

The latest from Fuzzy-ABATE of Virginia:

"You might be interested to know I lost my federal court case yesterday (Jan. 8, 1976). The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals cited the 'ol public burden theory and upheld the lower court decision. (guilty-\$10.00 fine).

I still have one case pending and am working up my "notice of appeal" and another motion for the Virginia Supreme Court. If they don't trick me somehow, I should be in U.S. Supreme Court by Feb. We'll see if the words of Patric Henry mean anything to the Supreme Court"



Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me Liberty or give me Death!

Former Governor of Virginia
Patrick Henry

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

These are a few of the screwed-up laws that have been proposed in various states:

1. No motorcycle passengers under the age of 13 - (Mass.)
2. Mandatory foot wear.
3. Mandatory crash bars.
4. Laws regulating the carrying of bundles.
5. Laws regulating the seating position.
6. Laws requiring "motorcycles to display a light of distinctive color." - (Oregon)
7. "Prohibiting the operation of motor vehicles emmitting visible emissions". This would outlaw two-strokes and operating vehicles on cold days.

Street Bikers: "BIKER" Magazine, actually a newspaper, comes out every 2 weeks with a short lead time. The paper is full of bikes and bikers with articles about the helmet law, runs, races, new parts and interchangeable parts. They work closely with all the biker rights organizations across the country.

Only \$7.00 for 26 issues. BIKER, Box 2610, Long Beach, Calif. 90801.

NEW DEAL: BIKER Magazine to encourage people to join the State Organizations will give the 1 year subscription for only \$5.00 to anyone joining ABATE. To get in on this steal send\$10.00 to ABATE (1year membership in ABATE and 26 issues of BIKER)and we willsend\$5.00 to BIKER with your name and address and forward you your Membership Card.

Our meetings are held at 8pm, the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 215 S.E. 9th (9th & Ash) Portland. We welcome your attendance and encourage your support. We also find your ideas and sugestions helpful:

JOIN TODAY--JOIN IN THE FIGHT FOR PERSONAL FREEDOMS AND CITIZENS RIGHTS-ABATE

Unjust comparison

I am writing a complaint for a good friend of mine. I hope that this is the right place to send this letter because I have nowhere else to turn at this time.

No doubt everyone has been reading about the Quinlan case. I've read that New Jersey state is paying \$450 a day just to keep a young woman alive that can never function mentally again or physically again without the life-sustaining devices available to her.

Here in Oregon we have a young man who is fighting to regain his ability to walk again. I'm speaking of that "gutsy motorcycle racer," Mark Williams, from Springfield, who was paralyzed from the waist down in an accident in California last month. Here is a man who may be able to learn to walk again and ride again but is running into financial problems that this state may not help support. A man who has the ability to learn to walk again but not the finances to support that determination. Eighty-two dollars in Portland per day versus \$450 per day in New Jersey. Where is the justice?

Financial Report ABATE of Oregon From 8-18 through 12-31-75

Printing & Advertising	\$203.91
Postage & Shipping	155.67
Phone Calls	45.19
Office Supplies	19.08
Gas	15.25
Corporate Filing Fee	10.00
Patches	39.50
T-Shirts	12.40
Coliseum Rental-Swap-Meet (includes insurance & advertising)	337.50
Campsite Fee-Elkhorn	32.00
Total Monies Spent	\$ 870.50
Memberships	\$895.00
Newsletter Ads	45.00
Concession Rebate-Elkhorn	76.24
Patch Refund	30.80
Patches Sold	7.00
Pictures Sold-Elkhorn	2.00
Total Monies Received	\$1,056.04

Cycle emission rules proposed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency has proposed the first standards to control air pollution from motorcycles requiring a 90 per cent improvement in new cycles by 1980.

The EPA proposal would apply to new street-driven motorcycles — about 70 per cent of the roughly one million new cycles sold annually in the United States.

The other 20 per cent are off-road cycles exempt from EPA emission controls.

The agency said its proposal would require a 30 per cent reduction of pol-

luting emissions from new motorcycles by 1978, and a 90 per cent reduction by 1980.

"The average motorcycle now emits several times more pollution than a 1976 car," said the EPA announcement.

"If not controlled, hydrocarbon emissions from new motorcycles sold in 1978 would be as great as the same emissions from all new 1978 cars," which are subject to emission controls, the agency estimated.

EPA said manufacturers already have the technology to meet the proposed 1978 motorcycle standards but the technology needed for the 1980 proposal "is less certain."

