

There are some hard-working members out there deserving of a BIG special THANKS: ART DAVIS, Seaside; RICK RILEY, Portland; and GENE WOLFORD, Eugene. These people are putting a lot into YOUR organization-do YOUR part!

What is ABATE of Oregon? This question is asked time and again. ABATE is not a club, clique or any of those things. It is a concept and movement. The idea of having concerned bikers from every aspect of biking joining and working together to fight for their rights on bad legislation-that's what ABATE is all about. No matter what club or organization you belong to, or if you belong to nothing you can join with us in ABATE to express your concern over anti-bike laws. By joining ABATE, you've said, "send me information on bike legislation proposals and activities". You've also said, "give me some names and addresses of government officials I can write to and express my feelings as a biker on their unfair laws!" ABATE is for safety not against it! ABATE puts the stress of safety legislation in it's proper place with safety education program proposals, public awareness program proposals, drivers training program proposals and other similar proposals designed to prevent accidents.

ABATE is the group of concerned bikers that holds no prejudiced views toward any biker-we come from every form and stand together for our rights regardless from whence we came. ABATE is the neutral ground that allows every biker to stand beside and support each other in a brotherhood for FREEDOM OF THE ROAD, and to safeguard our right to own our machine, and to be individuals with different views on the way we ride. This is ABATE and what it's all about. It's a dream, a movement, that all bikers are Brothers with a common interest, and now a common ground on which to stand. And, if we are to continue being bikers---, we had better stand on that ground and be heard!-together!

HELMET LAW: FACTS NOT FICTION !

Here are some facts taken from the AMA Newsletter, to use the next time someone tells you how much the government cares about our "safety".

FACT: The Dept. of Transportation has not made any attempt to withhold highway safety funds from the eight states which have not required a driver's license or license endorsement for M/C's, in spite of the fact that this provision - like mandatory helmet usage - is part of the M/C safety standard promulgated by the DOT.

* Apparently, your head is more important than the testing of the brains that lie within it and control your mental and manual use of your bike.

FACT: The DOT has not made any attempt to withhold highway safety funds from the seven states which have not enacted a rearview mirror--- again, one of DOTs own requirements.

* Apparently, it doesn't matter if you get tail-ended in traffic as long as your brain bucket is firmly in place when you fall.

FACT: In 1973, the Nat'l. Trans. Safety Board issued a recommendation that DOT take immediate steps to confirm or deny the claim that helmets increase neck injuries, but research has still not begun.

* Apparently, DOT has it's own understanding of "immediate action".

Some facts about ARATEof Oregon: oldest member - 61 yrs.
youngest member - 8 yrs.c.....membership includes a Seaside city
policeman and a 19 yr old beauty queen from Clatsop County!

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER-WORK FOR IT -MAKE IT WORK FOR YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Here's the news we've all been waiting for !

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WHAT----- ABATE Swap Meet.

WHEN----- Feb. 15th, Noon 'til 10 P.M.

WHERE----- Memorial Coliseum Portland, Oregon.

COST----- 5x 10ft. space-\$10.00, 10x 10ft. space-\$20.00. There will be a general admission charge of \$1.00 at the door.

This is the biggie. You'll find an application on the reverse- let's get out and sell these spaces. Exhibitors should be there ready to set up at 9 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 15th. We suggest bringing plastic with you to put your goodies on- this will save us a large cleaning bill. There will be a food concession. Besides motorcycles & m/c parts, there will also be an ABATE booth, leather goods, silk screen T-shirts, etc. Ok, there you have it- if you need more information, contact this office. WHEN YOU'RE DOING A SHOW - THEY DON'T COME ANY BIGGER THAN THE MEMORIAL COLISEUM- WE STAND TO MAKE A BUNDLE TO USE IN OUR FIGHT AGAINST BUMMER BIKE LAWS, BUT- WE MUST ALL DO OUR PART TO MAKE IT WORK! SEE YA THERE.

Flyers to be included in the Jan. Newsletter.

ABATE of NEW YORK held a protest on Monday Nov 1st and got lots of reaction, since it went straight to the capital while they were in session. Over 300 bikers took Monday off and was it ever worth it. They got more coverage than the governor. Here's the clincher, they all stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance before departing the Capital Building.

