



Newsletter



ABATE of OREGON, Inc.

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*Dedicated to
Freedom of the Road*

November, 1981

NO HELMET LAW IN OREGON THIS YEAR!!

Well, we won both rounds, finally--SB 864 (rider education) passed and BOTH HELMET BILLS FAILED!!

There was not enough support in the House of Representatives to pass SB 554 like the Senate did, requiring helmets for all riders and passengers. Representative Howard Cherry, main sponsor of the bills, tried to get the House Judiciary Committee to pass HB2973 with an amendment requiring Personal Injury Protection Insurance (PIP) for anyone who didn't want to wear a lid. The Committee decided that there was no way to make that proposal work, although many of them would have liked it to. PIP would be outrageously expensive for very little coverage, and the law would be unenforceable as well, since you can't tell just by looking whether a rider has a certain kind of insurance.

Next legislative session will without doubt produce another helmet bill, since they won't give up any sooner than we will. Between now and then, we need to do everything we can to help rider education programs get started. Go to your local school board meetings and let them know that more money will be available for driver's ed classes since SB 864 passed, and that rider education is important for new riders. Early training could save a novice rider's life, and won't hurt the experienced rider, either. Encourage local motorcycle dealers to sponsor some part of a motorcycle rider course. The major bike manufacturers have programs set up so dealers can donate bikes for use in such courses. In fact, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, which devised the motorcycle rider course, is funded by Harley-Davidson, Honda, Yamaha, Kawasaki, and Suzuki.

Oregon has four motorcycle rider schools (while Washington has 14 and California has 44). Even if you have many years of riding experience, these courses have something to offer. In addition, they can give you an idea of how to teach others to ride, and survive. Oregon will soon have a motorcycle rider learner's permit, and knowing how to teach defensive riding techniques could be a useful skill in helping your kids, neighbors, cousins, and ol' ladies how to ride.

Four Seasons M/C Rider School, 17751 S.E. Vogel Ct., Boring, OR 97009. 658-3485, Sandy Golloway.

Southwestern Oregon Community College, Newmark Dr., Empire Lakes, Coos Bay, OR 97420. 888-7444, Alice Parsons Smith.

Oregon State University, Dept. of Health, Corvallis, OR 97331. 754-2686, David Lawson.

Lane Community College, Downtown Center, 1059 Willamette, Eugene, OR 97401. 484-2126, Lyle G. Swetland.

MOTORCYCLISTS' COALITION MEETS WITH GOV. ATIYEH

On August 5, a coalition of representatives from ABATE, AMA District 28, and OMRA (Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association) met with Governor Vic Atiyeh. Representing ABATE were Mike Button, Richard Cremer, and Teresa Hepker. The proposal the group presented to Atiyeh was as follows:

INTRODUCTION:

With the passage of SB 864, allowing motorcycle rider education to be offered in the schools, and establishing a motorcycle rider learner's permit, we have taken a first step toward improving motorcycle safety in Oregon. However, this bill simply opens a door. Educators are likely to require considerable encouragement to implement rider training courses. In addition, the problems confronting motorcyclists cover a much broader range than the subject of this bill.

Accordingly, we request that you appoint a citizens' advisory committee to assist in defining and searching out solutions to these problems, and present these suggestions regarding membership and goals.

COMMITTEE COMPOSITION:

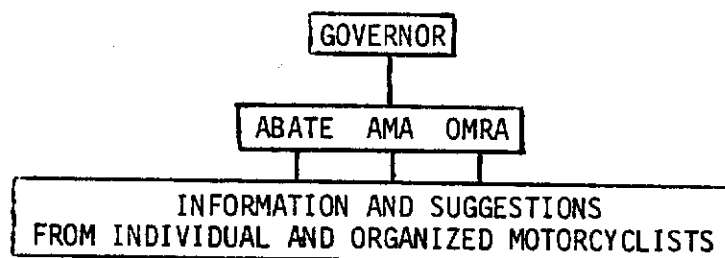
- Two representatives each from ABATE, AMA, and OMRA
- Committee members serve as volunteers
- Necessary funding to come from donations by individuals and organizations