Man first convicted on noise crime law

PORTLAND (AP) — Amos Oliver Matilla is the first person in Oregon convicted under criminal law of making too much noise.

He was convicted in Multnomah County for allowing motorcycles to operate on a homemade track in his backyard. Evidence was given that the motorcycles created noises measured at 64 to 78 decibels at 1:30 p.m. on June 26.

The level permitted by the Department of Environmental Quality at that time of day in that area is 60 decibels. A DEQ engineer, putting the measurements into layman's terms, said the motorcycles were twice as loud as the sound of an accelerating bus heard from inside the courtroom. Matilla was given one year's probation.

The noise control ordinance went into effect in August of 1974. Civil but not criminal penalties have been imposed previously.

Motorcycle rights

As a motorcycle rider, I would like to say a few things about motorcycle riding that most people (who don't ride cycles) don't know.

Not only is cycle riding a lot of fun, but it is dangerous as well. Those of you who drive four-wheeled vehicles should watch more closely for us cycle riders. We realize that it is not as easy for you to spot us as it is another car or truck. But it would help if you would slow down, take your time and look.

Myself, I ride my bike year around, and there isn't a day that goes by that someone doesn't pull out in front of me or change lanes without looking and cut me off. Motorcyclists are constantly looking out for other traffic. But why is it that you car people ignore us? I have had people look right at me and then go ahead and pull out in front of me anyway. I have come close to having an accident a number of times, and not one of those times would I have been at fault.

I will admit that motorcycles have been getting a bad image, but that is mainly due to the popular (or unpopular) low-class cycle groups that have formed. Yet, not all persons riding cycles are like this. The majority of us respect other motorists and their rights as we wish them to respect ours...

Next time you are driving and see a motorcycle, notice it and acknowledge the fact that it is real and has rights to the road too. Either that, or someday you may have caused a death or serious injury due to your own neglect and ignorance.

ABATE Members Win Big AT Motorcycle Show !

The Portland Motorcycle Show was held Feb. 6,7,8, - Bob Vance brought home the "Biggie" - 1st Place Full Custom. Brother Sam Porter came home with a division trophy (my apologies for forgetting which one). Congradulations to you both! We also aquired a few new memberships at the show.

Screaming Eagles Motorcycle Club

Thirty members of ABATE of Oregon are also members of the club in the Oregon State Penitentiary - The Screaming Eagles. They were unable to send anyone to the Bike Show or the Swap-meet this year due to custody problems. Tom Bray and others brought some parts to Swap-Meet and I understand they did fairly well but are still in need of some older Panhead parts for a scooter they hope to have in next years show. These guys work hard and have an understandably difficult time getting parts and help so they really appreciate what comes their way. I'll get a list of what they really need and put it in next months newsletter. (Send me a list, you guys)

Hawaiian Bikers May Get Tax Break

This looks like one of the better motorcycle deals proposed in a long time. The Hawaii House of Reps is currently considering HB 2011-76, an energy tax measure which would levy taxes on all new vehicles bought and licensed for the road, based upon weight of the vehicle and it's purchased price. As currently written, this would be a one-time tax assessed on all new vehicles sold in the State. Taxes would be levied as follows:

WEIGHT OF VEHICLE	PERCENTAGE OF PURCHASE PRICE ASSESSED
0-2,699 pounds	1/8 of 1%
2,700-3,199	1/4 of 1%
3,200-3,999	1/2 of 1%
4,000-4,999	4%
5,000 or more	6%

Thus, a 400lb. motorcycle costing \$1,000 would be taxable in the amount of \$1.88 and a 5,000lb. automobile costing \$8,000 would be taxable in the amount of \$480! All taxes collected would be credited to the state highway fund. The bill was written to encourage the use of energy-efficient vehicles and recognizes that motorcycles are among the most economical forms of transportation available.

Motorcycle Drivers(?) Education In Indiana

A motorcycle drivers education bill has passed the Indiana House of Representatives and has been assigned to the Senate Public Policy Committee for review. Introduction of this bill was brought about in large by the work of AMA Dist. Congressman Dave Luttrell of Indianapolis, the Indiana Motorcycle Dealers Assoc., enthusiastic groups and individual motorcyclists. This bill is a pleasant break from the annual rash of anti-motorcycle bills introduced throughout the country.

ABATE Patches

We will have our own supply of ABATE patches soon-I'm hesitant to order very many as there hasn't been very much response to this in the past. It just seems like everyone would want one. Like everything else, the price has gone up(vou should have gotten one sooner) they now cost a \$2 bill.

