

ABATE of Oregon
A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments

May 8-9 hundreds of motorcycle riders from all over Oregon and neighboring states will gather at the Elkhorn Recreation Site.

The purpose of the gathering is to join together as a group so our voice means something and has the weight and strength of numbers. We want to be HEARD!

The people who make the laws are people who know nothing about motorcycles. We shall dedicate ourselves to educating the Oregon State Legislature on all aspects of motorcycling so they have the proper facts with which to make the right laws regarding motorcycling in Oregon. We intend to act as a legislative watch-dog group concerned with adverse motorcycle legislation both existing and proposed.

We do not believe in Government forced self-protection when it pertains to only an individuals' safety and his safety alone.

LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE

Why are we FORCED to wear helmets (they are the actual cause of many injuries and deaths) while other citizens of the U.S.A. have been allowed to wear seat belts if they CHOOSE.

We would support a bill that would take the present mandatory helmet law and put it in it's proper form as an optional law, thereby making it an individual choice as has been done with seat belts in cars.

We would propose proper education instead of legislation. Are you aware that 75% of all motorcycle accidents occur during a riders first 90 days?; that 72% of all motorcycle-vehicle accidents are caused by the negligent operation of the vehicle? We would suggest educating the young/novice rider, educating the automobile drivers to motorcycle awareness and educating the law makers to the true facts.

We shall unite in a concentrated effort to obtain fair motorcycle legislation and shall move towards these goals in every legal and orderly manner available to us.

We shall exercise our rights as citizens-those of free speech and the right to assemble.

Motorcycles-Motorcycles-Motorcycles

We urge the members of the media to attend-we shall be glad to cooperate with you as we have in the past. A large group (2-300) will be leaving Saturday May 8 from B.C. Choppers 12425 S.E. 82nd. We are scheduled to arrive at Elkhorn at 2p.m. Saturday evenings festivities include beer, a band and guest speakers from various aspects of or concerned with motorcycling. We will be camped as shown on the map and plan a bare-headed ride Sunday in quiet, peaceful, civil disobedience, assembling at the capitol Building at noon May 9

We request your coverage of this event.

Thank You
Luke Metcalfe

Chairman-ABATE of Oregon



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May '76

SPECIAL EDITION

Congratulations!

ON A JOB " WELL DONE " AT ELKHORN '76 ! YOU' LL FIND REPRINTS OF SOME OF THE NEWS CLIPPINGS WE HAVE TO DATE. WE REQUEST MEMBERS TO SEND IN ANY OTHERS THAT MAY EXIST. WE ALWAYS WELCOME ANY ARTICLES CONCERNING MOTORCYCLES AND YOUR OWN PERSONAL IDEAS. MORE ABOUT ELKHORN IN YOUR NEXT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER.

- Helmet Protest Run -

ON THE REVERSE YOU'LL NOTICE A FLYER ADVERTISING THE 2ND ANNUAL HELMET RUN SPONSORED BY WASHINGTON STATE MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION JUNE 5, 1976. AT OUR MOST RECENT ABATE MEETING, MAY 11, WE VOTED TO MAKE THIS AN OFFICIAL EVENT.

LET'S GET OUT AND SUPPORT THESE PEOPLE! HERE'S THE PLAN - WE ARE MEETING AT DELTA PARK 8 AM JUNE 5, ON THE EAST SIDE , AND LEAVING AT 9 AM SHARP! MAPS WILL BE PASSED OUT AT THE PARK

HERE ARE SOME GUIDELINES THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED IF WE ARE TO HELP OUR WASHINGTON BROTHERS DERIVE FULL BENEFIT FROM THE HARD WORK AND EFFORT THEY ARE PUTTING FORTH ON THE BEHALF OF ALL OF US. WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO BRING DOWN THE HELMET AND OTHER UNFAIR LAWS!

NO BOOZE AT DELTA PARK! (After all it's only 8 o'clock in the morning-the party's later)

RIDE IN SMALL GROUPS! (For safety's sake and the convenience of the general motoring public. It's too many miles to keep a large pack together-we'll have our big ride together later)

SCHEDULE YOUR OWN GAS STOPS! (There are too many varied sizes of gas tanks, too many miles, and too many of us to be able to plan stops that work out for everyone and do it in an orderly manner)

KEEP IT CLEAN!(Keep in mind what we're trying to do- the eyes of the world are on you again)

RIDE SAFE - RIDE FREE - RIDE ON !



