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## Carol Cromwell Retires

by Janet Wilhelm

This month ends a long and dedicated chapter in ABATE of California. After 22 years Carol Cromwell, our State Office administrator, is taking a long awaited retirement. It is with excitement and nervousness that Carol takes her leave to start a new chapter for herself in Arizona.

Her start with ABATE is like that of many of us, she got involved to take a stand. While living in La Mirada the debate over the initial helmet law here in CA resonated with her and she ended up joining Local 8 in Orange County. While serving as the treasurer she started working with Milky, who was running the State Office at the time.

With her famous “go get ‘em” attitude she trained for the State Office duties all the while commuting to Ventura. In 1994 she relocated to Ventura and then to Hesperia when the State Office moved there in 2005.

For 22 years she has nurtured, guided and gave of herself for the betterment of our organization. She has left her permanent mark on all of us and I know that every one of us wishes her well and above all else Thanks her for her dedicated service.

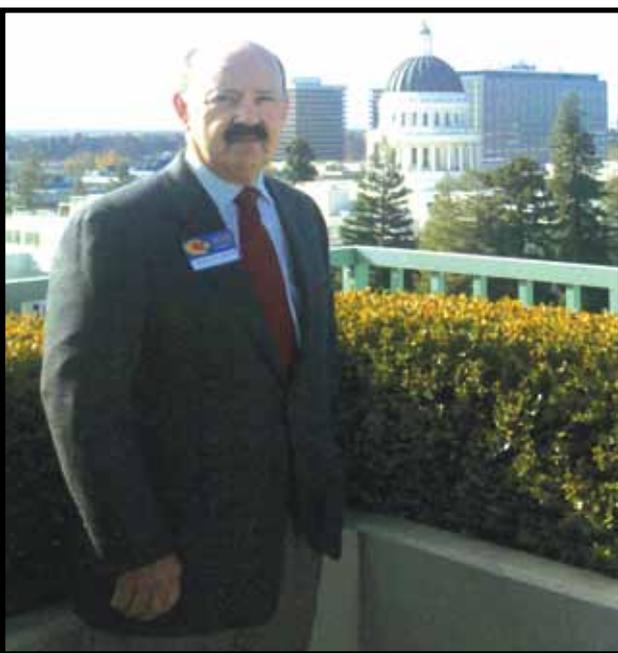
Carol, enjoy the sunrises and sunsets, good luck and God speed.



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## Lobbyist's Legislative Report



by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

The California Highway Patrol notified me that the CMSP Advisory Committee, on which I represent ABATE as its voting member, will convene in March to discuss the language in the *NEW* proposed guidelines for Lane Splitting. To date, I have not received any draft language or proposals. We were requested to confirm that we still wanted to be a part of review process for Lane Splitting, which I responded enthusiastically *YES* in order to consider, approve or disapprove proposals. Once received, I will forward any proposed language to our Legislative Committee for review and to advise ABATE's stance on a position. *STAY TUNED!*

The Legislature just introduced over a thousand *NEW* Bills on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> — the last day to introduce Bills for this calendar year. This brings the total number of new bills for the first part of the 2017/2018 session to 2,600. After reading all these bills it appears there is NO NOISE or SMOG Bill, so far, this session. But we remember AB 1595, in 2012, by Assemblyman Cook who took a spot bill and used it to amend in a helmet requirement for use in off-road Side x Sides toward the end of the session. We will be vigilant, staying on top of *ALL* Bills, keeping an eye out for amendments during this session for anything related to *NOISE/SMOG* being pushed by the motorcycle manufacturers or their lobby, and any other anti-motorcycle/motorcyclist legislation until they adjourn on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

We were successful in getting Senator Jean Fuller to introduce SB 672, which will remove the sunset (the law is repealed unless the sunset is removed) that requires cities, counties & Caltrans to remove, replace and recalibrate sensors at traffic lights to detect motorcycles and bicycles when they do repairs on, or while installing new, sensors and lights at Intersections, ABATE was the Original Sponsor in 2007-2008 AB 1581 with then Assemblywoman Fuller.

The other bill that we are co-sponsoring with the California Motorcycle Dealers Association is AB 1027 by Assemblyman Dante Acosta — Intermediate Motorcycle Riders Course. This bill will allow Experienced Riders (adults who have many years riding off-road, or who are returning to motorcycle riding after years/decades of being away) to progress straight to a new 1-day condensed skills course. Once the 1-day course is passed, they will receive a Motorcycle Skills Test Waiver (DMV DL 389). They will still need to pass a DMV written test — however, they can bypass taking the riding “Lollipop” Test.

Thanks again to all the Members and Locals who send money to the dedicated Lobbyist Fund to keep me working for you in the Capital!

## 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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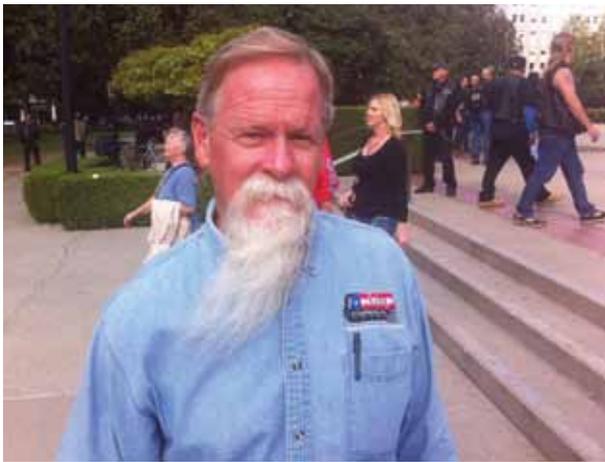
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## Executive Director's Report



### by Dave Hastings, Executive Director

ABATE of California is well on the way to getting our new State Office open and functional and Janet Wilhelm, our new office manager, has done a great job of making this a seamless and smooth transition so far.

