

ABATE of Oregon

Membership Newsletter

October 1980

Apologies go to Richard Cremer, Legal Officer for Douglas County ABATE. The Drunk Driver's Advice article in last issue was his, but the editor - uh - er - failed to give him credit for it. Best thing I can say is, if you'll send us another we'll put your name AND your article in at the same time! --Teresa--

The Board of Directors (State officers) have been meeting once a month since they took office in July. The September meeting saw a lot of good news come out.

Howard Campbell, Membership Secretary, and Joe Smario, Treasurer, reported that all membership applications have been processed and mailed as of Sept. 28. If you joined or renewed any time before then, your card and patch should reach you by the time you read this. If not, contact your local officers or drop us a note about it. The treasury is up to date, with a balance of \$437.62, plus another \$150 or so to be deposited. Joe has new ABATE pins, stickers, necklaces, etc. for sale. Ask your local officers about them. And Preacher Jim of Portland (Correspondence Sec.) saved our hides by negotiating with the postmaster when the rent ran overdue on the P.O. box. Mail is now being processed once a month.

New chapters are attempting to come together in Eugene, Grants Pass, and S.E. Portland. A few leads are being checked out in other areas. If you live near any of these places, get in touch with the contacts listed after this article. A new chapter needs at least 10 members to get a charter and be represented on the Board of Directors. That means YOU are IMPORTANT!!! And if you live somewhere else, and would like to work on starting a chapter in your area, call or write. We'll send information and try to pay you a visit to help you out.

Final details for the legislation we want to submit were discussed. In general, here it is:

1. Change the penalty for no headlight on, from a moving violation to an equipment violation, so a burnt-out bulb won't put another point on your insurance record.
2. Establish motorcycle rider education under the same laws that govern driver education in the schools, with similar funding provisions.
3. Establish a motorcycle learner's permit, to anyone meeting these qualifications:
 - * at least 15 years old (under 18 must have parental consent)
 - * must pass written part of both driver manual and motorcycle manual exams
 - * when riding, must be accompanied by and under direct supervision of a person 18 years old or older, who is motorcycle endorsed
 - * may not carry a passenger
4. Establish minimum qualifications for motorcycle license examiners, to ensure they are qualified to administer the riding part of the exam.
5. Require moped riders to be licensed just like motorcycle riders--eliminating the provision that you can ride a moped if you have a car driver's license, without being tested on the moped.

State representatives Wayne Fawbush and Bill Markham have agreed to help draft these bills, and Rep. Jane Cease has expressed interest in them. They should be ready to go when the session starts in January.

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Last, but not least, is the enthusiasm that Steve Bishop, the new Newsletter Editor, is putting out. This newsletter is his first, but not the last we will see from him.

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--Teresa--

NEW BEGINNINGS

EUGENE--anyone interested in an ABATE chapter in the Eugene area, contact Wes at Make It Run Motorcycle Repair and Accessories, 2164 W. 7th, Eugene, 687-9762

OR

Rusty Nail, 688-5159.

GRANTS PASS--it's long distance, but Howard can get you in touch with people in your area. (1)679-5517

S. E. PORTLAND--call Max at 654-1358.

OTHER AREAS--call on the WATS line, any Wednesday night from 7 to 8. (1)800-452-8577. This number is good from Oregon only.

HOMEMADE FLY TRAP

There was 5 or 6 of us sitting around the house, bitchen about everything--politics, gas prices, the mayor's dog--when a bro of mine jumped up on the table, and starts screaming, "You snivelers got NO BITCH and if you ain't registered to vote you got NO RIGHT!"

He caught me with my mouth open, but damned if he wasn't right.

Rain Rider

At the June, 1980 Board of Directors meeting, the representatives from each chapter agreed that chapters should donate 25% of the profits from Chapter-sponsored fund raisers, to the ABATE State Treasury, since the only other money coming in is from memberships and sale of paraphernalia. Printing and mailing costs for the newsletter are the main expenses right now, followed by printing and copying costs for membership forms, reproducing information for use by chapters, and sending organizational information to potential new chapter people.

