

First National ABATE Run ^{Sept-Oct 1976}

The National ABATE Run held at Lake Perry, Kansas was a real success. This writer recieved a warm welcome Saturday, Sept. 4th after a 2300 mile ride which, by the way, won me the long distance rider prize. It was a real pleasure to meet the people who have worked hard on the behalf of bikers everywhere and have contributed greatly to the growth of ABATE of Oregon through their information, advice and encouragement. Saturday evening was mostly spent with a cold beer in one hand and a warm handclasp in the other getting acquainted with these fine folks.

Sunday was set for the Co-ordiators meeting - while some of this time could have been better spent, I feel a great deal was accomplished particularly in the nature of unifying our groups and our efforts. Interested M/C groups other than ABATE were represented. An agreement was reached to publish the affiliation of ABATE and other M/C rights organizations for the purpose of strength and unity. We are becoming STRONGER! Here is a list - hopefully complete - of organizations with which ABATE is affiliated.

Modified M/C Assoc. of Calif. and Mass.
Western Penn. M/C Assoc.
CAHL of Colorado
CMA of Conn.
Great Plains M/C Assoc. - Neb.
New Hamp. M/C Rights Organization
STOP of S. Dakota
Wisc. Better Bikers Assoc.
La. M/C Riders Assoc.
MAUL So. Oregon
Oregon M/C Riders Assoc.

Also discussed and placed high on our list of obiectives was re-searching the possibilities of rider training programs, licensing procedures, and better public awareness of motorcyclists through media.

ABATE of Kansas did a fine job organizing this run - games, music, beer, food, and FUN! The 1st National ABATE Run was a great success.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU - LUKE

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS !

As of October 1st all memberships from and including # 1003 thru # 1092 have expired. Check your membership card! Numbers 1094 thru 1126 will have expired at the end of October. We trust this notice will be sufficent and you will re-new your membership soon. For those of you with expired cards, this will be your last newsletter. We hope to continue to serve your M/C intrests. In order to continue our efforts and maintain your newsletter we need your support!

PATCHES, PATCHES, PATCHES.

We now have 100 ABATE patches on hand. Get yours! \$2.00

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST !

We have a nice trophy to be awarded the member signing up the most new members from now until the 10th of November. The winner to be announced at the ABATE Swap-Meet Sunday Nov. 14th. Yes, ABATE Swap-Meet - details of this great event elsewhere in this issue.

"Petition for the REPEAL or REVISION of the Oregon MANDATORY HELMET LAW"

BY, OF, and FOR: the people of the state of Oregon.

TO: Our legislative and lawmaking bodies, elected state and local representatives.

TO WIT: and residents of the State of Oregon being guaranteed a government of the people, by the people, and for the people do hereby submit our signatures for these changes in accordance with the Constitution of this country.....

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MAIL ALL PETITIONS TO ABATE OF Oregon, 2424 SW Jefferson Rd., Portland, 97201.

* A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments *

THREE MORE HELMET LAWS DUSTED

Three more helmet laws have faded into history. That's right, Louisiana, Arizona and Rhode Island passed repeals. Now the total of states that have repealed helmet laws is seven. The other four fortunate states are South Dakota, Oklahoma, Kansas and Connecticut.

It looks as though there is not one ounce of excuse or justified cop-out for being an apathetic biker. The brothers out there who don't believe in joining biker organizations or writing letters ought to be pounding their thick skulls into their gas tanks about now. There have been a small number of brothers (compared to the total biker population) out there beat-int the streets of their state capitals for us in an effort to straighten out our legislative hassles. They don't number in the thousands; just a handful of solid, flat-out bikers who have seen to it that we no longer endure helmet laws in seven states. It shows something, a lesson of which we should all be aware: Their efforts have demonstrated the necessity of becoming involved, even if it means just writing a couple of letters. If a few brothers have chased a repeal from it's introduction until it's signed, from one side of a state capital to the other and back again, speaking through thick beards and scruffy hair, and illustrating before straight politicians the lack of logic supporting helmet laws, showing evidence proving that helmets do cause accidents, and finally accomplishing a state-wide repeal --then what might bikers as a national group accomplish?

