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--* OCTOBER 1984 NEWSLETTER *--

STATE BOARD REPORT - SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September State Board Meeting was held at Elmer's Pancake House in Bend, and was called to order at 1:03pm. It was a total burn-out meeting, lasting almost seven hours!

Central Oregon Chapter had its charter lifted - there had been no reps at the board meetings, nor reports in the newsletter, for three months in a row, nor did they attend this meeting.

Douglas County Chapter was placed on probation for not turning in a quarterly report. Also, the first quarterly report for 1984-85 is DUE THIS MONTH!! You have to turn it in by the October Board meeting on the 13th. All chapters are going to be audited by the State Treasurer; Emerald Valley has been audited already. Everybody got their books in order?

Our ambulance is unable to operate due to a problem with the insurance - we hope to have this cleared up very soon. ABATE also need EMT's that are chauffeur qualified to assist Dr. Dave at runs. There should be a person to drive while another person attends a victim in the rear of the vehicle - as it stands now, anyone seriously injured would have to make the ride to medical facilities without anyone attending them. Contact your rep if you're interested in helping out.

It is now a requirement (not retro-active) that ALL State Board Officers have telephones. State Reps are exempt from the requirement.

Two Better Biking Program Classes were cancelled because people did not want to wear helmets for the range instruction. The Board stands behind the helmet requirement completely, and urges everyone to dig in and support it as well. Check out the "LETTERS" section of this newsletter for more words on this subject, both pro and con. By the time you read this, there will only be four classes left (not counting any that are re-scheduled) - see the "COMING EVENTS" section on the back page for dates and locations.

The October Board Meeting will be in Eugene the 13th. See you there!!

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If you read the September Newsletter, you'll recall that I had run into difficulty obtaining "mail-in" voter registration forms. As you can see, it's a different story this month - several members obtained enough of the things to place one in every newsletter we mail this month, and then some. (Out of staters and most complimentary copies will not include the forms.) I strongly urge you to use them - register if you haven't voted in the past or haven't voted in a long time, or if you've moved since you voted last. If you're a newcomer to the state, you must live here for at least twenty days prior to election day, although you may register on any day up to & including election day. If you DO use this form, allow time for the Postal Service to get it to the election board. Then study a Voter's Pamphlet so you can make an intelligent choice November 6th. VOTE!! IT'S YOUR RIGHT!!

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*** * CHAPTER REPORTS * ***

**** BEND CHAPTER ****

Since the chapter reports are supposed to be written by Vernita Robinson, I guess I'd better get busy. Our Better Biking Class was held successfully at Bend High School on August 25th. The experienced riders attending said they'd picked up several good points. Thanks to Dave and Ed for an excellent class. We hope to hold our next class the last of October, hopefully in the same place. For further info, call Pat or Louise at 389-1388.

Bend set a new record (or at least tied) on September 8th for lengthy State Meetings - 7 1/2 hours! You guys must have got a lot done! Bend officers were presented at this meeting - by the way, all you guys are doing a great job.

Thanks to many prayers and great support from our members, Doug Porter was out of intensive care quickly and is out of the hospital and back on the road. Stay well, Doug.

Bend Chapter is looking forward to more of our old members showing up at our meetings - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at Pietro's, 7pm. Welcome to our new member - "Rex". Thanks to those who do more than their share. A special thanks to Pat & Louise - we wouldn't survive without you.

Stay Alert - Live Longer

-Vernita

**** DOUGLAS COUNTY CHAPTER ****

August was a slow month for our chapter but our work picked up in September as we began setting up our second BBP class scheduled for October 13th. Ed is to be commended for all the hard work he has put in on this project, not only in Douglas County but throughout the state.

The chapter is also in the process of planning a First-Aid class and/or CPR class for our members. With the fall and winter months approaching, we will probably start having our monthly fund raisers again.

It's been stressed before but it won't hurt to remind everyone once again. GET OUT THERE AND VOTE!! Maybe you're thinking your one vote doesn't mean much, but it CAN make a difference. This is our opportunity to vote out of office those legislators who do not support our cause. There will also be some important initiatives on the ballot this year, so read your voter's pamphlet and be an informed voter on November 6th. Until next time . . .

-Joy

**** EMERALD VALLEY CHAPTER ****

Well, I think our run was a big success . . . ask Barber! The Sunday after the run we had a rider go down bad - his name is Rod Erlich, from Douglas County, and he is still in a coma. We're having a raffle to benefit his family (see the flyer elsewhere in this issue). We're also sending tickets to each chapter - please be generous; they need all of our help!

