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Summit Presentation

2014

Motorcycle OCY History

- -Operator Cycle Endorsement
early 70's
- -several types of riding tests
- -verbal
- -Figure 8 and stop
- -survival test



VERBAL

- **Interview with** Secretary of State staff
- Questions to riders on:
Miles ridden
Years of experience riding a motorcycle
Street or dirt or combination
- no riding test administer

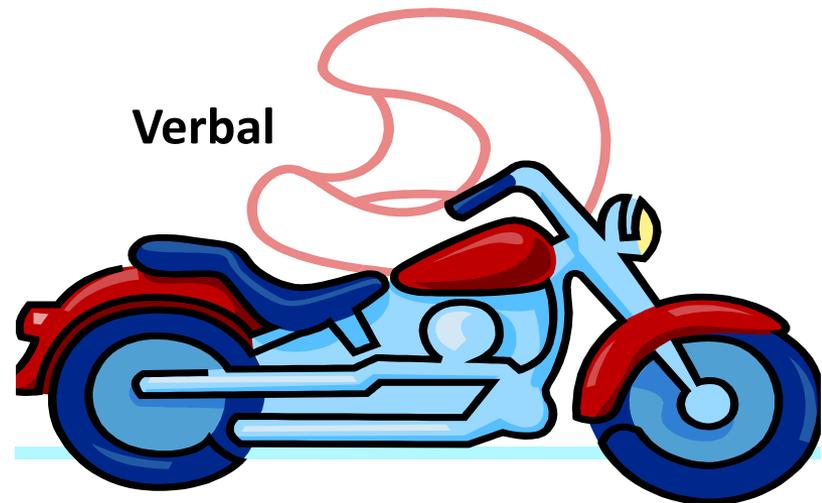
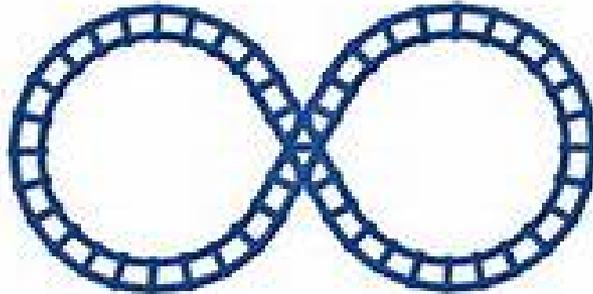


Figure 8 and Stop

- Figure 8 and quick stop
- No measured area
- Skidding the rear tire was acceptable



Survival Test

- No size requirements
- Unsupervised
- Ride around block
- If rider returned, the rider got their OCY



80's



- Legislation passed with many partners in 1982
- Licensing component
- Rider Education funded by motorcyclists
- Safety Fund
- Start Up Issues

Issues

- Licensing Test
- Licensing standard statewide
- Rules Process
- Secretary of State in charge of Licensing
- Department of Education in charge of Education

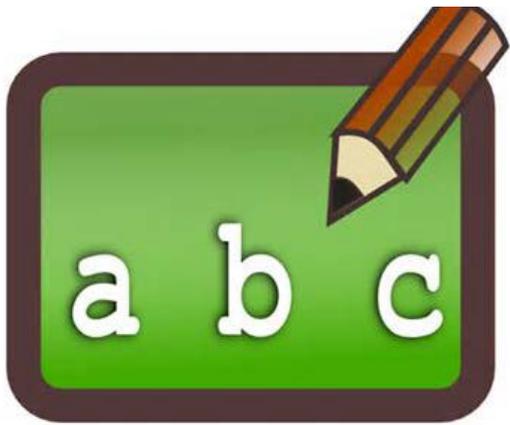




Which test



- MOST II, Alternate Most, Road Test?
- One test statewide
- Rules process
- Cyclists Input tip the scales to standard test
- 2-3 years for SOS to implement testing
- Cost is 50% of Safety Fund



Education

- Switch from federal funds to state funds
- Tough start
- Tom Hampton was 1st Coordinator and did well
- Rules process for classes
- Beginning classes, license wavier class, experience rider classes
- Funding shortage from the start

ABATE Response

- Funding bill passed on increase of cycle endorsements renewal
- Licensing wavier for state riding test for course graduates
- Bills initiated and passed with ABATE of Michigan efforts



90's

- 1st study of unendorsed riders from 1989-1993
49% of fatalities didn't have endorsement



2002

- University of Michigan
- UMTRI Study
- 42% of fatalities didn't have cycle endorsement



2008

- Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
- OHSP Study has 38% of motorcycle fatalities didn't have cycle endorsement



2012

- Michigan State Police Stats (OHSP)
- 58% OF Michigan Motorcycle Fatalities didn't have a cycle endorsement



ABATE Safety Goals

- Statewide motorcycle safety training program
- Public Program at a reasonable low cost paid for by motorcyclists
- Private Programs
- Motorcycle Awareness Program aimed at car drivers and other road users
- Better use of available Federal Funds for motorcycle safety



ABATE of Michigan Track Record

- ABATE of Michigan was a primary partner with other groups to help pass the 1st Motorcycle Safety Bill in 1982
- ABATE rally support to have the Secretary of State commit to using a standardized license test in the rules process in 1983-1984

Track Record.....

- ABATE successfully initiated legislation to “waive” the state riding test for safety course graduates.
- ABATE has gone back to the legislature 5 times in the past 30 years to keep the safety fund solvent.



Track Record

- ABATE has gone into driver training programs to teach motorcycle awareness to new drivers.
- Over 80,000 students have been given a 1 hour presentation about motorcycling and how to look for motorcycle riders.



Driver's License & State ID

Track Record

- ABATE awareness program is paid for by ABATE.
- Distributed over 1,000 “Look Twice to Save a Life, Motorcycle are Everywhere” in 2014



Track Record

- ABATE stopped the state of Michigan from putting the safety fund into the general fund in 2004.



Track Record

- ABATE provides a scholarship each year for members to become Rider Education Coaches.
- ABATE has participated in the “Shadow Rider” program to reach unendorsed riders.
- ABATE has 2 “Show Your OCY” contests each year to encourage all members to have a cycle endorsement.





Current Legislation

- ABATE initiated and is currently working on HB 4781 which limits **Temporary Instructional Permits, (TIP)** .
- Over 16,000 issued in 2013, no current records
- Many riders abuse current system by getting a TIP each year and not an endorsement.

TIP Bill Highlights

Applicant must be under constant visual supervision of licensed operator

- Can't ride at night
- Can't carry a passenger
- Only eligible for 2 permits per 10 year time period

