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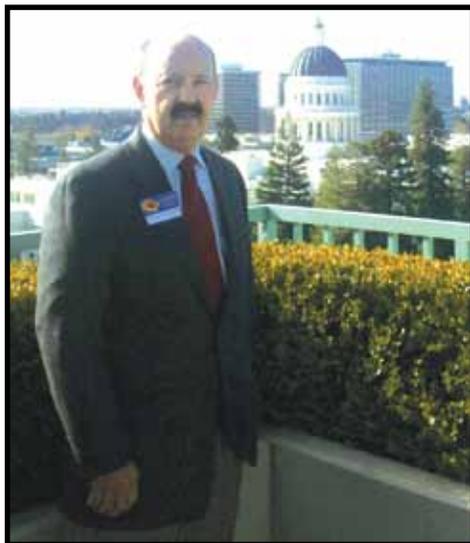
A Union of Motorcyclists  
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## American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education



### Lobbyist's Legislative Report

by James Lombardo, Lobbyist  
& Assistant Legislative Director



The Legislature has returned to face a \$25 Billion Budget **HOLE!** Some say it's a spending problem, some say we need to raise taxes. The newly elected (for a second time) Jerry Brown Jr, says we need **both**. He proposes a \$12.5 Billion cut to state pro-

grams, and in exchange, wants the voters to vote up or down to extending the "temporary" income, car and sales taxes passed by the Legislature in 2009 and signed by who else? Republican (?) GAS (former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger).

So stay turned to this drama. It will be a distraction to the legislators when we try to get our legislative package passed and it will affect all groups trying to lessen government interference in our lives and pocketbooks.

Yes, we will have a bill introduced to repeal as much of the helmet law as we can, so get ready for grassroots action. On behalf of ABATE, I will be introducing legislation to **STOP** the California Office of Traffic Safety from using Federal Safety Grant money to be awarded to local law enforcement agencies for roadside motorcycle-only checks. **GET READY FOR A BIG FIGHT** —This gross miscarriage of justice and misuse of our dedicated safety money affects **all** riders, including sport bikes, **SO LET'S TALK IT UP** with them and sign them up as new ABATE members!

I will have bill numbers in mid-February to early March, but besides that, we'll most likely have much more to do. We could also face another SMOG BILL or a ban on lane sharing, even though it's referenced as legal in the new DMV Handbook. They **CAN** pass legislation to prohibit lane sharing this session — so don't think it can't happen. Don't be too sure that we won't face these bills this year, and who knows what other anti-motorcyclist bills will be introduced this session.

One Special Election that is already history - that's for Senate District 1 - with Republican Assemblyman Ted Gaines replacing our longtime friend Senator Dave Cox who passed away after a long fight with prostate cancer. Gaines is an insurance agent, so will probably not be supportive of our helmet repeal bill, but is good on other motorcyclist issues! There will be another Special Election

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## Executive Director's Report

by Anthony Jaime, Executive Director

Greetings Brothers, Sisters, & Friends: As the Grateful Dead song goes, "What a long strange trip it's been!" Indeed, it has been quite a ride these past several years since I have been an involved ABATE member. Not to mention all of the time spent being engaged with the leadership of this organization. That ride has been at times intensely hectic, at other times insanely outrageous and passionate, and at yet other times incredibly demanding but always remarkably rewarding and immensely satisfying to me on a personal level. Satisfying and rewarding in the regard that I have been able to be involved with the Board of Directors in formulating some policy decisions that have helped guide ABATE towards positive change and improvement. It is my fervent hope that this year will see a number of changes that will set the course for growth and improved success in accomplishing the goals we have already laid out and those that we continue to prepare to implement.

For those who were at the first quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors held on January 8 at the Ontario Convention Center, I spoke to the assembled Local representatives at the President's meeting about the need to organize ourselves into a sales team. Those of you who are serving as Local presidents and officers, along with state officers are the front line salespeople representing ABATE of California. Granted, what we are selling is a little more difficult given that we are selling shares in freedom. The value of our civil liberties and rights should not, and cannot have a dollar amount attached. They are priceless, and should be viewed by all as being one of the most sacred possessions a free people can hold and enjoy. For far too long we have allowed government, with our consent, to slowly transfer the powers and responsibilities conferred upon them to un-elected bureaucratic regulatory and administrative agencies that regularly circumvent the U.S. and state constitutions with impunity. It is time to reverse this trend and hold them accountable for their actions. In order to accomplish that, we need to strengthen the organization and learn to work smarter as a smoothly functioning and efficient team.

I am encouraging each and every Local president to step up your efforts this year with regard to organizing and recruiting new members. I am also challenging every member in the organization to recruit one new member for ABATE of California in 2011. If everyone could recruit just one new member, we could easily double our membership rolls, and in the process we can also increase our revenue and political clout. Numbers speak, and we need to seriously begin the push to increase our numbers. It really is a simple concept and if everyone

puts forth the effort to sign-up just one new member, you will all have donated materially to the success of this organization. If you don't do anything else for ABATE this year, recruiting one new member would be a substantial contribution.



One of the major issues we are facing is profiling, and as members of the motorcycling community we in ABATE should all be aware that we are being increasingly targeted by law enforcement as well as civic leaders and community organizations with discriminatory practices. Those practices include prohibiting bikers from wearing their colors or any other identifying insignia into dining or entertainment establishments. They also include traffic stops by law enforcement for some very minor infraction thereby giving them the pretext to investigate people that who look suspicious in their eyes when no other legal or good reason exists. These discriminatory practices also include motorcycle only checkpoints employed under the guise of motorcycle safety but that are essentially just ambushes set up to ensnare bikers in a web of law enforcement's revenue schemes designed to collect fines or impound fees or outright confiscation of motorcycles. These checkpoints offer no substantive value in terms of motorcycle safety or motorcycle awareness and only serve as an example of how much of a target motorcyclists have become nationwide.

In an effort to address these issues, ABATE of California is examining the US Defenders Program in order to determine exactly how we can derive mutual benefit from associating ourselves with this vital and exciting new program. The concept is simple; to tap into the vast reserves of manpower in the motorcycling community and mobilize them into a rapid reaction force capable of generating a large volume of letters, faxes, and emails directed at specific "calls to action." Originally developed by the Texas COC, the US Defenders Program is being exported to states around the nation as yet

another tool to help in the fight to regain our stolen or trampled upon civil liberties and rights. The Board of Directors is planning to bring a guest speaker to Sacramento to give a presentation on the US Defenders Program to us in conjunction with the Freedom Rally and the quarterly meetings.

Another tool that we have at our disposal is Ride2Repeal, the website designed and operated by Douglas Findlay. I would encourage all of you to pay a visit to this site and take a look around. There is some great information posted there and the concept here is simple too. If we desire change in the way our legislature operates, we need to change the legislators. It's a pretty straightforward concept and one way of accomplishing the change we desire is for us to become more involved in the political landscape by getting out and doing campaign work to help elect motorcycle friendly candidates. **This is what ABATE's Lobbyist has been saying to us and what our PAC Directors have been encouraging our members to do for the last twenty years.** If we get enough of our friends and allies elected, then we can expect a better outcome in Sacramento when proposing or opposing specific legislation.

And the last topic I am going to discuss this month is unity. As a community of motorcyclists, we need to be united in our commitment to maintain our freedoms, our rights, and our way of life. United we bargain, while divided we beg! We also need to reach out to others who are involved in the fight to maintain or restore our freedoms and liberties. The fight for freedom is as old as mankind, and there are always those who would control others for their own purposes and profit. If throwing a leg over a motorcycle and getting in the wind is a major part of your life, it is my belief that you have more in common with other riders than you do with the 9 to 5 crowd who spend the majority of their lives in some cramped, crowded indoor space, and who envy us the freedom we experience with the wind in our faces. The fight we are in for our rights as motorcyclists is no different than those who fight for the right to smoke in bars or to keep the government from infringing on our 2nd Amendment rights.

When we are on the Capitol steps this coming May 23, I hope to see many more citizen activists who are committed to freedom of choice and reclaiming our trampled upon civil liberties than just those wearing leather and Levis. If we are to succeed, we must follow our mandate and reach and educate those who are blind to the government's overarching reach into our personal lives and freedoms. It is time for the pendulum to swing the other way!

That's all from me this month, so until the next issue, ride safe, ride hard, and ride free!

### What is ABATE?

ABATE is a motorcyclists' rights organization (not a club) dedicated to preserving freedom of choice and freedom of the road, with emphasis on education and safety. Our members are active in programs for public awareness and motorcycle safety, and in supporting many types of charity events.

Included with an ABATE membership are a sew-on patch, membership card, and our monthly newsletter THE BAILING WIRE. There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclists' rights and safety with payment of the appropriate fees.

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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

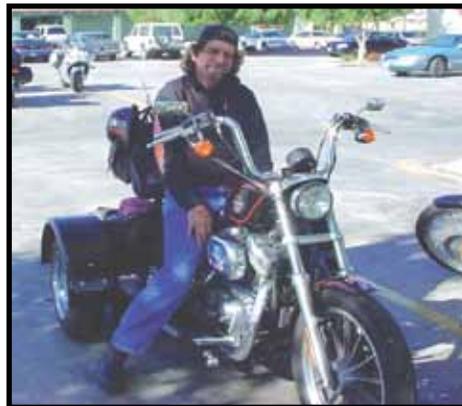
by **Lee 'Sporty' Milligan, Membership Chairman**

Hi all! This is the first report of the New Year. First off I want to congratulate those who went the extra mile last year and got me some new members. Winners of the 2010 Membership Drive were: Gill Mellen, First Place; Jack Howell, 2nd Place; Rick Cox, 3rd Place; And the Local that collectively recruited the most Members was Local 27!