We signed up five new members at the run - welcome to Rusty and Debby, Brad, Gene, and Randy. We also have a new P.R. and Legislative Director - Good Luck, Gail!

September 16th we'll have our Better Biking Class at the Cottage Grove Fire Hall, and it looks like it'll be a success. Leroy and Bob were interviewed by the local radio station. Bob spoke for ABATE & Leroy spoke for the Better Biking Program - went very well. Our September meeting will be held at the Better Biking Program Class on the 16th. (Our regular meetings at the Sundown Station will resume October 7th.)

-Doc

**** JACKSON COUNTY CHAPTER ****

(no chapter report received)

**** KLAMATH FALLS CHAPTER ****

Hello from Klamath Falls. Our chapter is keeping very busy. We just got through with our first annual MDA/ABATE Pool Shoot. We raised \$150 for Jerry's Kids. Chuck Garrett and Bob Motschenbacher rode over to Medford to present our check on the Telethon.

Ride Safe! -Connie

**** LINCOLN COUNTY CHAPTER ****

Greetings from Lincoln County on the beautiful, sunny Oregon coast. Another month of beautiful weather on the Central Oregon coast is history. The only day it really decided to rain was the day of our Poker Run, which was postponed.

We are now getting ready for our annual Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner. I cannot think of a more gratifying project - so often the older members of our communities are forgotten.

From the looks of it we should have a full class for our Better Biking Program class. I'd love to take it Gary, but I understand that they want you to have your endorsement. I'll check a little further on this issue though.

I took my first trip on my bike though. I had a run-in with a suicidal Guinea Hen - it really wanted to end it NOW, and succeeded! I'm happy to announce I traveled over 1100 miles with no major mishaps. Feels like someone was watching over my shoulder. I do have to say that I really admire those who travel on gravel, in the rain and thru road construction. These are really exciting items.

We have several ladies in our chapter now that own their own bikes. It's really nice to see that more and more people are becoming riders. Being in the driver's seat is a whole new experience.

Not really much happening in Lincoln County. Seems like everyone gears down when riding season starts coming to an end.

We will be having our candidates for State Representative and State Senator at our meetings to discuss issues of interest to motorcycle riders - should be very informative. Dell Isham happens to be one that is in our district. It will definitely be interesting to hear him speak on the insurance issue.

'til next month, RIDE SAFE! -Millie

**** NORTHEAST PORTLAND CHAPTER ****

Hello from Northeast Portland. I guess summer has come to an end - the rain is back and we're all busy getting ready for our Toy Run in December. Our McNeil Run turned out real well, and I hope everyone there had a good time - I know I sure did! Thanks to all who helped to make it a success.

I have some bad news now - our Chapter Coordinator, Dr. Dave, went down in Roseburg in early September. Other than a few broken bones and a bit of road rash, he's okay and should recover soon. We all wish him a speedy recovery and hope he'll be back with us in a short time.

We are having a Bike & Car wash on the 15th of September at SPARE CHANGE on 82nd Avenue, and a party at the Gypsy Jokers clubhouse afterwards - proceeds from both events will go to the Shriner's Hospital. I would like to express my appreciation and that of the chapter to everyone involved in sponsoring these events to help us raise money for such a worthy cause.

That's about it for this month, so until November, ride free while the weather's still decent! -Leslie

**** RIVER CITY CHAPTER ****

Hi! August & September have been real busy for River City. Brian, Teresa and Mark managed to help build a fish ladder at Suffert Falls AND go to the State Board Meeting on the same week-end - that's dedication! We booked to McNeil, then a week later had a Bar-B-Q at Pete's (it was good to meet the folks from Madras; I trust you all had a pleasant ride home).

We've started inspiration runs on the Wednesday before each meeting. We're calling on former members & less than active members to join us and get involved. It's an excuse for a traveling party and seems to be working.

Our September meeting showed an increase in attendance, and went late with lots of ideas getting tossed around. Mark won the Attendance Raffle - don't spend it all in one place, Mark! We had a new face at the meeting also - glad to meet you Craig; it's good to see another Brit bike in the group!

Those of you who haven't come around for a while are missing out. The BBP classes in Hood River & The Dalles will be over when you read this, but we have lots more going on and we could use your help. Without it we all lose; together we can make a difference and have fun too!

