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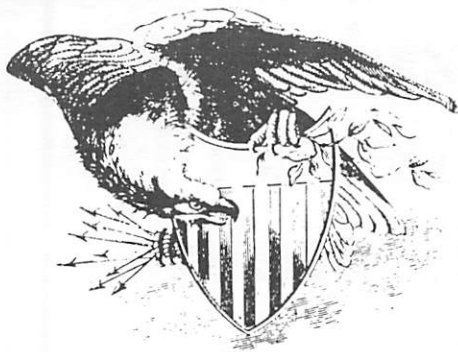
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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Since I stepped into this office in October 1989, my one goal has been to unify the members into a collective force. A culmination of this has led to the recent changes in the bylaws which have to do with accounting of finances, now everything will be done as ABATE of Maryland as a whole. The one thing that has struck me as the greatest nemesis has been attitudes of past members who say they will not involve themselves in ABATE due to personality conflicts with other members. These people must realize in any society there will be conflicts of personalities but these should not overshadow the true purpose and efforts of an organization such as "ours".

"Bikers" strive to be different from the vast majority but their petty bickering makes them no different than any other part of society. We have the power, should we choose to unite, to elect presidents and make laws. But we (the Bikers of America) have chosen, and I have to use the words again, personality conflicts, territorial battles and fights over what "group of bikers" is better than another. All this in-fighting makes it impossible to gather and defeat the real enemy. Until we realize that we are really defeating ourselves, we will never be able to wage the final battle against those who would rather see us eliminated altogether.

This message is short but poignant - I'm going for a ride to think some more about this...

-See you in Cumberland

Chuck B.

### Assistant's Assertions:

I am in full gear, in preparation for the State Party. The Highway is still under construction west of Hancock, so ride aware. It is a scenic ride west of Hagerstown, so come on out to Western Maryland for the best party yet. The raffle drawing will be going on all day Saturday, between the events and live music. The Nighthawks, who played for the original State Parties some of us remember, will return for this year's celebration. Snake Bike, the band who's been playing our Bike Shows will be there along with South Mountain Band. We will be hearing Southern & Classic Rock and Roll and Blues. The field events, always a favorite for participants and spectators will be hosted by Washington County Chapter. The beverages will be offered in an bottom-less mug for sodas \$6, for beer \$12. That means from noon til midnight you can drink all you like for one set price. The sodas will be available all weekend long - all you can drink for one low price. Something new for this year- Wine Coolers will be sold for \$2. All we ask is no glass. Come for a good time. This event will be rain or shine, so come on up to Cumberland, in the mountains of Maryland for a good party.

I recently, took the Beginner Motorcycle Safety Course, got my motorcycle license and Tom bought me a bike. It's a Virago 1000cc Yamaha. Yea, say what you like, even snivel if you have to - the Assistant Director of ABATE of Maryland rides rice! Read it and weep. It's my first bike and it's a real beauty.

The safety course is as great as always, I originally took it back in '81 when it was offered by the MSF. The only thing I missed was riding over an obstacle. Back in '81 they had us ride over an exhaust pipe. Now, for insurance reasons (what else) they cut that out. Everyone should take the safety course, people with more than 1 year's experience should take the Experienced Course. It's a good way to practice and learn safe riding techniques. I am going to feature a riding tip in each issue, this issue contains a safe riding tip for summer heat.

In case you haven't heard California has a helmet law. While the federal government is trying to mandate that all states adopt a helmet law. Come on people, if you care about it, do something. Call, write or do both - any questions call me at 1-800-843-0252 (in Maryland only). The only way we are going to survive the "Big Guns" is to voice our positions collectively. **DO IT NOW, TOMORROW WILL BE TOO LATE!!**

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# California adopts cycle helmet law despite protest

By Maria Goodavage  
USA TODAY

SACRAMENTO — To lawyer Paul Lax there's nothing like riding his Harley-Davidson bike through the country, smelling the wildflowers, and feeling the wind on his face.

"But with buckets on our heads, not only can't we experience the beauty of California, we may not survive the ride," says Lax, coordinator of a California motorcycle association called ABATE.

Sunday at the Capitol building Lax led a rally of about 2,000 motorcyclists who oppose mandatory helmet laws.

Gov. Pete Wilson today is expected to sign legislation making California the 25th state to require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets.

California — with its 850,000 licensed motorcyclists — accounts for 20% of motorcycle deaths in the USA. In 1989, 630 people died and 17,740 were injured in bike accidents in this state alone.

Opponents of the law say those numbers represent a significant improvement. Since the inception of a statewide motorcycle safety program in 1986, death and injury figures are down about 35%, the California Motorcyclist Association says.

"Education is the key here. Helmets are useless without it," association director Wayne Thomas says. "In fact, wearing a helmet can be more dangerous."

Ellen Edelson agrees. "If you're forced to put a lid on your head instead of knowledge in it, you may be asking for trouble," says the head of ABATE's San Francisco chapter.

Both sides disagree on nearly every point.

Consider the issue of cost: Assemblyman Richard Floyd, who wrote the helmet bill, says motorcycle accidents not covered by insurance cost the state \$85 million to \$100 million each year.