We have made plans to update and modernize our office equipment and procedures to improve our business operations and efficiency and Janet will be incorporating these changes as quickly as possible while still being tasked with maintaining our day to day business routine.

We are striving for better service and response times to our ABATE members and cost savings that will ultimately benefit our entire organization. I'm sure there will be some small snags in the process, but everyone in our organization will benefit when these office updates and procedures are fully implemented and functioning. Stay tuned and we will keep you updated as we make the needed transitions to accomplish our stated goals.

We have our 2017 Board of Directors in place and most of our slate of State Office holders filled. If you have a desire to help at the state level please contact me or one of our other Board of Director members and volunteer.

We are always looking for help from our members and stepping up today to assist in your organization, even if on a part time basis, will give you the training and confidence to assume that or another open position in the future. We are a volunteer organization, so for heaven's sake, please volunteer!

Every office holder is a volunteer and many of us are looking forward to the day when we can reduce our designated duties and just be members again for a while. Step up, get some training and confidence, and then assume a leadership position with your ABATE of California.

You do have the ability to make an impact and a difference in this organization, so please, give it a try. Every one of us will benefit from your offer of help. I'm waiting for your phone call, what are you waiting for?

## ABATE of California Inc. CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Effective February 1, 2017

New Address:

ABATE of California Inc.

20355 Murieta St.

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ABATE's phone # will stay the same:

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*And the street name Murieta is spelled correctly, versus the spelling for the city of Murrieta.*

Your new State Office Administrator is:  
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Thank you for Your help in making this a smooth transition.

Carol Cromwell

Retiring State office Admin. ☺

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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.

**ABATE of California now has their off road division up and running!**

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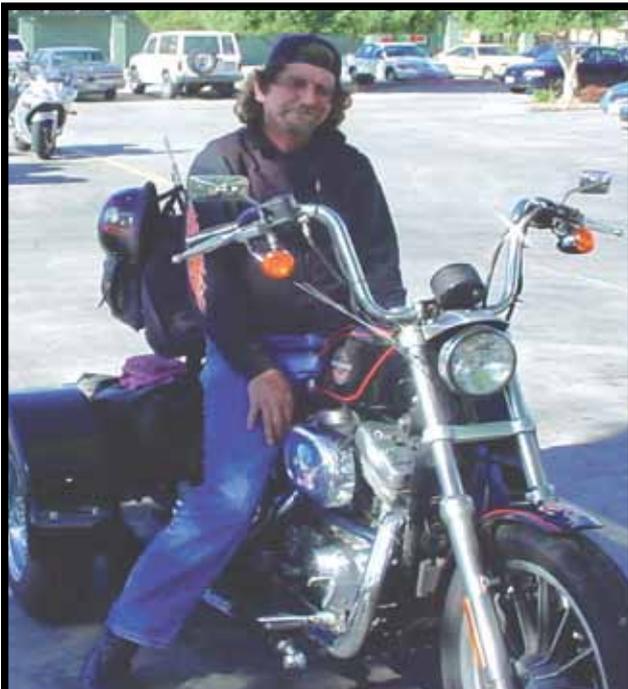
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# MEMBERSHIP REPORT



## by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hello all! Sporty here with the membership report for March 2017. Hopefully you're already trying to get members for the 2017 Membership drive. It started January 1<sup>st</sup> and goes through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

In April you will be getting your allotment of Membership Special Raffle tickets. The selling of these tickets helps pay for this year's Membership drive.

Sometimes you get lucky as to when you might get a new member. I got one at the Top Rocker

HOG Chapter meeting February 4<sup>th</sup>. Just keep a supply of membership cards in your jacket for such an occasion and low and behold – bingo – you sign a new member.

It depends how you're doing with your meetings that will determine if you can keep your renewals. Remember they are the life of the ABATE organization. When there is time between your monthly meeting keep your members involved by sending out emails on motorcycle related issues and events. You might also do what Local 3/13 is doing by setting up local rides to various areas of your Local.

It's not too early to start thinking about setting up ABATE membership booths at your local Harley shops on any given Sunday or Saturday.

The point is to develop friendships within the biking community and keep the riding community informed on motorcycle related issues.

So keep your members informed about motorcycle related issues and keep your renewals. Try and sign more new members.

The future of ABATE depends on the efforts you put into getting new members and keeping your renewals. There is unity and strength in numbers of members.

If you have any great ideas about membership and how to sign and keep members, email me at [williammilligan285@yahoo.com](mailto:williammilligan285@yahoo.com).

Your Membership Chairman, Sporty Milligan.

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# LOCAL REPORTS

## Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! Local 1 members have been getting their renewals in and returned to me for the Local's renewal discount. On board again is Bartels Messengers of Recovery SFV, Larry Meyer, Mike Burton, Buz Yochelson, Robert Crone, and Vincent Alvarez. New members Brett Johnson and a Gold business member Debora Dunn, owner of Repro- Graphic Supply.

Our meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup> will start off with the following: Pledge of Allegiance. Then I will do the President's report. Most of the report will be about last minute issues on the Polar Bear run, which is February 26<sup>th</sup>. I will do a treasurer report that will list expenses for the Polar Bear run and what additional money is needed to put the run on. I'll ask if the members have anything to ask about the Polar Bear run.

The legislative report will hopefully have something about our efforts to get an anti-profiling bill off the ground. With that said I will turn the meeting over to Jim Nickla, our VP, and Glen Cheslock, our membership person, for their reports.

The meeting will adjourn and we will have a good breakfast provided by the great cooks at the Elks Lodge.

Respectfully submitted by President Sporty.

## Local #03/13 Thousand Oaks/Ventura



Our Local 3/13 is growing and evolving. We've been riding and making new friends in other clubs and groups. Spreading the word that ABATE's legislative activities helps all riders. It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups and organizations!

