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Bill at a Glance

CHP Lane Splitting Guidelines (FOR):

ABATE's Lobbyist delivered our response to the proposed guidelines - check out our Instagram & Twitter Feeds

@abatecalifornia. We are a Voting member of this Committee.

AB 1027 Acosta Motorcycle Driver's licenses examinations (SIGNED into Law by Governor 9/1/17):

This bill proposes that a more experience rider may get the DMV motorcycle road test waived with a cert from the 1-day intermediate class instead of the 2-day beginner course.

SB 672 Fuller Traffic-actuated signals - motorcycles and bicycles (Passed, at Governor's Desk):

Existing law, until January 1, 2018, requires the placement and maintenance of the loop detector of a traffic actuated signal, as to detect lawful bicycle or motorcycle traffic on the roadway. This bill would extend the

operation of this requirement indefinitely.

SB 249 & 159 Allen OHV Program (Passed, at Governor's Desk):

After Months of Negotiation and 4 Decades worth of 5 & 10 year Extensions our Lobbyist along with a United Coalition of User Groups agreed to a Permanent Program!

We and the OHV User Groups came to a Livable Solution with the Environmentalists. More to come in the following Months and Years. The OHV Commission makeup has the next 5 Years to sort each Category of Representation out, we'll continue to Monitor this as well as all Off-Road Issues.

California Air Resource Board (CARB) Red Sticker Program & Motorcycle On-Road Emissions (AGAINST):

The Red sticker program established in 1998 says that beginning with the 2003 model year, OHRVs that do not meet emissions standards receive a red registration sticker from the DMV. During peak ozone season, the red sticker limits operation at certain off-highway recreational vehicle parks.

CARB is discussing getting rid of this program. They will be looking at this sometime in 2018, we are monitoring.

SB 660 Newman Vehicle exhaust systems: exemption (FOR):

This bill would amend the existing law that allows CARB to regulate pollution control devices. The amendment would create the Aftermarket Parts Account in which monies deposited would be used for the purpose of hiring additional staff for the implementation of approved devices.

This would get aftermarket parts approved quicker for sale. This is a Two Year Bill, more to come next Year.

California Motorcycle Safety Program (CMSP) Hi-Vis Subcommittee (CHP) (AGAINST):

The committee is recommending that all riders wear Hi-Vis vests. ABATE's Lobbyist has emphatically voiced that we are against this and is a waste of the CMSP Fee that Motorcyclists pay during Registration.

Want more details on a bill?

<http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

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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 in the months that it is printed 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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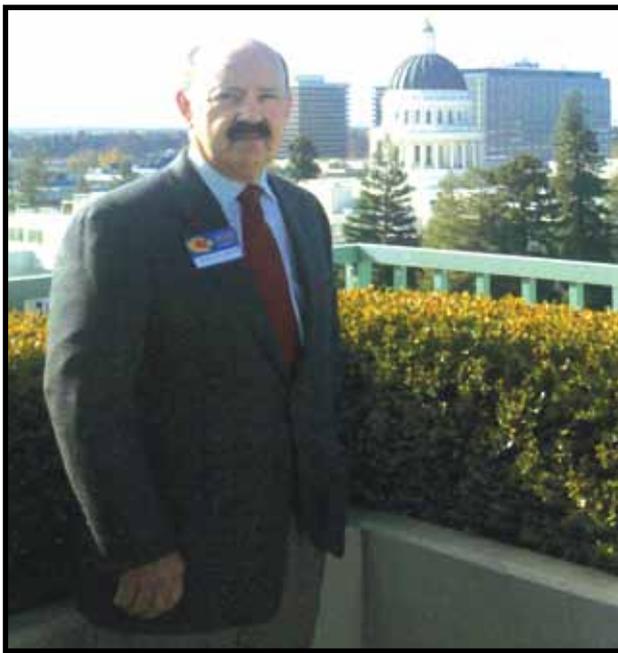
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Lobbyist's Legislative Report



by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

The Legislature adjourned at 2 am Saturday morning, September 16th, with the passage of our ABATE Sponsored Bill, SB 672, that will remove the sunset and continue to repair/replace broken or inoperable traffic light sensors for motorcycles and bicycles.

It was a battle to get it through due to fact that our author was the Republican Senate Floor leader, Jean Fuller (R-Bakersfield). She, and other Republicans,

opposed the Cap and Trade TAX proposals for businesses to buy credits to pollute! Invariably, after the summer recess, tempers calmed and we were able to get SB 672 passed. It is now enrolled in the Governor's office and awaiting his signature.

We were also able to pass SB 159 and SB 249, authored by Senator Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica) which permanently extends the Off-Road Program in our State, after four decades of the 5- and 10-year extensions that have existed since its inception in 1971!