Our goal this year should be to keep the members you have obtained and to get a few more. Local presidents can accomplish this by determining how many members are right for your particular area.

Remember the renewals are those unsung heroes who help make your Local work. They come in many forms; First, you have the \$30 yearly renewal. This is someone that pays his dues and does not expect to do more. You don't always see him at the monthly meetings,

but when its renewal time he renews. Note: To keep this member coming back it is important that you keep him in the loop. When you do your monthly meeting reminder include them. This will help establish a rapport with them and make them feel wanted.



The next group of members, as you might guess, are your regular core of monthly meeting attendees. These members are more likely to help with your runs and give input to the Local. Take care of them as well.

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**Mission Statement**  
ABATE of California is committed to protect and promote the interests of the motorcycle community. ABATE exists to preserve and safeguard the individual rights and liberties of all riders thru political and legislative action. ABATE promotes motorcycle safety through education, training and public awareness.

In your Local you have a diverse group of folks and you will come to realize that fact. How you cater to them will determine if you are successful in the retention of your renewals. If you do your job well, then retention of your renewals will be a snap.

If you have questions on the membership front, I am always happy to help, so feel free to email me at [mrsportyiii@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsportyiii@yahoo.com) with your concerns, suggestions or comments.

We will be having another membership drive with pretty much the same format as last year. It starts January 1 and goes to December 31. Look for the details in this issue of the Bailing Wire.

If we all do our part, then we can have a successful membership drive and an equally successful renewal retention drive as well. Regards, Sporty.



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**MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO GET**  
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While there, be sure to sign their guest book and leave a business card with their

staff.

As we have done in the past, there will be "Sponsored" free motorcycle parking on the North side of N Street between 10<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Streets. Parking will be reserved from 8 am to 6:00 pm. If you would like to sponsor a parking meter, (\$25.00/meter) please contact the ABATE State Office either by email [carol@abate.org](mailto:carol@abate.org) or call 760/956-1669.

**DO NOT RAP your PIPES on arrival or leaving the Capitol!** Believe us, YOU will not be promoting a good image with how loud your pipes can be, in fact, it just makes them want to push even harder to quiet your motorcycle or get rid of them altogether!

Everyone is invited to attend. All motorcyclists are urged to attend. This is our chance to be seen. The weather should be even better at this time of the month in Sacramento, too!!

We look forward to having a HUGE crowd in attendance this year; you just can't make a big impression with only a handful of people in attendance. Attending the rally does a few things -

- 1) It gives support to the Legislators who are in support of our issues and trying to help us gain back our Freedom of Choice;
- 2) It implies to your Legislator that Freedom of Choice is important in that you took the time and extra effort to go to Sacramento to meet with them and their Sacramento staff, not just in their district office;
- 3) It shows support for our paid Lobbyist, in that he is not representing some imaginary group of invisible people;
- 4) It shows the other Legislators that WE are concerned about OUR Freedom of Choice.

**There are rooms available at the La Quinta Inn, 200 Jibboom Street, Sacramento 95814. Call 916/448-8100 to make your reservation and mention ABATE for the SPECIAL room rate. This special room rate will be held until April 30<sup>th</sup>, so make your reservation before that date.**

## Legislative Report, from page 1

to fill his now vacant Assembly seat on March 8 with a runoff on May 3, if necessary. So far Beth Gaines, the new Senator's wife, and John Allard who used to be a staffer to former area Senator Tim Leslie, are the front runners. Leslie needed some convincing from me, but eventually signed on to support us in opposing the helmet law.

The other two Special Elections are on February 15 for Senator George Runner, who we supported for his successful election to the State Board of Equal-

ization. Our luck, his wife, former Assemblywoman Sharon Runner, is running to replace her husband. We endorsed Sharon Runner in her elections for the Assembly, so please work in her Antelope Valley election campaign! The winner of the other Special Election will replace a former nemesis, Jenny Oropeza, in the 28th District. Former Democrat Assemblyman Ted Lieu, is the favorite, but, so far, has not completed our endorsement questionnaire. He will win this Special Election since his name recognition has

chased all other challengers out of the race. If runoffs are necessary, they will be on April 19.

Thanks to all who attended our Legislative meeting at the Ontario Convention Center on January 8 during the first ABATE Board meeting of 2011. It was really great to see some old friends that I hadn't seen in some time. Get ready for the Special Elections and whatever the Legislature and the regulators throw at us, this year!

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Local #01 Los Angeles



Happy New Year all! We had our January meeting at the Elks Lodge and it was good. The meeting started out with the Pledge of Allegiance. Then I gave the President's report.

We spent time making plans for the Polar Bear run, which will be on February 27. Jim Nickla gave us the low down on the ABATE Local one booth at the Easyriders Bike show that was on January 8. Glen gave us our Membership report. Peter Daniels gave us a PAC report with a few of the new laws that become effective this year and a small report on the Congresswomen Gabriella Gifford recovery and the fact she is a motorcyclists as well. Steve B gave us the latest on his helmet ticket.

As usual, the Lodge served a good breakfast and last, but not least, Peter's wife, Sandy, made enough brownies for us that all the members who attended got some.

Looking forward to seeing the Locals that can attend at our Polar Bear run on February 27. It is at Big Jim's Family Restaurant in Sun Valley. Sign-ups are from 8am to 10am. Regards, Sporty.

## Local #02 Simi Valley



Happy New Year! Our first meeting of the year and the weather is getting better already. First of all, thanks to our volunteer cooks, Pres Ray and Gary. We are very thankful that we can BBQ a meal for all who come and for five bucks, you can't beat it! We start serving at 6:45 pm and our meeting starts at 7:30. This gives us a great time

to meet and greet so we can concentrate on our meeting. We here at Local 2 meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Ave in Simi Valley. Thanks to Post 10049 for their gracious hospitality every month!

Pres Ray got us going and talked about the current events that ABATE and PAC is doing, and updated us on some of the new laws from the DMV, which got me to thinking, thank God for ABATE! There were some of us on vacation so the business was fast but the festivities were great. We had a large table of prizes for our drawings which will benefit ABATE. We had a special guest, Michael Cavinder, from CycleWorks Etc. He talked about tire safety, and then he became a business member, thanks Michael! Denny won our 50/50 drawing and PigFace won our membership drawing as well. JP, our Safety guy, talked about winterizing our bikes and me thinks winterize in So Cal? We are very fortunate to be able to ride year round unless you live in Palmdale!

With winter still in progress my biggest dilemma is should I wear long sleeve or short sleeve! But as for my bike it's a great time to do all the service work and a thorough cleaning and inspection. As this New Year begins it's also a great time to reiterate the safety aspects of riding and getting out there and spreading the word of what ABATE does for all who ride and get new members and especially business members! This is the time of the year where tire pressure is important; make it a habit to check it constantly, as wet roads and low tire pressure don't mix!

Have a great New Year and Ride Safe and please don't become an unwanted statistic. PTL norm e. new.

## Local #06 San Diego



It was another great San Diego day for our December meeting at Kate Sessions Park overlooking beautiful Mission Bay. Several

people stopped by to visit including Monica Smith, representing the Saddletamps MC. Monica thanked Local 6 and its members for their relief efforts following their tragic incident a few weeks back, and she gave us an update on the people who were still in the hospital or healing. Joe Tatro of the MMA, new to San Diego and a friend of Rick Henry came to the meeting, and Amy Saldivar our Sign Language Interpreter brought her brand new baby to the meeting - what a cutie! Looking at new members, we welcome the Wolfpack MC.

We discussed Legislative and Judicial news, Dan Buse from Local 11 read some PAC announcements. We discussed the disturbing recommendation from the NTSB about nationwide helmet use.

Our webmaster, Rick "Animal" Henry, was recently elected to the Board of Directors of ABATE of Arizona. We had reports from our Liaison people from Local 11, the HOG groups, the AMA, CMSP, Brothers of the Third Wheel and the Confederation of Clubs. John Wright won the 50/50 and donated his winnings to the Saddletamps Relief Fund.

Our January meeting was conducted by Patty Wilber. Politics were the main focus of information, as usual, and Doug Findlay, our PAC Rep was at work, so Patty covered his report as well. We are still the second largest Local - way to go! If everyone renews, and signs up a new member, we can move to number one. Do you have a few renewal forms in your saddlebag? Pick up some at the next meeting. We discussed the Local 6 Spaghetti Dinner we are holding on April 9. Yummmmm. Good food and great company!

Check out our website at [www.abateocal6.org](http://www.abateocal6.org). Thanks to Rick "Animal" Henry for keeping up the website. He has been running the website until someone in Local 6 takes over the position. Any takers yet? Talk to me.

At our next meeting we will be taking nominations for Local Officers and position volunteers. Now is the time to throw your hat in the ring. The members run the Local, and the members and Locals run ABATE of California. Step up! We will see you at the next meeting on February 6 at Noon - C'mon Down! John

## Local #08 Orange County

We had our officer elections Monday night. Here is the line-up for 2011. President-Faviola Andaya, VP & PAC Rep. - Jared Yates, Treasurer & Secretary - Ryan Vincent, Membership Coord. - Bruce Colon, Run Captain - Daniel Pfaffly, Sgt. at Arms - Mario Diaz. Ryan V.

## Local #11 North San Diego



December was another great meeting in sunny Escondido. We had about 25 members show up and we had the Prez from Local 8, Ryan Vincent, and Faviola show up at the meeting. We started out with some news about our past Prez, Russ Stagg, who had just undergone a kidney transplant and is doing fine and is looking forward to seeing us next year. Get Well Russ!