The October meeting will be in Hood River at 7pm on October 1st at Pietro's. November's meeting will be held on the 5th at Arlo's Restaurant, 215 E. 3rd in The Dalles at 7:30pm. See you there! -Vernon

**** SALEM CHAPTER ****

Hello to everyone from Salem. We want to start out with a thank-you to our members who helped support our BBP class - unfortunately, we still did not have enough participants to hold the class. We've been given a second chance though. Our new class date is October 21st, so please, everyone help us make this class a big success! If you have any questions, call Joe Calderwood @ 623-4981.

(Salem Chapter Report continues on next page)



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We elected Brian Taylor as our Paraphernalia Officer and we're working on putting together a fund-raising committee - anyone with ideas on how to increase our funds, come to our meetings and let us hear from you. Our Public Relations committee is getting off to a good start with new membership flyers, and they're working on getting radio stations to play our Public Service announcements we received from Jackson County. Good work guys! Keep it up! See ya!

-Barb

**** SOUTHEAST PORTLAND CHAPTER ****

Our Toy Run plans are coming together rather nicely, and there's some really good news to relate. There was a Bike/Car Wash held at SPARE CHANGE, in the parking lot, that raised \$87.39 for the kids at the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital. A benefit party held at the Gypsy Jokers Clubhouse that evening raised a whopping \$602.92!! Our total as of the 17th stood at \$903 - our sincere thanks goes out to John Reba and T-Bob of Spare Change, and to ALL the members of the Gypsy Jokers M/C - for your help, participation, and the use of your facilities! We hope to do it again in November - tentative date is the 17th - and with some more participation by our members, we could easily double what was raised this time. If you would like to help out or attend, contact Marv or Shiela Blocker. We could really use your help on this project!

We now have a new P.R. officer - Woody was placed on Swing Shift at work; we elected Glen to take his place. Yours truly was elected to the post of Alternate State Rep, since I attend most of the board meetings. This will enable me to vote when one or the other of our State Reps is unable to attend a meeting. See you on October 13th!

We plan to have another blood run on January 19th - this will be enough time after New Year's for all the alcohol in everyone's blood to have dissipated to acceptable levels. We hope to have a better showing this time than we did last summer - I don't need to remind everyone that blood is needed all year 'round, or that one of us may need to have a transfusion at some time in our lives - donated blood is where our transfusion would come from. It only takes a half-hour or so to give a pint of blood that can mean a lot to several people, not just one, so plan to join us on the 19th, and give the gift of life - it'll do you good!

That's it for now. Keep in mind that the day's are very short now, and you're going to find yourself riding when it's dark more 'n' more. Make sure your lights and signals work well - it's your best way to avoid a close encounter of an unpleasant kind! Ride Safe! -Gary

**** ST. JOHNS CHAPTER ****

Welcome back Vince! What would we have done without you? Probably tabled the next meeting 'til the next meeting, and so on . . .

McNeil turned out great! Everybody had a good time. A special THANKS to Les for sitting a few hours with fellow member Bill's scooter after he went down while coming back from the August State Board Meeting. Special THANKS also to Ralph, Vince, and others for going down to try to haul it back. They all went out of their way to help!

(St. Johns Chapter Report Continues)

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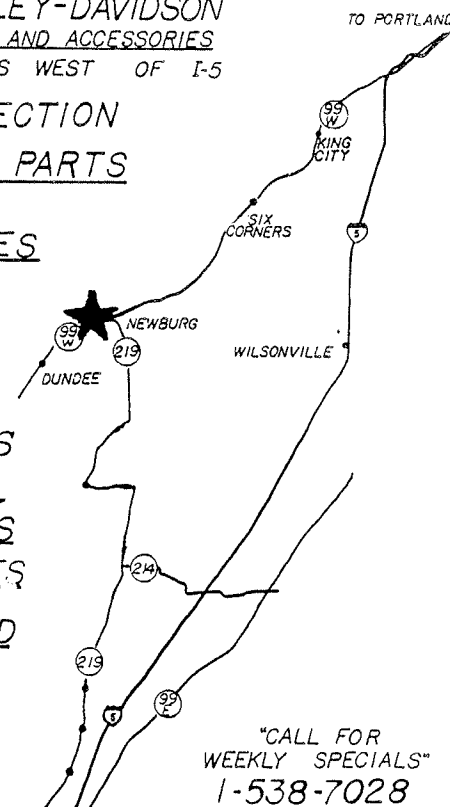
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(St. Johns Chapter Report Continued)

We're having our 1st Annual Silver Falls State Park Run on the weekend of 16th thru 18th (Friday - Sunday), the week-end before Thanksgiving. It's going to be a lot of good times for everyone. The maximum number of people that can attend has been set at 100, and ALL tickets are going to be sold in ADVANCE!! Grab your tickets while there's time. Call Jim @ 289-5220 or Vince @ 289-8127 if you need more information. Hope to see you there!