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ABATE

HELMET PROTEST RUN

Are you ready? May 8th and 9th is just around the corner. We cant make any promises as to who will be there - you cant force people to come - but George Dowling has been contacting our legislators and other (hopefully) interested parties so we're looking for a good turnout. We will have to continue to grow in strength and numbers so that we reach the point where we can't be ignored any longer. It doesn't cost any thing but a few minutes of your time to register to vote and that's what these people listen to - the ones who have the power to elect - so get it done! Keep in mind this power is like any other - it's only good if you use it.

Just got a call from Sgt. Mitchell of the Ore. State Police - he's to pick me up Monday to go talk to his boss about road control etc. We've been able to work together in the past and hope to maintain this good relationship. Neither of us anticipate any problems. (This will be the first free ride I've ever had in a police car).

Jon Carney is working on some music for us - keep your fingers crossed - we're really hurting for a public address system of some kind.

Keep your shit together for the cause . Ride safe and free.

BAD CHECK DEPT.

We really can't afford it so I'm letting the cat out of the bag! The \$20.00 bumper we got at the swap-meet came from Hidalgo Trading Co. 16421 N.W. 116th, Redmond Wash, 98052. Drop John Avdelotte a line and tell him what you think about him screwing you around!

RFWARD

for recovery or info about stolen Lanolitz leather jacket, full collar, kidney belt with loops. Stolen April 21st, 1976. Name on inside pocket. Frank T Cosby 235-0938.

LATEST HELMET LAW REPEAL NEWS

The state of Kansas repealed the brain bucket law for everyone 18 yrs. of age and older! Alaska and Oklahoma have repeal bills in the final stages and should be soon to follow. Connecticut's helmet law has been made unenforceable and Arizona's repeal is half way through with it's passage inevitable in the fall! Let's get to work in Oregon. You will find elsewhere in this letter a list of each Senator and representative in Oregon along with addresses - start firing those letters on our home folks now! We will soon have a list of Candidates for all state offices in the upcoming elections so you can write them too to find out where their heads are concerning existing and proposed M/C laws.

GOT YOUR ABATE PATCH YET? SEE YOU ALL AT ELKHORN RIDE FREE

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LEGISLATIVE NEWS

We are making progress in this direction. As noted in our last newsletter, we recently had the pleasure of discussing several items of interest to bikers with Sen. Vern Cook. At our most recent meeting, we enjoyed the presence of John Keltint, who is running in our upcoming state elections for the position of Sec. of State. You may find his views on bureaucratic involments interesting - we anticipate hearing from Mr. Keltint again at Elkhorn.

George Dowling is spearheading an effort to further our relations with our law-makers. George will be acting as Legislative Rep. and as such will promote our organizational views and learn who and where our friends are-more on this from George in May Newsletter.

The O.M.R.A. (Oregon Motorcycle Riders Assoc.) is hosting a meeting Tues. April 6- having as guest speaker Mr Dick Groener, who is also running for Secty. of State. We shall attend and "find out where he stands on motorcycles". This will also be reported in May letter. O.M.R.A. has been in existence over 3 years now and has a membership of about 3,000. We are looking forward to a closer working relationship with O.M.R.A. in the future and appreciate the interest shown by them in our activities. Bob Walton has been helpful in projecting ABATE of Oregon events and activities in his "Road Riders Report" in The Bike News, published monthly here in Portland, and we have recently had the pleasure of meeting Dick Glanz, O.M.R.A. Legislative Rep.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

***** Rose City Motorcycle Club 3rd Annual "OREGON 500" - a road rally, Saturday May 15th, 1976. Start-finish at International Cycles 8350 S.W. Barbur Blvd. - Portland, Ore. Patches, Awards, Trophies for AMA and Non-AMA. "A new scenic route-a new challenge". Mail entries to: Ore. 500 P.O. Box 19007 Port., Ore. 97219. Pre-\$4.00 - post-\$5.00

*****Choosey Beggars M/C 3rd Annual Memorial Day Run May 29, 30, & 31. Trophys, overnight camping, dinner the 30th-furnished. Field events and road tour Sunday the 30th. Mail in: \$3.50 - post: \$4.50. Grants Pass H-D 2910 Foothill Blvd. Grants Pass, Ore. 97526(476-2528).