It's up to all of us to act as a unit in our struggle for freedom and fair legislation. Now it's obvious that it can be accomplished. So no cop-outs -- GET INVOLVED, BROS.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABATE OF OREGON

August 22, 1976, Abate of Oregon's first birthday with a total of 306 members and growing steadily.

A thank you to Sylvia Faria for baking a lovely birthday cake for the occasion.

Lets keep those memberships coming in, if applications are needed contact Barbara Hupp, 289-9621.

August 24, 1976 three new board members were elected into office, they are
Frank Hupp -- Public relations director
Ken Hammon -- Legal director
Glen Lockwood -- Membership director.

Welcome Aboard

CYCLIST'S COLLECT OVER \$10,000 for MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

MEDFORD, OREGON:

A 350 mile ride, sponsored by the Rogue Valley Rough Riders brought donations of over \$10,000 to help the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign over the Labor Day weekend.

"GOOD NEWS"

For those of you who receive traffic citations in Multnomah County -- We have good news for you, you can still have a trial by jury upon request. The law that was passed in July saying no more trials by jury for traffic citations was a state law not a county law. Each county has it's own ordinance,

On Saturday August 28th, ABATE OF OREGON, sponsored a blood run. Thank you, to all of you, who took time to give to this very worthy cause. The Red Cross was very happy that we were able to help out. A total of 120 units were donated. Sounds pretty good, UNTIL, you stop to think that each pint of blood is divided into four components, each called a unit. That means simply that we got a grand total of 30 pints of blood. That is pretty damn poor showing for ABATE..... Of those thirty donors less than half were Abate members. Thanks alot for all of your support, on this chance that we had, to show the public that we can get the things done that need to be done. Of course, there wasn't a big party planned for afterwards, so this is about the kind of support that was expected. For all of you out there that did not join in and donate you should be very damn proud of yourselves, you've done it again. Just sat around on your dead asses, and let someone else do your work for you.

People are always talking about doing something or getting involved but here is a case of not just jawing but involvement all the way. For the 1976 Cystic Fibrosis run the "Outsiders" motorcycle club T. Bob president, donated all the trophies for the run. Over \$70.00 donation out of their treasury. Kid of "Kids cycle shop, a member of said club, donated a \$25.00 gift certificate. Abate as well as Screaming Eagle should take off their helmets to the Outsiders for their generous contributions to the Cystic Fibrosis Run.

THANK YOU FROM THE SCREAMING EAGLES AND ESPECIALLY FROM THE CYSTIC FIBROSIS SOCIETY FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Results of Cystic Fibrosis Charity Run

1st Place:	David Thurolf	45pts.
2nd Place:	Jay Cullen	40pts.
3rd Place:	Greg Schab	40pts.
Youngest Rider	:	Feugate
Oldest Rider	:	Mr. Feugate
Longest Distance	:	Mr., Mrs. Feugate and Son
Most Unique	:	Mike Wilson
Oldest Motorcycle	:	Jerry Graham
Hard Luck	:	Fx rider - you know who you are, please contact us

Kid's M/C Shop donated a \$25.00 Certificate, B.C. Choppers a \$10.00 Certificate, Cycle Inn - \$10.00, and 2 \$10.00 Certificates from Competition Motors that went to Larry Larick and Sandra Strasburg. Many thanks to all the individuals and shops that participated from ABATE of Oregon.

EDITORIAL:

About 20 years, I've been riding and enjoying motorcycles, having ridden everything from a Harley, BSA, to a Cushman Motor Scooter, and presently own a 1947 Indian Cheif that resembles a chopper because of a sissy bar and a step seat.