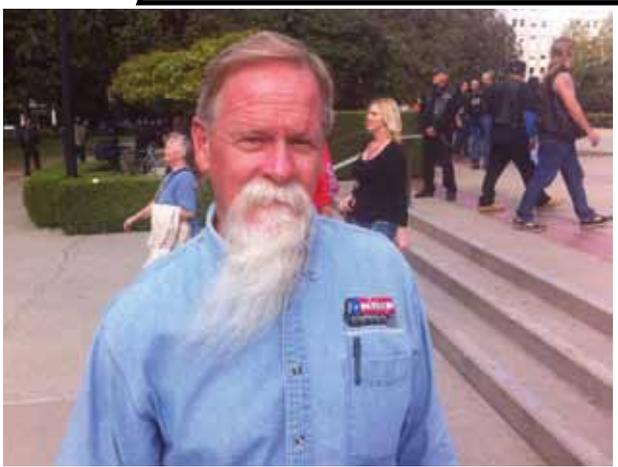
A major VICTORY for all of us that ride, off-road, as well as on road. Initially, we opposed the disastrous policy section of the bill when it was first introduced that would've been detrimental to the Off-Highway Vehicle Program until negotiations reached a point that forced the State Parks Department and the Governor's Office to step in.

We then worked off the last extension from 10 years ago (then Senator Steinberg's SB 742) to get a Bill that all Rider Groups and industry supported. The Off-Road Coalition letter, listing 25 Associations united for the first time, that circulated through the final legislative process and was sent to the Governor, lists ABATE with Executive Director Dave Hastings' signature first.

There is much more to discuss at the October 21st meeting in Fresno. See you there!

Thanks to all for the continued contributions to the Dedicated Lobbyist Fund!

Executive Director's Report



BY DAVE HASTINGS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

My wife and I spent last weekend camping at the beach and enjoying some cooler weather. Looking at the calendar I know autumn is only one week away, but it sure seems like we've had an unusually hot and humid summer here in my high desert area. The beach forecast of temperatures in the mid-seventies sounded and felt really good to us. Still, as our summer winds down, I'm always reminded of the items I still have on my "to-do" list and the greater need to finish those projects before winter overtakes me and things come to a slowdown or halt for the season. Autumn brings much shorter days and noticeably cooler temps up here and it always seems to lend an urgency to accomplish things on that list before the rain, wind, and snow of winter arrives.

How about you? Are you also gearing up for your winter riding season, or do you just park the bike to let it sit idle till spring? Remember, our ABATE works year round for you, regardless of the season and the outside temperature. Our people always find an open road to travel, a meeting they want to attend, and the people they need to talk with, to protect their,

and your, motorcycle freedoms in California. Join us in our travels. I don't care if you choose to ride or drive, just show up and offer your help wherever it is needed.

ABATE of California has been down many, many, roads since we first began our journey. We have seen our fair share of stop signs, detours, and road closures, but we have always continued our ride for freedom. We are determined, dedicated, and fiercely independent souls who have chosen a lifestyle that others don't always understand, appreciate, or even condone. We never give in and we never give up on our goals of personal accountability, trust, and the right to make our own decisions on what is important in our lives. We don't ask for much and we work hard for what we get. ABATE friendships are extremely strong and a hug, a friendly slap on the back, or a simple handshake still have great value, importance, and meaning to us.

So use these last days of summer and the crisp autumn weather to your advantage because we all know what our next season will bring. Invite someone to travel down the road with you on your next ABATE journey and introduce them to our lifestyle. Like it or not, the darkness of "Old Man Winter" is waiting out there and our journeys are usually more enjoyable if we can share those stories with a friend. I've come to realize my ABATE friendships will last forever, everything else in life is just seasonal. So join me now and help ABATE complete some of our unfinished journeys. Bring along a friend and help us cross a few more items off of our list. We all know the days are only going to get shorter.

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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.