INTENT AND GOALS:

- To establish channels of communication between government and motorcyclists
- To represent all major motorcycle organizations in Oregon, both on- and off-road
- To offer recommendations to the governor about motorcycling concerns
- To bring motorcyclists' problems more into the public eye

AREAS OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN:

- Safety and education--implementing SB 864, voluntary helmet use campaign, motorcycle awareness
- Land use
- Traffic/insurance laws
- Conservation



Atiyeh expressed interest and was very cordial, and promised that he would be in touch after he finishes his work of signing/vetoing all the bills left on his desk when the legislature adjourned. If a citizen's committee gets off the ground, we may finally start communicating with the powers that be!

HURRAY ! ! ! We finally got out our newsletter..... All the officers and many members have been working hard to get organized and keep things running.

We would like all the chapters to send in reports and a list of their officers, meeting dates, times and places, activities and any other information you would like to pass along to the membership.

We have a co-ordinator in The Dalles to report all party dates or special functions so we don't conflict with each chapter.

CONTACT: Brian Richelderfer 3220 W. 11th The Dalles, Or. 97058

We also have new membership cards which we are mailing out with new and renewal memberships. This is a permanent card and number. A record will be kept by the membership secretary and a renewal notice will be mailed out annually on the expired month on your card.

KLAMATH FALL CHAPTER REPORT

Klamath Falls second annual end of season poker run turned out to be the success we planned on. Participants were estimated at 175, with one coming from as far away as Portland (Thanks Roger!). The only people who missed out on the fun were those who left early. There was lots to eat, lots of refreshment, games and prizes, tire rides in the mud puddles, and rock-a-roll. Next year we would like to see twice as many people show up, even if it does rain again which it always does (rain is included in the price of admission).

THANKS,

Preston Shaw, Co-ordinator

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER TO VOTE!!!!

We have people to support and remove from office in up coming elections. Remember Dr. Howard Cherry, representative from Lake Oswego. All terms expire in 1982.

No traffic safety programs are required in school. There are curriculum guidelines available, but many teachers are not using them. Ask your kids teachers if they are teaching traffic safety and find out if they are using the curriculum recommended by the Board of Education. There is a study plan available for every grade from Kindergarten to grade 12.

Dr. Dave Lawson is in charge of the motorcycle rider instructor training program for Oregon at OSU. He presented a lot of good stuff about causes of motorcycle accidents (like other cars, and rider error) and how training can reduce the risks of riding. He is helping the Board of Education set up administrative rules for operating rider Ed. courses in the schools.

Sen. Rod Monroe of Portland Promised to promote mandatory helmet and seat belt laws in the future legislative sessions---HEAR THAT, PORTLAND RIDERS?

If someone requests it (usually a relative or a police officer) a person can be required to undergo re-examination to see if they are competent to continue driving. (This is one way to remove drivers from the road who have lost the ability to drive safely because of failing eyesight or other infirmities.)

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	C. <input type="checkbox"/> Scrambles
	<input type="checkbox"/> - New Member	<input type="checkbox"/> - Renewal, AMA No.	B. <input type="checkbox"/> Organized races or road runs	D. <input type="checkbox"/> Desert
	Please charge my:	Master Charge/Visa card #	E. <input type="checkbox"/> Hill climb	F. <input type="checkbox"/> Enduro
	PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE	Exp. Date	G. <input type="checkbox"/> Personal long-distance touring	H. <input type="checkbox"/> Observed trails
	Name		I. <input type="checkbox"/> Road race	J. <input type="checkbox"/> Non-competitive trail riding
	Street		2. Number of motorcycles presently owned	
	City	State	3. Years riding experience	
	Applicant's signature	Zip	4. Age	5. Sex
Mail with remittance to:		6. Occupation		
	AMA, P.O. Box 141, Westerville, OH 43081	<small>I agree to comply with AMA rules, regulations, policies, by-laws, and I understand that all benefits from any other club are null and void if my membership with AMA is not in good standing. I understand that I have no right to sue or be sued by AMA, its officers, directors, or members. I understand that I have no right to sue or be sued by any person or organization, including AMA, for any injury or damage to my person or property which may result therefrom. I understand that the AMA is not responsible for any aspect of my safety, and that I participate in any such activity at my own risk and I release and hold the AMA harmless for any injury or damage to my person or property which may result therefrom.</small>		

RIYER CITY CHAPTER REPORT (The Dalles/Mid-Columbia area)

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m., at Spooky's Pizza Village. Meeting schedula for the remainder of 1981 will be: October 5, November 2, and December 7.