Newly elected President Tim "Tiny" Suffolk and his officers are busy planning events and rides, and general fun together, while working towards our goal to support motorcyclists' rights. Upcoming events include our annual Leather Weather Run on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be getting that message out in various flyers, motorcycle rider event sites and Facebook ads. Mark your calendars to join us for this great ride. Look for it to be a fun day and revenue producer for the cause!

Supporting ABATE makes a statement and sends money to work towards fair treatment of motorcyclists. Whether you ride with ABATE or ride with another group, being a member of ABATE and/or just participating in these events, contributes to the work we do protecting your motorcycle riding rights. The comradery and the interest in our mission is contagious!

Our Past President, and ABATE's California State Legislative Director, Chuck "Chief" Pedersen, and MRO Rep. Keith "Solo" Johnston, along with some of our officers, continue to network with various other groups, building alliances to assemble a formidable voice in Sacramento. Issues we are working on include a new Anti-Profiling bill.

Our Local 3/13 is always welcoming new members. Bike Nights are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month, 7 pm, at Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park; General Membership Meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7 pm, at the Elks Lodge, 158 N. Conejo School Road in Thousand Oaks; and Sunday rides every Sunday, meeting at Azar's for breakfast around 9:00 am and kick-stands up by 10:15.

Come join us for any or all of these events and bring your friends. Check us out on Facebook at [www.Facebook/ABATE313](http://www.Facebook/ABATE313) to follow our events and issues. It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups & organizations!

Ride Free! Kathleen "mamabear" B.P.R., Local 3/13

## Local #08 Orange County



Hello All! Well it's already mid-February and it seems like we can't get rid of the rain now. I guess better late than never. Last month a hand-full of Local 8 members attended the ABATE of California Board of Directors meeting in Cypress, and there was good attendance. It started out with a breakfast in the morning which was very good. Following was the Presidents' meeting, the PAC meeting and finally the Board meeting. There was some good topics talked about like increasing and maintaining members, an Anti-Profiling bill, which Jim Lombardo (ABATE's lobbyist) spoke about some and lastly NCOM's May meeting, which is a good event to attend to get some good information and do some networking.

For those of you that didn't know Carol Cromwell at the state office – and it's hard to believe that some of you didn't know her! This was Carol's last Board meeting - work-

ing anyway. She is retiring. I have known Carol for a long time. She was always helpful with all needs you had small or big. Carol is a kind person that was very dedicated to ABATE as a whole and its members and I know she will be missed by all.

We have our Local 8 Swap Meet on July 30<sup>th</sup> at the So Cal Cycle Swap Meet. I know it seems like a long time away but it will be here before you know it. I'm asking for anyone that has old MC parts, tools or anything in the dark corner of the room to donate these items to ABATE Local 8 - your junk is someone's treasure. We will get the word out on how and when the collection will happen.

If you were at our last Local meeting you know who won the membership drawing, if not, I'll tell you, it was Mario Diaz who wasn't there, so it carries over to the next meeting.

Daniel

## Local #17 Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano & Napa Counties



Rain, rain go away! As much as we need the rain to fill the lakes and reservoirs and end the drought, the riding season seems to have been delayed. Here's hoping we get some mild sunny days soon.

Despite the weather, ABATE Local 17 has a lot going on - the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Freeze Your Ass Off Run takes place on March 4<sup>th</sup>; Spring Bingo on April 22<sup>nd</sup>; Texas Hold Em Tournament on May 6<sup>th</sup>, and the Hot Rods & Harleys on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Many of us are also planning to attend Rough Riders Gateway Chapter Pop's Spring Freedom Celebration on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our membership continues to grow, and we are getting some good advance publicity on our activities and what ABATE is all about. We continue to monitor what is happening with issues relating to motorcycles and motorcyclists' rights. It seems to be a long, frustrating process at times - the wheels of government always seem to grind slowly!

It is with sadness and regret that we have lost Diana "Doc" Mason. A 22 year member of Local 17. She has had a long battle and has now taken that ride to the heavens. Our sincere prayers go out to her friends and family!

We also send prayers to Chris Murphy at Iron Steed Harley Davidson, and Cody Russell, both seriously injured in accidents.

Every time a rider goes down, it only strengthens some people's ideas that we need to be controlled, legislated, and regulated. Ride responsibly, ride safely. Always be aware of the drivers and riders around you and of your own ability to control your bike.

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# Pictures from the Board Meeting



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**Locals from page 4**

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Please make sure to check your bike over, especially if it's been sitting for a while. You should be checking tire pressure and doing a pre-ride inspection before any ride, but it's even more important to make sure everything on your bike is in good shape after not riding it during the colder and wet weather.

Ride Safe, Ride Free!

**Local #25 Sacramento**



At our meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> Craig Griswold and Mary Kirby were visiting from Penn Valley. We had nine members in attendance.

Gary and Lil' David will both miss the next PAC meeting. Nothing new to report for the state, but it was mentioned that the Federal Government was planning on reestablishing the Motorcyclist Advisory Council, but with only one motorcyclist position. A couple of our members applied. You can voice your displeasure by responding at <http://mrf.org/federal-legislative-issues/>

There was a general discussion about a recent article in "Bagger" entitled "Don't Ride, Crash Like a Movie Star". The general idea is that it is better to stay in control of an impending crash rather than "laying it down". This is a rebuttal to the old story, "I had to lay it down".

Our local auto museum has a special motorcycle exhibit going on through February 17<sup>th</sup>. There is a new motorcycle shop in Sacramento named Vintage Monkey just off 16th Street heading out of downtown. At the Easyrider show there were half as many vendors as prior years, probably because the show was reduced to one day. The line to get in took as long as an hour because of security.