Opponents say the figure is actually as low as \$4 million. "Floyd ought to be ashamed of himself for telling such abominable lies," says state Sen. Don Rogers, who led the fight against the bill.

The safety question is even more controversial.

California Motorcyclist Association statistics show that states without helmet laws have much lower fatality and accident rates than states with such laws.

Opponents say helmets diminish hearing and sight and can cause fatigue.

"Helmets give you a false sense of security," says Tom Perkins, a San Francisco motorcycle store owner who lost a foot and broke several bones in a crash in which he was wearing a helmet.

Country singer Dwight Yoakam called helmets "a perceptible anomaly — non-riders think they're so safe, but I know plenty of people who broke their necks because of a helmet."

Supporters of the helmet law, however, say head injuries account for at least 42% of motorcycle deaths.

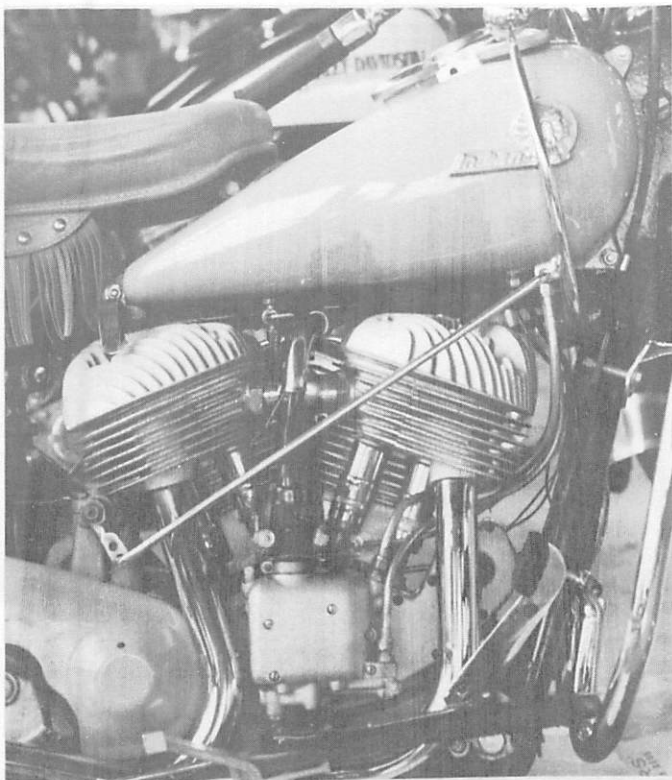
"They come in with blood coming out of their ears and you just know it's another unhelmeted biker," says neurosurgeon Elliott Blinderman, of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

"If they live, they often are brain dead or paralyzed. Many of these disasters would have been prevented if they'd been helmeted," Blinderman says.

California Medical Association officials say non-helmeted riders are up to five times more likely to have a fatal head injury.

Actor Gary Busey, who was nearly killed in 1988 when he tumbled from his motorcycle, at first opposed the helmet law. He now supports it, saying it's time for bikers to use their heads.





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**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HR 1782** This is basically the same bill introduced by REPRESENTATIVE JIM COOPER OF TENNESSEE last session. Basic language requires helmets for all riders and passengers of all ages. The proposal provides sanctions to insure compliance (Blackmail by withholding Highway Use Funds). Write to you U.S. Representative, point out to them that this is a "STATES RIGHTS" issue and should not involve Federal Government. Also contact your Senators and Delegates in Annapolis to let them know of the attempt by Federal Lawmakers to usurp their powers.

**U.S. SENATE S 339** The Outlaw Street and Motorcycle Gang Control Bill of 1991. This bill would greatly increase the power of the Bureau of Firearms, Alcohol and Tobacco. It is the felling of most concerned motorcyclists in America that this has the potential to be severely abused by over-zealous law enforcement officers. Write you U.S. Senator and state your objectives to this broad use of the wording "MOTORCYCLE GANG".

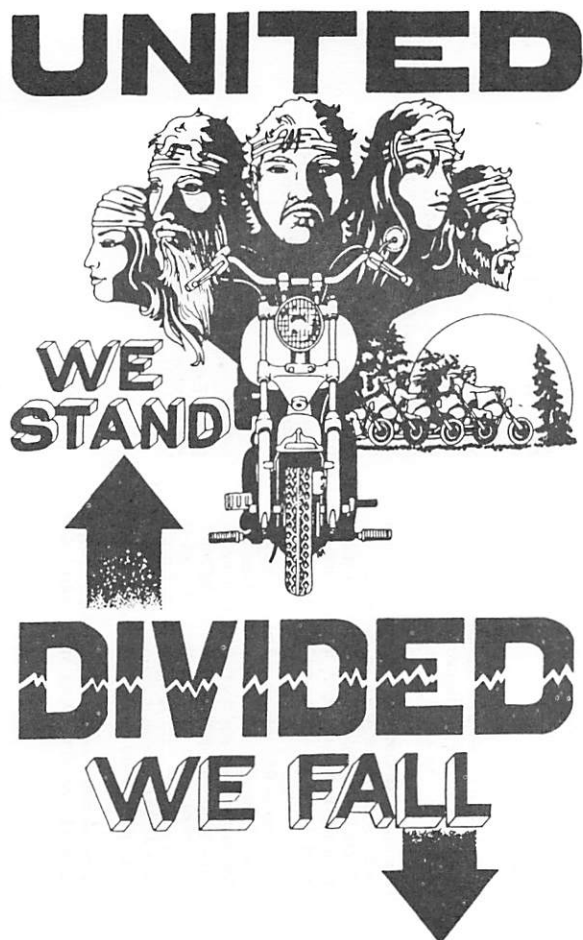
**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HRES 107** This resolution introduced by Representative Andy Ireland of Florida would designate May as MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH. This resolution has been slow to pick up support on Capitol Hill, and is being revised to target the 1992 session of Congress. Please contact your U.S. REPRESENTATIVE and ask them to contact