-Martha Whiting, Sec.

(Ed. note: Below are excerpts from a letter sent to me by Jim Dodson concerning the St. Johns Run.)

Each Chapter Rep received six tickets at the board meeting in Bend, and we can guarantee only those tickets as having indoor sleeping accommodations, as there are bunkbeds for only 100 people. Deadline for these advance ticket sales only is November 10th - the date of the State Board meeting - this is so we'll have an idea how much food will be needed. The "All you can eat" meals start with breakfast on Saturday morning and include breakfast on Sunday morning, with meals in between.

People are reminded to bring raingear - this IS Oregon, after all. Also, we're asking anyone who plays an acoustical instrument to bring it along, as park regulations prohibit amplified music. Children will be very much welcome to attend, as we have lots of things planned to keep them occupied.

All roads are paved and there's a huge paved parking lot. There are also indoor toilet facilities (without showers). All you need is a sleeping bag, a pillow, a fork (in case you don't want to use the plastic ones) and your toothbrush! -Jim

**** WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAPTER ****

It's newsletter time again - guess I'd better get busy and let you all know what's been happening in Washington County! This has been one fantastic, busy summer full of great runs, picnics, and oh! all those parties!! Now it's time to get down to some serious business - this is a legislative and election year. We all need to attend our chapter meetings on a regular basis and be AWARE of what's going on at all times. It's great to live & ride in a state where we have the right to decide. Where I come from that right doesn't exist, which stinks and I for one don't want to see it happen here, so let's all stand united and all work together.

We have two new officers in Washington County. Barber is our new P.R. officer and has been busy working on our second annual Toy Run, which is to be held on the 9th of December. We hope to see lots of you there supporting our community and having a good time too! Janice Rohrer is our newly elected Historian; she'll keep records and a scrapbook of Chapter events.

Our picnics have been successful and our fundraising committee deserves a big THANK YOU! for all their hard work. We had a great time at our Little Bend Park Picnic and a very special THANK YOU goes out to Don and Diane, who donated fresh, sweet corn straight from their field. It was delicious and we sure had fun picking it, too!

Larry Krueger, our Membership Secretary, handed me a long list of new members - WELCOME to Mike & Katie, Mike, Janell, Bruce, Ron, Patty & Mike, Bob, and Leo & Donna. Everyone watch out! Washington County is going all out to win those prizes!

A reminder to all - please take a few minutes and fill out an ACTION REPORT when necessary and give it to your Legislative Director, or mail it to the P.O. Box. There's a form and address in every Newsletter (or at least there was until I wrote about it - where's the form for September, Gary?) I can't stress enough the importance of filling these out and turning them in. If we don't do this then we can't expect to have anything done. Til next time ride safe & free! -Ladybug & Doc
(Ed. Note: Sometimes I have to leave it out - you may notice I haven't been running a membership application form either, as I haven't received a corrected one. I have to have an "even" number of pages to print, and I didn't have enough stuff for another page. Your Coordinator should have copies of the Action Report as well, and actually, we stress the importance of carrying one with you all the time. -Gary)

**** WEST PORTLAND CHAPTER ****

I owe an apology to the fifty or more people holding raffle tickets for the ABATE ring - I was in Bend for the State Board Meeting, but I didn't know where it was being held, and couldn't find it by cruising or asking! The scooters must have been well hidden and the meeting really low-key! So, we plan to hold the raffle at the October Board meeting in Eugene. My apologies to everyone.

West Portland has chosen a design for the chapter banner, so look for that real soon. We've been busy putting together a BBP class, which will be history by the time you read this. Here's hoping it's a success! Til next time! -Laura Pratt

I'm sure that everyone has noticed that I did not list CENTRAL OREGON CHAPTER in the reports above. As mentioned in the State Board report, that chapter has been disbanded as of the 8th of September. It's a real shame to lose members in this manner, although I understand that several of them have moved elsewhere and perhaps have transferred their memberships to other chapters. I really hope so - our numbers a pitifully small considering the number of registered motorcycles in the state. We need as many people as we can get in order to be heard in Salem. I suggest that EVERYONE read the letters and articles on "BROTHERHOOD" elsewhere in this issue, and pause to think about what the second word in our organization's name really means.
-Gary

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- LETTERS -

In 1981, I was introduced to, became a member of, and started doing all I could for A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. The reason for all of the above was because legislation was in the works to require me to wear a helmet. I was motivated from that moment on to do as much as I could to prevent that legislation from ever happening.

