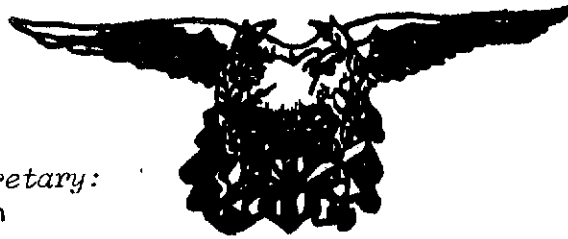


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SPECIAL NOTICE!!!!

STATE ABATE MEETINGS will now be conducted on second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 8:00 pm, at Centenary Wilbur Church (SE 9th and Ash), Portland.....after the May 23rd meeting.
NEXT MEETING NIGHTS: May 23 June 14 June 28 July 12 July 26
PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND YOUR ABATE MEETINGS. This is your organization. It's up to you to support it with your ideas and attendance in order for all of us to be able to ride free.

NOTICE: ABATE of Oregon is in desperate need of a filing cabinet. Hoping someone will donate it.....?

NOTICE: We lost out party spot and need another one preferable in the Portland area, someplace within a 50 mile radius. If you have access to any private property or know anyone who has a place, let us know, at the ABATE Hot Line Numbers.

Also, on JUNE 17th WE ARE HAVING A POKER RUN, starting at 10:00 am to 12 noon, at 12th and JeffersonSW (Portland). There will be PRIZES. The run will take place in the Portland area so you will not be too far from home.

"OFFICER OF THE MONTH"

If you have a favorite Police Officer in your neighborhood or town, and would like to give him his due recognition, why not send us a picture and a short run-down on him for our OFFICER OF THE MONTH CLUB.
Let's hear from you!!



KEEP THIS IN MIND MAY 23rd

This is a list of the Senators and Representatives of 1977 and how they voted. Take note on how they voted. A lot of these people are running for re-election. Be sure you are registered to vote. Let's get the people against us out.....and get someone in there that is for us. THE HELMET LAW IS COMING UP AGAIN. We can't let them put it back on our heads. So....let's keep on top of these people and stop them before they get us again:

SENATE

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|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| J. Boe-No | W. Carson-No | V. Cook-Yes | E. Fadeley-Yes |
| W. Brown-Yes | R. Groener-Yes | T. Hallock-Yes | C. Hanlon-Yes |
| K. Burbridge-No | L. Hannon-Yes | F. Heard-No | D. Isham-Yes |

continued on next page.....don't miss it.....(this was on the REPEAL BILL).....

continued from front page.....list of Legislators and how they voted in 1977:

K. Jernstedt-Yes	S. Kafoury-Yes	W. McCoy-No	A. Meeker-Yes
E. Potts-Yes	J. Powell-Yes	J. Ripper-Yes	B. Roberts-Yes
F. Roberts-No	M. Roberts-Yes	R. Smith-No	M. Thorne-Yes
C. Trow-No	B. Whipple-Yes	G. Wingard-Yes	J. Wyers-Yes
E. Brown-Yes			

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

T. Achilles-No	E. Blumenauer-No	R. Brogionti-Yes	T. Bugas-Yes
M. Burrows-No	B. Byers-Yes	H. Cherry-No	J. Chrest-Yes
D. Davis-Yes	P. Dereli-No	J. Duff-No	N. Fadeley-Yes
W. Fawbush-Yes	D. Frohnmayr-No	M. Gardner-Yes	J. Gilmore-Yes
B. Grannell-No	R. Gustafson-Yes	P. Hanneman-Yes	C. Johnson-Yes
S. Johnson-Yes	D. Jones-Yes	G. Kafoury-No	V. Katz-No
G. Kerans-No	L. Kinsey-Yes	C. Klein-Yes	T. Kulongoski-No
P. Lang-No	E. Lindquist-No	K. Lombard-Yes	D. Magruder-Yes
B. Markham-Yes	T. Marsh-No	R. Martin-Yes	B. Marx-Yes
B. Monroe-No	B. Morris-No	H. Meyers-Yes	G. Otto-No
W. Priestly-Yes	M. Ragsdale-Yes	S. Richards-Yes	A. Riebel-No
M. Rieke-No	M. Rijken-Yes	B. Rodgers-No	B. Rutherford-Yes
A. Shaw-Yes	M. Simpson-Yes	G. Star-Yes	E. Stevenson-Yes
J. Sumner-No	T. VanVliet-No	B. Vian-No	G. Whallon-Yes
P. Whiting-No	G. Wilhelms-Yes	C. Wolfer-No	M. Yih-Yes

IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED YET.....DO IT NOW!!!

Go down to the local Post Office and get a registration form and fill it out and mail it in. That is all there is to it. Then, on May 23 you can vote. Remember who voted to repeal the Helmet Law. The list is in this Newsletter.....look it over, and VOTE.

SPEAK OUT FOR ABATE!!!!