REPRESENTATIVE IRELAND'S office and add their name to this resolution. This type of proposal will increase the national awareness of Motorcycling as a positive form of transportation.

TENNESSEE gets a big "WELL DONE", for their efforts in obtaining a proclamation from the TENNESSEE legislature, directing the U.S. Congress to stay out of States Rights. This was done to advise Representative JIM COOPER (author of HR 1782) that the legislators in TENNESSEE were quite capable of deciding state requirements of conduct. Please contact REPRESENTATIVE HELEN BENTLEY of MARYLAND to please withdraw her co-sponsorship of HR 1782. Be polite, state your opposition to the bill and ask her to let you know why she supported this legislation, as she recently added her support. Please send a copy of any responses you get to any of the above pending legislation to :

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## A Real Community Contribution

There are some occasions in life that are so poignant and heart warming that words will never do them justice. With that in mind, bear with me as I try.

On April 19 the Tribes Motorcycle Club held their fundraiser for Beth Phillips. Beth, a local ballet student, had outdanced thousands of kids across the country for a spot at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts Summer Dance Program. Unfortunately, as a single parent, Beth's mother just did not have the funds to send her.

As any parent knows, it is a terrible feeling when you cannot afford to give your child something they have worked for and deserve to have.

Most of the members of the Tribes have children too, and when they heard about Beth's situation they felt compelled to do something.

There is something almost comical about the contrast and contradiction in terms of bikers and ballerinas. As Arsenio Hall would say, "It's one of those things that makes you say Hmmm."

At most of their parties bikers tend to listen to the likes of ZZ Top, Bob Seager and Lynard Skynard. Classical music is just not their thing. This seemed to be far from the truth when Beth performed for them at the dance. Not only did they applaud when she did her "big moves", but they showed her the highest compliment that can be given a performer — a rousing standing ovation and request for an encore.

It was truly a sweet moment for all who were there. The Tribes, Beth, her mother and all of those who had worked so hard to help Beth achieve her well deserved goal of being able to attend UNC this summer.

One very touching moment of the evening was when a group of people from a local halfway house for the mentally and physically challenged came to the dance. They had been saving their money for an outing and decided that this was the one. It made them feel good to be a part of helping someone else.

One woman who was confined to a wheelchair seemed to be having the time of her life clapping and dancing with a little help from her friends. I would venture to say that these people don't often get the chance to go out and see a live band and dance. They felt comfortable at the dance because of the common thread they have with the bikers, both groups being somewhat different from the "mainstream."

When the Tribes first took on this challenge, many people scoffed and even laughed, but as time went by and the funds started rolling in, people started looking at the bikers in a different light.

The citizens of this county are slowly starting to realize that the bikers are part of this community, and as a group they have a lot of positive things to contribute. They work and live in this community and pay taxes just like the rest of us and if asked, they will usually come to help when they can.

To the Tribes, I say congratulations on a wonderful job. You can be very proud of yourselves. You can feel good knowing that you made a difference and because of you and those like you, one little girl's life has been changed for the better.

To submit opinion pieces for the "My View" guest editorial column, send them to The Observer, P. O. Box 279, North Beach, MD 20714. We reserve the right to edit submissions for grammar, length and libel.

# CHAPTERS CORNER

## Anne Arundel

Are you ready to ride? Mike Clegg wants you to call him if you want to ride together as a Chapter to the State Party. Meeting for Anne Arundel WILL BE July 21, Sunday at 2pm, 8 West Street Annapolis. Call Mike at 360-0348.

## Calvert

Meeting on first Wednesday at Mt. Hope 7:30.

## Carroll

Meetings at Deans in Hampstead last Wednesday of the month at 7:30.

## Cecil/Harford

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Joint meetings at Lone Star, 1st Sunday 2pm.

## Eastern Shore Chapters: Queen Anne, Caroline and Talbot

Second Saturday of each month at Queen Anne County Library in Centerville at 12:30. Third Wednesday of each month at Sportsman's Lounge in Cambridge at 8pm.

## Frederick

Hey Everybody! We have been having a lot of events this year. I just wanted to thank everyone who has helped make them a success.

Our 1st turkey shoot was cold, but it turned out well; our 2nd turkey shoot was very good. Thanks to Gail and Pat for all their help and for letting us have the turkey shoots at their house, and thanks to everyone else who helped.