DEFECTIVE HARLEYS

Attention all owners of 75 through 80 FL, FLH, FLHS models: H-D Motor Co. has determined that a defect related to front fender mounting may cause the fender to fall off. Dealers are supposed to fix it, so check it out.

CHAPTER REPORTS

N. E. Portland Chapter

The N. E. Portland Chapter has been working on setting up a chapter in S. E. Portland because if it's too far one way, maybe it's closer the other. The N. E. Chapter meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 8 p.m. at 6427 N. E. Going. Get out to an ABATE meeting and be a part of your future! Contact Roger at 287-2795 for more info.

S. E. Portland Chapter

Anyone interested in starting a S. E. chapter, contact Max at 654-1358. Max is the new N. E. Chapter Secretary and really into the job, so let's help him get started. There's work to be done, by the time the legislature starts.

Douglas County Chapter

Douglas Co. Chapter held their first Run at Windy Creek Park. They had about 175 people, 9 kegs of beer, and cleared about \$322. Good food, good people, great run. Judge Jerry Snider of Glendale made an appearance. Special thanks go to the folks who started out in the rain and got a good job done; also to the Run Committee, Douglas County Harley Davidson, Oregon Cycle Supply, and Douglas County Motor Sports.

Douglas County ABATE "has been working..."

They signed up as new members: Bill Markham (State Representative), and Fred Young (candidate for Douglas Co. Commissioner). Richard Fowler, candidate for State Representative, is scheduled to meet with the chapter, and I'll bet they try to snare him, too!

Pat and Joe Smario got out the first D.C. Chapter newsletter (Pat is Newsletter Sec.); and the Chapter has been putting out a lot of energy toward starting chapters in Eugene and Grants Pass.

River City Chapter

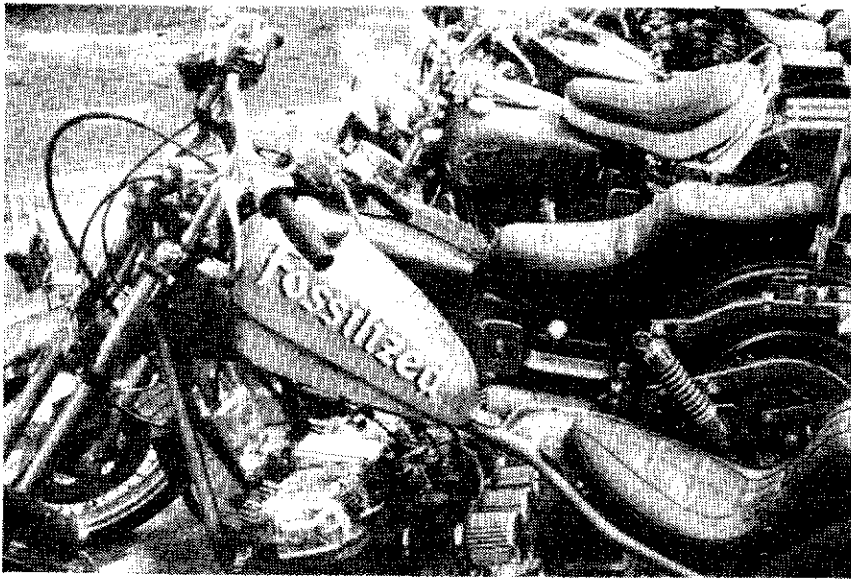
The 3rd Annual Lake Run was held on the 13-14 of September at Trillium Lake. Even though the Lake Run was not a great success and the weather played mind games, a good time seemed to be had by all.

A pot luck dinner was scheduled to use up the rest of the Lake Run food and meet some new friends, at Fort Dalles Riders Club in The Dalles, on Oct. 11.

Our local state Rep. Wayne Fawbush visited and answered questions with the group for about two hours on Sept. 21. He was very interested that the headlight law was a moving violation for motorcycles instead of an equipment violation like it is with cars. His opponent Keith Mobley will come to talk to us on Oct. 20. We're waiting to see what he has to say.

