

# ABATE NEWS

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Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 25, at 8:00 P.M. at Spooky's. Some of the items for this month's agenda are:

INSURANCE--new laws, new hassles  
POLICE REPORTS--they watch us, we'll watch them  
MOVIES--fun and games at our last two runs  
WRITE an important letter!  
THE FUTURE OF THE HELMET LAW REPEAL

On the subject of insurance...

We would like to find out as much as possible about currently available motorcycle insurance. If you have insurance on your bike, or have any information about it, please bring your facts and figures to the meeting.

## NATIONAL ABATE!

After a year of work, a national ABATE structure has been established by a meeting of State Co-ordinators held at Daytona, Fla. on March 11, 1978. Several proposals had been made during that year, but none were acceptable to the membership. Finally, a questionnaire was sent out to State Co-ordinators to find out exactly what the membership wanted in the way of a national ABATE. Response was almost 100%. The results were discussed over the 3 days at Daytona, and the following outline was set forth.

1. Purpose: The purpose of the ABATE National organization should be to weld the state organizations together through close communications so that ABATE becomes the strongest civil rights organization in the world. It will always be very clear that the strength of ABATE rests in the hands of the individual members and that the members must always have total control over this organization. The Directors of ABATE will never be allowed to tell the membership how ABATE will be run, but the members will tell the officers what they want ABATE to accomplish, and how.

2. Structure: ABATE National office will publish newsletters, compile data, and handle correspondence. All offices are for a term of one year, beginning March 11, 1978. Address: P.O. Box 38094, Washington, D.C. 20020

National Director: Russell Davis (Padre) coordinates all ABATE business nationally. Appoints national Secretary and Treasurer, plus other assistants, with approval of Regional Directors.

Board of Directors: Regional Directors, National Director, and his assistants. Will meet at least once every 90 days.

Regional Directors:

- Region I--Warren Bennett--Northeastern States
- Region II--Wanda Hummell--Midwest & Central Eastern Seaboard
- Region III--Lee VanHoesen, Jr. (Big Red)--Southeastern States
- Region IV--Paul Hendley--Central States
- Region V--Bob Lipkin (Bob Bitchin')--Western States (Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, Alaska, and Hawaii)

Region V office is at P.O. Box 2610, Long Beach, California, 90801

For additional details concerning funding and organization of ABATE National, come to the meeting!