, money any kind of food, will be welcome."

A.B.A.T.E. has regular meetings set on the first and third Fridays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Moby Dicks Restaurant in Newport. The public is invited to attend.

For further information, or to donate food, contact Davison at 265-3188.

We fed 72

seniors!
XXX Kater

The Meeting Place

TO ALL BIKERS:

There have been continuous reports in the state of South Dakota of police (mostly State Highway Patrol) harrassing and intimidating bikers. This was evident in Custer SD and during the Sturgis Rally.

I believe we have a responsibility to do something about this, not only as bikers but also as tax-paying, voting citizens.

Our tax money should go toward upholding the law, not harrassing and intimidating people.

I would like to start an accurate account of incidents of harrassment and intimidating toward bikers by law enforcement agencies. Maybe with facts and figures, we as a group can do something positive about this type of treatment.

If any biker out there has had any problems with the law and feels it was a case of harrassment or intimidation, please drop me a line telling the story.

LOCATION.....

DATE.....

STOPPED BY: CITY POLICE _____
COUNTY SHERIF _____
HIGHWAY PATROL _____

REASON FOR BEING STOPPED.....

If known, officer's name or badge number. (Helps to find out if agency or just individual officer doesn't like bikers.)

Ed (Grey Wolf)
ABATE OF THE BLACK HILLS
BOX 241
WHITEWOOD SD 57793

Thanks, A.B.A.T.E.

To The Editor:

I am a retired senior citizen from Chicago, Ill. and last April became a permanent resident of Newport. The people of Newport really are "the friendliest" and I have never been happier.

However, today I had the nicest experience of all. We had been extended an invitation to be guests of the A.B.A.T.E. (local motorcycle group) for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at a Newport restaurant. We were

furnished transportation and were greeted at the restaurant by the young men and women of the group; then seated and made to feel like honored guests. The delicious food was cooked and served by the members of A.B.A.T.E.

We, the senior citizen residents of Pinewood Manor, would like to say thank you again to these thoughtful, generous people for a wonderful afternoon.

Mrs. Harriott Cohen
Pinewood Manor
Newport

Two dozen members of the Vagos Out-laws motorcycle club roared into Orange, California, pulled up outside St. Joseph Hospital, took the place by storm and donated 50 units of blood. Leader Tony "Rat" Simmons explained, "Many of us have needed blood transfusions. . . . You get out of life what you put into it."

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

**** CHAPTER REPORTS ****

*** BEND CHAPTER ***

By the time this is printed it will be a new year, so we take this time to wish everyone a very safe and happy year. A bit of news from Bend - our run for the American Kidney Fund had 21 riders for us, but those riders raised \$458.40! This money has been used to set up an in-service emergency fund at the local Dialysis Center. Thanks so much to all of you who helped. As all of you know, this year is an election year. We urge all of you to pay real close attention and to put a lot of thought into how you vote.

RIDE SAFE . . . Louise

*** CENTRAL OREGON CHAPTER ***
(No report received this month)

*** RIVER CITY CHAPTER - THE DALLES ***
(No report from them, either - That's two months, people! We need to hear from you!)

*** DOUGLAS COUNTY CHAPTER ***

The Douglas County Chapter has been busy preparing for several events and projects. We have decided to start up the local newsletter again to keep our chapter members informed about what is happening in the area. Shelli Batha is going to be the editor with help from a few friends. The first edition is scheduled to come out sometime in late December.

We have been organizing monthly fund raisers at the suggestion of Billie Meuser. Just to review the ones you members have already missed . . . in November we had a poker party at Jerry Seay's. It was somewhat spur of the moment but we raised about \$30.00 for the treasury. After the first-of-the-month-meeting in December we held a cribbage tournament and made approximately \$23.00 from the unfortunate losers. There will be more information in the local newsletter about the January, February, and March fund raisers but just so you can have an idea of what's planned, here is the tentative list of events. January 27th there will be an OLDIE BUT GOLDIE party featuring music from the 50's & 60's. Costumes are encouraged. In February Billie has a TOILET PARTY planned which will feature a .25 cent charge for use of the bathroom and .05 cents per sheet of paper needed. Fines will be levied against those trying to sneak outside. For the month of March we will all be tying pillows to our behinds and having a roller skating party which will hopefully be at an hour when the kids can join in the fun (and probably skate circles around the grown-ups!)

