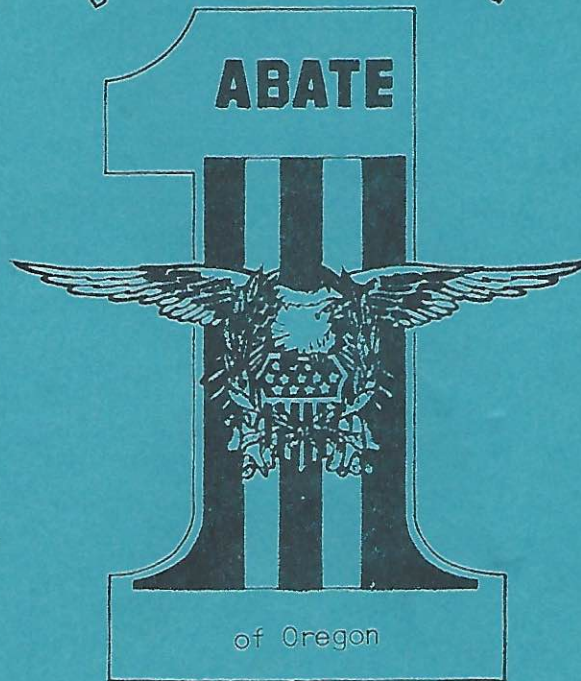


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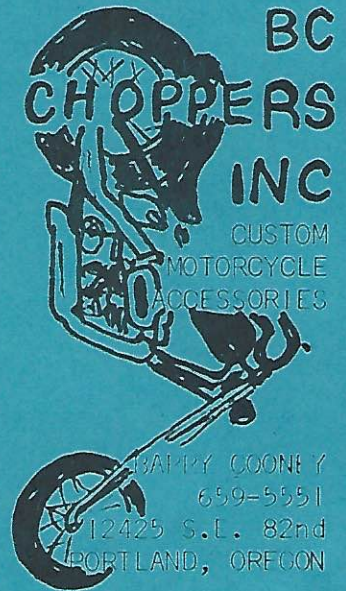
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## IDAHO HELMET REPEAL DUE IN JANUARY, 1978!!!!!!!!!!

Boy, wouldn't we like to see that become a reality!! Luke Metcalfe, "Rusty" Mayall, and myself, Sugar-Kane, took a drive to Boise for the Idaho ABATE Helmet Repeal Rally. Rusty and I drove up there Friday nite, after I got off work, and the switch on her air-conditioner stuck on with the heater, so we had nice cold air going over the mountains at midnight. Once we found Linda Smith's house in Boise, tho, the warm reception was well worth the discomfort. Linda is the State Co-Ordinator for ABATE of Idaho, and she lives in a big, rambling old farm house on North Cole street (address given elsewhere in this Newsletter), with lots of room for sleepy people, plus TWO bathrooms with hot showers, etc., so we said our 'hellos' and hit the sack. People kept arriving all night, I guess, and there were people we knew from Portland already there sawing logs in the attic, so we really felt at home. The next morning, we got up and went to breakfast at a steak-n-cake place (sounded good), and we got Linda a gift from ABATE of Oregon, Inc.: a big woven-jute brown owl hanging plant holder with a big orange pot to go in it. She found a home for it right away, and was surprised as well as pleased. It seemed to fit right in with her other plant friends, and will have a little resident plant soon, I suspect!