A friend of the motorcyclist, ABATE's own George Dowling (Education Co-Director) has his own talk show. George is doing his thing on KKEY AM, 1150 on your radio dial!! This great boon to enlightenment occurs every Sunday afternoon from one to two o'clock. Let's listen in and make ourselves heard! George may be doing a show soon with OUR CHAIRMAN, VIC WRIGHT. (How about that for "High Class")

HARASSMENT REPORT: WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, HOW.....POINTS ON MAKING A REPORT:

**Make the report within one day after the incident.

**Make a report on all contacts with the authorities, whether or not it involves yourself riding a motorcycle.

**WHO: Identify the officer or officers: A. name; B. or badge number; C. or car; D. or car license; E. or cop's description.

**WHEN: Time of occurrence and date.

**WHERE: Location of occurrence.

**WHY: Reason cop gives for the contact.

**WHAT: What transpired in the way of contact; action; conversation; documents, such as tickets.

**HOW: How many other persons were present and their identities, how did the matter turn out.

Conclude with any general observations, and write the report in a legible manner. Don't worry too much about spelling as long as the words can generally be read. Sign the report with the date it is made. If someone witnesses your making the report, have them sign and date it.

ALWAYS carry a pad and pencil.

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Harassment Report, continued.....

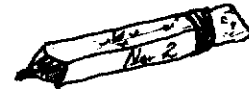
WHEN: The importance of making the report within the earliest possible time is because of the freshness of the incident in your mind as to the details.

On contacts with the authorities whether or not it involves yourself riding a bike or not, this is important because it is most imperative that all contact with authorities, good, bad or indifferent, should be recorded, in order to get the total picture of how the police treat the citizenry.

You must always remember that your actions and attitude will also be duly noticed, so always be courteous and mannerly, giving the Law Enforcement no reasons for further complaints against you.

When these reports are completed, send them to: ABATE of Oregon P. O. Box 4504
Portland, OR 97208

We will keep a central file on all of these reports.



When you are stopped by the police in Oregon (or anywhere else), the officer(s) can get all of the information they need about you just by calling in. The State stores information about those of us who don't seem to be able to keep their activities within the framework of the law. When we go to court for our misdeeds, the officer(s) always refer to their written information in their presentation to the judge. If you had written notes, (maybe even signed, dated, and witnessed) you, too, would have power in court. (Hang on, I'm getting there). We now have a plan which can be the beginning of our own Statistic Gathering Operation. The first object of our efforts will be the police. This reporting system is not just for yourself in court but also for our group struggle against harassment by police. The above Program can, in time, give us an idea of which specific officers, what areas, and which police agencies are harassing Bikers.

ABATE * WORKING FOR YOU

Totalitarianism is a concept that is foreign to the peoples of a democracy, or at least it was until the Highway Safety Act of 1966.

Through an unconstitutional delegation of authority the U.S. Congress permitted the U.S. Department of transportation to blackmail the individual states into enacting mandatory helmet laws for the nation's motorcyclists. Only one state refused to sell freedom for dollars; California. All of the others indicated by their submission to the dictates of the DOT, that when it came to the value of individual rights and freedoms, they would sell freedom down the drain for a few measly bucks!

Then in 1975, a small handful of bikers from across the country decided to do something about it. Armed only with a great deal of determination, this group managed to secure the support of House Representatives Glenn Anderson and Stewart McKinney, and Senators Alan Cranston and Jesse Helms. The result was the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1975 being signed by President Ford and a removal of the DOT's power over the states.

Suddenly the bikers of the nation had the opportunity of working to repeal the helmet laws on an individual state level, the federal blackmail power no longer a deterrent to their efforts. ABATE state chapters suddenly started applying new pressures, scheduling massive protest runs, letter-writing campaigns and working hard to get their legislators to listen to them. The bikers could see the writing on the wall. All it took was patience and a lot of hard work. They could win if they really wanted to.
continued on next page.....read on, friends.....

Slowly at first, and then like wildfire, the helmet laws started falling, one state after another. Success seemed to center generally in the western states, those closest to the one free state in the nation.

Gradually, the DOT realized that it's ultimate goals of dictating safety to states was in danger of being lost. Using incomplete, inaccurate and completely false information, it flooded the media and state governments with misleading data. A thing that had started out as an effort to monopolize on a disorganized and unique element of American society had failed, and now the basic precedent that the DOT had been trying to establish was being severely threatened. At least one element wasn't willing to have the federal government do their thinking for them when it came to their personal safety.

The fight is still going on and ABATE state chapters are leading the fight for bikers rights. What started off as a resentment over forced wear of the helmet, generated to an awareness of what the federal government is apparently trying to do. Now, the states are involved in fighting mandatory daytime use of motorcycle lights, ridiculous sound and emission standards, modification restrictions, legislated customers for the insurance industry, insurance premiums and requirements that bear no resemblance to the actual amount of liability assumption by the insurance industry and the involvement of big business on the federal government's decisions. ABATE is also working for more realistic approaches to motorcycling safety. Many states already have rider education bills being considered by their legislatures as a result of ABATE efforts. Efforts to obtain a uniform motorcycle classification and registration standard nationally, a uniform accident and fatality reporting system that will permit evaluation of safety laws, better licensing and examining of applicants for motorcycle licenses, motorist education programs regarding motorcyclist's rights on the public streets, and many other programs designed to save lives and promote motorcycling as the exciting and wonderful sport it is.