Our dance in February was a great time, thanks to all the people involved especially JoAnne and Darlene for organizing the dance. In April we had a poker run, spring party and our highway trash pickup. The poker run was a good run and a good time. The spring party was a great success. Thanks again to Gail and Pat. Thanks to all who donated food and working the party.

A special thanks to Bob and Mary for donating all the chicken for the dance and the party. A

special thanks also to the businesses and establishments that have donated items for our events: Cactus Flats, MDO, D & M Cycles, Home Plate, Grasselto's, Flowers from Everedy Square, Stan & Ollies, Frederick Harley-Davidson, Village Way Liquors, and I hope I haven't forgotten anyone.

-Respectfully Submitted,  
Valerie McVey, Events Coordinator-Frederick County Chapter ABATE of Maryland

Our meetings are the first Sunday at noon, at Home Plate Bar on South Street Frederick, Exit 55 I-70 and the first Thursday Eilers' garage off Rt144 & Woodville Rd. Mt Airy 7:30. See you at Grasselto's, Barbara Fritchie Races and D & M Bike Show; Three huge biker events in Frederick County!

## Howard

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## Ken

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## Montgomery

1st Tuesday at Woods Kozy Corner in Olney at 8pm. 2nd meeting; 3rd Tuesday at Big Lou's Wheaton Crab House 8pm.

## St. Mary's

Our meetings are at Hicks Country Store, just South of Leonardtown on Medley's Neck Road Second Friday at 7:30.

## Washington

Meetings are the Second Sunday at 4 pm at Greenbrier - Dogpatch Tavern, Across from Greenbrier State Park.

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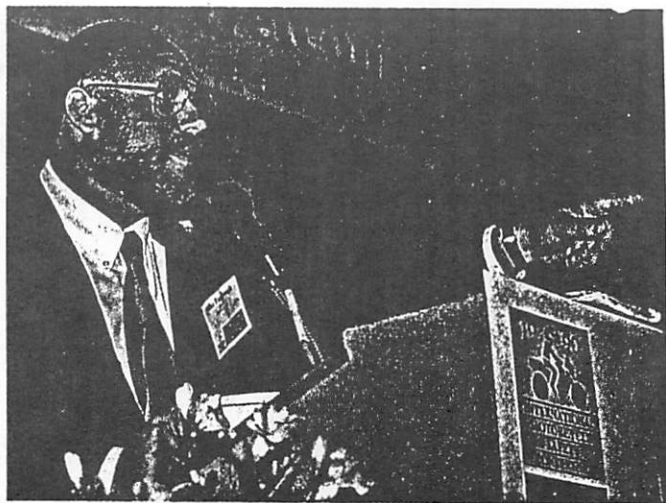
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# Safety Conference Data also blows away the “social burden” theory.

by Trampo



John Harley Safety Award winner Mike Farabaugh makes a point.

Surprisingly, the biggest beneficiaries of the 1990 International Motorcycle Safety Conference at Disney World in Orlando, Florida, may have been a few million people who didn't even attend—freedom-fighting bikers battling mandatory helmet laws on both the state and federal level.

Since the conference was organized by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, a division of the helmet-law-supporting Motorcycle Industry Council, you would have expected the seminar on helmets to be packed with lid-law advocates, and it was. Unfortunately for them, their *own* studies provided some of the best arguments yet for freedom of choice.

For example: A study of motorcycle accident victims and survivors by the heads of the Australian Craniofacial Unit, showed that riders sustaining a facial impact while wearing a full-face helmet were more likely to be killed than riders wearing no helmet at all.

According to the study by doctors Rodney D. Cooter and David J. David, “the hospitalized group of riders had high scores of facial fracturing. In contrast, fatally injured motorcyclists who had received impacts to the facial region while wearing full-face helmets had sustained survivable skull-base fracturing, but few facial fractures.”

→ Careful medical examination of the deceased riders, Cooter and David said, indicated that the impact to the

helmet's face bar transmitted such force to the helmet's chin strap that the victim's jawbones were forced into the base of the skull hard enough to cause a fracture. Write those death certificates: **KILLED BY HELMET**. And make sure the personal injury attorneys handling biker cases in your area know about this study.

Shockingly, at least to the pro-lid-

injury, rather than protection.” Furthermore, Hurt concluded that severe injury and death caused by accidents in which the head is subject to extreme rotational force “can not be excluded by any helmet in many accident conditions.” Hurt also noted that many head injuries resulting in deaths among motorcycle riders are caused by the force of severe chest impacts on the spine and cranium and would not be reduced by wearing a helmet. ↩

## QUOTE FROM HELL

“Mandatory rider education wouldn't work in this country, Americans are too independent for it.”