Events which will be history by the time this is read are the New Year's Eve party at Lindy's and our December woodcutting project. We will probably continue to have woodcutting projects in case you missed the last two.

Our calendar sales are going really well. We have sold all of the first 200 we had printed. EASYRIDER magazine messed up and didn't get our article about the winners in the February issue as planned, so watch for it in the March issue. We are having another 200 calendars printed so those of you who haven't bought one yet, they're still available. There will be some at the January State Meeting or you can order them by mail by sending a check or money order for \$3.00 plus .50 cents for postage (\$3.50 altogether) to Post Office Box 61, Roseburg, Oregon 97470.

Our meetings are still on the first and third Sundays of each month and begin at noon. For the time being they will be at Mr. Pizza in Roseburg but we may hold a few at Lindy's when their pool tournament schedule doesn't conflict with our meetings.

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEMBERS---RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND WATCH FOR YOUR NEWSLETTER!! HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL CHAPTERS AND THEIR MEMBERS FROM DOUGLAS COUNTY!! (Ed. Note: Hope you guys will mail a copy of your local newsletter to us at the P.O. box! - GMT)

*** EMERALD VALLEY CHAPTER - EUGENE ***

By the time this makes the newsletter, 1983 will be behind us. It was a good year for Emerald Valley - we have seen a steady rise in new memberships. We now have 60 paid members, and we're still growing.

Our 1983 Summer Run went off very well. We're very proud of our officers and members who worked very hard to make it happen. We finally had a run that really showed a large profit. We were very proud to send the State a check for 25% of a large profit. It has been a long time coming. 1984 promises to be a better year yet.

We are planning a Valentine's Day Party in February. We also have two runs coming up this summer - one is in June, and the other is in August.

WE HAVE A NEW MEETING TIME AND PLACE! We now meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday at the Guide Shack Tavern, 5256 Main Street, Springfield - the officers meeting starts at 3pm (everyone is welcome), and the regular meeting starts at 4pm. We're looking forward to meeting new members from our chapter, as well as other chapters.

EMERALD VALLEY says have a Happy, Profitable and VERY SAFE New Year!!!

Diana Porter - Secretary/Treasurer

*** JACKSON COUNTY CHAPTER ***

And the winner of the Leather Raffle is JOE GROOMS, aka SANTA CLAUS, from Jackson County! No, it wasn't rigged. And it couldn't have gone to a neater, more deserving guy. Joe has been our Toy Run Santa for three years, and is a dedicated member of ABATE. CONGRATULATIONS JOE! WE LOVE YOU! (continued on next page)

(JACKSON COUNTY CHAPTER REPORT CONTINUES)

The Toy Run was a great success, even though the weather didn't cooperate. There was outstanding community support and involvement, thanks to our chairman Ambria K., and PR person Sudy S. About 100 frozen, snowy wet bodies joined others to make Christmas a great deal happier for our local kids.

Our January 1st meeting is cancelled (of course!). The January 15th meeting will have local attorney Mike Arant speaking on the new DUII laws.

February 11th is our Valentine's Party. Hope to see you there.

Have a happy and safe New Year, from everyone in JACKSON COUNTY ABATE!

LIZ

* KLAMATH FALLS CHAPTER *

Hi! Not a lot to report. Working on a new date for our End-of-Season Run. Will let everyone know.

Had Senator Judy Carnahan at our last meeting. She seemed open and above board on motorcyclists - very much supportive. She's against the sales tax and for revising the personal income tax. I'm sending the State her lobbying suggestions and a copy of a print-out on sales tax and accompanying legislation (four bills). The Senator seemed surprised we aren't like Hells Angels. Would like to thank Dave Glissan and his Lady for all the work that went into getting the Senator to attend - also thanks to all the guests from other clubs who came. Sorry we couldn't get ahold of Senator Carnahan to finalize this until the Saturday before. Short notice. Would like to suggest that ABATE send a State Newsletter directly to the Senator. The chapter here will send ours. Her address is: Senator Judy Carnahan

6523 Alva Avenue
Klamath Falls, OR 97601

All in all, the chapter is very active.