Our San Diego Toy Run this year was, again, a success and a big thank you to all that attended and volunteered. Our PAC chairman, Dan, gave another great rundown on the local politics and he was also at Golden Hall on election night rubbing shoulders with Nathan Fletcher and our local officials. He even stated that they are getting used to seeing him and knowing what ABATE is all about. Great going Dan!

Our VP, Dave, gave us the rundown on up-coming runs. And our treasurer, Cheryl, gave us the numbers in our holdings and it looks like we need a fundraiser in the near future. If any members have any ideas, let us know.

And me, your Local 11 scribe, won the 50/50 and a t-shirt. I paid for Paige's membership dues and put the rest back in the fund. Our guest from Local 8, Ryan, won a \$20.00 gift certificate.

Well our January meeting had another great turnout at the Oakvale Store with about 25+ members and guests. We started out with a moment of silence for the victims in the Arizona shooting.

# LOCAL NEWS

We reminded our members to renew their membership. Our treasurer, Cheryl, reported what funds we have available and we voted to give our next donation to the Lobbyist fund and pay the D & O insurance.

Our Prez, Tim, was a little under the weather but still gave a great meeting covering AB 1952 requiring riders 21 and under to take a motorcycle safety course before being issued a permit to drive one.

Our PAC rep, Dan Buse, gave us info on the local political scene and he was also elected as a Representative to the Democratic Convention. Our VP, Dave, gave us the run down on up-coming runs. Local 6 will have a Spaghetti Dinner on April 9, and the Yuma Prison Run is on April 15, 16, & 17.

We want to thank the Boozefighters for showing up in force and contributing to our Local fund. The 50/50 was won, again, by yours truly so I went and paid one of our members, Todd Whitehead's, membership dues.

Till next month, your Scribe Jim.

## Local #17 Solano & Napa Counties



Congratulations to our new officers: President Mike Van Buskirk, Vice President Steve Fallon. Treasure Cori Smith, Secretary Sandy Fallon, Membership Dan Smith. Good luck to the new officers and thank you to the outgoing officers for the many things you did this year for our Local, Scott Leech, Curtis Fusion, Michele Stuart-McInnis, and Ron Vonsild.

December 4 was our annual Christmas Party. The food was great and the decorations were perfect. Thank you Barbara Dallas for recruiting people to help you and for letting us use your great skills in decorating to make our party festive.

The following morning was the Toy Run. The weather was pretty chilly and we didn't see rain until we were leaving the Dixon Police department. We had lots of clubs, groups and organizations that came out to support us. THANK YOU!!!!

Our Annual Freeze Your Ass Off Run is March 6. Details will follow, so mark your calendars. And don't forget to come to our monthly meeting the third Sunday of every month, 10:00 am at Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon in Vacaville. Happy New Year 2011!!! Michele Stuart-McInnis.

## Local #19 Pomona Valley

Happy New Year from Local 19! I hope you enjoyed your holidays and you are ready for the New Year. Maybe there's a new toy to play with at your house. No doubt there are a few extra pounds that need to be worked off. I am hoping for nice weather on January 8 for the ABATE Board Meeting at [Ontario Convention Center] with Local 19. It's great to have everyone in our area for these events. Come and join us.

We had our election for the 2011 officers at Local 19. Robert, one of our former Presidents, is returning to head our group again this year. I will do my best to assist him as Vice. Steve will return again as our Treasurer and Paulette will be our new Secretary. Some of the others taking on responsibilities are Diane - Membership, Johnnie - Safety, Chris - Merchandise, and Ann - Run Coordinator. Our President, Robert, will also handle PAC duties. There are still some positions that need to be filled. Hopefully we can fill all the slots in January. I want to thank each of you for taking on these rolls to keep Local 19 strong.

Are you doing any riding? I hope you are and you are being extra careful on the roads. During the holidays it seemed like a lot of people were very distracted behind the wheel. I'm sure this is to be expected because of the time of year but it's dark at an earlier time, it's cold out there and if the streets are wet it's a deadly combination. Be sure to keep up your bike. Check all your lights, brakes, clutch and tires. There's a better chance that you will make it home in one piece.

There were fewer people at the meetings at the end of the year. I'm looking forward to seeing some of the regulars coming back

to the meetings. The tacos are tasty and the beverages are cold. Local 19 meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. [Call Robert for the meeting place 909/921-2159]. Come and join us.

Please be safe on the roads. I look forward to seeing you out there. In the mean time, keep the shiny side UP! Ed

## Local #20 Orange County



We had a very Merry Christmas party and meeting with 27 members in attendance. Our guests were Joseph, Paul Yerrardi, Gregg, Norwalk Joe - Cochinos M/C, Ryan Vincent President of Local 8, Joseph, Barbara and Faviola Andaya. At the end of the festivities, we had 3 new members, Paul, Norwalk Joe and Gregg. Thank you for joining ABATE!

We had a short discussion on various topics. Voted in as Officers were Gill/President, Cheryl/Vice President, Spike/PAC Rep, Moonie/Membership, Mary Jane McIntosh/PR Rep and Squirt/Secretary & Merchandise.

A BIG THANK YOU for all the people who brought the great food and thank you Angela for supplying the paper products. The treasure chest overflowed - \$208! Ten names were drawn and the winner was Gill! It was well deserved. He donated \$100 to the Pasta Run.

Happy New Year! We had 33 people in attendance at our January meeting. Honda John was our first renewal this year.

Gill spoke on the US Defenders program. All ABATE Locals and clubs should be involved in this. The more people involved in this program, the stronger our voices will be heard. We have to all work together!

Gill, Spike and Squirt attended 2011's first quarterly Board of Directors meeting. If you want to learn about ABATE, come to the Board of Director meetings; you'll learn something new and get to know the Board members, too. Bring a friend or two.

We voted to send \$100 to the Lobbyist fund. Other topics covered were red reflector lights, biker checkpoints, the Bailing Wire, etc. We need to have some fundraisers to raise money for the ABATE Lobbyist fund. If you have any ideas, email Gill.

Spike spoke on PAC issues. He spoke about Bill Haze's American Biker book. In the book it has a little ABATE history, bike runs, ethnic groups, lady riders, etc. It is a very good book. Spike read it from cover to cover and said it was interesting reading and very informative. You can buy it online at [www.AmericanBikerthebook.com](http://www.AmericanBikerthebook.com) or [www.bikertruth.com](http://www.bikertruth.com).

We dropped over 1400 lbs of pasta last month to Bruno at Anaheim White House. He feeds over 150 homeless kids every night that live in motels/hotels. Thank you to those that helped make it a big success. Mary Jane did a tremendous job in getting this out to the magazines and the local papers. Thank you Bruno for the good soul you are.

Motorcycle Awareness Month is coming up in May! Get started now and go to your city council to get that proclamation. Let's see how many we can get this year.

Andrew Villagrana lost out on the \$35. Squirt

## Local #21 Antelope Valley



Local 21 has a **NEW MEETING PLACE!** Casa Roma Restaurant, 320 W Avenue J2 in Lancaster 93534. Same Day & Time - First Thursday of the month at 7 pm. See ya there!

## Local #27 Riverside

Our first meeting at the American Legion was well attended and we welcomed a new member who signed up at the meeting. All are welcome and the tacos are excellent.

The vote on new officers for 2011 was completed producing a full line of dedicated

# LOCAL NEWS



individuals with varying degrees of experience with ABATE, but with many skills that will benefit the Local and State vision of growth and support. The new Local 27 officers are President & PAC representative -Greg Covell, Vice President - Tom "Duck" Russo, Secretary - Kenny Nuttall, Treasurer - Ida Snyder, Public Relations (PR) - Richard Cox & Tom Russo, Membership - Connie Simeon, Run Chairman & Committee - Jack Howell, Greg Covell, Ken Nuttall & Lee Davidson, Merchandise - Jack Howell & Lorraine Davidson, Advertising - Richard Cox & Tom Russo, Safety - Bob Marshall, Historian/Committee - Don Kline, Judicial -Nicholas Schneider, Media (website) Coordinator - Greg Covell.

Local 27 attended our local HOG meeting on December 9 and, after making a presentation, we signed up 8 new members. I challenge all Locals to reach out to not only your local HOG, but to as many groups as you can. Go to their meetings. Get on their agenda. Present ABATE. They will not understand what we do unless WE make the effort to educate them.

Our Renegade Christmas Turkey Bash collected about 260 turkeys and all the fixings. The Salvation Army was there and was extremely grateful for the donation during these hard financial times. Thank you Jack for all your efforts. Cookies, coffee, raffle, music and bike games were enjoyed by all and we had many helping hands to help load everything onto the Salvation Army truck.

Looking forward to the Board of Directors meeting on January 8. Happy New Year! GMC, President, Local 27.

## Local #29 Morongo Basin



Now that the Holidays are over, looks like it is time to make good on our New Year's Resolutions and get on with the New Year! All of us at ABATE Local 29 wish everyone a very happy, healthy and safe New Year!

At the December meeting, which was only attended by nine of the members, we had the final election of officers for the 2011. Not too many changes. The new officers are President - Marty Rapp, Vice president - \*Ed Folts, Secretary - Mary Lou Rapp, Treasurer - Thomas Bruce, Membership - \*Bill Morgan, Safety - \*Marty Rapp, and Chris Pepples - Political. (\* change from previous year.)

A great big huge THANK YOU for a job very well done goes out to all the wonderful members who have volunteered their services in the past. Also to those who once again volunteered their services for 2011.

A great big THANK YOU also goes out to the new members who have volunteered their services during the coming year.