**News of the
TEXAS MOTORCYCLE
ROADRIDERS ASSOCIATION**

CHAIN CHATTER

Our Government has now ordered the motorcycle manufacturer to cut emission by 90% over the next five years; So long Superbike! Supply and demand is producing cars which match mileage with many popular bikes; So long Superbike! Increased legislative efforts under the guise of safety mean; So long Superbike!

Yamaha has a water cooled four stroke triple with mag wheels, lending creditability to the rumors that air-cooled engines, as well as two stroke engines are not long for this world. Even Porsche and Volkswagon are discontinuing their air-cooled engines. Air cooling just does not offer the controllability of emissions as does the constant temperature characteristics of liquid cooling.

If you don't believe it --- look at the history of the Super Sport type auto's of the sixties ---- Safety and EPA regulations starting in 1968 reduced both mileage and performance to the point that today even the Corvette is a mediocre performer.

What will happen to motorcycles during the next five years? Reflect! It has only been about seven years since Honda's largest bike was a 450, BMW's grandest displaced 600cc's. The Superbike of the day was Suzuki's 500cc twin, and a Triumph 650 was the ultimate dirt bike! Ninety percent pollutant reduction over the next five years, demand for improved mileage, high cost per individual unit, misguided legislative efforts, computer technology. The future five year motorcycle may be beyond today's comprehension; can you visualize a 1200° F catalytic converter between your legs? Or 5 mph bumpers? Yes, five years from now the new machines will be vastly different. Perhaps you should buy your Superbike now --- and learn to care for it properly.


The Supersport Automobile era lasted from 1962 till 1967. The Superbike era started in 1969; thus we have already enjoyed a longer run than our four wheel counterparts. Enjoy today, Bikers, for you know not what tomorrow brings!

Jerry Rush
Area C



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Oregon Senator Vern Cook, from East Multnomah County was guest speaker at the last ABATE meeting. Sen. Cook voted against the helmet law when it was passed in 1968. He talked to us about insurance, laws, & the motorcyclist. According to Sen. Cook, "No insurance legislation is ever passed without the consent of the insurance industry. They are beginning to abuse the trust that has been placed in them." Sen. Cook feels that insurance is no more than legalized gambling. He has introduced a bill that would extend benefits for motorcyclists to include medical benefits where they previously didn't exist. He also said, time permitting, that he would be willing to go with a group from ABATE to the Portland Police Department and other law enforcement agencies to talk to them about their lack of citations issued to automobile drivers who cause accidents involving motorcycles. Sen. Cook also recommended that any ABATE persons interested, to become involved in campaigns for people who are campaigning for the State legislature. At our request, Sen. Cook will have all bills regarding motorcycle legislation sent to us. Yeah Senator Cook!

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SO YOU THINK IT'S GETTING BETTER DEPT. ? (NOT BY IT'S SELF!!!)

Listen to this: The people at the DOT have got to be bananas-they want to FORCE all states to PROVE they have enforced the 55mph speed limit! And here's another threat: anv state that fails to do so will be prohibited from receiving approval for their federally aided highway projects. Therefore, if a state doesn't play by their rules, then they will force states to kill people by not giving them the bucks to keep and build our streets and highways safe.

WE MUST PUT AN END TO THIS BLACKMAIL !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

POLICE OFFICERS WANT CHOICE TOO

South Egremont, Mass.
July 12th-16th The Blue Knights Motorcycle club comprised of law enforcement personel held their 2nd annual International convention. More than 600 members of the law enforcement group attended. The Blue Knights have over 4,000 members nation wide. Thirty-six States were represented, in addition to three Canadian provinces. The New York City chapter has over 200 members, New York Chapter three had the largest number of motorcycles in attendance. The Blue Knights, as a National Body, agreed to support Legislation to REPEAL both the MANDATORY HELMET LAW and the LIGHTS ON bills that are still enforced in many States.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

NAME _____ AGE _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Each member will receive membership card and patch.

Send to: ABATE of Oregon
P. O. Box 4504
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\$ 5 enclosed for each additional member at same address, paid at same time as full membership (no newsletter)

List full names of additional members:



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Dear Member,

Please notice your membership card # _____
expired _____. We have tried to serve your
motorcycling interests during the past year. We
have enjoyed working with you and hope to continue
this relationship in the future. Through our con-
tacts in our State Government we feel we are about
to make great strides in the areas of helmet laws,
safety, and education - we must have your help!

PROTECT YOUR MOTORCYCLING FREEDOM -

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Respectfully,

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