Next, after getting a map to the park where the Rally would start, and loading up the car with hot dog buns, we headed for the park. We parked the car at the end of a line of bikes, but by the time the 'run' to the Capitol building started, the car was about in the middle! We had to jump in the car and cut out of the line of bikes to try to get to the Capitol first, to deliver some posters, but it was so jammed to get out by the road, so we cut across the lawn, in front of all the "DO NOT DRIVE OR PARK ON THE GRASS" signs, to reach the free exit road. We were greeted by a friendly policeman at the intersection, who came right over to see what the trouble was, and Rusty leaned out the window and said "I gotta get outta here!" I'm not sure if the Oregon license plate and the ABATE of Oregon sign in the window helped any, but I kept saying things like "This is an emergency!". so he smiled and pointed out the best route out of the park to the main road. I think Rusty's line did it. Besides, it's an *awful* big car. Anyhow, the pack started out before we got to the Capitol, so we got to see them convoy-ed thru traffic. I think there were about 200 bikes, plus cars, plus passengers on the bikes, so you can imagine how many people were there. The p.a. system was set up on the steps of the Capitol building; we held up the American flag and said the Pledge of Allegiance, which some ABATE people do at rallies, and some don't. If you think about it, we aren't trying to disturb the 'status-quo', as some folks would say. We are trying to *preserve* it!! Linda Smith was introduced, and she spoke to her people, telling them that this is their time NOW; our generation is the 'ruling' generation now, and we can attain our goals, if we just DO IT. Chris Pine, from Pocatello, Idaho, also spoke (more about him later). Rusty said, mainly "I don't want to tell you about it. I want to come back here next year and have *you* tell *me* how you did it!" Luke Metcalfe, as Chairman of ABATE of Oregon, Inc., also spoke words of encouragement, pointing out that personal involvement, such as writing letters, etc., was what was really necessary to make the thing work, and I spoke some similar words of my own. I have seen the successes of others, and I *know* what ordinary 'bikers' can do for themselves. It's not a matter of "can we" but "when will we". There were tv news cameras, who, we are told, gave the rally excellent coverage on the ten o'clock news that night. There were also newspaper people there, who apparently

gave good coverage and pictures, so there was no bad press. That's GREAT!! Linda was interviewed by the tv station man, and I just 'happened' to need to walk behind her with the helmets are for bucks, not protection' posters right then. The posters were on sale to help raise money for the cause, as well as Memberships. Then directions were given to the site of the pig-roast, which took place that evening.

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Rusty and I then ran around Boise picking up hot dogs, ketchup, etc., then went out into the hills to the party. I don't remember the name of that little town.....oh, yes. Idaho City. Don't sneeze or you'll miss it. Beautiful drive.

The party was pretty well run, with five bands, two pigs, and around 300 people, at least. The sign-in fee was \$5, but that covered the cost of the pigs and dogs, plus all those kegs of BEER!!! It was an isolated spot, so there was no hassle from any local people with funny ideas about creating adventures to write home about from the hospital, and the biggest problem seemed to be keeping enough gas around for the generator to keep running.....as long as it kept running, the bands kept playing!! Plus, I know of at least one trip into town for a bottle of Gold, which was later placed lovingly on the funeral pyre. Empty, of course. They even had a chain saw, and kept enough wood around for several huge bonfires, which literally burned all night. The wood was a little damp, but we got it going ok. You bet! All you really had to do to keep warm was squeeze in between two other warm bodies, and then everybody was happy! Right friendly crowd, I'd say. I guess the Brother Speed M/C was instrumental in helping set up and run the event; I know they helped get the pigs, and also ran the gate, I think. It was one of those things where, even tho a couple of folks got a little stumble-footed as the night progressed, the worst experiences were a couple of people who accidentally fell in the creek (*twelve degrees, right?*) and, of course, a few hang-overs the next day. The people woke up to sunlight shining on the ice around the mud puddles, but many stayed for most of the day Sunday, which is where the hot dogs came in handy when they got hungry. I guess they got warmed up ok. We had to leave as soon as we woke up, as Luke had a meeting to attend, then we had the long drive home. Rusty and I had instructions on how to get in Linda's house while Luke was at his meeting, so we went in just like home, and Rusty had her a hot shower, and I played the piano and played tug-of-war with the puppy, outside in the sunshine. Then it was time to head for home, and we took highway 26 home, watching the sun set over the hills. (Plus the heater started working right, too. Neato.)

There were representatives at the Boise rally from Utah, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada and New Mexico, that we know of. There may have been more states represented. We would like to give a double helping of thanks to Linda Smith for her personal hospitality to all the people from Portland that came over. The Idaho Legislature meets in January of 1978, and they need our support. One of the best things WE can do for them is to write letters of encouragement to them, care of Linda Smith. Her address is: 1207 North Cole, Boise, Idaho. Write and tell her you know what kind of trips she and her people are going thru with the lawmakers, and how you feel about their making the Idaho Helmet Repeal a success. Any words of encouragement and support from any of us will be helpful, as well as stressing that it is important that their own members write letters to the legislators. For every hand written letter, the people who get the letter figure that there are about ten people who agree with the point of view, but would not write a letter. I'm sure the people in Idaho would be happy to hear words of support from you, and useful suggestions for getting things done in their state. Again, their legislature meets in January of 1978.