Folsom HOG offered to let us set up a booth at their March 18<sup>th</sup> event. Joe and two Davids volunteered to run the booth. The same day the Sons of California are holding an event in Penryn to benefit WEAVE. C&E's annual Sweetheart run is February 12<sup>th</sup>.

ABATE has a new improved website, check it out [ABATE.org](http://ABATE.org).



**PAC Report**  
by Dave Hastings, Treasurer

Even though this is an "off-year" in our California election cycle, ABATE PAC and our Lobbyist, Jim Lombardo, will still be hard at work monitoring proposed legislation being introduced by both our new and returning legislators in Sacramento. Over the years we have found that we can be very effective in influencing the wording, passage and even defeat of bills we feel are not in the best interest of motorcyclists as long as we keep a "sharp eye open" and "an ear to the ground" in the halls of our legislature. Some of these bills are simply poorly written, some are not necessary, and some are outright discriminatory. Our job is to help bills that benefit us and to bring everything else to a screeching halt before it becomes passed into law and we are very, very, good at what we do.

You can become part of this process by becoming an ABATE PAC member. The requirements are simple. Be a

current member of ABATE of California, attend two consecutive ABATE PAC meetings, and finally-do not miss more than two consecutive PAC meetings in a row. Simple enough and very easy to do. Once you become an active PAC member you will be kept up-to-date on legislative issues and more importantly, you become a voting member of ABATE PAC and will have an active role in monitoring and controlling all legislation that will affect your motorcycle lifestyle.

This is one of the most important and far reaching tasks that ABATE of California does for every motorcycle rider in our state. Most of the time we don't take credit for what we do and that is one of our biggest corporate problems and sorely needs to be addressed. Even when we do take credit, we are often overshadowed by other organizations that try to "steal our thunder" with their big public relation machines.

We are a volunteer organization that operates very effectively on a minimal budget. We know what we have done for our California riders and we are damn proud of our accomplishments. I've always said "If you're here to make money or a name for yourself, you're in the wrong motorcycle group and we probably don't need you" and that is simply and honestly the truth.

ABATE and our PAC exist because we know what we want and we know how to accomplish our goals with the least amount of your money and our time spent. Our organization operates on dedicated volunteerism and determination. We get in, get the job done, and get out. It's that simple and it works.

Join ABATE PAC and become part of our winning team. You won't make any money, you probably won't be famous, but you will be able to look in the mirror every morning and know that the person looking back has integrity, honesty, courage, and dignity. What more can you ask for?

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### NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish,  
National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

**BUTCH HARBAUGH, GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN:** It is with great sadness that we report the death of longtime Freedom Fighter, Butch Harbaugh, former Chairman of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists - Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF), among other positions. Butch passed away February 7<sup>th</sup> from heart failure and cancer.

"When I began as the AIM (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) and NCOM Attorney for Oregon back in the late 1980s, Butch was actively involved with ABATE, and with BikePAC since it was founded," recalls Sam Hochberg, AIM Attorney Emeritus, and now Of Counsel to Christopher Slater, Oregon & Washington AIM Attorney. "He spent many years as the lobbyist for ABATE, and was well-known, respected and liked by many in the legislature in Salem."

A biker rights activist since the 1970s, Butch attended and helped organize many STEAM conferences and ABATE/BikePAC planning retreats. He was a regular at many ABATE runs around the state, often helping AIM Chief of Staff "Gunny", now retired, at the AIM/NCOM tables, and was known and highly respected in the biker's rights community nationwide.

Butch also participated in many NCOM Conventions, and in 2003 was bestowed with the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award, NCOM's highest tribute. This year's 32nd Annual Convention, to be held over Mother's Day weekend May 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> in Reno, Nevada at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino, will be dedicated in his honor.

For the past dozen or so years, Butch lived with his loving wife Laura in Rigby, Idaho, where he enjoyed riding his Panhead and was active in the home-brewing community. Always friendly, engaging and enthusiastic about motorcycles and biker's rights, he will be greatly missed.

With the 32nd Annual NCOM Convention in Reno just weeks away, at this time the National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MROs, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and supporters who have died since last May, so that we may honor their memories during the traditional "Ring of the Bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies. Dedications should be e-mailed in advance to Bill Bish at [NCOMBish@aol.com](mailto:NCOMBish@aol.com), or can be hand-delivered at the Convention to "Doc" Reichenbach, NCOM Chairman of the Board.

**NHTSA SEEKS TO CURB DRIVER DISTRACTIONS:** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is proposing new federal guidelines to provide a safety framework for developers of portable and aftermarket electronic devices to use when developing visual-manual user interfaces for their systems. According to NHTSA and the Department of Transportation (DOT), their "Visual-Manual NHTSA Driver Distraction Guidelines for Portable and Aftermarket Devices" [Docket No. NHTSA-2013-0137] will "encourage innovative solutions such as pairing



and Driver Mode that, when implemented, will reduce the potential for unsafe driver distraction by limiting the time a driver's eyes are off the road, while at the same time preserving the full functionality of these devices when they are not used while driving."

Driver distraction is a specific type of inattention that occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the driving task to focus on another activity. This distraction can come from electronic devices, such as texting or emailing on cell phones or smartphones, and more traditional activities such as interacting with passengers, eating, or events external to the vehicle.

The crash data indicate that visual-manual interaction (an action that requires a user to look away from the roadway and manipulate a button or interface) with portable devices, particularly cell phones, is often the main distraction for drivers involved in crashes.

In 2015, 10% of the 35,092 traffic fatalities involved one or more distracted drivers, and these distraction-affected crashes resulted in 3,477 fatalities, an 8.8% increase from the 3,197 fatalities in 2014. Of the 5.6 million non-fatal crashes in 2014, 16% were distraction-affected crashes, and resulted in 424,000 people injured.

At any given time, an estimated 542,073 drivers are using hand-held cell phones while driving.