Meetings have been small all summer, with 7 to 10 members attending regularly. Last meeting (August) we sent out 15 thank-you letters to some of the legislators who helped us out this session, especially Rep. Bob Brogoitti. Brogoitti has been a solid supporter of ABATE's viewpoints for many years, and was one of our most dependable sources of information about the helmet bills this year.

On August 18, Eric Stovall and Teresa Hepker were guests on the "KODL Coffee Hour," a radio talk show in The Dalles. Subjects such as helmet laws, the education bill, motorcyclists' rights on the road, and necessity for motorists to be aware of bikes, were discussed.

Officers for 1981-82 are:

Eric Stovall, Chairman	298-4391	3110 E. 2nd St., The Dalles, Oregon	97058
Bill Eyler, Vice-Chairman			
Teresa Hepker, Secretary			
Terry Humpherys, Treasurer			
Brian Stovall, Sgt.-at-Arms			

Board Representatives:
 Brian Richelderfer 296-6383
 Brian Stovall 298-1317

The October meeting had 6 people present((great attendance folks!). We voted not to host the Fossil Run this yea r because we do not have enough people to do the work for as many people as came last year. We also voted to offer use of the site to the State Board if they wish to organize a state run in 1982.

At Joe Melero's request, the gas reimbursement the chapter owes him for trips to Salem will be used to renew his membership.

At the November meeting we will make plans for a holiday party, so we can use the meat left over from Fossil '81.

Earlier in the summer Brian and Teresa had reported the theft of the \$67.00 stamp fund from their house. They have learned who the thieves were (juveniles) and will be getting the money paid ba ck by the kids.

Printed at the request of Rusty-Nail---EX-LEGISTRATIVE DIRECTOR OF ABATE OF OREGON.

As of November 1, 1981, a person 16 years of age or older, that has a valid Oregon drivers license, and passes the motorcycle written test, may obtain for \$3.00 a motorcycle learners permit, good for 6 months. Our high schools in the state of Oregon will be able to offer to students completing the automobile drivers education course, a course of motorcycle drivers education.

Our State Representatives in Salem will be coming up for election before the next legislative session starts in 1983. I urge all of you to be a registered voter, and support those that supported us during the last session. Some of the State Representatives that really helped us are:

- Rep. Bill Bradbury (D) Dist. 48
- * Rep. Bob Brogoitti (R) Dist. 58
- Rep. Mary Burrows (R) Dist. 41
- * Rep. Larry Campbell (R) Dist 43
- Rep. Jane Cease (D) Dist. 18
- Rep. Drew Davis (D) Dist. 20
- * Rep. Wayne Fawbush (D) Dist. 56
- Rep. Mary Alice Ford (R) Dist. 6
- * Rep. Bob Kennedy (R) Dist 53
- Rep. Gretchen Kafoury (D) Dist. 13
- Rep. Grattan Kerans (D) Dist 39
- * Rep. Bill Markham (R) Dist 46
- Rep. Hardy Myers (D) Dist. 19 House Speaker
- Rep. Wally Priestley (D) Dist 16
- * Rep. Lonnie Roberts (D) Dist 21
- Rep Glen Whallon (D) Dist. 25
- Rep. Ben (Kip) Lombard (R) Dist 52
- Rep. Ted Bugas (R) Dist. 2