ABATE of Oregon did defeat that legislation in 1981; we did it again in 1983. I'm glad because helmets suck!

In these years I speak of ABATE of Oregon introduced and got passed legislation to provide for education of motorcyclists using the slogans "Educate, Don't Legislate!", and "Education, Not Legislation!" That's fine by me - if I can be taught how to ride my motorcycle better I will appreciate the teaching.

Here's the bitch - when I take the Better Biking Program class, I'll be required for "insurance reasons" (who's insurance?) to wear a helmet while riding my motorcycle during the class. I think this non-helmet wearer was almost totalitarian enacted upon. Other than that, I think ABATE is the number one organization to belong to. -Preston (Klamath Falls)

*** PLEASE READ THE INFO BELOW FROM TERESA *
** IT SHOULD HELP EXPLAIN THINGS A BIT! ****

I hear that some members are concerned that ABATE is being hypocritical by sponsoring rider education classes requiring students to wear helmets. Before anyone gets too hot about the subject, we should discuss some facts first:

1. Students are required to wear over-the-ankle boots or shoes, long sleeves, long pants, gloves, eye protection, and helmets. All personal safety equipment is required for insurance reasons, and also as a teaching technique to be sure the student's aware of possible benefits of each item. Once off the range and out of the class, the student is free to make choices based on knowledge and personal preference.
2. "For Insurance Reasons" means that if a student received an injury in class while NOT wearing all required safety gear it would invalidate the BBP's liability policy, thereby opening ABATE of Oregon to a nasty lawsuit - It would almost certainly disqualify ABATE from conducting future rider training classes under the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, and probably jeopardize the instructors' teaching certifications. The instructors aren't likely to be sloppy or lax in this area - they worked very hard to become certified, and are dedicated to saving lives thru rider training.
3. We HAVE a choice in this matter - we can choose to NOT wear a helmet, and not participate in a class, OR we can choose TO wear one in order to gain whatever skill improvements we might gain that could REALLY save a life some day!!
4. In order to qualify for the grant, ABATE of Oregon, Inc. agreed to comply with the program requirements. Those of us who wrote & approved the grant proposal were aware of the helmet requirement and were willing to compromise on that point in order to begin an ABATE-affiliated rider education program. If this is a particularly offensive point to some of our members, we had better look at it hard NOW, so we'll know how if and how to design an ABATE motorcycle safety program for next year. How 'bout it, members? Tell your reps what you think so we can work it out!

In closing, freedom to choose (and freedom to disagree) is what ABATE is all about. I just hope we are really choosing, and not merely reacting.

-Teresa

To the Editor: The following people participated in a car wash at SPARE CHANGE ENTERPRISES on the 15th of September: Lisa, Shiela, Leslie, Trash, Marv, Carolyn, Don, Mike, Mike Reba, Tina Wortman, and Tina Kristish. We made \$87.39 for the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital. Our thanks to John Reba and T-Bob for donating the use of their parking lot, hose, and water. We even washed the bikes for sale. We also signed up a new member and got three people to attend our next meeting.

After the car wash, the Gypsy Jokers M/C opened their clubhouse for a benefit party, again for the Shriner's. We worked together to donate a whopping \$602.92!! THIS Toy Run committee is IS impressed!! Our total goal was only \$500 to give to the artificial limbs department, and we've already surpassed that by almost another \$500!! Our goal now is to be able to donate enough money to enable the hospital to purchase equipment that will enable them to fit artificial limbs "in-house", rather than farming the work out - this would save the hospital a lot of money and time, allowing a limited amount of funds for this specialized work to go a lot further.

We're working on having a few more benefit functions before our Toy Run on the 1st of December. Our donation jars are receiving more contributions each month. If you see one in your favorite local spot, please put some pocket change in it.

We have verbal approval from the mayor's office on our parade route, with a letter to follow. Our new P.R. Officer is working on getting us some coverage on "AM NORTHWEST", and we may even get some national coverage.