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MORE FOOD!!! MORE FOOD!!! We are still asking that ABATE people donate canned food at the Portland area meeting site, for a Christmas gift to FISH. FISH is an organization that provides people in need with food, clothing, bedding, etc. For instance, if someone's house burns down, or they're on the road and they get robbed, or they are just plain poor and need something to eat and/or wear, etc. They are a part of the Centenary-Wilbur Church 'group', and as a gesture of friendship and appreciation, we would like to be able to give them some food. Their own stock of supplies was burned out completely, not too long ago, so now they need help from others!!! What goes 'round, comes 'round. You might need them, someday.

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"Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear Nick zero years old on September 23, happy birthday to you." Congrats to Patty and Jerry Graham..a chip off the old Graham, you might say. When you gonna buy him an ABATE Membership? I know, I know, just as soon as you get your tranny fixed. ok, ok. Bet he's a cute little bugger, tho. Considering.

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR CHARIMAN.....Haven't had time to editorialize for a while now so let's catch up.

First of all--CONGRATULATIONS on the Helmet Law Repeal, and my personal appreciation to those of you who really made it work. It was with great pride that I could attend the National ABATE Run in Kansas this Labor Day with a copy of our repeal in my pocket.

OK, as long as I'm started on National ABATE meetings I may as well carry on.

In Daytona this past Marck the elected representatives from the different states, selected by vote, five from the ranks to act as a steering committee. In past meetings many reps had agreed there was a need for some type of national structure, cover, or what ever you may call it. The purpose of the Steering Committee was to assemble information, ideas, feedback, etc., and prepare this into some kind of format to present us in Kansas.

The people elected by the people are just that--people--hard working, dedicated bikers like you and I--Wanda Hummell from Indiana, Rogue from Connecticut, Padre from Pennsylvania, Fuzzy Davy, Virginia and Donna Oates, Kansas. Sounds great, so far.

Well, imagine our surprize when we get to the meeting in September and instead of our steering committee and our ideas in a report there is a ten page proposal written by person or persons as yet unknown and a "Board of Directors" selected by and manned by mostly Easyriders magazine persons--almost totally unknown to any of us.

The meeting was ocnducted under some "Roberts' Rules of Order" so it was very difficult to say anything and it seems "we" weren't enough to constitute a quorum so we couldn't vote on anything either. Teh proposal was greeted with little enthusiasm to say the least--there was concern because there was no provision for the membership to ever vote on anything. The board of directors was chosen by itself--forever and while they couldn't get paid, they could elect themselves to be officers and officers got paid.

More? OK. They would maintain a master membership list and controll all money. (You may have already seen the ad in Easyriders for ABATE National--price \$10.00. This is no good and will be removed soon. More on this coming up.)

The Board of Directors could suspend any member who didn't meet requirements- as promulgated by the Board. As mentioned--all money was to go to the "national", with little mention of us getting any of this money back to operate on. Included somewhere in those pages was the mention that we would assist at Easyriders Swap Meets.

To boil it down a bit, no one was very happy with the proposal. We learned later that four of the five people on our steering committee were placed on the Board of Directors. (The exception being Donna Oates.) That still left us on the short end of the vote--5 to 4. These additions were made after the meeting and we were on our way home. It was at least a step in the right direction.

So we learn the next meeting of "ABATE National" will be October 22nd. We call and learn there is indeed a meeting in Sacramento that date but we can't say anything and we can't vote on anything!!

Our next step was to contact other ABATE units around the country, share our views, with them and ask for theirs. Well, armed with many opinions we left for the meeting. Good 'ole ABATE of Oregon being a bit poor after the helmet battle necessitated the taking up of a collection which netted \$102 and some change so Rusty, Vic, Dave Thierolf and myself piled into Rusty's wagon and split.

One might say the atmosphere at the Caravan Inn was a bit strange--strange faces lining the wall, strange delays and strange vibrations. The four of us, along with Bill Orce from Illinois, Sean Davidson, Mike and Mark (sorry, I forgot the names) from the state of Washington, Bob Bitchin from BIKER and Russ Sanford from MORE in California constituted the interested audience. To cut it short--by item #2, Article one, page one of the proposal "they" got the idea we weren't at all happy with the high powered, all powerful, slick California operated "National" and called it a day.