Why is it that the Portland Police Department, Oregon State, Lake Oswego, Oregon City, ETC; go out of their way to pull over and harass this type of vehicle, for no apparent reason. At various times the above mentioned group, has detained myself for 15 minutes to ½ hour. At these times no citations were issued nor did it appear any were intended to be given. Subjected to questions about driving records, past and present, life style. For example "Have you ever been arrested". Everything except when I took a shower last. Why can't a working father and husband (non-club member) ride his choice of vehicle to and from work or for pleasure without enduring the hassle from the Portland Police Department and Oregons Finest?

KEN HAMMON

BITCH AND BRAG

As of the next newsletter we will be starting a new column. The purpose of it will be to inform our readers of businesses who harass bikers or who appreciate the bikers business. It will be titled BITCH AND BRAG. Any businesses that give you a hassle of any kind or lets you know they appreciate you for something that you have done let us know by sending your comments to ABATE OF OREGON P.O. BOX 4504, Portland Oregon, 97208

Again we are publishing a list of your State Representatives and Senators. In the upcoming elections some of these state offices will be changing hands. Write your local Sen/Rep and obtain a copy of the Legislative Guide, also a copy of the voters Pamphlet. Learn who these people are and where they stand on issues of importance to you. Now, as long as you're at it tell them your feelings on the mandatory helmet law - use facts not force. Ask their opinion so you'll know who to vote for when the time comes. Time is drawing near - we must apply the pressure, add to it, and keep it on until we have attained our goals.

The day was sunny and getting warmer. The wind was blowing a little but it only added to the beautiful weather. Preparations were ready and there was an excitement in the air. Everyone had done their job and were at their appointed spots. All in all, the turnout should have been good but about 14 bikes turned out for the 1976 Cystic Fibrosis Poker Run.

Where in the hell did everyone go? A few independents, in fact, the very same ones that gave blood for the Blood Run. Interesting!!

What happened to the club riders, the talkers and the bull shitters who want things changed but can't come to help out sick kids? It seems the only way people come to any functions is if there is a party. Do we have to have a reward or brownie buttons for doing something good. Hell, the run should have been reward enough.

We are aware that there were down scooters and other legitimate excuses but the publicity was out. There is alot of you bikers that because you didn't want to unplug from Mommy or the night before hang-over, laid in bed on your asses, instead of coming to the run to make a showing for the Cystic Fibrosis.

Abate for a year has been trying to educate the public to the fact that everyone who rides two wheels is not a dope smoking, perverted, baby raping Son of a Bitch. We tryed and put on a run for a worthwhile charity hoping for publicity to help in fighting to change the Hollywood syndrome of what bikers are supposed to be and only a handful showed up. Maybe Hollywood is right!! Maybe most bikers are only interested in parties, getting drunk, smoking dope and raping babies. Which catagory would you like to be in? The decision is up to you!! I am sure that there is a few of you that want to help change laws and images and make things better.

SO GOD DAMNIT, HELP SUPPORT ABATE.

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Saturday morning, 8:00 am, September 18, Lair Hill Park.

The sun was shining brightly on us as we heard off in the distance the rumble of bikes. By 10:30 the last ones had drifted in with a grand total of 16 bikes for the 1976 annual Cystic Fibrosis Charity Poker Run. By 11:15 we were headed out of town with our first stop to be cannon beach. The weather was gorgeous and that ocean looked good. After getting some grub we were on our way to Tillamook by way of the massive cliffs overlooking the sea. From there we traveled through the mountains and back to Portland. Our final stop was Kelly Point Park, and at 6:30 our long putt was finally at a close.

The trophies were awarded, but all 16 of us had already received our own personal reward and that was endowed upon us by mother nature herself.

ABATE picked up the printing and trophy engraving cost so we made a total of \$62.00 to benefit the C.F.F.

Again thanks to ALL who helped out and participated.

MAKE A NOTE OF THE NEW ABATE ADDRESS

ABATE OF OREGON
P.O. Box 4504
Portland, Ore. 97208

Support your Swap-Meet

Pass the word - get the
Elyers out - Participate!

It's an opportunity for
you to do something for
your organization - Luke

Wings on your pants?