—Alan R. Isley, Motorcycle Industry Council president and *mandatory* helmet-law supporter

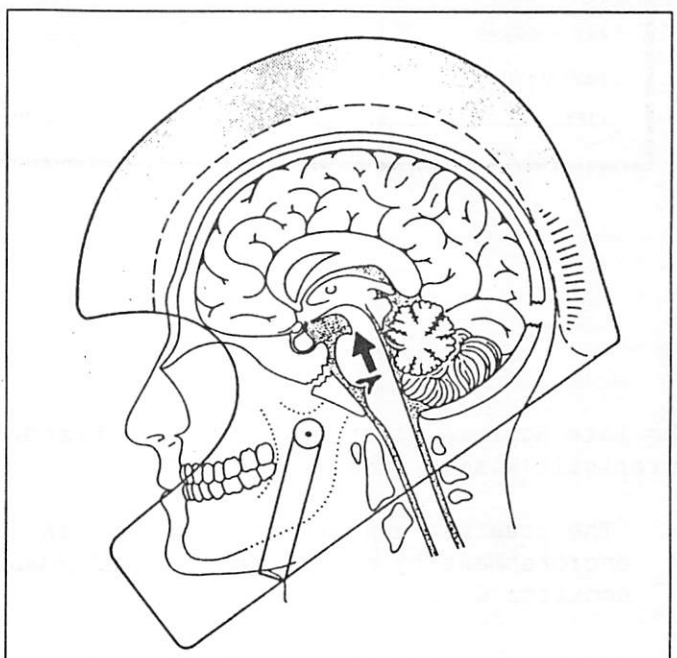
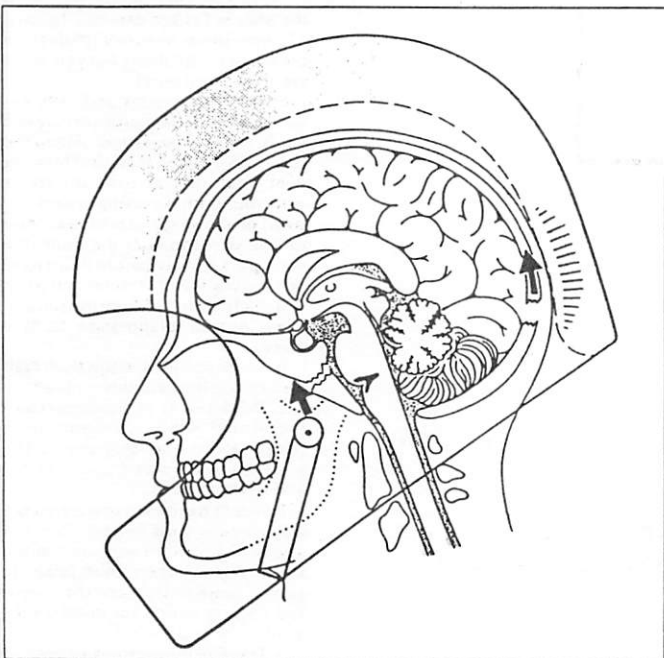
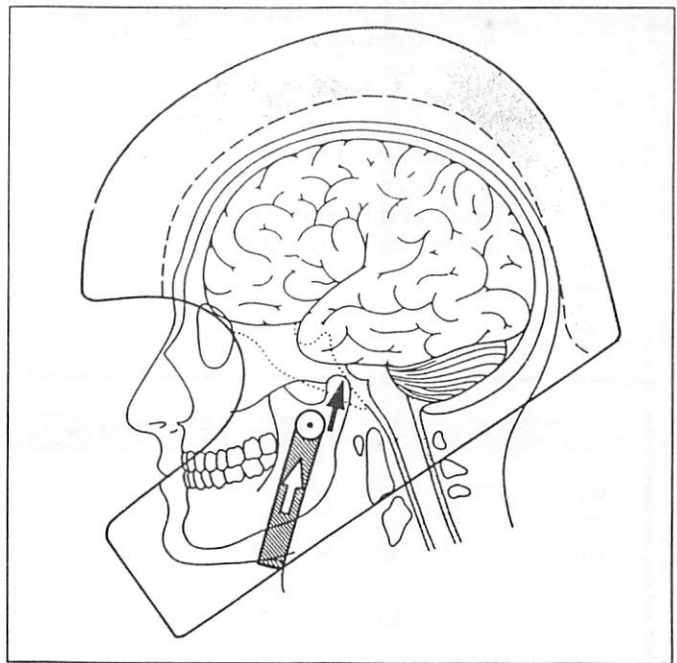
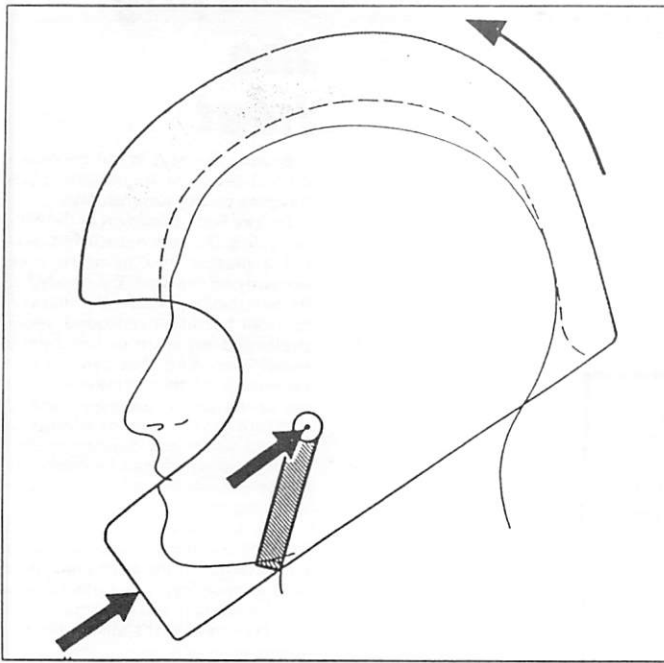
law advocates in the audience, Dr. Harry Hurt himself lent support to Cooter and David's study. Hurt, as you probably know, is the author of the landmark (and severely flawed) University of Southern California accident study often cited by helmet-law skills in legislative hearings.