What we do have is our state units operating autonomously, under the thumb of no one. While we retain the steering committee, they remain just that. In the interest of our national concern we have established a 'clearing house' for information, etc. manned by Fuzzy Davy in Virginia, and Gary Zager in Maryland. These two will act as watchdogs on federal legislation and collect all information on laws, safety or whatever concerning motorcycles that each state unit sends in and put it all in a form and sent the collected material out to each unit once a month.

This will be a lot of work with no pay for these dedicated guys so we must support them 100%.

We are looking for ways to finance these expenditures but in the meantime ABATE of Illinois put up the first BIG \$500 to get things off the ground.

That's about it. ABATE remains of the people, by the people and for the people.

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Let's get out and pump up the SWAP MEET--that's where the real bucks that beat the Helmet Law came from and that's how we'll make more to go even further. If you know where to put up more flyers, or any way you want to help call 223-0428. Ask for Luke. Your help will be needed at the Coliseum on the 13th of November, too, to see ya there!!



"Just because someone asked--Rusty and I paid our own way to and from the ABATE meeting in Kansas." Luke Metcalfe, 1977

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OK-----that's about it for now. Keep the rubber side down. Don't forget--elections coming in January. Hope to see you all at the Swap Meet. Come to the meetings!!

Later.....LUKE

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PORTLAND AREA MEETINGS.....EVERY SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAY AT S. E. 9th and Ash sts. (Centenary-Wilbur Church) usually in the basement, now. For more information, call one of the Hot Line numbers, listed elsewhere in this Newsletter. Find them.

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AND WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT....WHERE ARE THE OTHER ABATE MEETINGS BEING HELD? We would like to help you tell your Members where your local meetings are being held, so you can find each other, but we can't print the information unless you send it. Or call one of the Hot Line numbers....collect, if you have to. We NEED to hear from you. Like, for instance, Indian Creek. How's that for starters?

JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST TIME.....below are the prices of ABATE 'botique' items;

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WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A SPECIAL PAT ON THE BACK TO CHRIS PINE, from Pocatello, Idaho, for his hard work on the Helmet Issue in Idaho. Our long-range eyes and ears had glowing reports of this fine young person. Keep up the good work. It's desperately needed and muchly appreciated. Hats-off to you, Chris, from all of us here in Oregon.

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LAST WEEKEND....we had some 'visitors' from Canada, who wanted OUR advice on how to get started on the Helmet Repeal in Canada. They are some fine folks, and we want to thank them for the time they took to come down and visit us...the visit was very much appreciated and enjoyed. They are Marie and Roger Richardson. and their address is:

"V5C-429 Burneby, B. C. Canada" (604-299-4895).. Why not drop them a line and give them a little encouragement, too? Out of all the people they could have consulted, they came to ABATE of Oregon, Inc. Talk was, once, about a Seattle-to-Baja No-Helmet Run, How does an Alaska-to-Baja No-Helmet Run strike you? I bet they would be real pleased just to hear from bikers around the state; or even around the states. Later on.....

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HERE'S A CONTRIBUTION BY AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEMBER FROM PORTLAND.

He says he likes this so well, he wrote it on the wall of his house. Nice goin', Hubert.  
"Twinkle, twinkle, little spark.

In my jugs I think you are!

To my valves and cams' delight,

Ram home my domes for Pistons' might!!"

By: Jerry Graham

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RED HOT: (503) 244-1285 or 286-3885. If you have to, just to give us info for the Newsletter, or fill in your local folks on what's happening, or check out a Rampant Rumor, try calling collect!! These are your 'Hot Line' numbers. USE THEM. The people on the other end of the line are ABATE people. No tape recorders. No operators. Just 'us'.

Minutes of 54th Meeting in Portland: 10/11/77: Meeting called to order by our Chairman, Luke Metcalfe; all Board Members present.

The Swapmeet, November 13 at the Coliseum, was discussed. It was decided: \$1.50 for admission and spaces would be 5'x10': \$10 and 10'x10': \$20.

We discussed the National Abate, and some of us are going down to the meeting in Sacramento, California. Money was donated by those present to help pay for the trip down.