Everyone who missed the Cystic Fibrosis run can roast. All the people who went were far out. There was a mix-up on the trophies. At the end, but, we'll get it all straight. The "Hard Luck" trophy goes to the guy whose rear hub froze up-1972 or 73 FX. You were supposed to truck your scooter to my house. You got a trophy coming to ya. Thanks go to Ken & Pat Hammon, Russ, Rick, Tiki and his lady and a couple of other folks. We raised \$62 after a couple of small expenses. My right hand is still twitchin Kid from Kid's Harley-Davidson shop in St. Johns donated a \$25 gift certificate. Not bad at all.

DIG THIS!!! This is 1976, right?...not 1965. The laws are coming down. The legislature is finally out to get us. You think the helmet law is bad? Well, you haven't seen anything yet. Try getting into frame and suspension modifications. This, folks, is the heart of the issue. The government would like nothing better than to abolish any and all modifications of any and all vehicles. No matter if it be on 2 wheels, 4 wheels, or 18 wheels,...airplanes, boats, tricycles, or skate boards. Sound Good? Don't you worry, we will all be safe.(?!?)

I'll bet money I ride mine longer than you ride yours....Pissed off? Good. Now the next time ABATE meets, try to make it. Because my friend, soon no one will need your help except you.

Respectfully submitted,
H.G. Graham

Have you noticed? We now operate with a bulk-rate mailing permit. It is actually more work for us here but at 7.7¢ a copy, it will amount to a considerable savings to the membership over a years period. Nice work huh?

Ever wonder why the Department of Transportation is recently taking such great pains to impose so many laws concerning cars and motorcycles in the name of safety and conservation? For cars it's seatbelts, shoulder-harnesses, interlocks, buzzers, buckle-up lights, bumpers, large car taxes, and helmets like many police departments use. For motorcycles it's helmets, headlights-on, day-glo orange suits, boots, gloves, leathers, and crash bars ad infinitum. For both cars and motorcycles, it's ~~mandatory~~ compulsory insurance, mandatory inspections, drivers license retesting, 55 mph speed limits, po-

lution controls, air bags, gasoline rationing and a host of other restrictions on liberty, all "for our own good." The DOT is discouraging private transportation and encouraging government controlled public transportation, (i.e. Amtrak, subways, streetcars and busses) which would eliminate ALL these hassles. Mass transit has a chance to succeed only if cars and motorcycles can be made too unpleasant or expensive to operate. The DOT's "suggested" laws may seem ridiculous until you consider their real intention - to break up the American love affair with the automobile and motorcycle.

Rights can only be infringed on - not taken away

DID YOU KNOW - Newton County Indiana passed an ordinance outlawing more than ten bikes riding in any organized form on their county roads' AMA - No more enduroes, poker runs or road runs. Clubs - If ya got more than ten, hangin' in on two-up, look out for a bust!!!! Now we can't let this go unchallenged! There will be more on this real soon!

Pocket Size Copies Of The U.S. Constitution

We now have available pocket size copies of the Constitution of the United States of America. They only cost a buck and no biker/citizen should be without his/her very own. And, keep in mind, the profit from the sales of these booklets goes into the general fund. (We ripped this idea off from Fuzzy-ABATE of Virginia_Thanks Fuzzy-they paid for theirselves the first day out)

Talk About Dedication

Keep this in mind when it comes time to re-new your membership in ABATE of Oregon - 3 members have already signed up and paid for another years membership and they have several months to go on their first one! Rick Riley, Dave Furrer, and Ron Fishwood are paid up through 1977!

More Newsletter Ads

George Dowling went out and got us one from American Cvcle. We can use more - they really help pay the cost of this rag. \$20.00 per year isn't a bad deal at all when you consider the market you reach.

Michigan Law Proposed

The last word from Mich. indicates a bill limiting extended front-ends will pass into law. The run down on the bill goes like this; rake neck limit-41 degrees; front fork limit-45"-measured from front axle nut to upper front fork crown; slug or screw-in type fork extention is outlawed. The bill has provisions for bikes manufactured with adjustable necks for use with a sidecar. Like the article said where we got this information - better measure before taking a putt into Mich.!