→ In a report given at the conference, Hurt noted impact to the chin bar of some full-face helmets “produces an action similar to a *cookie-cutter* with

*helmeted riders* in the study suffering head injuries—were killed, while only 7.5% of the *unhelmeted riders* died.

Statistics debunking the old “social burden” excuse for passing mandatory helmet laws were presented by Gregory M. Trojan, an EMT from Southwest General Hospital.

Trojan noted that head injuries *from all causes* account for only 2% of the total number of deaths in the U.S. each year, and that motorcycle acci-



*Clockwise from top left: Initial impact transfers force from face guard to chin strap causing the head to rotate forward; the impact plus the rotation begins to force the jawbone into the base of the skull; the force from the face-guard impact continues to drive the mandible (jawbone) further into the skull; the middle cranial fossa fractures (jagged line to left of first arrow) causing the skull to rotate still further forward. Your face will look great in the coffin.*

dent victims represent less than 4% of that 2%. By contrast, studies cited by Trojan show that car wrecks, bicycle accidents, pedestrian accidents, falls, assaults, and bullet holes all cause many more head injuries than bike crashes.

“While motorcycling has been targeted as a *public burden* and garners most of the public attention concerning head injury, motorcycling is actually a minor cause of

head injury in the United States,” Trojan concluded.

“The great debate over helmet laws has drawn attention away from the major causes of head injury and drawn it to motorcycling. Claims that motorcycling creates a social burden due to head injury would seem unfounded due to the large incidents of head injuries from other causes.”

In other business, the MSF presented the John Harley award for outstanding contributions to motorcycle

safety to our own Mike “Balls” Farabaugh. Balls has been riding the highways of this country training safety instructors, pleading with state legislators for funds and “selling” the concept of rider education and safety to the public, since Christ was a corporal. Nobody deserves the award more.

Despite all the above, the highlight of the conference, for me, at least, came during the closing session’s question-and-answer period when a British delegate asked Alan Isley,

MIC/MSF president and point man in the Council's six-year crusade for mandatory helmet laws, the following: Why don't you try and make rider education mandatory in the States? Isley's reply? "Mandatory rider education wouldn't work in this country; Americans are too independent for it..."

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The late Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis once wrote, with characteristic wisdom, that:

"The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal -- well-meaning, but without understanding."



## Beating the heat

Beating the heat. It can become a critical problem for motorcyclists traveling on hot summer days.

Dr. Lee Pratt, president of the Motorcycling Doctors Association, says it's a matter you need to take seriously on the road. Your body has its own cooling system, but that system can become overloaded under prolonged exposure to hot, humid conditions. And that can lead to symptoms of heat stroke—loss of concentration, drowsiness, loss of coordination, light headedness, blurred vision and disorientation—any one of which can be extremely dangerous when you're mounted on a moving motorcycle.

How should you cope with such extreme conditions? Some motorcyclists apparently think the thing to do is to remove layers of clothing until they're riding in a T-shirt and shorts. But Pratt says that's absolutely the wrong approach.

"Take a lesson from the people of the Middle Eastern deserts," he says. "Temperatures well over 100 degrees are the norm for them, but you never see them uncovered."

Leaving your arms and legs exposed isn't just dangerous in case of a crash, it also exposes your skin to the sun's rays. Plus, all that wind blowing over your skin actually interferes with your body's cooling system. Instead of allowing sweat to evaporate on the skin and cool the body, the wind pulls it away before it can have any cooling effect. A jacket and pants will shade your skin from the sun and allow normal evaporation to take place.

Here are some other tips from Pratt for beating the heat this summer:

1. Drink plenty of fluids—excluding alcohol, which raises your body temperature and dehydrates the body as it is absorbed. Sports drinks and water are best.

2. Wear a bandanna soaked in cold water under your helmet. You can also soak your shirt and pants at rest stops, slightly open your jacket to permit some air flow and then enjoy the cooling effects for miles on the road.

3. Travel in the morning or evening  
See **HEAT** on page 38

and sit out the hottest part of day. This is especially important if you're overweight or have chronic health problems like diabetes or high blood pressure.

And if you begin to notice any symptoms of heat stroke, Pratt advises, "Get off the bike, into the shade, and drink plenty of cold beverages. If there's a water source nearby, soak your shirt or a towel and put it over your head. You've got to cool off the brain, because that's where your body's heat sensors are located.