George Dowling was voted in to the Board of Directors as the Education Director.

Meeting Adjourned.

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55th Meeting; 10/25/77: Meeting called to order; all Board Members present.

Discussed jobs that have to be done to get ready for the Swap Meet.

Report was given by the people who went to the 'national' meeting in California.

Raising the dues was discussed. No motion was made as to how much, Are waiting for feedback from Members and other States.

December 3rd YWCA Christmas Tree sale discussed.

Meeting adjourned

SCREAMING EAGLES REP.....WHERE ARE YOU??? We need information from you, on whatever is happening with the Club, plus anything they, as ABATE Members, would like to say to us.

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"I'M NOT GETTING MY NEWSLETTER!!!!!" Did you know that, if the Post Office doesn't like the looks of your address, or if you have moved, your Newsletter will NOT get forwarded? They will NOT send it back to us, so we can at least update our mailing list. Guess what? They *throw them away!!!* That's RIGHT. Now, after reading about how we need more money to help mail them in the first place, don't you think it would be a good idea if EVERYBODY who moves would let US know, so that we are not spending your money to print and mail a Newsletter that will get thrown away by a uniformed government employee? EVEN IF YOU FILL OUT A CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM AT THE POST OFFICE, you still have to tell US about it, because the Post Office will NOT forward bulk rate mail. Which means your Newsletter. We are probably wasting a certain amount of money right now, because of people who have moved and not told us. If you do not have a good mailing address, or will not have one for a while, then TELL US, so we will make your address temporarily 'inactive' on the mailing list. Or, at least find a friend who will accept delivery at their home address for you, and save them up for you to read when you get back to them. Or something. BUT.....please, please, please, tell us one way or the other. NOW, it works both ways. If you know of someone who says they are not getting their Newsletter, pass the word along. Obviously, if you're not getting your Newsletter, you're not going to be reading this....it will be in the garbage. Man, don't let that big eagle down like that!!! It's too damn expensive, and you are too valuable to ABATE as a Member to let yourself stay out of touch like that. So, pass the word along.

If, for any reason, you don't want anyone to know where you are, okay. Just tell us, somehow, so we aren't throwing YOUR money away on a lost Newsletter. Maybe in the future, we can bring a copy of the back issues of the Newsletter to the meetings or something, so you can read up. Or call us for a back issue, if we can find one. Or, just call the Hot Lines, and ask what you've been missing!! But, don't let them throw your Newsletter away, month after month like that. It costs too much, and besides, it just ain't RIGHT. 'Nuff said.

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SINCE THEY HAVE BEEN HELPFUL TO US IN THE PAST, we will go help the YWCA 'collect' their Christmas trees again this year. This is happening on December 3, a Saturday. You can call or write if you plan to come into town to participate. Do believe they need to go to Sandy, OR and Mcminville. YWCA provides at least one truck, and last year, they paid for all gas used by volunteer trucks, plus gave us tea and donuts after. Seems like that's the season for hot spiced wine up on Jefferson Street, too. We help them bring the trees in, set them up in their courtyard for sale to the public, and make friends and get some fresh air in doing it. Call your hot line numbers for more info. At this time, we are not sure what time on December 3 they will be meeting, but last year it was around 10 am, so you could make it. PLUS.....Remember Camp Westwind? Each year they have to go out and dig the cabins out from under the drifting sand, clean the chimneys, cut brush, make various repairs, etc., to maintain the camp and get it ready for summer use. ABATE of Oregon has participated for a couple of years in a row, I think. What you do is, when you go, you park at the county boat dock and they come and get you in a little boat, and you spend the weekend on the Island!

helping work. They provide meals...last year they were 50¢ each or something like that...lotsa food!! Anyhow, a couple of times, now the ABATE people have had their own cabin, with hot showers, flush toilets, and a little kitchen. Plus a big glass door that looks out on the ocean, and a big wood stove. They do not, by policy allow alcoholic beverages on the premises, but once we go up to 'our'cabin, they never come around to check,either. Plus, there is this HUGE sand dune you can climb up and see way, way out over the beach, and the breakers, and past the cliff, to the horizen.....call Hot Lines for more info on this one. The next one is October 29/30, and then there is one scheduled for February, 1978.