Bob Motschenbacher, Secretary

(Editor's note: Bob, I'm all for the Senator receiving a newsletter, but I think it's something you or your rep need to bring before the State Board, since Al Cole is in charge of the membership list and thus has control of printing the mailing labels for the newsletter; the Senator's name and address would have to go in his computer for her to receive a complimentary copy. On the other hand, there is something to be said for NOT letting our elected officials, who are in their positions for the sole purpose of representing us, know what we are doing. This li'l 'ol paper is really only concerned with keeping MEMBERS informed. In any event, take it up with the board, since they have the final say . . . GMT)

* LINCOLN COUNTY CHAPTER *
(No report received this month)

* NORTHEAST PORTLAND CHAPTER *

Hello from N.E. Portland. By the time you read this our toy run will be a thing of the past, but thanks to everyone who showed up and helped. Some of us went to Washington County's Toy Run and had a great time. The weather could have been better but we still had fun. Congratulations to Brian Puckett - he's our new legislative director. We all have great faith in him. Congratulations also to Steve and Nancy Damico on their wedding.

The Christmas Tree cutting party was a success, and we had a pretty good turnout.

That's about all for this month, so ride free and watch out for the crazies! Until next month . . . Leslie
(P.S. Our meetings are still the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at Gino's Pizza, 108th and Halsy. Everyone's welcome!

* SALEM CHAPTER *

Our chapter's off to a good beginning! Tell your friends in the Salem area to stop in and see what's happening! We meet at Pietro's Pizza, off of Market Street by the I-5 Southbound on ramp. Looking forward to seeing all our members and guests at 8pm on 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

Marge Woodruff, Secretary

* SOUTHEAST PORTLAND CHAPTER *

'Tis the season to be jol . . . Oh! That's last month!? Anyway, anyone interested in working on the next toy run get in touch with Sheila Blocker. We need someone to coordinate next year's run - it's never too early, ya know.

An ABATE get-together after the toy run was a great idea. Big thanks to everyone at 44th and Woodstock Sunshine Pizza Exchange.

Let's keep up with our fellow members and bring in the news - soon enough we'll be buried in letter writing and phone calling. The more people we have, the louder our voice. See you at the meetings! Marge

* ST. JOHNS CHAPTER *
(No report received!)

* WEST PORTLAND CHAPTER *
(Guess what? No report from them, either!)

* WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAPTER *

High out there in motorcycle land! Well, here it is winter again, with rain, snow (for you people in the eastern and southern parts of the state) and in general lousy weather for riding. Nothing to do, right? WRONG!! NOW is the time to think about the bills we want brought up at the next session of the Legislature! I'm sure we'll be plagued by the helmet bill again, as well as P.I.P., etc, etc. Just a few ideas concerning bills. How about a bill to require regular re-testing of the driving skills of the elderly that drive? I'm not knocking the elderly, but when was the last time that you had an old man or lady come into your lane WITH you or turn left in front of you or signal left and turn right or vice versa? Happens to me every now and then. If you saw the recent 60 minutes TV broadcast a while back you would have to agree that testing the elderly regularly (not every four years as they do in Oregon) is called for. Also, I would like to see a very severe test done if an accident involves an old person. I'm sure you have seen an elderly person get out of an auto in a parking lot, barely able to walk assisted with a cane or crutches. Would you like to meet that person in an emergency situation or just in the street? They're as bad as a drunk, as far as I'm concerned. If there are any out there that would like to get up a bill to that effect, please let me know and maybe we can work together on it and give it to Jim Dodson for fine tuning and presentation to the legislature next session.

Here in our chapter we have just completed our first annual "Toy Run", and I for one feel that it was a total success! Thanks to those people from Portland that helped and supported it. A special thanks to all those people from Portland and outlying areas that rode in the rain over here to make it the success that it was! We took lots of pictures as well as video (Yes, the mighty Washington County Chapter video production crew was there, headed by Melinda, our producer) so we hope to have in the near future (after editing) a good, broadcast worthy copy of the Toy Run in all of its glory, to be used for PR or whatever for the benefit of ABATE of Oregon.