Currently no safety guidelines exist for portable device technologies when they are used during a driving task.

### RESEARCHERS BLAME "OTHER DRIVERS" FOR MOST MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS:

An Australian study states "failure of other drivers to give way" as the most common factor in motorcycle accidents. Research by Monash University in Melbourne has found that human error was the primary contributing factor for 94% of bike accidents. "Whilst with single-bike crashes, rider error and loss of control were found to be the most common causes, for incidents involving more than one vehicle, it was found that 'motorcycle crashes occurring in lighter traffic more likely involved an error by another driver, including such things as failure to give way'."

The motorcycle crash research studied over two hundred and thirty accidents between January 2012 and August 2014, with nurses at the hospitals and crash scene investigators aiding with the compilation of the data.

"Whilst car drivers were responsible for the majority of accidents in less-dense traffic, it was the motorcyclist to be more likely at fault for most 'urban' crashes and collisions however," Trevor Allen of the Monash University Research Centre told The Herald Sun newspaper, adding that this was

most likely due to the greater frequency of danger; "Higher traffic density leads to more hazards and a higher level of difficulty for riders to move safely in and among traffic, compared with other vehicles."

The research also found that the older the rider, the less likely it was that the rider was primarily to blame for the accident.

**STUDY SHOWS MOTORCYCLE MARKET EXPANDS WHILE E-MOTO SALES FLATTEN:** According to a study by the market research company Freedonia Group, global demand for all types of motorcycles is projected to climb 3.8% per year through 2020 to 113 million units. Internal combustion engine (ICE) models have historically dominated the global motorcycle market, but demand for e-bikes and electric scooters, motorcycles, and mopeds has grown rapidly.

In 2005, electric models accounted for just 22% of worldwide motorcycle sales. Their share of the market grew to 35% in 2015, as the use of electric motorcycles in China increased sharply.

"Multiple developed countries – particularly Germany, the Netherlands, and the U.S. – also registered rapid electric product sales growth during the 2010-2015 period," said analyst Gleb Mytko.

Global demand for ICE motorcycles is forecast to increase 5.5% per year through 2020, according to Freedonia Group's World Motorcycle Sales Study, with advances fueled by strong ICE product sales gains in a wide range of industrializing nations. As personal incomes in these countries rise between 2015 and 2020, more households will be able to afford motorcycles. Improving market conditions in the U.S., Western Europe, Japan, and other mature markets will contribute to growth as well.

Worldwide sales of e-bikes and electric motorcycles, scooters, and mopeds is projected to be flat during the 2015-2020 period because of declining product demand in China, by far the world's largest market for electric models, though demand for electric motorcycles outside of that country is forecast to grow at a double-digit annual pace.

In developed nations, e-bikes will continue to rapidly capture market share from bicycles.

### LANE-SPLITTING BILL INTRODUCED IN LONE STAR STATE:

Texas is contemplating becoming only the second state, after California, to allow motorcycle riders to split lanes in heavy traffic under certain conditions. Senate Bill 228 was introduced on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, and if passed would make it legal for motorcycles to ride between lanes of traffic on limited-access or controlled-access highways during periods of traffic congestion at a speed not more than 5 mph above the speed of other traffic, and only if that traffic is moving at 20 mph or less.

Lane-splitting, which was a long-standing but legally-ambiguous practice in California until it was made legal there in 2016, is common in Europe where motorcycles typically "filter" to the front of the line at intersections and ride between lanes of traffic in crowded cities. Lane-splitting advocates in the U.S. cite the safety of the practice overseas as well as its effect on reducing traffic congestion.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE LEGISLATION COULD REPEAL HANDLEBAR HEIGHT LAW:

Legislation repealing the restriction on the height of motorcycle handlebars -- Senate Bill 27, by Senator Harold French (R-Franklin) -- carried the New

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Hampshire Senate by a voice vote on January 19<sup>th</sup> and has been referred to the House of Representatives where most likely it will be assigned to the Transportation Committee.

The current law prescribes that the hand grips can be no higher than the shoulders of a rider seated in the saddle. Charlie St. Clair, executive director of the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association, told the Laconia Daily Sun that if the House endorses and the governor signs the bill, New Hampshire will become the 19<sup>th</sup> state and first in New England not to restrict the height of handlebars, but it's not clear whether the restriction will be lifted before the 94<sup>th</sup> running of Laconia Motorcycle Week in June.

As the host of the nation's oldest rally, which attracts visitors from across the country, St. Clair said that New Hampshire should not impose restrictions that may inconvenience motorcyclists from other states. Limits in other states vary considerably from shoulder height in Massachusetts, Maine and Connecticut, to eye level in some states and to heights above the saddle measured in inches in others. Most restrictions on high bars, called "ape hangers" were introduced in the 1960s. Although touted as a safety measure, many motorcyclists claimed the restrictions were imposed to provide police with a pretext for stopping and searching bikers.

**MISSISSIPPI CONSIDERS LOWERING SALES TAX ON MOTORCYCLES:** Legislation has been introduced (House Bill No. 1631 by Representative Steve Hopkins R-D7) which would "reduce the sales tax rate on retail sales of motorcycles from 7% to 5%," as well as reduce the sales tax on other agricultural and farming products. On February 15<sup>th</sup>, the legislation was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.

**QUINCY MIDNIGHT MOTORCYCLE BAN - FALSE!** According to the Massachusetts Motorcycle Association (MMA), a recent report on quincy.com indicating that the City of Quincy, MA, has instituted a ban against any motorcycle being

ridden between the hours of Midnight and 5 am, unless exempted for work or emergency purposes, is NOT correct.

Although such a proposal was indeed filed, the council member who introduced it "immediately asked that it be withdrawn" after learning that such a proposal would not be legal.