Those of you in the East Portland Chapters who'd like to help us make this the biggest success ever, please contact the Toy Run Coordinator from your chapter. A little work and time can go a long way towards helping a child have a happy Christmas and a beautiful forever!

Sincerely, Shiela Blocker, S.E. Portland Chapter Toy Run Coordinator

To the Editor: Fleabite speaking for the Portland Chapter of the Gypsy Jokers Motorcycle Club USA:

It's a whole new ballgame! We're moving to put the past behind us and work for the benefit of motorcycle riders and people of the street. We're tired of the old image, and we're going to do our best to change it. We'd like to see all of us working together so that the true meaning of brotherhood will become a reality!

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* SCREAMING EAGLES MOTORCYCLE WORKSHOP *

Enclosed is the front page of the newsletter from the joint here in Oregon. Highlighted in orange are the last rites of the SCREAMING EAGLES MOTORCYCLE WORKSHOP. (Note: I reduced the page and cut out all the non-relevant stuff, as colors don't reproduce in this newsletter. -Gary.) As past Secretary and Business Agent of the club, I have some things to say.

This club had potential which was partially destroyed by the attitude that "We (S.E.M/C.W.) had something coming", from our brothers, friends, businesses, and clubs on the streets.

Pettiness, smut, know-it-all, holier-than-thou dispositions are indicative of downfall in any organization.

Chasing the crank bag and tokin' became the priority & was the first order of business, every day.

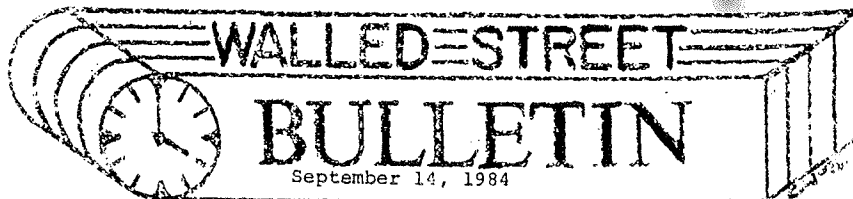
Less than one-third of this club ever owned or rode a motorcycle on the streets.

Enough - To those of you out there who donated time, parts, money and support, who haven't even been told "Thank-you", I would like to say THANKS! - from the heart! Without you, this would never have gotten as far as it did, and I for one DO appreciate you, your help and concern. I would also like to apologize for the abuse and misuse of your friendship, support, and donations of time, parts and money.

To you ignorant sons-a-bitches who screwed this up for everyone here and (?) - you know there is no one who is more anti-establishment and against administration and authority than I am. However, these were not acts of authority against bikers - it was you wanna-be bag-chasing bad-asses(?) that screwed this one up, and IT'S YOUR OWN F***ING FAULT!!! You forget you were in the penitentiary or what!? Maybe someday you will grow up, realize what the brotherhood is all about, snap to the fact the bag isn't the most important thing around and that NO ONE OWES YOU A F***ING THING!!!

It's too late for this club, but it's never too late to learn. Maybe someone else will benefit from all this in the future.

Respectfully,
Robert L. Rice #46068
2605 State Street
Salem, Oregon 97310



FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

SCREAMING EAGLES' MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Recently a series of events have occurred involving members/officers of the Screaming Eagles' Motorcycle Club. Some of those incidents are:

- Ammunition was found on the yard in the area of and during the recent Motorcycle Show.
- A serious assault was committed on another inmate by two members of the motorcycle club's Executive Board.
- Officers of the motorcycle club used club meetings to bring drugs into the institution.
- Officers of the motorcycle club used club trips to bring drugs into the institution.

Again, people responsible for these actions were duly elected officers of the Screaming Eagles' Motorcycle Club. In so doing, they put their club and the club system in jeopardy.

The clubs are valued at OSP and the administration wants them to continue. However, if representatives of the club and club activities have these kinds of results, the entire concept is placed at risk.

Thereby, the Screaming Eagles' Motorcycle Club is now officially disbanded. Any other club that abuses their trust and/or jeopardizes the club system will be dealt with similarly.

Club activities are important to all inmates and the administration. It is hoped that the majority of inmates will recognize and respect the responsibility entrusted to them in carrying forth club activities so this kind of action will not result.