We still have about half our membership that hang in there and attend meetings regularly. You all deserve a big pat on the back and an extra slice of raisin pie. To the rest of you, I realize that many things come up to keep you from attending regularly, but please try real hard to attend when you can. (It's Christmas time, so no tirade this time).

One more thing - Melody and I are working on a research paper on the subject of motorcycle related deaths and accidents so if you all could, please send us any articles from the papers, magazines, etc., or any facts that can be substantiated, we would really appreciate it. When we get it done, we hope to have a booklet available through ABATE to help us in our ongoing campaign to educate the motorcycling and non-motorcycling public about what is happening on the streets. My insurance man wanted facts concerning helmets the other day - I'm going to collect all the facts that can be substantiated and prepare a paper for him. If we can get just ONE insurance salesman or police officer or just Joe Citizen to listen to our side of the story with an open mind, it'll be a beginning. Maybe it can turn into an avalanche - a little pebble can cause a great landslide.

That's about all from here in the banana belt - ride safe, and we'll see you at the next run! (Yes, I'm thinking about runs already - must be the winter blahs - HA!)
BARBER - P.O. Box 397 - Cornelius, OR 97113 - Ph. 357-5822

- A note from your friendly neighborhood Lowrider editor -

First of all, I'm sure everyone in ABATE of Oregon will join me in offering CONGRATULATIONS!! to S.E. Portland Chapter member (and secretary) Marge Woodruff for starting a new chapter in Salem. For the time being, she'll be secretary for both chapters. Hey Marge - send me a list of chapter officers in your next chapter report. Hope you don't burn up the road between SE and Salem. If you can use any help, just holler!!

Secondly, (now it's TIRADE time!), I'm sure everyone has noticed the lack of chapter reports this time around. Last month I was really optimistic that I'd have thirteen chapter reports in January. Yes, I know that it's the holidays, but all ya have to send in is a coupla lines - one measly paragraph! How 'bout it? Let's all you chapter secretaries make a New Year's Resolution to have a newsletter report in the P.O. box BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH!! All fourteen chapters only cover the western half of the state - we don't have any representation in ANY of the major eastern Oregon cities, so it's REALLY important that we hear from the reps that we do have! 'nough said - for NOW! Until next month, when I take over the entire job of assembling this thing, I'll be Lowriding shiveringly along!

- Gary -

No Free Parking

Heat. I was on my way home from a business meeting and the schedule had me crossing the desert at mid-day. A summer day, so when I say heat, I mean the heat that bubbles asphalt and makes you look down every ten miles because you can't believe the inferno blasting

CYCLE WORLD UP FRONT

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your legs isn't the engine in flames.

At the western edge of the desert there's a small town. I had a wonderful idea. A sign said this way to the park, the park name included a lake. I naturally concluded that meant water, as in swimming. Cool, clear water, a break in the ride and a change from the infernal heat.

So I followed the sign to the park and sure enough, there was the lake, boats, beach, swimmers. I asked the woman at the gate how much and where do I park?

No charge, she said, because you can't park in the park. No motorcycles allowed. Leave your motorcycle here at the gate and walk.

Why? Because if they allowed motorcycles, they'd have to admit motorcycle gangs, who would destroy the peace, the people and the park.

I objected. Bursting with justice, I challenged the rules.

I won every round. She admitted that I looked to be an inoffensive man on an inoffensive motorcycle and thus was not likely to be the advance man for beasts in semi-human form.

She said of course there are laws against public disturbance, rowdy behavior, etc., and yes, the city and county where we were has law enforcement officers.

She said yes, if 80 large and unruly guys arrived at the park in pick-up trucks or MG Midgets or electric golf carts, she'd let them in. That does prove the rule is against motorcycles rather than offensive or threatening elements.

She won the fight. If I didn't like the rule, I could write the park/city/county board of supervisors. I had the choice of walking in or riding away.

I walked in. Sorry if I let down the

side. I had a hot dog and a nice, cool swim. (No, I didn't wait half an hour like my mom told me to. Treat me like an outlaw and I act like one.)

Having cooled off on the outside, I got back on the road. I reflected that the outlaws do the rest of us damage . . .