**NCOM CONVENTION ROLLS INTO RENO:** The 32<sup>nd</sup> annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Silver Legacy Resort-Casino, located at 407 N. Virginia St. in Reno, Nevada so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$99 by calling (800) 687-8733 and mention "GNCOM17".

The largest gathering of motorcycle rights activists in the world, this year's NCOM Convention will draw over a thousand concerned bikers from across the country to the "Biggest Little City in the World" to engage in serious discussions on topics of concern to all riders.

All motorcyclists are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the many meetings, seminars and group discussions that focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to protect our riders' rights and preserve Freedom of the Road.

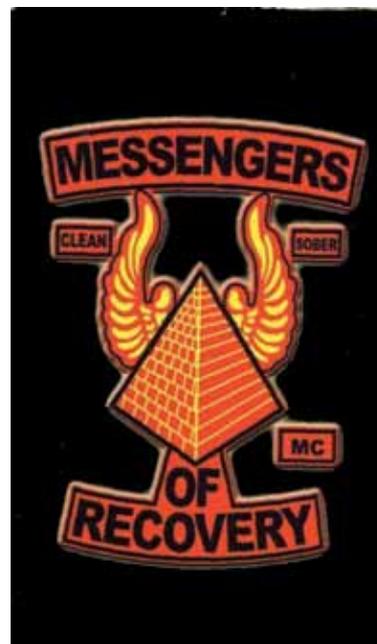
Topics will range from legal and legislative issues to organizational effectiveness, with Special Meetings for Veterans Affairs, Women in Motorcycling, Clean & Sober Roundtable and World of Sport Bikes, as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting.

NCOM has successfully outreached to numer-

ous segments of the motorcycling community in an effort to unite for our rights, both legal and legislatively, and has become a unifying voice amongst North America's motorcycle rights organizations (MROs), motorcycle clubs, women riders, religious riding organizations, touring groups, trikers, sportbikers, and minority motorcyclists.

To pre-register for the 2017 NCOM Convention, contact the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit [www.ON-A-BIKE.com](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com).

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**February 26** – ABATE Local 1 – 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Polar Bear Run (see flyer this issue for details.)

(Rain date if necessary is

March 5)

**March 4** – ABATE Local 17 – 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Freeze Your Ass Off Poker Run (see flyer this issue for details.)

**March 25** – ABATE Local 25 – Moose Riders Fundraiser (see flyer this issue for details.)

**April 9** – ABATE Local 27 – Annual Bare Necessities Run (flyer coming soon)

**April 22** – ABATE Local 17 – Spring Bingo DTBA

**April 23** – ABATE Local 3/13 – Leather Weather Run (see flyer this issue for details.)

**May 6** – ABATE Local 17 – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament (see flyer this issue for details.)

**May 20** – ABATE of CA. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Meetings – Fresno – Piccadilly Inn Airport

**June 4** – ABATE Local 17 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ride in Bike Show/20<sup>th</sup> Annual Hot Rod Show

**July 15** – ABATE of CA 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Meetings – Cypress – American Legion

**July 22** – ABATE Local 17 – Summer Bingo DTBA

**July 30** – ABATE Local 08 – Swap Meet at the So Cal Cycle Swap Meet

**October 1** – ABATE Local 17 – Memorial DTBA

**October 7** – ABATE Local 17 – Fall Bingo DTBA

**October 21** – ABATE of CA. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Meetings – Fresno – Piccadilly Inn Airport

**December 2** – ABATE Local 17 – Christmas Party

**December 3** – ABATE Local 17 – 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Run DTBA

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ABATE Local 3/13 – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month (See flyer in this issue for details.)

If you have a date for your event, and no details or flyer yet, you may still submit your dates so others can pencil it in on their social calendar. Then submit your flyer in time for the Bailing Wire and to be posted on ABATE's website.

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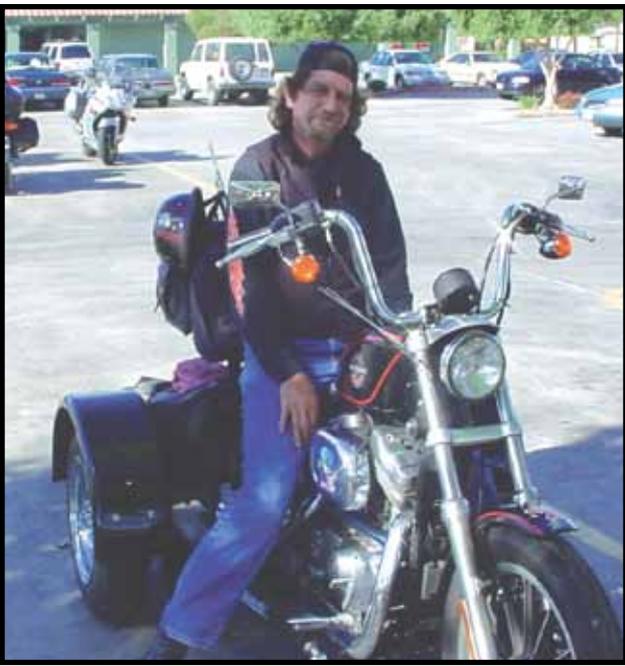
### New Local 3/13 President Tim "Tiny" Suffolk steps us to take the reins.



### Ride Day



# Sporty's Rides



## by Sporty Milligan

raffle prize that would emphasize their dealership to be given out the day of the run. Also I received raffle prizes from Glendale Harley Davidson. So things are coming along nicely at this point.

Well not exactly nice. We're having a slight problem with the food trucks. They want a commitment of a certain amount of customers. Their amount is well more than I would like to shell out. At our monthly ABATE Local 1 meeting we're going to figure this all out. With that said we should be fine and dandy food wise.