Remember, Local 29 meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at Rattlesnake Jakes on Highway 62 in Morongo Valley at 6:30 pm. They do serve dinner there, so why not bring your spouse with you and enjoy a nice dinner and join us in the meeting! All are welcome!

Remember! Watch for black ice and cold weather! Dress warm! And keep the shiny side up! Until next time, Miss Lou.

## Local #33 Yuba City

WOW! Where did 2010 go? AWAY, thank goodness! It was a tough year for a lot of us personally, professionally and politically. Let's hope 2011 is a better year for the Biker Nation. I know we can win back our freedoms if we stick together and stay focused.

The Original Yuba/Sutter Toy Run went off without a hitch with Santa in the lead.

The Marysville Police Department finally got it right. They blocked the roads for the 300 plus bikers to flow effortlessly from the Colusa Casino, down Hwy.20, through downtown Yuba City and Marysville ending at the American Legion Post #807 in Linda where a wonderful feast was awaiting the hungry bikers at the hall.

The mound of toys grew larger and larger as the sea of black leather and colorful patches squeezed into the hall dropping toys and money off with Santa's helpers from ABATE, MMA and HOG. The Sisters of Scotsa WMC brought a truckload of toys as did the Devils Horseman M/C. Many thanks to all the M/C's, Associations and independents who helped gather over 1,000 toys and \$17,000 to the children of Yuba/Sutter!

I want to invite everyone to start the New Year off right and join us the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm for ABATE Local 33's meeting at the American Legion Hall #807, 5477 Feather River Blvd in Olivehurst. There is "grub and grog" available and you can help us fight to preserve our freedoms for the Biker Nation by becoming a proud member of ABATE! See you there! Grumbles.

## Local #40 Bakersfield



Since we haven't been using our meeting room to capacity, we are suspending meetings for awhile. In the meantime please use this email address [abatelocal40@yahoo.com](mailto:abatelocal40@yahoo.com) for any communications. When we can get meeting participation up to speed, we will look for a place to meet again.

We can use some Volunteers from Local 40 to fill Officer positions; if you are interested please email me at the above email address. Thank you, Omar.

## Local #47 Barstow



Howdy All! Well it's 2011. Hope you have had a chance to review 2010. We were a busy organization, we made some head way and we lost some ground. Let's make this year one we get the word out that we need support in any form, come to the Local runs, and join ABATE with a simple membership. Bikers need to be made aware that the internet is a good tool, many ways to help protect our rights, go to [www.abate.org](http://www.abate.org) and see how you can help and support our organization so it remains strong. Yermo Eddy, President Local 47.

## Local #58 Ridgecrest

New Year's greetings from Local 58. At the first meeting of the year the new Local officers were installed. Re-assuming the Local President position after several years is Dave "Corny" Cornelius and stepping up as Vice-President is Darrin Sizemore. Returning as Secretary is Laura Capron and LoraLee Connally as Treasurer.

At this meeting it was announced that the focus for 2011 will be on growing the Local and increasing membership and participation. Local 58 is determined to reacquire the focus and drive that characterized our first few years of our existence as an ABATE Local.

Also announced at the meeting was that Local 58 will be joining the growing number of ABATE organizations to utilize Facebook to spread news and information on the World Wide Web. Look for us on FB.

That's all from our corner of the state this month. Keep the shiny side up and the rubber down. Tony.



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## Pac/Lobbyist Report

by Dave Hastings, Treasurer

Greetings and welcome to our first PAC report for the year. As we all know, 2011 is an "off-year" as far as our normal California election cycle, but ABATE PAC and our lobbyist, Jim Lombardo, will have a full agenda with "special elections" and the usual day to day monitoring of our elected officials and their legislative agendas in Sacramento. That brings me to the two main focus items of this report.



First, our ABATE PAC fund still has money carried forward from last year and for that I would like to thank every individual and Local that contributed to our account. We will be very selective (as usual) as to who and how much we contribute this year and

do our best to get as much mileage as possible out of every dollar we spend. Ideally, we will continue to maintain an emergency reserve in our PAC fund for those candidates and legislative issues that merit a monetary "helping hand" from us. While we are talking about offering help to candidates, now is the time for you to make an extra effort to introduce yourself to your elected officials and offer your help on any legislative issues that you feel are important. Usually an "off-year" allows more time for involvement and any friends we can make now, especially in their office staff pool, will pay off immensely down the road when we need help with "our" ABATE issues! Invest some of your idle time now, and hopefully, ABATE will be rewarded down the road when we ask for "their" assistance.

The second and more pressing item is our Lobbyist fund. If you or your Local made a contribution last year, again, a big "Thank You" is in order. When the members of ABATE of California decided to hire a full time lobbyist to represent us in Sacramento, our Locals agreed to pay either monthly or annually into a "share" account (our Lobbyist fund) to evenly distribute the obligated cost of Jim Lombardo's contract. Jim has never received an increase in pay, but has continuously accepted increases to his workload year after year even though he was originally hired to represent ABATE on one "single issue" – our helmet modification bill! Although I'm sure he would love more money for all of the additional work he does for ABATE every year, that's not what I'm asking for at this time.

First things first, we need to ensure that **EVERY** Local in our state contributes to our Lobbyist fund! Last year the fund was supported by only a small percentage of our Locals and we struggled to meet our contractual obligations. Read your Policy & Procedure Manual and you will see that the lobbyist cost is supposed to be divided evenly among **ALL** of our Locals, not just a few. Please try to meet your Local's obligation to this fund. We currently have 33 active Locals in California and a "share" amounts to \$45.45 each month. Please pass-the-hat at every meeting and do your best to send in your Local's "share" every month.

We are receiving "premier service" for a "bargain barn" price from Jim! Let's pay him for the work he performs, day in and day out, around the clock. ABATE is the only MRO in California with a full time lobbyist and, if you must choose between a PAC or Lobbyist fund contribution, please send your money to the Lobbyist fund.

Jim has been paid in full for the first quarter of 2011. Unfortunately, our Lobbyist fund has been totally depleted and we still have three more contractual payments to cover this year for his services. Contribute your hard earned money to your ABATE Lobbyist and General funds for the remainder of 2011 and offer your "time" to your elected officials. WE need to ensure our own ABATE financial future before we can offer our financial help to theirs!

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# Sporty's Rides

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan

Greetings all! And a Happy New Year! It has been a busy time since I last spoke to you all from my column. The first trek was to Thanksgiving at my brother's house in Atascadero. It was a cold ride up there (yea, I rode), but it was fun never-the-less. I am going to get a new heated vest because the one bought from Cycle Gear, a Tourmaster brand, was not working right.

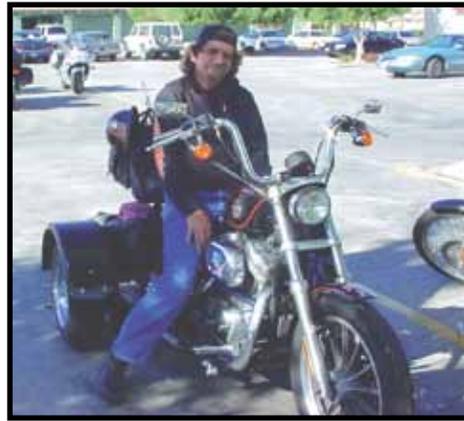
I had a good time seeing my brother and sister and her family, however my younger brother, Mark, and his family could not make it and that was sad. We enjoyed the usual Thanksgiving with all the trimmings – yummy!

Unfortunately I had to be back in town Friday afternoon for a doctor's appointments. When I left Atascadero Friday morning it was 27 degrees, burr, burr, burr. Ride home was not too unpleasant because the vest worked - sorta - and I did not freeze - sorta.

Part of the journey to places is the ride itself. One might ask, "Where was your wife, dude?" Well she does not like to travel and we have animals 2 dogs, a female cocker and a male doxie. Just means I have no specific plans or time frame because I don't have to worry about the wife's needs. Ok so that's that.

December 5 was Local 19's toy run and we had a small group go to it. The meeting spot was Mr Peter Daniels' house. So we took off, Steve B, Bubba Bob, Warren and myself, to spend the day with the Local 19 crew at the Elks Lodge in Ontario. I came out a winner because I won a 5 inch TV set

that you use in the garage. Sweet stuff! The boys and I had a swell time. We had a good time at the toy run as usual so thanks, Local 19 crew.



On the way home Bob couldn't stand the slow pace we were going so he flashed off at the 57 Fwy & 210 Fwy turn towards Pasadena and picked up speed. Steve B likes to travel no more than 60 to 65 miles per hour. Rode all the way to the San Fernando Road exit on the 118 Fwy before I waved Steve farewell.

With that said and done the next event on the cavalcade of events was the Local 1 toy run. It is named the Fred Jordan Skid Row Toy Run. It was on December 12 at the usual starting location, Glendale HD. The weather was bitchen and we had a great turn out. The usual ABATE Local 1 crew was on hand to help out. Buffy and her group, Sharon Anderson and her friend Gloria, Bob Warren and Yody, Steve B and Jim Nickla, Glen C and Peter Daniels, and, of course, Lana and Tim were also there. Sarge, as usual, did his best emcee at the Fred Jordan

Mission. My Shagger buddies were there as well as Iceman, Buz and Cash. Thanks for being there. So it was a great day to support the kids of skid row.

Ok that was the toy run. The New Year came off with not too bad a hitch. January 8 the Local 1 crew, Jim Nickla, Glen C and Darrel Martin, plus a sweet one that Glen rounded up, worked the ABATE booth at the Easyrider Bike show at the LA Convention center. It was a success, as I was informed by Glen C. I had to be at the Board meeting in Ontario.