Wait! Hang on a sec! When I rode to the park, I didn't meet any ruffians riding away because their riot had been cancelled. The rangerette hadn't told me



BY
ALLAN
GIRDLER

about outlaw-inspired riots that had taken place. Nor did she say the rule had prevented any outrages.

She, and/or the people who banned bikes from the park weren't basing their decision on what bikers do, they were basing the ban on what they think we do, or what they've been told we do.

They have been told wrong.

According to the best estimates, 12 million people in this country ride motorcycles. According to the federal authorities who monitor such things, the aggregate membership of the motorcycle-related gangs that engage in criminal activities is 4000.

Consider ratios. There are slightly fewer than 600 members of Congress. Two of these members have just admitted acts definable as moral turpitude. If we have 12 million members in our group and 4000 are criminals, that's one in 3000. In Congress the bad egg ratio is one in 300, so they are ten times worse than us.

The daily paper tells me one of football's alltime greats has just been sentenced to prison. I bet the ratio of Heisman Trophy winners to convicts is worse than the ratio of bike nuts to criminals.

But Congressmen can visit schools. Football players are allowed in banks.

And bikers are banned from the park. We are obviously dealing here with perception, rather than reality.

My nominees for why begin with . . . us. Innocent or not, and I naturally think we're innocent, we look different. Strange, even. Your neighbors at home or the people at work know you're all right. Odd, because of riding bikes, but otherwise normal. You pay your union dues, attend PTA meetings, chip in for office parties, don't leave the trash cans

on the sidewalk and so forth.

But. Pretend you aren't us. You're driving your car on Sunday. I don't think it matters if you, the non-biker sees eight sedate couples in club uniforms on matching dressers, eight sports riders in full helmets with matching leathers, eight restorers of the pudding-bowl and Belstaff persuasion, or eight chopper builders in bandanas and cut-offs. We look different. Strange. The helmets and suits appear alien. Sure, we have good reasons for our gear. I wouldn't trade my helmet, boots and jacket for all the good impressions in the world.

But we look different. One of the lessons history teaches is that it's easy persuading the public that different equals worse.

Second, television. We are the most vulnerable of minorities. The format adventure show needs first, a hero, second a victim, third a threat. The scriptwriter has 27 min. to introduce, establish and resolve these elements. There's no time for subtleties.

There is time to protect the network. And the threat cannot be ludicrous. Thus, no Nazis, no Martians with green wrinkled skin, no Blacks, no Mafia, no Latinos. Nor is it that a stereotype involving these groups would be any more fair. It wouldn't be. It's just that they are better at defending themselves than we are.

So I doubt you can find an evening of television without one hero, firm of jaw and licensed to carry a gun; someone to be saved, winsome damsels, kindly old gent, freckle-faced kid, pick one.

And roaring down Main Street, lurking in dim alleys, are the hairy hulks, the leering, leather-clad louts, the outlawbikermotorcyclegang, which I make one word because that's how it's said.

If my research is correct, the most recent certified biker-police clash occurred in 1978. That doesn't matter because the television shows need us, need to exploit the image. The image works, so it's there, and the image is there because it works.