February 4<sup>th</sup> I attended the Top Rocker monthly HOG Chapter meeting. Local 1's VP, Jim Nickla, also attended, as well as Glen Cheslock. We had a chance to announce the details of the Polar Bear run.

They had an officer from the CHP show up and talked about various issues and AB-51, lane splitting. After the meeting he did an outside demonstration around a course set up with cones. The CHP officer did the course without using his brakes. After several laps to show us how to do it correctly, several of the more brave members of the HOG Chapter tried to navigate the course. All in all this was a good meeting. After the meeting was over the HOG Chapter went on a ride to Ojai to a pizza restaurant.

Recently I received a reward points card for the sum of \$175.00. With this card I went to Bartels and got 3 quarts of oil and a filter during the week. Also I cruised over to Old Road HD and got more oil and a filter. So now I have oil changes for both my bikes.

I cruised during the week to Top Rocker and got more raffle prizes with my rewards point card. It was cloudy and it started to rain slightly but not enough to cause major con-

cern. After my visit to Top Rocker, I went to Sylmar to my special meeting. After the meeting I stayed around to help mop the hall floor. However it had started to rain by the time we were almost finished putting the chairs back, so I left for home - a little less than 1.3 miles - and was a little wet. Saturday I went to Glendale to get raffle prizes from Glendale HD using the rewards point card. I got a prize that was valued at \$50. Also again pushed the Polar Bear run.

Finally, for this report, was the meeting at the Burbank Elks Lodge. This is where the Glendale HOG Chapter has its monthly meetings. We had a quick time meeting because the HOG members were going to go back to Glendale HD to get free demo days at Glendale HD. I went with them to push the Polar Bear run and spend some more money on my rewards points card. Local 1's VP, Jim Nickla, made the pitch at the meeting to encourage the members to attend our run. We rode in a group formation to the dealership. It was done well. I now have about \$25 left on my card so I will buy a hat or a doo rag with what's left.

This concludes my Sporty Rides for this month. Again, please do ABATE rides, ABATE meetings and try to get new members for ABATE.

Your fun loving scribe, Sporty Milligan

Hello all who will be reading this adventure packed column. I have been making the rounds hitting the local spots getting raffle prizes for the 30th annual Polar Bear run, which is February 26<sup>th</sup>. I am crossing my fingers that the weather will be reasonable for this day's event. As of this writing the weather has been rather touch and go, rain hard at times then cloudy days then sun.

Since I have retired I have been able to go to Local 1's business members any time it's been deemed necessary. With that said during the week of February 6<sup>th</sup> I took a trip to Bartels in Marina Del Rey to get raffle prizes. Yes I did get 4 t-shirts and had my picture taken with the desk girl. It was put on their social media to publicize our run and invite their HOG Chapter to attend. Sweet on that deal.

Next I was going to Cycle Gear's shop in Canoga Park. They responded to our raffle prize request by donating several nice prizes. Also I went to Russ Brown's law office and got a bitchin raffle prize from them. Old Road Harley Davidson committed to a

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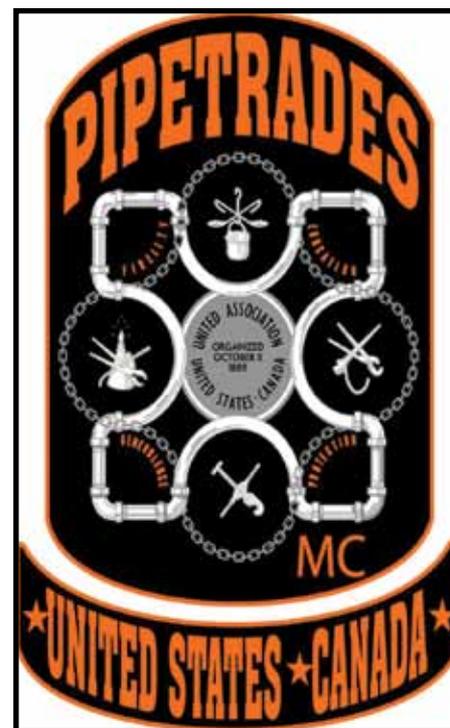
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# Motorcycle Safety Report

by Norm e. Newiger,  
Safety Officer

## The New Me

I've been riding for so long it just seems weird to me sometimes to see the now generation riding. I know I was in their boots and was looked at in a similar view. I look at them in multiple ways, first is their attitude. Are they mean spirited punks that think they know everything? Are they the liars that hide behind their masks, you know these people, kind on the outside but vicious behind your back? You have the nonchalant biker who can co-mingle with everyone and is respected because of the calming effect they have all the time.

The one that worries me the most is the biker, no matter what age that is new to riding or hasn't ridden since their youth days. I have seen the ramifications of inexperience and it has no prejudice. I have been witness to some that have crashed and quit riding to some that chalk it up to experience. I've seen the serious endings of friends and wondered what the hell went wrong.

The biggest IF I've ever had - well you know what I'm talking about if you ever lost a friend or loved one while riding. I feel like an escape artist sometimes because I've been blessed with only minor accidents thru out my 47 or so years of riding and I hope I'm in a class of the many riders of the world that can say this! My dad had pumped riding into me and my brother in the mid-sixties before we were in junior high school. I was riding before I knew what a typewriter was, true story! He begged and dared me and my older brother to ride a motorcycle to New York and back (we were living in Ventura at the time) for the adventure! My only thought was why? It seemed scary to me because I was only around 14 years old and my brother was 15 1/2. I was thinking were my parents going to move after we leave or hoping we'd get lost for a few years? We barely knew the apples to oranges of riding, serious riding. We never did that, thank God. Maybe it would have cost too much money to get rid of us, who knows.