* ABATE MEMBERS

NOW...Some Representatives were for our way of life and what we believe in (Let Those Who Ride Decide & Freedom Of The Road) and others were against us. Our biggest headache as far as Representatives goes was Rep. Howard Cherry (D) Dist 14, Multnomath County, who served 1971-73-75-77-79, and lives at 1602 N. Willamette Blvd., Portland 97217. Rep. Howard Cherry is also a Physician who not only sponsored, but pushed as hard as he could a mandatory helmet bill last session. "Doc" Cherry believes very-very deeply in helmets, and I feel he is not anti-motorcyclist. I also have a lot of respect for "Doc" Cherry as a Legislator and also for his right as an American to his own beliefs. If Rep. Cherry wants to run for re-election again, that is his right, but it is also our right to do everything we can according to law, to see that he is not re-elected. I have received word from very reliable sources, that there may be a Representative from another district who has or is going to move, and run for "Doc" Cherry's seat. There are also several other people, representing both parties, thinking about running for Representative in District 14. Lets make sure that all bikers are registered voters(especially in Dist. 14). Find the best candidate that supports our rights and beliefs as Americans, and vote Rep. Cherry out and someone else in as Representative for Dist 14.

Senator Walt Brown is also a big pusher for mandatory helmets, whose term is to expire in January 1983. While I was puttin down the road the other day, a little bird flew along side of me in a very good side by side formation and since I was not wearing a helmet, I could hear him tell me that Rep. Joyce Cohen from District 24, who lives in Lake Oswego is having thoughts about running for Sen. Walt Brown's senator's seat. Gives you something to think about-Huh....

REMBER--Be a REGISTERED VOTER, and support and back those that have in the past and will in the future support and back us in our rights as AMERICANS.

Ride Safe,
Rusty-Nail

As far as news from the NE chapter, we meet the first and third Wednesdays of every month at Gino's Pizza Inn, 10845 NE Halsey, Portland. Our officers are Preacher Jim, Coordinator, Tim Taylor, Treasurer, Carolyn Meerzo, Secretary and Rotten Roger, State Board Representative.

ACTION REPORT

State of _____ County of _____

Officer's name & badge no. _____

Officer's car license _____ More than one car _____

Officer's county _____ city _____ state _____ More than one officer _____

Officer's names _____

Officer's badge no. _____

Time of day _____ A.M. _____ P.M. _____

Where: freeway _____ city _____ county road _____

Name of city, town, or township _____

Reason of contact _____

Ticket: yes _____ no _____

Were you riding _____ driving _____ walking _____

Witness: yes _____ no _____ name _____

Description of your m/c or car _____

Year _____ make _____ color _____

In your own words what happened. _____

Signature _____

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Date _____

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OREGON TRAFFIC SAFETY CONFERENCE

The annual conference of the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission was held in Salem September 21-22. A number of subjects, including motorcycle rider training, were presented.

State Troopers, including Fish and Game officers will be reduced from 553 to 441 in 1982. Since only 7-10% of traffic fatalities occur on the freeways, enforcement will be concentrated on secondary roads, especially Hwy. 97. They will continue to strictly enforce the 55 mph law; however, speeds are expected to increase because fewer officers will be available.

Courts and jails are overloaded, creating problems with traffic offenders and drunk drivers. Cases are slow coming to trial and a fine is often the only result.

A new drunk driving law will take effect in November. Under the old law, a first offense is not a traffic crime. The new law changes this, making the first offense a crime, and imposing a mandatory one-year driver's license suspension, as well as raising the maximum fine and jail sentence allowed.

A "diversion" program exists where convicted first offenders (drunk drivers) may, at their own expense, go through an alcohol evaluation program, after one year their record is cleared.

If you want to know a judge's record on convictions and sentencing, ask the court clerk to show it to you.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM NEW RENEWAL DATE _____

NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

- \$10 enclosed--full membership (includes newsletter)
- \$ 5 enclosed for each additional member at same address, paid at same time as full membership (no newsletter)

Each member will receive membership card and patch.

List full names of additional members:

Send to: ABATE of Oregon
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meeting calendar

MONTH NOVEMBER YEAR 1981

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 RIVER CITY	3	4 NE. PORTLAND LANE COUNTY	5	6	7
8 STATE MEETING OAKRIDGE	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 NE. PORTLAND LANE COUNTY	19	20	21
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29	30					



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