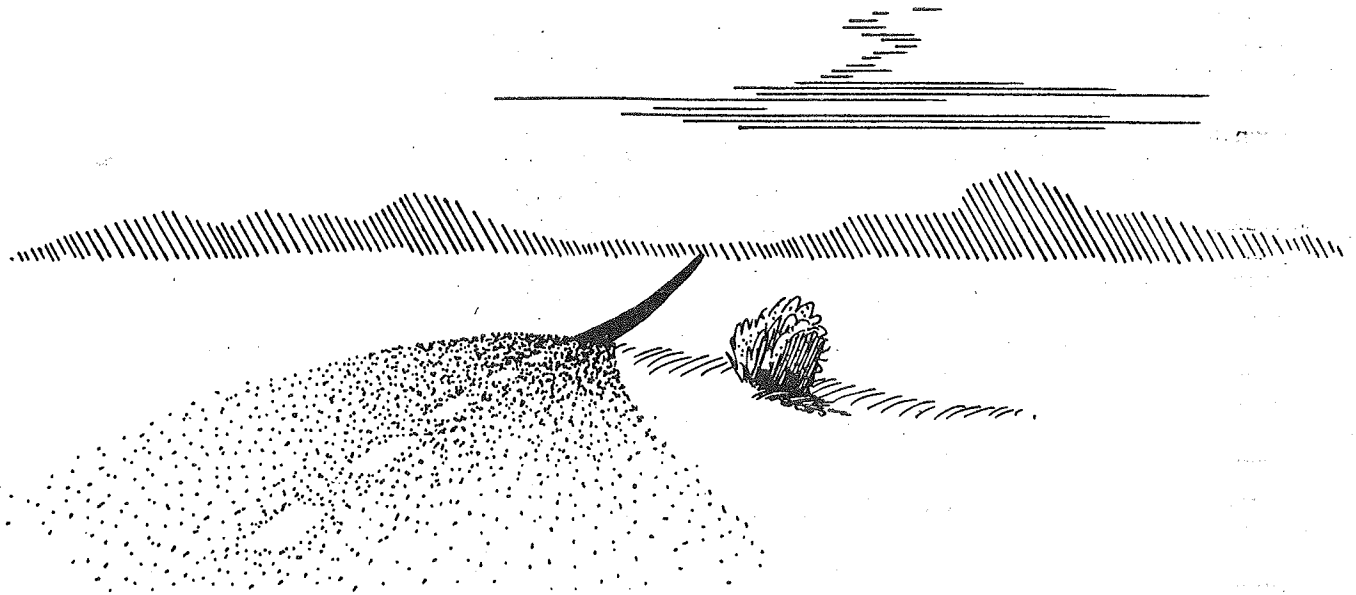
I may be taking this too personal. Our latest marketing survey says the motorycling public expects motorycling's image to improve in the future. I hope so. I may be unable to see the forest because I was hit by a tree.

Meanwhile, when I got home from the forbidden park, I considered writing a letter to the supervisors. Then I decided the heck with it.

Instead, I mailed in my dues to AMA and ABATE. If we can't convince our enemies, we can at least support our friends.

A Few Words On Touring

TOURING



By MARK TAKAC

Weekend, idea, trip, south, California, L. A., miles, 1,800. Crazy? Yes.

GO.

Night, Friday, south, Nevada, cold, 40s, fairing, none, hypothermia, some. Light, town, restaurant, food, warm. Stuffed, fatigued, motel, shower, hot, bed, sleep.

Morning, beautiful, ride, south. Weather, warm, hot, hotter, sunburn, water, rest. Gas, tank, full, no, stupid, yes. Ride, stop, gas, out, highway, push, sweat, tired, cuss. Intersection, station, gas. Semi-s, many, moving. Eyes, peeled, gland, adrenal, overtime. Pumps, safe, gas, sigh. Ride, road, arches, golden, pangs, hunger, stop. Ride, stateline, California. Helmet, law, none, off. Ride, great, bugs, bee, sting, armpit, hurts, like, hell, stop, emergency. Composure, regain. Ride, mountains, steep, up, clouds, down, steep, valley, excitement. Ride, west, L. A., smog, traffic, rain, grooves, highway, terror. Call, close, truck, big, arrive, alive, hope. Ride, dark, motel, rest, food, TV, sleep.

Morning, Sunday. Ride, coast, Pacific, highway, beach, bodies, bikinis, stare, stop.