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS GLEANED FROM THE STOP NEWSLETTER. The people from STOP have never hesitated to help us. Let's show our appreciation and help them.

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Apparently, Don and Eve Schultz, of Hill City, South Dakota (Don owns and rides two Harleys: one dresser, and one chopped Shovelhead), who are good Members of Stop got some BAD news about their beautiful sixteen year old daughter, Diane. Diane was injured in an explosion at her place of employment, on August 5, 1977. She and a twelve year old girl, Sue Prouty, were critically injured, with burns over 80% of their bodies. If you think you've ever had a bad road-rash, think about THAT one.According to our information, the girls are recovering, but are going through burn therapy, which is very painful, in addition to the pain and anguish of the actual injury. They (specifically, Diane's mother) are asking for letters, cards, and prayers. Now, even if you ain't the letter-writing type, EVERY woman was sixteen years old sometime in her life, and anyone who has children knows how precious and beautiful they are, and it sure would be neat for them to get some letters or cards from bikers as far away as Oregon. Any donations are welcome, of course, but I guess they are asking you not to send flowers, as there is a sanitation problem with them, and that is a problem for burn victims. BUT, even a card from a brother or sister on wheels would be welcome, I'm sure. The address is: Diane LeMonds (and) Sue Prouty Ramsey General Hospital 640 Jackson Street St. Paul, Minnesota 55101. If you've got an extra picture of the scoot, you might send that along, too. They could start a collection. After all, someday you might see one of these young women on two wheels of their own, if Mom and Dad are anything to judge by.

A LATE NOTE TO ADD HERE: Brother Speed M/C has donated \$50.00 to Diane and Sue. THANX, Bro's. \*\*\*\*\*

OKAY, SIDDOWN FOLKS!!! THIS IS A BIGGIE.

We might have to change the Membership Dues (as of January 1, 1978). I think we all understand here that this means "increase" change, not "rebate" change. You are, or are not, in your own opinion, now getting your money's worth/a bargain, RIGHT NOW, for \$5 a year.

IF WE NEEDED TO CHANGE THE DUES.....whaddaya think, huh? YOU, the MEMBER will make the decision on this one. DO we raise the dues? HOW MUCH do we raise the dues? DO YOU WANT ANY SPECIAL FAMILY RATES, etc.,? Do you want any 'Lifetime Memberships' issued for a special cash fee? What happens depends on what Your 'fearless leaders' in Portland hear from you, Joe Motorcycle, in White City, Ontario, Bend, Gold Beach, Klamath Falls, Salem Warm Springs, Owyhee, Agness, Tillamook, St. Helens, The Dalles, Tygh Valley, Medford, EVERYWHERE IN OREGON. So, hey, PLEEZE FOLKS.....write, call, limp, carrier pigeon, wing it anyway you can to the Big Family Folks in Portland at: ABATE Of Oregon, Inc P. O. Box 4504 Portland, OR 97208. OR call the Hot Lines. They are listed somewhere else, in a special place, in this Newsletter. so look for them. "Ret Hot" hot lines.....call collect, if you feel the need, tho for that, evening hours may be more successful, except to tleave just a message.

ABATE of Oregon, Inc., is YOU, BABY!!! It's your organization. Let us know what you want us to do, because, hey, let's get real, here, we really need the money. Period. If you want to know what the ABATE Membership fees are spent on (and boy, do they go fast), come to meetings...ask our Treasurer, write , call, same as above, check one. You have a right to know whether or not your Board of Directors is using your money properly, and in the most useful and efficient way, and Membership Dues are a "voting" issue with ABATE. Just as you must register to vote, and then vote, to help change laws you don't like, you must let US, your representatives in your local ABATE organization, know how you want to vote, or how you feel, or what your suggestions/ideas/etc are on this type of issue. AND.....don't kid yourself. We need the money. Every Member can help by helping sell ads, and other Memberships, and by renewing each year, etc., but postage and printing are very costly, and getting more so all the time. As mentioned elsewhere, some of this is wasted because people don't tell us when they move, so we keep sending the Post Office's garbage can a 'free' Newsletter. YOU are paying for it. REMEMBER.....if you join or renew NOW, it's STILL \$5. WHAT A BARGAIN!!!!!! TELL A FRIEND!!!!!!



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