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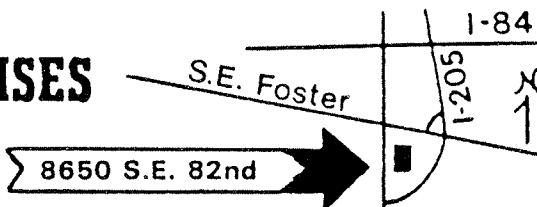
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A letter recently ran in Easyriders Oct. '84 issue from Chuck Francis about an incident in Duval Co. I am enclosing two other articles that I hope reply to not only Mr. Francis but all Bikers. The first is from The July '84, ABATE of Georgia Newsletter. The other is one from the Feb. '83 Pasco Co. Chapter Newsletter. In an organization like ours one only has to look to the leadership to see what kind of group we represent. Our Board has included not only Harley owners, but Kawasaki, Suzuki, Yamaha, Goldwing/Honda, Moto Guzzi and even a VW-Trike owner. We've even had those without a bike at times. The most incredible sight was when the Board gave up looking like the fellow on the right and dressed like the one on the left when lobbying in Tallahassee for YOUR rights. Don't judge a book by it's cover.

GRANDPA

FROM ABATE OF GEORGIA

We get in our individual groups and sit around cutting down bikers that don't ride the same kind of bike we ride, or don't dress the way we do. We do to each other what we hate the rest of the world for doing. When the Harley riders get off their ego trip, and the foreign bike riders get off their high horse pedestal and ban together then maybe, just maybe, we can do something for motorcycling as a whole. I'm not saying people who ride Harleys with drag pipes, and wear jeans and leathers have to go on weekend trips with people who ride Gold Wings and wear knit pants and nylon jackets. But when it comes to the Government making laws that affect all riders, why can't we work together? BEATS ME! Lee Richardson, State Director ABATE of GA.

Have you ever wondered why most of the people in A.B.A.T.E. ride Harley's or British Bikes? Is it because they're the only ones who care about Driver's Education or Helmet Laws? NO! I'm sure there are a lot of concerned bikers out there who would like to see the helmet laws modified, if not repealed. Certainly everyone knows that we need to educate John Q. Citizen to the fact that we have rights too! But, why can't we seem to attract more riders? I believe this question has many different answers.

The first and foremost reason is APATHY. The apathetic biker doesn't give a shit who does the work as long as he (or she) reaps the benefits. After all, "Why get involved! Let the other guy do it!"

The second reason is Harley-Davidson. Many people don't want to get involved with Harley Riders. We have been depicted on TV and in movies as long-haired, drug oriented, sex crazed, alcoholic, degenerate radicals who kick kids and dogs and terrorize towns. If the truth were known, people would realize that we are just like them. We live, breathe, love, laugh, hurt, and cry just like they do. In fact, if we took off our clothes, no one would know we were bikers-- unless of course, you've got a full sized Shovelhead tattooed on your chest. We're honest about our lifestyles. We don't have to come out to the closet. We were never in one!

Last but not least, is attitude. How many times have you acknowledged another Harley Rider on the road? (thumbs up, first, etc.) What about Jap Iron Bikers? Maybe if we gave them a little recognition we might increase our brother and sisterhood. Harley Riders take pride in their bikes and in AMERICA. But the one thing we often forget, is that most of us didn't have a Harley to start out with. My first ride was an Allstate. It took several Hondas, a Suzuki, and a Ducati to get me where I am today.

What we need, more than ever, is strength. I know we can get the law-maker in Tallahassee to see things our way. There is strength in numbers, and we have the ability to tap all that potential strength just by showing all other bike riders that we're in this thing together. REMEMBER, IT'S NOT WHAT YOU RIDE, IT'S THAT YOU RIDE! Think about it! BIG MAC

A Point
On Saturday, May 18, 1984, Abate of Duval County (Fla.) had a party in support of the abolishment of the mandatory helmet law. I attended this party and the first thing I noticed was that there were all, or mostly all, Harley-Davidsons in the parking lot. Although there is nothing wrong with having a parking lot full of H-Ds, I thought it a little strange that there wasn't more support from our Japanese-riding brothers and sisters out there. I couldn't help but wonder where all these people were. They surely couldn't all be for the helmet law! My curiosity was soon satisfied when some guy and his girl pulled into the parking lot aboard a Honda. Some people standing around their Harleys, trying to look and act for all the world like 19ers, yelled obscenities at the couple, making it clear that they were not welcome unless they rode a Harley-Davidson.