One of the biggest things that I can compare is the power of the bikes of the yesteryears versus the now bikes of 2017 give or take a few years. As a very young rider that rode to school, the bikes we could afford and were offered were pretty much controlled horse powered bikes and you were cool because you had a bike, period. One day my friend showed up on a semi chopped 650 Triumph and he became the king of cool! He let me ride it one day and the power was amazing. Luckily for me my dad saw a BSA for sale for \$50 and it was mine. The owner didn't know what was wrong with it, but I did. It cost me \$60 to repair it at Casey's in San Fernando. I couldn't afford the bikes that my dad or his buds rode, but to have a bike was good enough for me at the



time. Thinking back I realized how much your parents can influence you and back you up as you progress through your riding years. I relied on my dad and his scary friends (some of them could scare your last meal out of you) for shall we say education, it was cool, but it was no controlled student teacher environment if you know what I mean. My mom had her own plane and was a pilot so danger was never an issue with her.

What this means is that we can learn (get educated) as we face our day to day lives. It's what we absorb in our mind that develops us. It doesn't mean going to class every day, it's about the communication from one or more individuals to you for anything, especially if it's motorcycle safety etc. What's BS to one person is valuable information to the other. That's what I have learned and I have a degree in both hearing and telling!

The newer bikes of today are about power and performance and looks can be secondary. We are kind of prejudiced in what we ride, like me for instance. I couldn't afford American built bikes but I wanted to ride so bad it didn't matter to me, even though I was the butt end of jokes by my dad and his friends, it was about riding.

Let's fast forward all of this to today. Riding today is so much different than the yesteryears of our past, it's true, period. We emphasize safety first not only for the motorcyclist but for the drivers of automobiles. We have many organizations worldwide, promoting education for both riders and drivers! But, all this boils down to the individual rider amidst all the hoopla of the world! It's all about your skill level. It's about what you do in real time, there is no simulated training out there that could impact you more than what could happen to you in real time! But it is a great start, and what's cool is there are

many groups, whether private or just a bunch of bikers, talking about real current day riding and sharing information that's really good. Kind of like me listening to the old farts of the past! You also have private schools and teachers that will give you or a group safety lessons as well as riding lessons. The information highway is so enormous and worldwide you get real time facts and BS within seconds! And here's what it boils down to: Knowing your limitations!

Many times when you ride with your friends or somebody you don't know, do you ever try to ride to their skill levels. Be it more advanced than you or below yours? Even though I've been riding 40 plus years I've been smart enough to know my limitations. With years of dirt and street riding experience I've always found people with greater skills than mine, I've been tested and through experience knew when to pull back. This has saved me more times than I can think of. When I was younger I was more daring to the point of recklessness, after a few shall we say mishaps, I've learned the hard way. I was very fortunate nothing serious ever happened to me or the bike I was riding. As I gravitated to the next level and so on, I've used my experience to help me keep two wheels on the road. The first thing I realized was the type of bike I had versus my friends, be it a touring type of bike or a sport bike, I know that one does has an advantage going through the hills versus just cruising. As my youth left me years ago, I'm a different rider today, I do push myself sometimes, but my brain kicks in and lets me know how far I can go and sometimes I can almost regret what I just did or be just thankful for what I didn't do. I guess I'll chock it up to experience.

It seems like the best rides I've been on are not the ones with just straight lines, it's all about the twisties, the mountain treks and so on. I don't get mad at the hot rodders or crazy riders, I just let them pass me and God willing I'll see them at the top or bottom on two wheels that is. I don't care if they smack talk me about how safe I ride, be it Grandpa style or whatever they say, I know how good of a rider that I am and at the end of the day that's what matters the most. I know I can lean and scrape the foot pegs through the twisties, burn rubber, wheelies and a few other things, but I also know when to do them and that wisdom has prolonged my riding life.

One more important thing as well as knowing your riding skills and level, you can be a super safe rider with an abundance of respect on the road, but always make sure your bike is in great riding condition - looks don't matter. Go through your bike regularly, making sure nothing of importance has vibrated off or is about to be vibrated off to include expensive decorative chrome parts! It doesn't require much time to do and it could save your life as well as replacing parts. And don't forget to always check your tire pressure!

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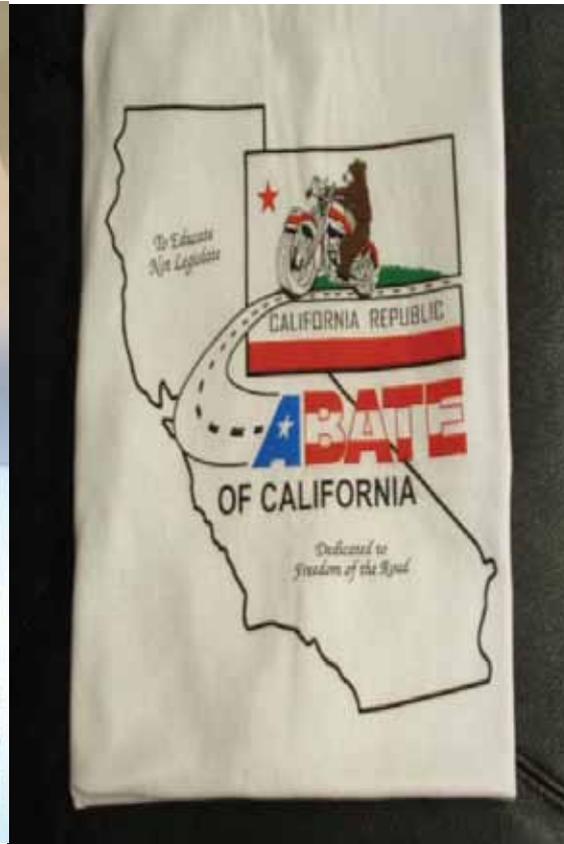
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Crashman1@sbcglobal.net

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Thousand Oaks  
91362

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San Diego CA 92150 92109  
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santabeard@yahoo.com Buena Park  
90621

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Sacramento 95821

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