"If you notice more critical symptoms, such as disorientation or a feeling of internal heat, get to a hospital or summon medical help immediately."

In other words, don't take chances. Deal with heat the same way you deal with other riding hazards—by taking it seriously. ■



May 14, 1991

# NCOM Convention in Nebraska Draws Bikers Together

*Just back from the first NCOM Convention I've ever attended; feeling proud to be in the company of so very many hardworking, dedicated and fun-loving folks! I had the opportunity to discuss a variety of topics of concern to bikers with riders from all over the country.*

*Attended Slider Gilmore's excellent "Motorcycle Trauma" presentation, Jesse Mc Dugald's legislative workshop, as well as the one on electing our own people to office, Chaired by Sherman Packard of the New Hampshire House of Representatives and Rick Mieta of New Mexico.*

*In addition to attending all the workshops, we all were invited to cross the "Big Muddy" to partake of a scrumptious buffet put on by ABATE of IOWA, in Council Bluffs. Buses were provided so our Friday evening's entertainment wasn't marred by DUI's.*

*Capped off by a crowded banquet, followed with an awards presentation and speeches rounded out a busy, inspiring and energizing weekend.*

*I can only say that attending such an event brings me back home with a greater sense of purpose and unity; With the spark rekindled in me, I can only hope to spread the desire to preserve our liberties to all who ride.*

*Hoping all who ride take the time to write their Congressmen to protect our liberties for future generations.*

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- **WESTERN REGIONAL**  
July 19-21. Santa Maria, CA
- **NORTHEAST REGIONAL**  
August 23-25. Lincoln, NH
- June 21-22. Staunton, VA
- June 28-29. Newburgh, NY
- June 28-30. Bridgeport, CA
- June 29-30. Albert Lea, MN
- July 6-7. Akron, OH
- July 13. Hagerstown, MD
- July 13-14. West Branch, MI
- July 14. Jackson, NJ
- July 26-27. Pittsburgh, PA
- July 26-27. Ocean Shores, WA
- July 27-28. Indianapolis, IN
- August 24-25. Black River Falls, WI
- September 20-22. Waco, TX
- October 4-6. Wilberton, OK
- October 12-13. Talladega, AL



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### EXTENDED FORECAST:

- National and local events from coast to coast
- Reimbursement programs
- Awards in a variety of competitive events
- Interesting activities and programs especially for women

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## WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAPTER

# ANNUAL CRAB AND CHICKEN FEED

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4th PRIZE - GLOVES AND HELMET

PETS

5th PRIZE - OIL CHANGE AND TUNE UP

## DOOR PRIZES THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT!!



# Bike helmet standards are needed for youngsters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Experts on bicycle helmets don't know exactly what's needed to protect children's heads but want them to wear helmets anyway.

Current voluntary standards are modeled largely on standards for adults. Experts say helmets that meet these standards protect children. The issue is how well, and experts say children have special needs and ought to have standards of their own.

"We're just stumbling in the dark," said Dr. Channing L. Ewing

of New Orleans, an official of the Snell Memorial Foundation, which specializes in transportation safety, and the American National Standards Institute. Both grant seals of approval to products that meet their standards.

An ANSI committee will consider children's helmets May 15, said Ewing, who chairs the committee. Snell plans to fund a study to see which children get hurt, and why, Ewing said. It will go beyond current federal statistics, which are based on visits to hospital emergency rooms.

In addition, a third group, the American Society for Testing and Materials, is considering the issue, and an ASTM committee meets May 8, said John D. Preston, an engineer with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission who works with the voluntary groups.

Standard-setters must decide what's right for growing heads and if the helmet sizes available meet children's needs.

Most helmets are adjusted to a child's head size by adding or removing foam rubber pads. "Foam rubber is a terrible thing to pad a

helmet with because it compresses to nothing with very little force," Ewing said. "The helmet could come off."

The possibility that a helmet could roll off as, say, a victim scrapes along the ground concerns Preston as well. He and a colleague have been researching possible stability standards for the ASTM meeting.

One method is to determine whether a helmet comes off or stays on during impact, he said. Another, which is followed in Canada, requires the helmet not to rotate through more than a set angle, he said. Current

U.S. standards check the strength of the straps which hold the helmet onto the head, but not whether they actually keep the helmet secured.

Other issues concern design. Younger necks are weaker, raising issues about how heavy a helmet should be and what neck protection may be needed.

Bell Helmets Inc. is funding a research foundation study on the proper headforms to use in testing helmets, said Dean Fisher, senior vice president, corporate affairs. It previously funded work on how

heavy a helmet infants can wear, he said.

And the ANSI panel will look at the overall ability of the helmet to absorb impact, Ewing said. One issue is whether children's helmets should have a hard outer shell, in addition to the polystyrene plastic that cushions the head, he said.

In any case, however, the experts say parents should start getting helmets on children's heads early. "If a person doesn't use a helmet, none of the standards are any good," Preston said.