The bottom line here is that there just aren't enough people riding Harley-Davidsons to get the positive legislation passed that we need at this time. We need all the help we can get. And treating people who don't choose to ride the same brand machine as you do like garbage is no way of gaining that much-needed support. After all, isn't it the right to "freedom of choice" that Abate is supposed to be all about?

The jerks who yelled at those people wouldn't make a pimple on a 19er's ass. Most 19ers have more class than that. All those jerks did was hurt a good cause. After seeing the unjust act in the parking lot, I cranked my Wide Glide and left. As much as I hate wearing a helmet, I would rather wear one than be part of that kind of hypocrisy. As long as these kinds of people have anything to do with Abate of Florida, it looks like the mandatory helmet law is here to stay in this state.

Chuck Francis
Jacksonville, Fla.

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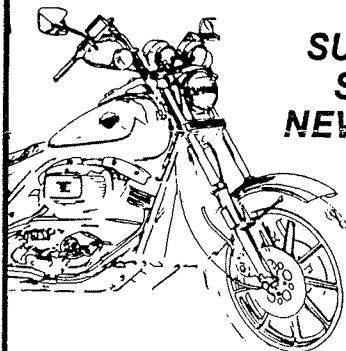
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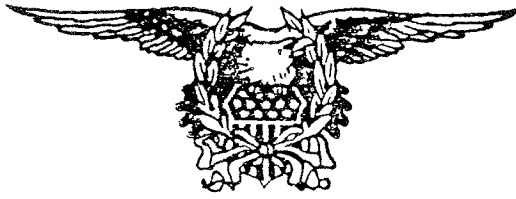
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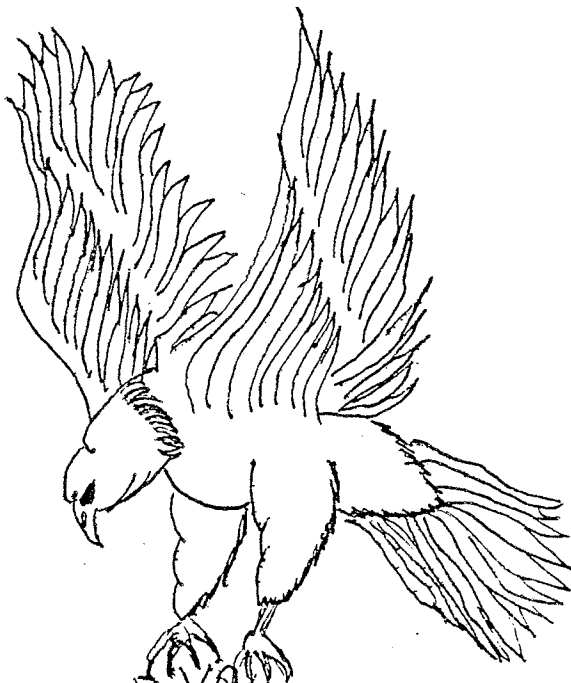


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To those who give a rip: In this time of recruiting new members, I think you need to look at where you're at in the eyes of these prospective members.

There are a lot of "Groovy Larry's" out there riding ricers and wearing helmets and all the latest Nylon riding gear. Then there are the "Wingers" with the big touring bikes, pulling trailers and having everything but four wheels and a roof. I'm just a "Straight Poop". I ride a stock Norton and I wear leather because I think it's safer. Sometimes I wear a helmet; sometimes I don't. Last of all are the "Outlaws". This is where a lot of ABATE members fit. You party 'til you puke or pass out. You talk dirty and try to look sexy. You promote nudity. You want to get high and stay there on whatever's available. You raise your fists or pull knives or guns at the slightest problem. As your choice you don't wear helmets but you look down on those who do. Last of all you worship the Harley god. If someone doesn't ride an H-D, then he's to be ribbed and hassled. Most of these things are against man's laws and all of them are against God's laws.

If you're going to put down other bikers for any reason or intimidate them by your actions, it doesn't matter that ABATE has a terrific Biker safety program; it doesn't matter that it supports community projects; it doesn't matter that it gets laws changed for the betterment of motorcycling. It DOES matter that you've alienated another biker.

"Hey, do you want to join ABATE?"

"What's ABATE?"

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(Editor's note: I'm not going to even TRY to comment on the letter above except to say I agree with the THIRD paragraph ONLY. As for the rest, comments from all you "Groovy Larrys", "Wingers", and "Outlaws" are invited. I'll print 'em as space permits.)

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 OCT 13th : STATE BOARD MEETING - EUGENE
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