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THE UFOS ARE COMING! FIRST CONTACT MADE! SEE MAY NEWSLETTER!

PLEASE! I DON'T WANT TO MISS THE ABATE OF OREGON CAMPOUT AND HELMET-RUN SATURDAY/SUNDAY MAY 8TH AND 9TH. RUSH _____ TICKETS AT \$3.00 EACH FOR A TOTAL OF \$ _____

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

MAIL TO: ABATE OF OREGON-SPRING OPENER
2424 S.W. Jefferson Road
Portland, Oregon 97201

EDUCATION BILL KILLED IN CALIFORNIA

after 2/76

From the Modified Motorcycle Assoc. comes this word: Yes, AB-1809 died in the Ways and Means Committee. Although we believe in the motorcycle education bill, (actually for the last three years have been asking for the bill) it became necessary to kill the bill when, during the Committee Hearings, it was learned that anyone enrolling in or taking the course would be required to wear a helmet during the course. Since this is in direct conflict with our slogan and belief "Let Those Who Ride Decide", and working on the assumption that this would be a foot in the door to Mandatory Helmets, we switched our support to the opposition and the bill died in Committee. AB-1809 is dead for now....however, next year is a new ball game. Assemblyman Carpenter has said he will try again then to get the bill passed.

BAD CHECK DEPT.

We have one for \$20.00 here that came from the swap-meet. After sending it through the bank twice and having it returned NFS and then writing a personal letter with no response, some of us thought we'd turn it over to you-maybe he'd listen if more of us wrote-if he hasn't sent us our twenty in the meantime, we'll include his name and address in the next newsletter.

T-SHIRTS AND COPIES OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Got a call from Bill Orce, ABATE of Ill. - he tells me they're putting together a big order for T-shirts - how many do we want? Gee, I don't know. After kicking around a few ideas, here's what we came up with - order the size T-Shirt desired, S, M, L, XL, and when we amass 20-25 orders we'll pass it on to Bill. This way we won't have a bunch of shirts on hand-we'll just order what we need from time to time and in the exact sizes desired. Get your orders in.....only \$3.50 ea.

We still have pocket-size copies of the U.S. Constitution...\$1.00

ABATE belts - if theres any interest shown, we can get together with "Leroy" and get the price etc. This would be a good every-day in-use item for ABATE members.

QUESTIONNAIRES

The response was really good - it really helps planning future events ~~what~~ we know what people prefer. Thanks to all of you that sent the information. Some of the responses were quite encouraging.

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Anyone interested in what small motorcycle organizations are doing around the country would be well rewarded to keep an eye on ABATE of Oregon. This group of 239 dedicated bikers, organized only last fall, recently held one of the most successful exhibits ever seen in the Pacific Northwest; the ABATE - Northwest Motorcycle Swap Meet. The date was March 7 and the location, the Memorial Coliseum, the "Glass Palace", the biggest, best-known arena in the state. Much has been mentioned since to effect that this was the quality show of years.

A lot of the story lies in the background work. The idea for a m/c swap meet was first introduced at a meeting and was quite enthusiastically received by attending members. At the time we were not really "in the chips" so our first plan was to locate a vacant first floor warehouse or similar place for \$50-\$100. We figured with a low rent and a flyer printing and mail-out expense of about \$50 we could keep our costs down and still attract enough interest to make two to three hundred bucks.

The best laid plans of mice and bikers etc. - there just wasn't an indoor spot for the price. Weeks went by with no sign of promise. Were we going to have to wait until summer and do it in a drive-in, some pasture, or what? The idea seemed really ripe for this year as nothing like it had ever been done before and such an obvious money-maker, it would be a shame to put it off-especially on the chance someone else may beat us to it.

Our fears were well-founded as it turned out, in the course of a continuing search for a location, we ran into some California people looking around to do the same thing. We sat down to some serious discussions and decided we'd both be better off with half of one big show instead of all of a small show. Between us, we had enough money to go anywhere now, so we decided to go all the way to the Memorial Coliseum. An ABATE member, Mr. Chambers, is also an attorney, so he drew us up a 50/50 all the way contract - thus a partnership was born; ABATE-Northwest M/C Swap Meet.