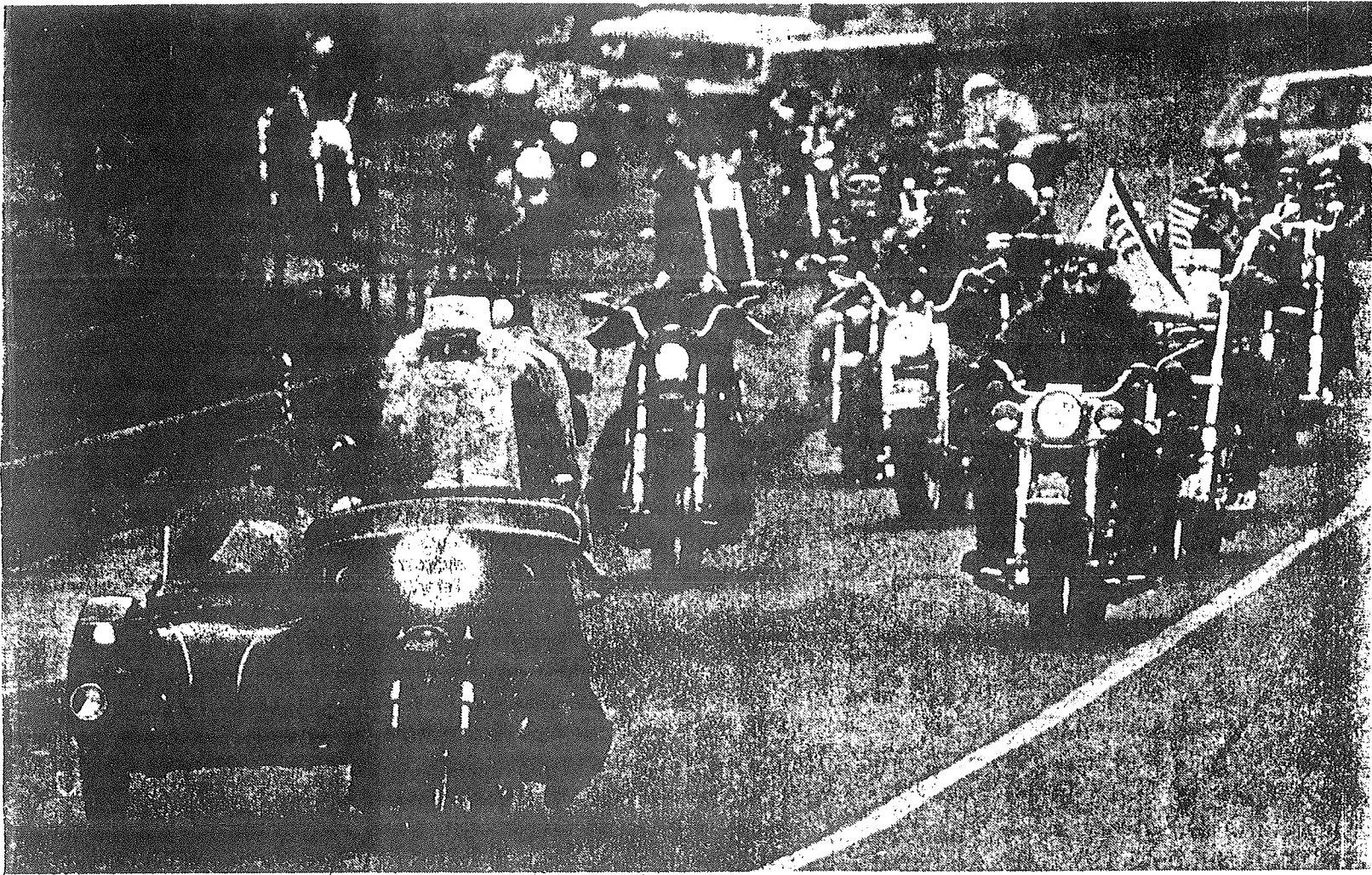
Ride, return, Interstate, stateline, Nevada, dark. Ride, gas, none, motel, vacancy, no. Ride, time, AM, two, cold, worried. Decision, tank, friend, gas, drain. Enough? Hope. Ride, cold, desolate, scary. Ride, colder, darker. Ride, night, all. Ride, light, dawn, fingers, numb, toes, frozen, almost. Ride, station, gas, stop. Walk, fall, hypothermia, some. Gas. Ride, fatigued. Ride, north, Idaho, lost, tired, faint, almost.

Ride, weary, insane. Ride, arrive, sigh, stop. Walk, house, room, bed, think.

Trip, again? Never.