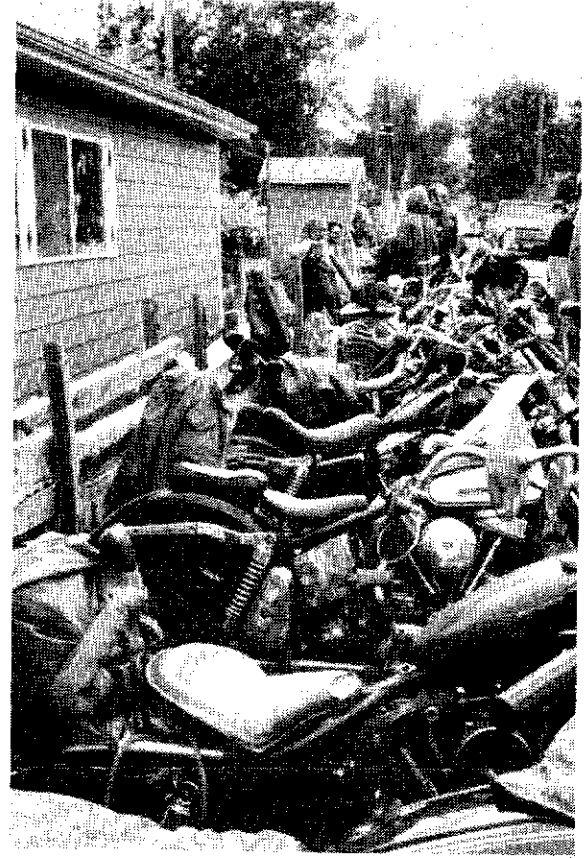
Special thanks go to the people from Portland (Ladies and Gents) who faithfully stirred the beans at the Lake Run; also to Martin R. whose cooking ability was not impaired by his alcohol consumption.

U.S. Senator Robert Packwood serves on the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation in the U.S. Senate. In a recent letter to a member, he said, "Early next Congress NHTSA will be the subject of oversight hearings. I am certain that their recommendations for helmet regulations will come under close scrutinization at that time."



← Dave Listenberger came up with this original paint job for the Fossil Run. Nice work, but it seems that he likes variety. The tank wears a different face, now.

More sights from Milo's party. He and Barney have ample parking space, but the limits got stretched a bit that day. →



Douglas County Chapter meeting at Milo's birthday party. This was in early summer and they are still working hard!



↑ TO BOB HUMPHREYS: Sorry, Bob, someone thought you were Steve, but we know who won the bike show at Fossil '80, don't we? A certain photog. promised a photo, but the ground was shakin' bad. This one might do as a reminder, tho.



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JUST SITTING HERE on the Group W bench, thinkin' about crime and all kinds of mean, nasty, ugly stuff. The book under this piece of paper is the Hurt Report (for inspiration). I've been reading a lot about what everybody else is doing across the country. An example, which is reprinted in this issue, is a proclamation for a motorcycle safety week in North Dakota. Credit to ABATE of North Dakota.

Oregon may lead the nation in bottle bills but it falls short on motorcycle safety programs. This is something we could promote. There are several examples of good programs in the Midwest. If we get our hand in the process, it might mean the difference between a good program and a bad one.

Just to refresh your memory, a bad program could be the kind of safety equipment promotion that makes cases for mandatory use laws instead of good education.

ABATE of Oregon doesn't have a State Safety or Education Officer any more. However, I think that every Chapter should have a Safety and Education Committee. Perhaps these separate committees could work together in some way.

Our Safety Reminder for the Month is, watch out for the first rains of fall, they make very slippery riding. In the Education end of things (it's safety, too), let's all pay attention to bicycle riders and how they do their thing. They are subject to most of the same traffic laws we are (stop signs, signal turns, lane usage, etc.)

--Brian--

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!