We put our money down and went to work--there must be a million details in an operation of this scope for which we were planning. We had just begun to rub the surface. It was to the drawing board and design some flyers; to the telephone company for names and addresses of every shop and m/c organization in the Northwest; spend hours at the Y.W.C.A. printing flyers, and more hours folding, stapling, addressing, and stamping; down to the post office and out in the street. Get those flyers out!

The first Kink wasn't long in coming. We were forced to change our show date. This is one of the cardinal sins with a promotion of this type, but we didn't have a signed contract yet. There was really nothing to do but pick up the pieces and get back to work with a new date and a signed contract. This was no fault of the Coliseum. The person responsible would do well to improve his relationship with the people who make him successful--the little guy in the street! We hadn't signed any exhibitors yet so we were clean in that direction, but it looked like we just ate about a hundred dollars in printed material and postage, to say little about the possible loss of credibility with shop owners and the public. Later a few folks did show up at the original date. Sorry folks.

Anyway, back to work-- new flyers, more mailings and explanations. We still had to fill the place with exhibitors, print tickets, and hundreds of other items that had to be covered. We had no budget for big-time advertising, but managed to get some plugs as a non-profit corporation on a few of the local radio stations. The day of the show, Channel 8 came and did an item that was broadcast on the evening news--good positive exposure for ABATE of Oregon. This was a first time venture for all of us--we made some mistakes, learned a lot, worked hard, and.....we did it!

I mean we really did it! We packed the place with exhibits and people. We had a well-balanced, successful show. The floor plan was laid out so the foot traffic moved freely and all exhibits were well exposed--and there was some exposing dome! Some of that stuff must have been under the back porch steps since before I grew body hair! While it was a Harley freaks party, it was the variety that really made the show.

We featured Custom John from Anaheim, California in our latest advertising and he rewarded us by bringing a truck and trailer full of custom goodies-wheels, forks, tubes, tanks, a lot of custom items we don't ordinarily see for the price. An interesting note of variety was the T-shirt and panty booth John brought with him that did a roaring business; the foxes were definetly there. John & Co. provided us with several of our door prizes - a battery charger, some T-shirts and panties that were nicely filled out for our pleasure, discretely of course. Fair prices always do good business, so Leroi's Leathers had a good day, while Kid's and Cycle Inn also drew some large crowds with tons of older H-D parts. I saw a small fortune in old-style gaskets in one wooden box.

The O.M.R.A. (Oregon M/C Riders Assoc.) was given a complimentary space, as was West Coast Training Service-they seemed to know what they were doing dressing up their booth with the leggy blonde in the photos.

It was beautiful! Few people around here ever dreamed they'd see in one room, that many parts, bikes, custom items, dresser stuff, antiques, and unknowns. C. Crowe had an interesting booth filled with all kinds of neat, old Nazi things, and Mike Coughlin brought one of his old, interesting pieces of iron from his collection.

The clubs were also represented and one could keep busy running around rapping to people you don't get to see everyday and meeting more you hope to see again. They really came out of the woodwork for this one. We had 120 ft. by 270 ft. indoor area to work with and we put 100 10 ft. by 10 ft spaces in there that did a booming business. Everyone made money and no one was heard to leave unhappy.

A good example of the excitement generated there that day was the guy who after paying his buck at the door, stepped on inside and while looking around with ever -widening eyes said, "damn, I didn't know it was going to be like this!" He split,

only to return an hour or so later with a van full of parts. You can't repress enthusiasm like that, so we made him a space inside the rear door. He was like fresh meat and got picked apart soon-he filled out my order for the day!

ABATE of Oregon worked hard for this one and the members putting in their time and effort that made this a success deserve a salute of "WELL DONE".

We closed the doors and cleaned the place up, counted our money and split. It was a day of great pleasure, profit, and much pride. The pleasure went to those knowing they had done a good job. The profit was a thousand bucks and the pride is best exemplified in the comments on the application of our latest member, an eighteen year old blonde beauty who wrote, "I think ABATE:(of Oregon) is one hell of an organization and I'll be proud to be a part of it."

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