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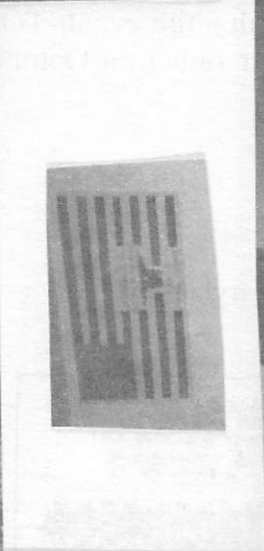
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## Report on MOSC Meeting. a.k.a the TOY RUN Meeting

First of all let me give a brief history of Motorcyclists Operation Santa Claus and ABATE of Maryland. There were a series of misunderstanding between the two groups in recent years. (end of history)

I believe this is behind us now and we all will work towards the worthy cause that MOSC represents. I will be the liaison between ABATE and MOSC. I started this responsibility last year and will continue again this year.

The first committee meeting of this year was held in Daniel's Bar on US Rt 1 just south of the Baltimore Beltway. Most of the discussion was on organizational aspects of this year's event. There were some vacancies and the committee is looking to fill these positions, if you are interested in being involved please come to the next meeting which will be held as always at Daniel's Bar at 7:30 pm June 5th. The most important jobs open seem to be taking the responsibility of getting the bikes (raffle prizes) to various county fairs to promote the MOSC and to sell raffle tickets. Another job that was mentioned was the clean-up of the park, the Sunday following the event. Left over Pit Beef and refreshments will be made available to workers in addition to the traditional worker's party.

If you wish to help but can not attend the meeting call 1-800-439-MOSC (6672) if outside of Md call (410) 296-MOSC. Well that's all for now...

Oh, yeah - the event, TOY RUN, will be again held at Fort Smallwood Park (where it never rains) on October 12, 1991.

Yours,

Tom Bruce,  
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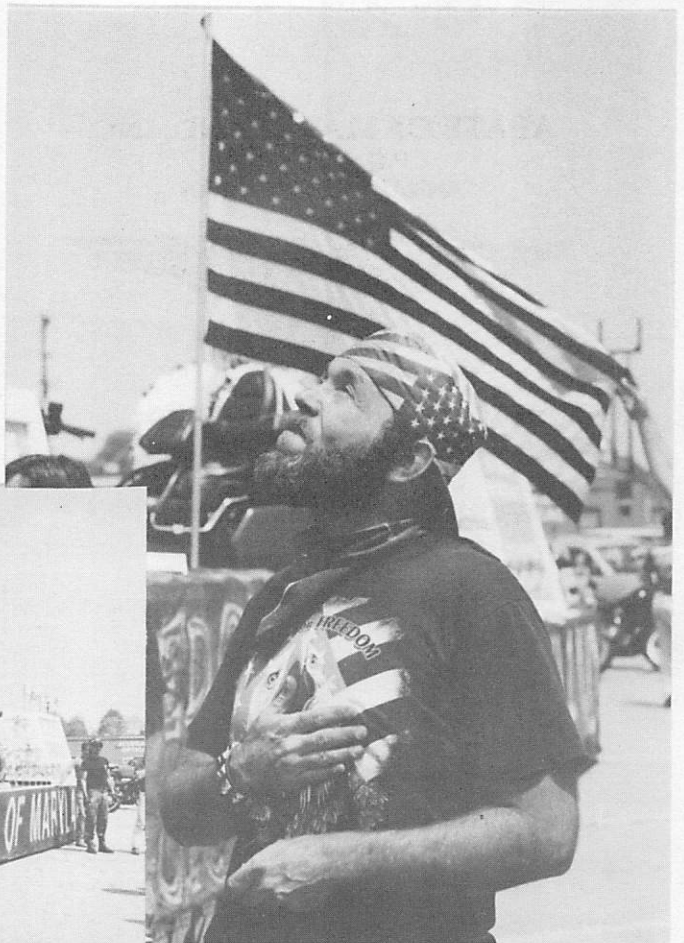
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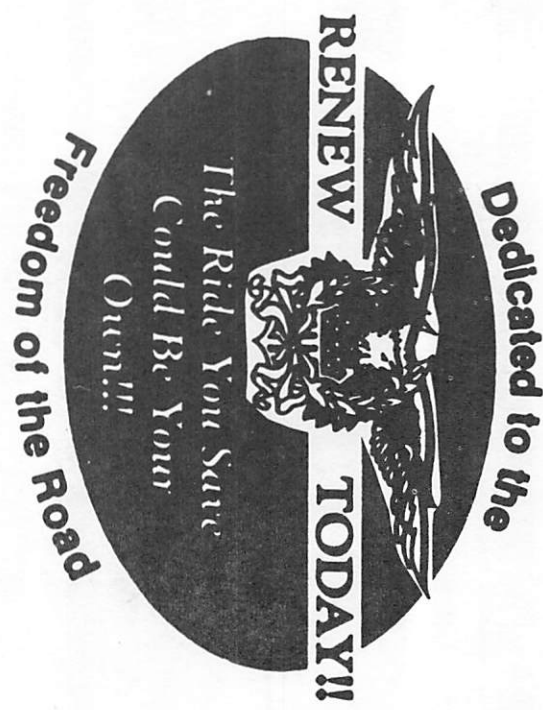
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