The Board meeting on January 8 was at the Ontario Convention center. I spent the night at the Ontario Airport Motel so I could be there in the morning for the pre-Board meeting. No one else stayed at the motel, so I kinda panicked, but then they showed and all was well. The pre-Board meeting was informative. The Board meetings went fairly well and we're planning to have a retreat in February to hammer out some financial issues.

Ok the last part of this column is about my mishap on the way to work. As you might recall from previous columns, I commute 35 miles to work to my job in Malibu. This usually involves freeway riding as well as canyon riding in the early morning hours. The last 10 miles of the commute contains canyon riding on the Las Virgenes Malibu Canyon Road. They have been doing road resurfacing from Mulholland to the area next to the Old Hughes Research lab. On January 11 my commute to work was a smooth ride until I got on the canyon road. They had not completed resurfacing the road. There was a car tailgating my rear, so I decided

to pull over in the turn-out lane. When I got in that turn-out lane, I applied my front and rear breaks to slow down to let the car pass when – Bam! - I went down because of the accumulated amount of gravel in the turn-out lane.

Well to make a long story short, I got the bike to my work station in Malibu but decided to go home and had the bike towed to my house. Went to the hospital to get checked out. Only had sprains and some bruises, minor stuff. I took the rest of the week off to recover and am going back to work Tuesday after the MLK holiday. I'm going to make a complaint to the city of Malibu for the damages, as it was the gravel that caused my downfall. Well, I will be riding my old bike more now that my newer bike is in the shop for repairs.

Ok, that pretty much sums up my column for this time. We're having another Membership Drive so look for that. In the meantime, be good to yourself and support ABATE events.

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## COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

### Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish

#### MOTORCYCLE-RIDING CONGRESS-WOMAN SHOT:

In what has been described as a national tragedy, a deranged gunman opened fire during a public meeting with constituents by Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords outside a Tucson supermarket on January 8 that left six dead and more than a dozen injured including the state rep who was critically injured with a bullet wound to the head.

Giffords, 40, rides motorcycles and married an astronaut at a wedding where everything had to be biodegradable. She is a centrist three-term Democrat who champions gun rights, lists fiscal discipline as one of her top issues and was re-elected in a conservative district when Republicans took control of the House.

Before entering politics she ran the family tire business, which was founded by her grandfather in 1949. Perhaps growing up in an auto-focused family led to her love of motorcycles. She is a co-chair of the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus with Republican Walt Jones of North Carolina.

In 2009 Rep. Giffords taped a video message encouraging people to ride their motorcycles to work, saying that she likes to ride motorcycles, but also likes that they leave a smaller carbon footprint than cars. She also sided with motorcycle riders who favor state legislation to ride helmet-free, as she does.

Though early reports suggested Giffords was fatally shot, she miraculously survived being shot point-blank through the brain and her doctors are optimistic about her chances of recovery. The thoughts and prayers of America's motorcycling community are with her and the other victims of this tragic assault.

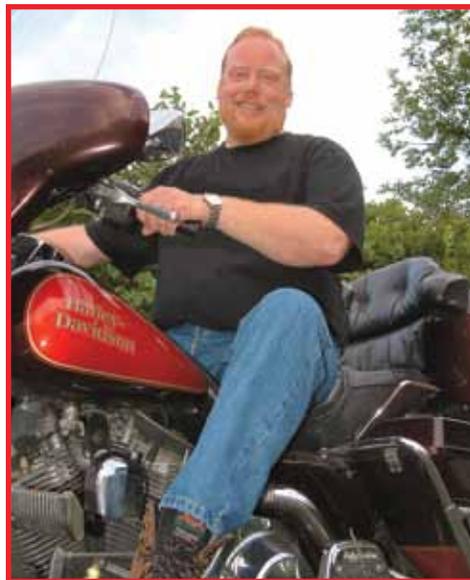
**NEW YEAR, NEW LAWS:** The New Year rang in several new laws across the country affecting the motorcycle riding community, including the onerous new California anti-noise law that requires EPA-labeling for motorcycle exhausts on bikes built after 2012.

Other less volatile laws also took effect on January 1 including another California law that requires would-be motorcyclists under 21 to complete an approved safety course before an applicant can receive an

instruction permit to learn to ride. California lawmakers also passed a law to curb motorcycle thefts by outlawing possession of so-called "pigtailed" which are homemade ignitions that allow a crook to start a motorcycle in as little as 20 seconds. Previously, burglary tools for the purpose of breaking into or stealing a vehicle other than a motorcycle were prohibited.

Several states have recently enacted legislation requiring the completion of a motorcycle training course before being issued a motorcycle license endorsement, and this year Connecticut and North Carolina join the growing list of states tightening restrictions on motorcycle licensure for newbie riders. In Oregon, a new training requirement went into effect to mandate safety classes for new motorcyclists under the age of 30, and the law will expand over the next few years to include all new riders regardless of age.

Already in the works for 2011, state legislatures are considering new laws to ban passengers under 8 years old in Virginia (House Bill 1850), allow Sunday motorcycle sales in Indiana (Senate Bill 108), and calls for a helmet law in Kentucky (House Bill 163). In Nebraska, Legislative Bill 62 has been filed to allow adult riders to opt out of the state's mandatory helmet law with the completion of an approved motorcycle safety course.



**EUROPE TO MANDATE ABS FOR MOTORCYCLES:** A European Union Commission has presented its proposal for

new framework regulation for motorcycles. It plans to mandate anti-lock braking systems (ABS) for motorcycles with more than 125cc displacement from 2017 onwards.

Although the first anti-lock braking system was installed on a motorcycle in 1988, only 16% of all newly manufactured motorcycles in Europe were equipped with ABS, and by comparison car manufacturers have made ABS standard equipment since 2004 which has contributed to a 49% overall decline in fatal car accidents in the EU.

Experts regard anti-lock braking as a huge boost to safety. For example, a benefit analysis conducted for the European Commission calculates that the proposed regulation would reduce the number of fatal motorcycle accidents by more than 5,000 over a 10-year period.

A study presented by Vagverket, the Swedish highways authority, in October 2009 showed that 38% of all motorcycle accidents involving personal injury and 48% of all serious and fatal accidents could have been prevented with ABS. This active safety system allows motorcyclists to brake safely in critical situations without locking the wheels, and thus without having to fear an inevitable fall. Braking distance is also significantly reduced.

The proposal is currently passing through the EU legislative procedure but will likely be adopted next year. The regulation will come into effect from 2017.

In the U.S., the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has considered requiring ABS on new motorcycles sold in America, and will likely take up the issue in the near future.

#### ECONOMIC UPTICK HAS AMERICANS BUYING LEISURE PRODUCTS AGAIN:

People are buying expensive leisure products again, after they held back during the recession. A new report from Milwaukee's Robert W. Baird and Company said motorcycle sales fell by half during the downturn, and ATV sales were just 30% of what they used to be.

But Baird analyst Craig Kennison says many consumers now have a brighter outlook, in spite of high unemployment and a housing market that continues to be depressed. He said inventories for new leisure

items are low, and there's a strong demand for used goods.

Kennison said Milwaukee's Harley-Davidson Motor Co. slashed its production during the recession - and that drove up the prices for used bikes. But now, he says more folks are buying new Harleys with the help of trade-ins.

And while it's hard to prove, Kennison expects the same trend for cars, RV's, and other big ticket items. He also said consumers are more confident about their personal wealth, especially after the Bush tax cuts were extended. Had Congress not acted this month, Kennison said it might have been a disaster for discretionary spending.

#### SURVEY SAYS; AGE UP, QUALITY DOWN:

Bikers are getting older and they spend more at a motorcycle dealership they are happy with, according to a new ownership survey recently released by J.D. Power and Associates.

J.D. Power's 13th annual U.S. Motorcycle Competitive Information Study also reveals that motorcycle quality has dipped to 2008 levels, with 152 problems reported per 100 motorcycles (PPM) - an increase of 29 PPM. One half of owners surveyed reported that most of those problems (44%) are engine related, and the study suggests that gearshift problems, clutch chatter, and insufficient engine power have the greatest impact on overall satisfaction.

The study cites a few no-brainers, like the fact that "Sales volumes and revenue of ancillary goods and services tend to be considerably higher - by an average of \$957 - at motorcycle dealerships that provide a highly satisfying experience vs. dealerships that do not."

But the causal relationship between customer satisfaction and dollars spent is less ominous than their findings that the average rider age has risen from 40 to 49 since 2001, "an indication that many owners may soon exit the market", combined with the study's findings that first-time motorcycle buyers are on the decline, makes it all the more imperative that the motorcycle industry seeks to capture the interest of younger riders who might consider buying their first bike.

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**FEWER BUSINESSES SELLING MOTORCYCLES, PARTS & ACCESSORIES:** There are 10,428 retail outlets in the United States that conduct business related to motorcycles, scooters or ATVs, down by more than 25% from 13,973 such businesses in 2009, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council.

These were the principle findings of the MIC 2010 Retail Outlet Audit, a summary of which the council sent to its members this week. The audit was completed in December 2010.

The report broke down the total by the number of retailers that sell new major-brand vehicles - 5,134, or 49.2% - and the number of retailers not selling new vehicles, but specializing in parts, accessories, apparel, used vehicles or service: 5,294, or 50.8%.

The MIC conducted its research by collecting information from all the manufacturers above, as well as from the trade magazines Dealernews and Motorcycle Product News. Because the study's sources vary from year to year, the MIC warns that comparisons with previous years are subject to "considerable error."

The report further indicates that 58.8% of the new vehicle retail outlets carry only one of the 13 major brands. Slightly less than one-fifth are dual-line outlets, and 21.9% carry three or more of the major brands. The total number of franchises distributed among the 5,134 new vehicle outlets declined 5.6% to 9,182 from 9,731 in 2009.