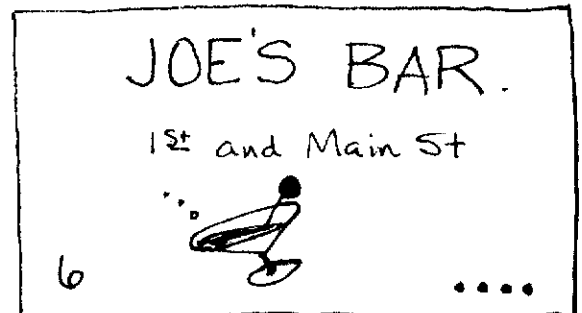
DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE—OFFICE USE ONLY	AMA . . . We Keep You Riding!		We are interested in you!	
	<input type="checkbox"/> — \$15.00 — FULL MEMBERSHIP — Includes the right to participate in AMA-sanctioned racing meets, AMERICAN MOTORCYCLIST and voting privileges for Class A Regional Trustees.			1. 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
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	Please charge my: _____ Exp. Date _____			C. <input type="checkbox"/> Personal long-distance touring
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			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.	
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	1 issue	6 issues	12 issues
Business card	\$ 2.50	\$ 12.50	\$ 22.50
1/4 page	5.00	25.00	45.00
1/2 page	10.00	50.00	90.00
Full page	20.00	100.00	180.00

Since our newsletter does not come out regularly every month, ads are sold on the basis of the number of issues in which they appear. An ad will be marked with a number in one corner (see sample), indicating the number of issues paid for. In the sample, "6" means "six issues". On another corner, a dot will be added each time the ad appears in another issue. The 4 dots on the sample mean it has run in 4 issues, and will appear in two more issues. When the dots add up to the number, the ad will be dropped if it is not renewed. For ads, contact Teresa Hepker, Rt. 4, Box 46, The Dalles, OR 97058, or a Chapter representative.





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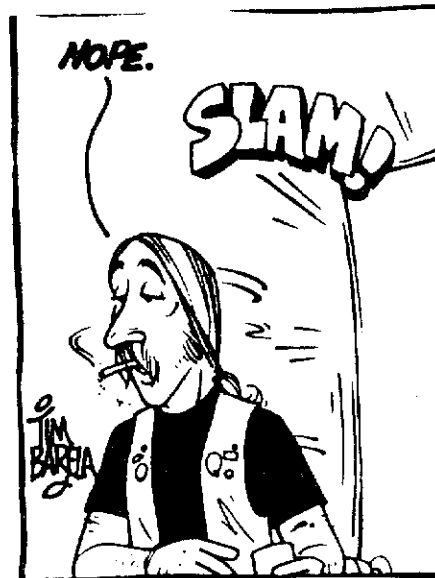
MAIL TO: GROUND LEVEL ENTERPRISES
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FILE UNDER "B"
 FOR BUREAUCRAP

The Department of Transportation (DOTties) reports there was 50,745 traffic fatalities during 1979 and 4,850 resulted from cycle accidents (as compared with 7,790 pedestrian deaths). DOTties claim cycle fatalities were up 6.4% over 1978 while light truck and van fatalities were up 4%. Passenger car deaths, on the other hand, were down 3%, a fact that National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) head Joan Claybrook attributes to decreased use of cars because of gasoline prices and shortages. Claybrook neglected to mention increased use of cycles for the same reasons; instead blamed the increase in cycle fatalities on repeal of helmet laws. Same song; umpteenth verse.

When Brock Adams unexpectedly resigned as Transportation Secretary some months back, one intriguing rumor said that part of Adams' unhappiness was caused by President Carter's refusal to dump Claybrook. Now it appears Claybrook may be losing favor with new Transportation Secretary Neil Goldschmidt who just assigned one Eugene Amato as NHTSA's deputy administrator (read: Claybrook's assistant). She's said to be less than delighted with what she regards as a spy in her midst. Keep watching, this could get interesting.

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-OF THE BIKER
 -BY THE BIKER
 -FOR THE BIKER

Bikers have more fun than people

13 OK, here's my \$13. Send me 25 leg-wetting issues of FTW (that's a whole year!). My Harley sprung a leak and I know I will need plenty of your great, highly-absorbent newspaper.

666 Being a basic cheapskate, I am only signing up for 12 issues (six months). I plan to use it under my birdage, and if it don't die by then, I am going to have it butchered.

69 I have taken 69 pennies from the eyes of my dead relatives and am sending them to you for a sample copy. I don't know why my friends call me cheap, do you?

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A A

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

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 Portland, Oregon 97208

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List full names of additional members:

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in a democ-
racy is like
changing the oil
in your motor-
cycle.

If you don't do
it, you've got no
one else to
blame.

Register and
VOTE. It's as
important as
your right to ride.