SWAP-MEET

Time grows short - it's but a little over a month away and we aren't receiving substantial response - is everyone doing what they can to make this a success? There's more to belonging to ABATE than just plunking your five bucks down. A few people working at it just isn't enough - it takes ALL of us working together - get out and sell those spaces and spread the word. Send for more flyers and applications if you need them. Remember - we need the bucks to carry the fight for fair motorcycle legislation to Salem this fall!

WORK FOR IT -MAKE IT WORK FOR YOU !

KICKING THE HELMET HABIT

ABATE of Kansas offers the tool every biker needs to repeal the helmet law in any state. It's all together in one book, containing 84 pages of solid anti-helmet information that can be presented to any legislator, bureaucrat, or non-riding neighbor, proving that bikers shouldn't wear helmets. "Kicking The Helmet Habit" is available at \$3.00 per copy, from ABATE News, Box 781, Lawrence, Ks. 66044.

WHERE ARE YOU?

Jeff Hayes, Albany: Bob Vance, Portland: Butch Sien, Eugene. These members are not receiving their mail-can anyone furnish us with any information?

PATCHES-T-SHIRTS

ABATE patches - \$1.00. ABATE T-shirts and Helmet Laws Are For Bucks-Not Protection T-shirts - \$4.00. State desired size- s,m,l, or xl. Order from ABATE of New York, Box 5172, Albany, New York 12205. Maybe someone can tell us where we can order a quantity, say 40-50 patches.

FILE CABINET

Can anyone help us find a file cabinet cheap-like for nothing preferably? It would really help us keep this growing mass of paperwork together.



FINAL WORD

Freedom is only yours as long as you fight for it.
You can only fight as long as you are free.

1 ively, of defendant City of Portland, and under the color and
2 pretense of the statutes, ordinances, regulations, customs and
3 usages of the State of Oregon. Said defendants were the servants,
4 agents, and employees of defendant City of Portland, and their
5 acts herein alleged are, therefore imputed to defendant City
6 of Portland.

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8 That on November 27, 1974, the location known by address as
9 707 South East Grand Avenue, was further known as the Slow
10 Pitcher Tavern, and is presently known as the Hock Shop
11 Tavern. Further that said location is in the City of Portland,
12 County of Multnomah, State of Oregon,

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14 That on the night of the TwentySeventh Day of November, Nine-
15 teen Hundred and Seventy Four, the plaintiff was at the location
16 known then as the Slow Pitcher Tavern, located at 707 South
17 East Grand Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Plaintiff was so
18 present as a patron of said Tavern, said patronage to the
19 pleasure of the Tavern's Management. At the said time plaintiff
20 was acting in a quiet, peaceable and law-abiding manner and
21 had not committed any breach of the peace or committed any
22 offense, either a misdemeanor or felony, in or out of the
23 presence of the defendants, or any of them, and that none of
24 said defendants had reasonable grounds to believe plaintiff
25 had committed a misdemeanor or felony.

HARLEY HOTLINE for BACKORDERED PARTS!!!

According to a Bro in New York you can call the Milwaukee Parts Dept. direct at 414-342-4680 and they will immediately forward the parts to the shop that they were ordered from (Easyriders, March '76).

ABATE of Maryland to challenge Helmet Law in the Nations Capitol:

On Feb. 13, 1976 Zeke will appear in Superior Court of the District of Columbia for a no helmet ticket received in front of Gerry Ford's house. He will present a 50 page MOTION FOR DISMISSAL on the grounds that the Helmet Law is an Unconstitutional denial of Due Process and a direct violation of the CIVIL RIGHTS ACTS (Title 42 United States Code §1983 and §1985 sub-section (3).)

THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

The U.S. Supreme Court will decide December 5, 1975, if the motion to declare the helmet law unconstitutional presented by brother Jack Zekter will be heard by the 9 Big Brothers known as the U. S. Supreme Court. If they decide yes, it will be the first time in 7 challenges that they felt it was important enough. If they decide no, then there are at least 2 more cases now working their way to that court, including the case of Fuzzy's ticket by the Park cop.

U.S. SUPREME COURT: STATE OF WASHINGTON vs. ZEKTER:

THE 8 MOST ARROGANT WISE MEN TO EVER SIT ON THE U.S. SUPREME COURT (guardian of individual liberties, protectors of the Constitution that early Americans gave their lives for, bulwarks against arbitrary legislation) decided on December 5, 1976 for the sixth time that men of such high importance do not need to listen to the petty gripes of a measley 10 Million Motorcyclists who complain about their loss of Constitutional Rights.