Yes! ABATE is working for you!!

Why not show the above item to a acquaintance who always has an "excuse" for not joining ABATE?

FROM BIKER'S CHURCH OF OREGON.....

NEW ADDRESS: PO Box 40060 Portland 97240

Even WE have our own 'stereotypes' of motorcycle riders ('bikers'). Bikers are: apathetic, disorganized, kind of dumb, make the same mistakes over and over, and when the heat is on, they head for the hills. ("I can always move to Colorado and buy a farm and get a big dog and a shotgun.....")

Listen here, folks. We are NOT apathetic, and I'm tired of hearing about it. Sure, some are. We represent a good cross-section of People. Some People are apathetic. BUT.....a lot of the time we don't react to things just because we figure it won't do any good. I mean, we never 'dropped out' of 'society', really.....we are still a living part of it. Some of us just gave up on it. Well, since we do live here and ride on public streets, and I know a big bite is taken out of my paycheck every month and I never see it again (taxes) and I'm one of the fortunate folks who makes enough money each year for the government to even show enough interest in me to tax my earnings, they can only back us to the wall just so far. We are not degenerates; we are not detracting from American Society: we are an important part of it. Nowhere else in the world is there such a community. There is a "Nation of Bikers" who are united, even though some don't even like each other, much less know each other. It goes without saying. So, that's why it's important, for those who can, to do things like write letters to government officials, vote, etc. Make those people read the words: "I am a motorcycle rider, and I voted for/against you." Start making them see us as a nationwide community, a religion, a brotherhood, a special class of people. Because we are. Don't give up. It may well be your sensitivity to people and yourself that makes you so vulnerable to the pain that is inflicted upon you by the 'system': the Establishment. You may well be bitter. If you let that kind of feeling motivate you, you are handing over control of your life to the very people who are robbing you of your basic legal human rights!! DON'T DO THAT, DAMMIT!!! You CAN win. You don't have to 'look' like a winner, either. Just know in your heart that you are righteous. Then act on THAT feeling!

Yes I WANT TO DO MY PART AND JOIN TODAY!!!
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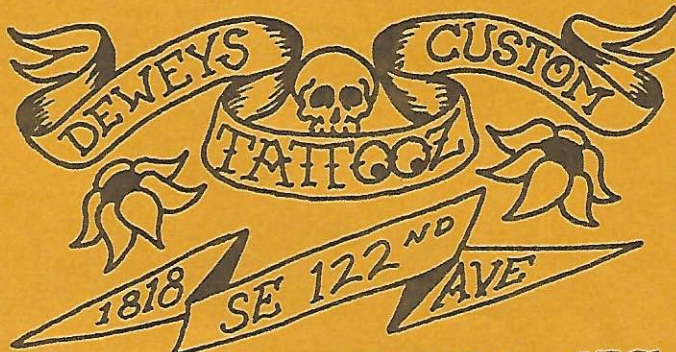
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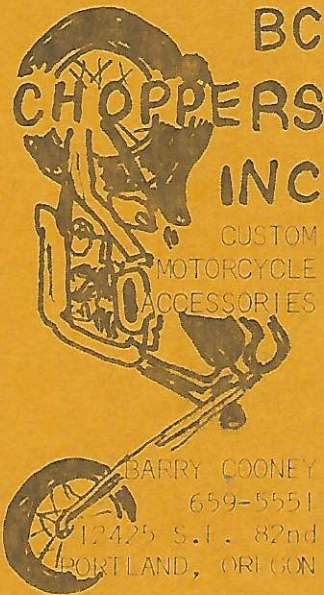
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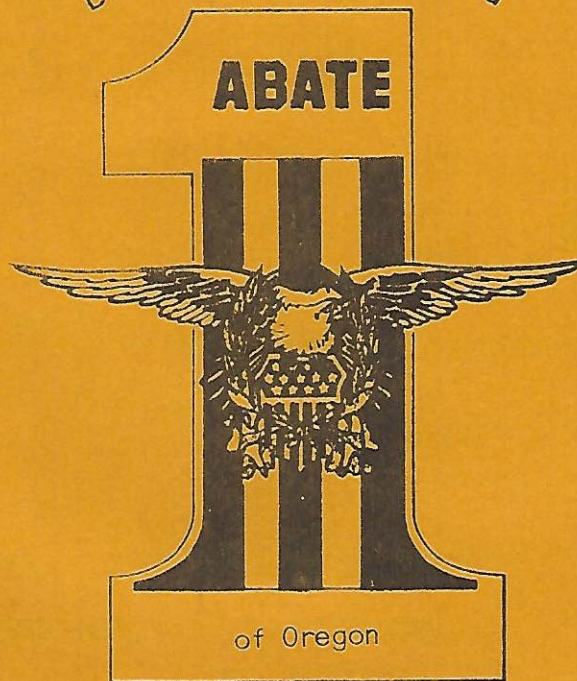


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