**NO BONES ABOUT IT:** Most "experts" agree that riding motorcycles helps you to

FEEL younger, but can riding actually make your body healthier and more youthful?

A recent Medical College of Georgia study found that, "A daily dose of whole body vibration may help reduce the usual bone density loss that occurs with age," on top of improving muscle strength and promoting weight loss. So it would appear that pulsating power from a motorcycle engine and the rumble of the open road will help aging bones get stronger.

The extrapolation isn't entirely far-fetched, and may lead to a healthy new excuse to ride; "Honey, I'm taking my exercise for a workout."

**WEIRD NEWS: CANADIAN BIKERS OUTRAGED OVER GOVERNMENT SPYING:** Motorcycle operators in Quebec are outraged that the province's automobile insurance board hired a private PR firm "to spy on us" and gather information about the group.

The insurance board decided to monitor the group of motorcyclists earlier this year after learning that a coalition of angry owners had been formed to fight huge insurance rate hikes. The public relations firm National was granted a contract to investigate the activities of the Front Commun Motocycliste, which had set up kiosks at a Quebec City motorcycle show.

"They give the impression of being organized, documented and especially very motivated," the firm stated in its two-page report after observing the group at the bike show. The report stated that the motorcycle owners were "dynamic and aggressive in their approach" with visitors.

Members of the group were appalled to learn that the government would pay a private firm to monitor their activities. "We are outraged, flabbergasted and scandalized to learn that taxpayers' money was used to spy on us. We are average taxpayers. We aren't al-Qaeda," said Éric Lessard, spokesman for the group. "The government is showing complete contempt for motorcycle owners."

The board denied spying on the group, telling the Globe and Mail newspaper that "There was a lot of anger and we knew protest groups were being formed," according to a spokeswoman for the automobile insurance board, Audrey Chaput. "We granted a contract to the firm National to go out and listen to what the groups were saying and to feel the pulse of the movement."

Motorcycle owners have protested vigorously against insurance rate increases that have doubled since 2007 for owners of average-size motorcycles and more than quadrupled for owners of high-powered motorcycles considered more hazardous by the insurance board.

### 2011 NCOM CONVENTION IN ALBUQUERQUE:

Mark your calendar now for the 26th annual NCOM Convention, to be held Mother's Day weekend, May 5-8, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque located at 330 Tijeras Ave NW in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

This annual gathering will draw bikers' rights activists from across the country to

discuss topics of concern to all riders, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$80.00 by calling (800) 233-1234. Airport/Hotel transportation is available.

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$75 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$40 for the Convention only. All motorcyclists are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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To pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit [www.ON-A-BIKE.com](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com).

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "Political tags - such as royalist, communist, democrat, populist, fascist, liberal, conservative, and so forth - are never basic criteria. The human race divides politically into those who want people to be controlled and those who have no such desire." Robert Anson Heinlein (1907-1988) American author and science fiction writer



# California DMV Announces New 2011 Laws

from California Department of  
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December 15, 2010

**Motorcycle Safety Course Required for Under-21 instruction permit applicants**

**Sacramento** - A required motorcycle safety course for under-21 motorcycle permit applicants, new oversight of online traffic violator schools, and extensions of HOV lane stickers are among several new laws of interest to California motorists that will take effect Jan. 2, 2011, the Department of Motor Vehicles announced today. Following are capsule summaries of the new laws:

**Motorcycle Instruction Permit (AB 1952/Niello):** This new law requires a person under 21 years of age to complete an approved motorcycle safety course before being issued an instruction permit with which

to practice operating a motorcycle, and requires the permit to be held for six months before being issued a class M motorcycle driver license. There are currently more than 6,000 drivers 19 years and younger who are licensed to ride a motorcycle in California.

**Traffic Violator School Program (AB 2499/Portantino):** Prior to this new law which starts January 1, the DMV only licensed and regulated "brick and mortar" classroom traffic violator schools. This new law will bring court-approved courses, such as online and home study traffic schools into the DMV Traffic Violator School licensing program and implements a number of recommendations included in a DMV study of traffic violator school issues. This law will have a 3-year implementation process.

**High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes (SB 535/Yee):** Prior law that permitted certain fuel-efficient, low-emission vehicles to display stickers allowing them to be operated

in HOV lanes with a single occupant was to expire on January 1, 2011. The new law extends the "sunset" date for the yellow stickers for hybrid vehicles until July 1, 2011; the white stickers issued to fully-electric and compressed natural gas vehicles until January 1, 2015; and creates a third sticker, for plug-in hybrid vehicles, to be issued and valid from January 1, 2012 until January 1, 2015.

**New Firefighter Endorsement (AB 1648/Jeffries):** In an effort to simplify the proper licensing of firefighters while continuing to ensure public safety, this law exempts operators of firefighting vehicles from the Commercial Driver License program and creates a new license endorsement process.

**New Laws Starting on July 1 and Beyond**

**Organ Donation (SB 1395/Alquist):** Starting July 1, the language on the DMV's application for a driver license will include

a "no" option relative to an applicant's willingness to register as a prospective organ donor to increase the number of enrollees in the organ donor program. This change will now require the organ donor registration field of the application to be answered with either a yes or no response.

**Local Traffic Ordinances (SB 949/Oropeza):** On July 1, in an effort of ensuring that traffic convictions are recorded by the Department of Motor Vehicles, local authorities may not enact or enforce a local ordinance on any matter covered by the California Vehicle Code.

**Driving Under the Influence (AB 1601/Hill):** Effective in January 1, 2012, this bill authorizes a court to order a 10-year revocation of the driver license of a person convicted of a third or subsequent DUI violation, with possible reinstatement after five years if specified conditions are met.

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## by Craig Grisswold

### Cruel Shoes

While designing the Twin Cam engine, the Motor Company was faced with quite a few challenges, not the least of which was reducing emissions. When we think of emissions, we usually think of exhaust. While that is at the top of the list, noise emissions are a significant challenge to the engineering process. Ever increasing EPA restrictions on noise and exhaust emissions force manufacturers to rethink the design process.

Harley's reason for going back to two cams was simple. This allowed a reduction in the angle of the lifters and pushrods. The pre-Twin Cam engines had significant side loading of the lifters due to the angle of the pushrods, especially the front cylinder exhaust lifter. It was not uncommon to have one or more of those lifters go south before the 50,000 mile mark. The system to drive the new two cam set-up had to be different than the previous gear drives of the past in order to pass noise emissions. The answer was a "silent chain drive." Picture 1 shows the set-up used from 1999 to 2005.

#1



#2



The first systems from model year 1999 to early 2000 had trouble with cam bearing failures. It was discovered that the rear cam bearing, which was a ball bearing, could not handle the radial tension or side forces. The fix was a replacement with a roller bearing. It was also discovered that the tensioner shoes were wearing out beyond service life as early as 30,000 miles. There was no consistency in the shoe longevity. Some would last over 60,000 miles while some were completely gone by 30,000. The problem then becomes a cost issue as most shops charge one half to a full hour of labor to inspect the shoes. Most shops will recommend inspection every 20,000 miles.

In 2006 (Dynos only, 2007 all big twins), HD redesigned the cam support plate, chains, shoes, and oil pump. The new shoes were now utilizing a hydraulic tensioner, a much improved design over the spring tensioner it replaced. The chains were also changed to a roller style, which are less abrasive (see picture 2).

#3



The good news for all you pre '06 folks is that there are several options to retrofit the new hydraulic system to your bike. Andrews sells conversion cams that can be used with the new plate and tensioners. Harley's Screamin' Eagle line has a complete kit which allows the use of the pre 2006 cams. This is a nice option if you want to

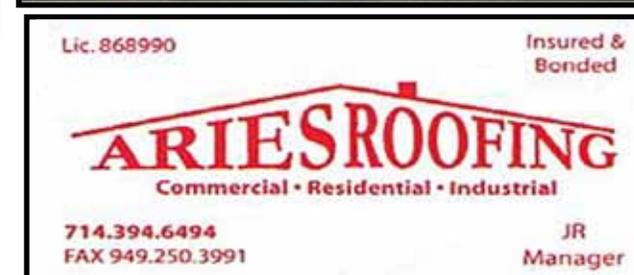
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continue to use your existing cams. Another option is the gear drive system offered by S&S (see picture 3). Although a bit more costly, there are no concerns with wear. They can be a bit noisy. Depending on gear fitment, a whine or tick similar to worn lifters can be heard. Gears should be measured to ensure the best fit possible. Pinion shaft run-out is a criteria with gear drives as well. Pay close attention to S&S's instructions. If run-out exceeds specifications, the gear drive system cannot be used (see picture 4).

Deciding which system to use depends on performance requirements, cost, and even annual mileage. If you're mostly interested in keeping your bike stock, and put very few miles on the odometer, why spend the cash? More radical set-ups would be better served with gear drives. Ask a reputable shop before spending that hard earned cash.

(Craig Grisswold and Mary Kirby are the owners of Two Gunners Custom Iron in Penn Valley, CA. Questions and comments can be sent to e-mail: [craig@twogunnerscustomiron.com](mailto:craig@twogunnerscustomiron.com), or call 530-263-8071. Additional information can be found on the web at: [twogunnerscustomiron.com](http://twogunnerscustomiron.com)).