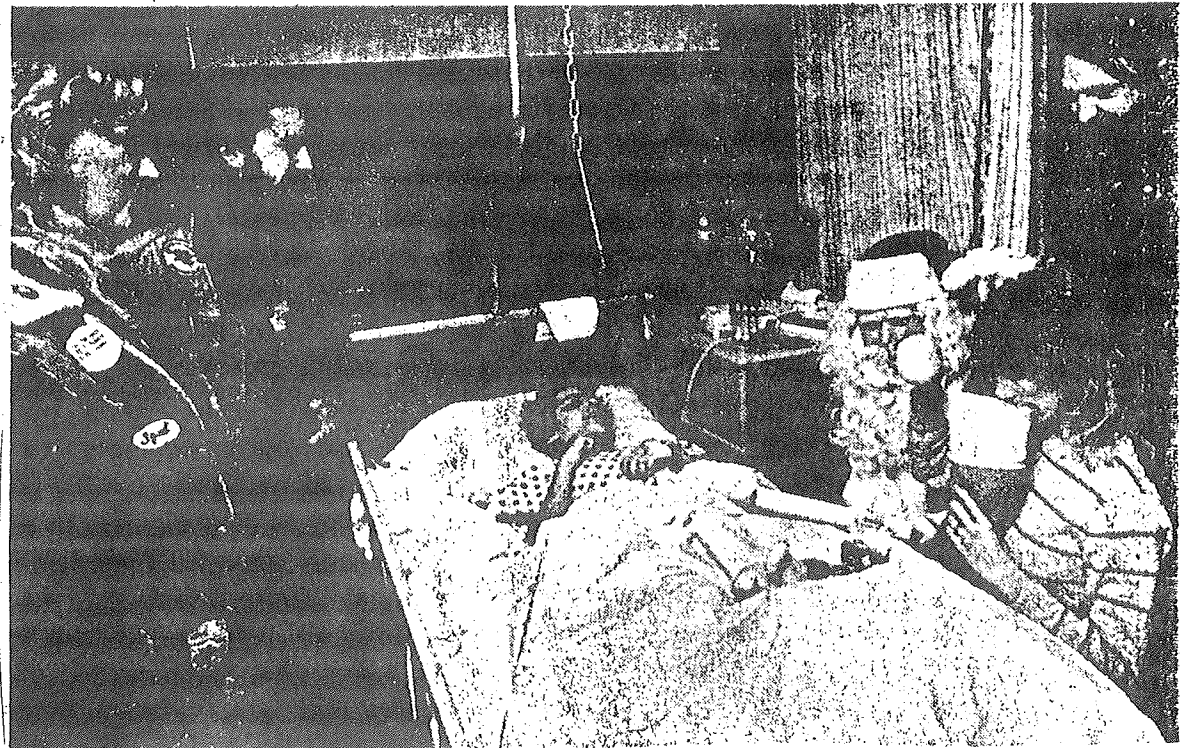
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Claus on wheels — Santa, above, leads procession of bikers making "toy run" Saturday to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Southwest Portland. At right, Santa, alias James W. Dodson, sits with patient Jeffrey Sheller, 15, as Vickie J. Grek looks over stocking stuffers. Other visitors are (from left) Leslie D. Shields, Gary L. Vinson and Marvin A. Blocker. Annual event is sponsored by ABATE, motorcycle group seeking to cheer up young patients and improve public image of bikers.



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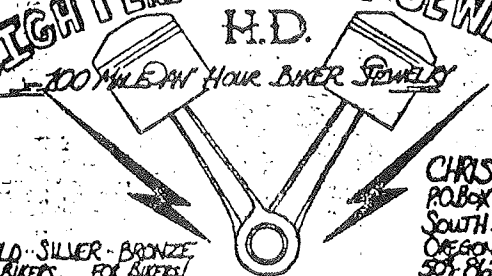
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ABATE of Oregon is a statewide organization with local chapters throughout the state. Each chapter conducts business according to its own needs, under the guide lines established by the State Board. The State Board is made up of two representatives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

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ABATE chapters also sponser 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.

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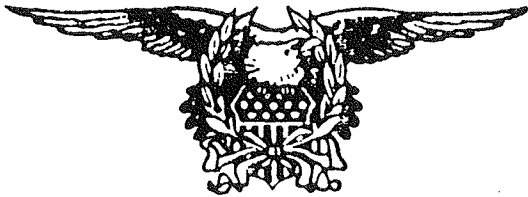
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