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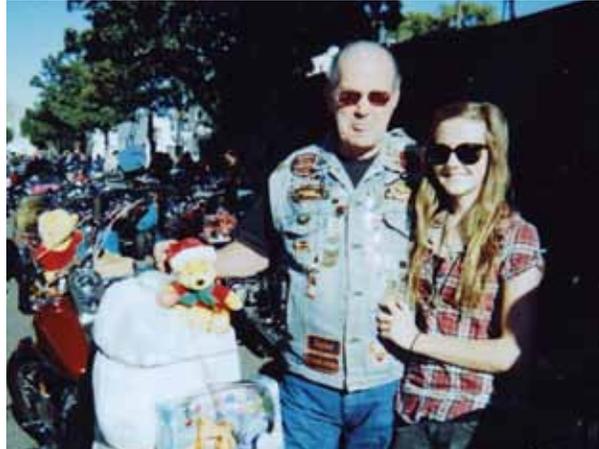
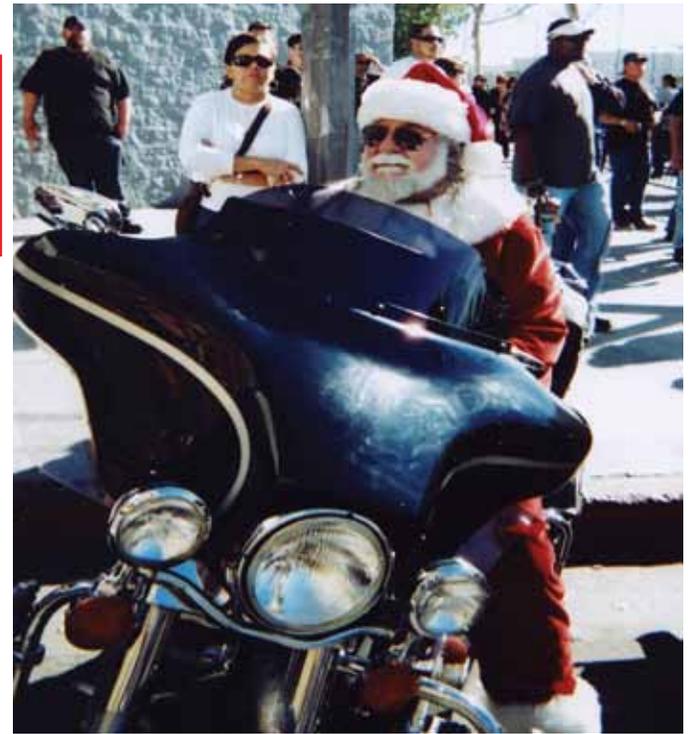


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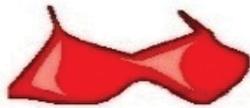


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**February 27** - ABATE Local 1; 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Polar Bear Run; Sun Valley (See flyer Page 13).

**March 6** – ABATE Local 17; 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Freeze Your Ass Off Run; Vacaville (See flyer Page 15).

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** – ABATE Local 27; 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Bare Necessities Run; Riverside (see flyer Page 19).

**May 6, 7 & 8** – Mother’s Day Annual Southern Regional Rally; High Desert. (See flyer page 8).

**May 22** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Board Meeting – Sacramento – La Quinta Inn; 200 Jibboom St; Call 916/448-8100 and mention **ABATE** for special Room rate.

**May 23**– Freedom & Motorcycle Awareness Rally – State Capitol, South Steps 11am; Parking on N Street between 10<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Streets from 8am to 6pm. Make an appointment with your Legislator and visit them in Sacramento before or after the rally.

**September 16, 17 & 18 – ABATE State Run– Frandy Campground; Kernville**

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# ABATE of CA Bulletin Board

from Dave Walsh, Moderator  
& President of Local 13,  
ABATE of CA

To all ABATE of CA Members,

As announced at the quarterly meetings last week (Jan. 8), we have been working on a new Bulletin Board to replace the Google Groups Discussion Line we now use. This forum type format is similar to that used by nearly every special interest group on the internet. It is a different look than the current Discussion Line, and while not perfect, will be a major improvement over what we're using now.

Just like the current Discussion Line, you must be a member in good standing of ABATE of CA. Members will need to re-register for the Bulletin Board, even if you are currently a member of the Discussion Line, transferring your membership there isn't feasible. Only registered members will be able to see the Bulletin Board. The Bulletin Board is web-based, not email based, so there is no email option to get the discussion line. You will be able to choose whether or not to get email notifications when there has been a new post added to a thread. This should end the spam problems of the email based Discussion Line.

We will run the new Bulletin Board and the old Discussion Line concurrently for the next month and a half. The hope is that we will abandon the Discussion Line at the end of February. I understand that it will be awkward for a while, but it will allow us the time to get used to the format and kick the tires, so to speak.

To register for the Bulletin Board go this web address: <http://www.abate.org/bulletin-board/Login.aspx> (if the link doesn't work, cut and paste the address into you browser.) This will take you to the Login page. I suggest you Bookmark this page or add to your Favorites, depending on what browser you use to make it easy to find in the future. We will be adding a link from the main website; we just haven't gotten there yet.

Near the bottom, left hand side of the Login page is a link to register, click on that. This will take you to the registration page asking for a bit of information:

**User Name:** For this, we ask that you use something simple, such as your 1st initial and last name, all in lower case and without any spaces. i.e.: jsmith. This is the name you will login with.

**First and Last Name:** That should be fairly self explanatory. This will also allow us to identify your account should you forget your password.

**Display Name:** Also known as your *screen name*. This can be your real name, your road name, nickname, or whatever you want to call yourself.

**Email Address:** We will need this to send notifications to you, some of which will be explained, so make sure it's a legit email address that you use.

**Password:** Create a password you can remember for use when you login.

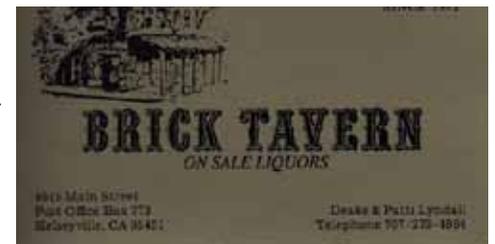
Then there's a security code you need to enter, then hit the "Register" link at the bottom of the page in order to complete the registration process.

You will not get immediate access to the Bulletin Board. An email will be shot off to the administrator, who will review your application to make sure you're not Sen. Pavley. Upon approval, we'll shoot an email back to you notifying you of confirmation. You will then be free to login and access the Bulletin Board. Go to the Login Page that you Bookmarked and enter your *User Name* and *Password*.

Once on the Bulletin Board, move your cursor to hover over "ABATE Forums" in the Title Bar. A drop down menu will appear showing the various Groups we have for various subjects. Click on one and you will be taken to that Group.

I'm not going to pretend that this will be a seamless transition. There will be a learning curve for most all of us here, but it shouldn't be too difficult. Feel free to ask questions, but please be patient; we're going through this learning curve with you. I'd much rather learn how to rebuild a 6 speed transmission than learn this web stuff.

Presidents, please forward this to your Local members. Hopefully we can get enough participation that the Bulletin Board will become an effective communication tool for ABATE of CA. Thanks.



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# Intersection Double Trouble

by John Del Santo

Would you like to meet new people and try some exciting death-defying aerobatics? No, not Bungee Jumping, just roll on into that next intersection! In any urban area about half of all collisions happen at intersections; most of them because someone did the wrong thing at a yield, stop sign or red light. A high percentage of motorcycle collisions occur when a car driver makes a bad left turn. Watch them!

When you are going through a crowded intersection, try staying as much out in the open as possible where you are visible to everyone. We will be in someone's blind spot about a thousand times a day, but the trick is to stay there as short a time as possible,

drop back or move forward. One of the worst blind spots on a big truck is just off the right-front fender. Also, if you are next to the truck or behind it, if you can't see the truck driver's face in the mirror, he or she can't see you. Can you make eye-contact with a driver at the next intersection? If not, consider that car to be double trouble.



Anyone changing lanes in an intersection creates a hazard. Many people doing a "Right On Red" forget the part of the law that requires "After a full stop and after yielding to anyone close enough to be a hazard". These are the same people who think a Stop Sign means "slow down", a Yield sign doesn't mean much at all, and a Yellow Light means "Go Real Fast".

Tailgating is a chronic and dangerous habit. If you need to make a sudden stop at an intersection, you can expect someone to be close behind you, very close! Many bikes are hit while stopped at a red light. As you are stopping, check the mirrors and flash your brake lights if you think the person coming in behind you needs waking up. Be ready to move out if you feel that it is necessary!

Many drivers just don't see motorcycles. We are shaped like pedestrians, so should catch peoples attention, but for some reason we really don't register. It's kind of like an airplane in the sky; people may hear it, they may look at it, but they don't really "see" it.

Look at that car at the next intersection waiting to make a left turn; are his wheel straight or already turned? Does he look aware and awake? Do you think he "sees" you?

If you expect everyone at the next intersection to make absolutely the worst possible mistake, then you are ready and can be pleasantly surprised when they don't. Now you have a better chance of getting through that intersection with both wheels on the ground. Be Aware and Ride Safe!

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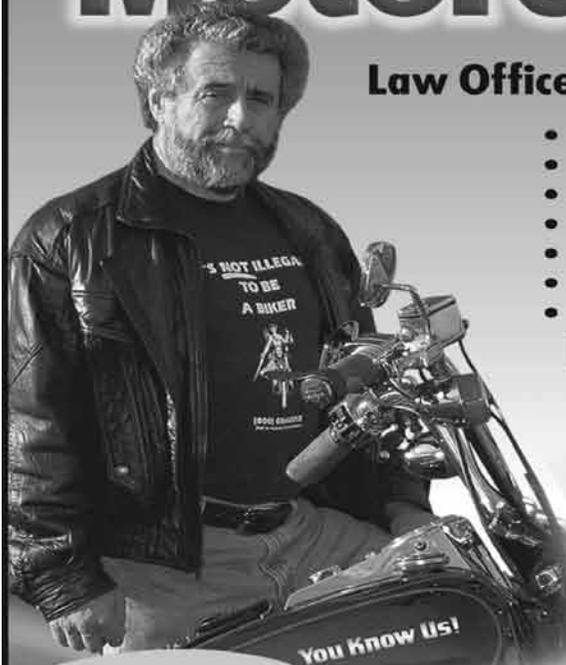
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Unfortunately all of the laws passed in the world about DUI or DWI don't make a difference because those people just keep driving, and most of them keep driving and drinking. DUI is DOWN amongst younger drivers because of the different programs like MADD, and that is good. I don't care if someone gets drunk in their living room every night and blows a .08 or a .10 or a .90, as long as they stay the hell away from a vehicle. Once they get in or on a vehicle, then it is my danger and my concern. For some reason the judges do not take alcohol and driving seriously. Someone wrote yesterday that "no one that they know is "drunk" at a .08. Not "drunk" but certainly "impaired". Maybe they are not at the point where they wear a funny hat and fall off the bar stool, but the first thing to go at .08, is someone's judgment. And the first thing that the poor judgment tells them is "Hey, I'm ok to drive, or ride".

About twenty years ago a law was passed that anyone driving or flying commercially was considered DUI at .04, while they were on duty. We truckers really thought that was ridiculous and bigoted. Then one of the trucking magazines did a series of tests on two truck drivers, trying to prove that the law

was bad. They tested both drivers for skill and timing. Then they gave each driver drinks until they were blowing a .04 and then gave them skill and timing tests again. The one driver showed that his reaction time was 35 percent slower and the other driver's reaction time was 50 percent slower. So what they were trying to prove, the opposite results came out.

Using the equation "speed times 1 1/2



equals feet per second traveled", if someone who is sober is traveling at 40 MPH, and an emergency occurs, they will travel 30 feet during reaction time before their foot ever touches the brake pedal. If the .04 alcohol increases their reaction by fifty percent, they will now travel **45 FEET** during their

reaction time before they get to the brake pedal. That could make the difference between missing that motorcycle in front of them by ten feet or running over them by 5 feet. And if it is ME or YOU on that motorcycle, that matters!

Do you feel your state DUI laws are too stiff? We have been told that punishment in many other countries is much stiffer. Here is an unofficial list: *Australia*: The names of the drivers are sent to the local newspapers and are printed under the heading, "He's drunk and in jail." *Malaya*: The driver is jailed; if he's married, his wife is jailed too. *South Africa*: A 10 year prison sentence or the equivalent of a \$10,000 fine or both. *Turkey*: Drunk drivers are taken 20 miles from town by the police and forced to walk back under escort. *Norway*: Three weeks in jail at hard labor, one year loss of license. If the driver commits a second offense within five years, his license is revoked for life. *Finland*: Driver is automatically jailed for one year at hard labor. *Sweden*: Driver is automatically jailed for one year at hard labor. *Costa Rica*: Police remove plates from the offender's vehicle. *Russia*: License revoked for life. *England*: One year license suspension, a \$250.00 fine and jail for one year. *France*: Drivers are punished with a three year loss of license, one year in jail, and a \$1,000 fine. *Poland*: Jailed and fined and forced to attend political lectures. *Bulgaria*: A second conviction results in execution. *El Salvador*: Your first offense is your last, as punishment is execution by firing squad.



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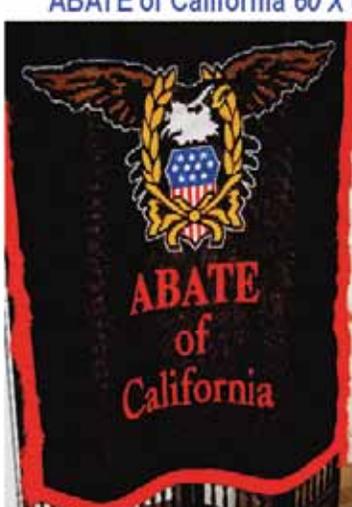
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VC 22350 \$328 Unsafe speed, 16 to 25 miles over the limit.

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VC 22454(A) \$616 Passing a school bus with flashing red signals.

VC 23123(A) \$148 Driving while using a wireless phone not hands free, first offense.

VC 23123(B) \$256 Driving while using a wireless phone not hands free, each subsequent offense.

VC 23123.5 \$148 Driving while using a wireless device to send, read or write text.

VC 23124 \$148 Minor driving while using a wireless phone.

VC 22500 \$976 Parking in a bus loading area.

VC 22507(A) \$976 Violation of disabled parking provisions, first offense.

VC 22507(B) \$1876 Violation of disabled parking provisions, second offense.

VC 26708 \$178 Unlawful material on vehicle windows.

VC 27150 \$178 Adequate muffler required.

VC 27315 \$148 Mandatory use of seat belts.

VC 27360 \$436 Mandatory use of passenger child restraints. Note: This fine may be reduced by completing a court

authorized child seat diversion program.

VC 27400 \$178 Headsets or Earplugs covering both ears.

VC 27803 \$178 Violation of motorcycle safety helmet requirements.

VC 34506 \$616 Commercial Driver - Log book violation.

VC 4000 \$256 No evidence of current registration. Note: The fine may be reduced with valid proof of correction.

VC 4159 \$178 Notify DMV of change of address within 10 days. Note: The fine may be reduced with valid proof of correction.

VC 5200 \$178 Proper display of license plates. Note: The fine may be reduced with valid proof of correction.

VC 9400 \$178 Commercial weight fees due. Note: The fine may be reduced with valid proof of correction.

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Steamer Arnow  
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VFW Post#10049  
4242 E. Los Angeles Ave. Simi Valley

**Thousand Oaks-Local#03-Reg#7**

Chuck Pedersen  
842 E Avenida De Las Flores  
Thousand Oaks 91360  
805/496-0323

3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM  
Elks Lodge  
158 N. Conejo School Rd.  
Thousand Oaks

**San Gabriel Valley - Local#05-Reg#8**

Tom Lubbers  
626/335-6508

3rd Mon - 7:00 PM  
Peppertree Restaurant  
1020 E Route 66, Glendora

**San Diego County - Local #06-Reg#12**

John Del Santo  
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1st Sunday - 12 Noon  
Kate Sessions Park  
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**Orange County - Local #08-Reg#11**

Faviola Andaya  
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2nd Mon.7:30PM  
American Legion #354  
8071 Whitaker, Buena Park

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Cory Torioian  
949/496-2936

1st Tues. 7:00 PM  
Denny's  
27142 Ortega Hwy. San Juan Capistrano

**Tuolumne County-Local#10-Reg#5**

Call the State Office 760/956-1669

**San Diego County (North) - Local #11-Reg#12**

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2nd Sun - 11 AM  
Oakvale Country Store  
14900 Oakvale  
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**Sonoma County- Local #12-Reg#1**

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VFW Post #3935  
300 Surfside Dr.  
Pt. Hueneme CA 93041

**Alameda County Local#14-Reg#3**

Joe Schwirian  
510/683-9304

1st Wed 7:30 PM  
The Florence  
37349 Niles Blvd., Fremont

**Contra Costa County - Local #15-Reg#3**

Bob Blatz  
P.O. Box 269  
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925/427-5135

3rd Tues - 7:00 PM  
Fuddruckers  
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**Santa Barbara County - Local #16-Reg#7**

Meets with Local#13

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3rd Sun - 10:00 AM  
Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon  
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**San Francisco - Local #18-Reg#3**

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4th Wed - 7:00 PM  
Call for meeting place  
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2nd Tues - 7:00 PM  
Good Ol' Boys Saloon  
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661/586-5555  
ron.sundquist@sbcglobal.net

1st Thurs - 7:00 PM  
Casa Roma Restaurant  
320 W Ave. J2  
Lancaster 93534

**ABATE MEETINGS****South Bay - Local #22-Reg#11**

Suzanne Palmiere  
310/326-3667  
suzpalmiere@aol.com

1st Tues - 7:30 PM  
Walker's Cafe  
700 W. Paseo Del Mar  
San Pedro

**San Bernardino - Local#23-Reg#9**

Kevin Sorrell  
909/793-1112

1st Sun 9:00 AM  
Jenny's Family Restaurant  
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**Fresno - Local#24-Reg#6**

Ed Rogers  
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1st Wed. 7:00 PM  
Cedar Lanes  
3131 N. Cedar, Fresno

**Sacramento - Local#25-Reg#2**

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3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM  
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2nd Thurs - 7:00 PM  
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Lakeport 95453

**Morongo Basin - Local#29-Reg#10**

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Last Sun. 9:30 AM  
Sherwood Inn  
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**Yuba City - Local #33-Reg#2**

Steve Katen  
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American Legion  
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Last Thurs - 7:00 PM  
SOBE's  
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Omar Macias  
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Meeting Info  
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**High Desert - Local#44-Reg#13**

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760/948-0491

2nd Sat - 9:00 AM  
Eagles Fraternal Order  
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Hesperia

**Banning - Local #45-Reg#10**

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Call for Meeting Info  
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**Modesto - Local #46-Reg#5**

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**Barstow - Local #47-Reg#13**

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**Grass Valley - Local#52-Reg#2**

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**Owens Valley - Local#53-Reg#13**

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Meet with Local #1

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Meet with L#24

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**Kern River Valley Lake (KRV Lake) Local#59-Reg#13**

Meet with Local 40 or Local 58

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Grand Father's Club house  
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**Local #61 Shasta County-Redding**

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