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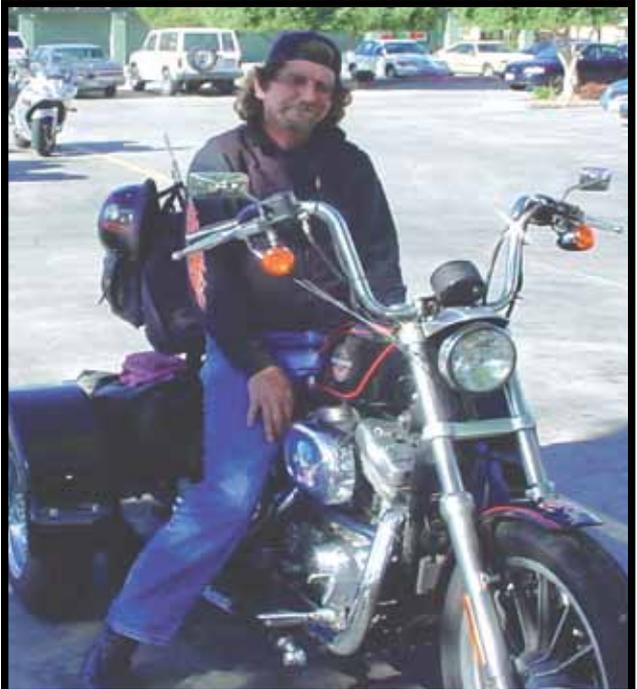
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hi all! Only about three months left in the 2017 Membership Drive. With that said, just a reminder that there might be one or two bike nights left in your area and you still have an opportunity to do your membership sales pitch in your quest for new members.

In my area, the San Fernando Valley, the third Thursday in October is the last bike night of the year for Top Rocker HD in Canoga Park – a Local 1 business member. I will be there to look for possible new members.

You can do your sales pitch something like this: "Hi! I'm (your name) from ABATE of California. We are a motorcycle rights organization. We protect

your right to ride by having a full time lobbyist in Sacramento who keeps an eye on what is happening with legislation – good or bad - aimed at motorcycle riders. We have meetings across the state. We have a website where you can look up our accomplishments. Here is a membership sign up card with our web address on it."

If you have hard copies of the Bailing Wire offer them one. Point out the meeting schedule in your area. Remember to be friendly. You are the first person they might meet from ABATE so make a good impression.

If they do not join when you hand them the membership application card, get info from them so that you can follow up on the initial approach in a couple of days.

Don't forget that dealerships make good places to approach folks for possible memberships. Just go where bikers gather on the weekend and use the approach to recruit members. It should be that easy.

Remember that when you get a new member, you need to keep them when they come up for renewal. So again, once you have the new members, get their email and put them on your Local's email list. This way you can send them announcements or information about meeting reminders. Keep the members informed.

I have members that don't always come to meetings, but because I keep them informed about ABATE happenings, they feel a part of the Local and when it's time to renew their memberships, they renew.

Also, get your current members to support your business members by going to their places of business.

Finally, by doing some of the suggestions I have laid out, we might increase our memberships or at the very least retain our renewing members.

There is unity and strength in numbers of members. Regards, Membership Chair, Sporty Milligan

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LOCAL REPORTS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! The Local 1 meeting on September 17th will go something like this: First the Pledge of Allegiance, then the message from the President and the treasurer report.

We are going to talk about insurance for the LA Toy run that's on December 10th, political issues, the bills we're watching and ABATE's bike raffle – see flyer in this Bailing Wire.

We need to start discussing next year's Polar Bear run. Glen C will report on membership and Jim M will give his report.

Members will be told about nearby ABATE events to attend, there will be comments from the members and a 50/50 drawing.

That's ends the meeting and a yummy breakfast will be provided by the fine members of the Elks Lodge.

Regards, Sporty, President ABATE Local 1

Local #02 Semi Valley



Another great evening at our meeting, BBQ and drinks on a cool evening, and why not have a meeting. We are back at the VFW, and it looks great! We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Street. We start our famous \$4.00 meal deal of hamburgers or foot longs with all the fixin's you could want and, if you want to wet yer whistle, the bar is on the other side of the door! We start serving dinner at 6:45 pm until 7:20 pm and our meeting starts promptly at 7:30 pm.

VP Jim got us going with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pres Guy opened the meeting. He first thanked all members for making our 22nd Sweaty Buns Run successful and talked about what was happening with ABATE from the states view point. Secretary Jane read the minutes from the last meeting, our treasurer Pat gave us our report on our finances. PR Norm talked about fuel additives and what they do and to read the Bailing Wire on line.

Frank, our membership officer, gave us his report, Pigface Bob, our run coordinator, wasn't present but other members talked about the surprise run we had.

Our guests, Keith and Sharon, from Local 3/13 stopped by. Keith told us about their upcoming run on October 2nd. He talked about Local 44's ride - it was good! He also talked about the MRF and what they are doing.

We had nominations for officers. All the positions have someone nominated, but there is still time for more nominees. If you would like to also run for one of the positions, contact Jane.

A great big thanks to the VFW POST 10049 for letting us back in again after their remodel was finished. We are lucky to have them as gracious hosts! Special thanks to Commander Wayne for being such a great guy!

We had our raffle drawings and the membership drawing was not won again so it rolls over - it's now worth it to show up at the next meeting for sure! To all those who couldn't make the meeting, we missed you and hope to see you next month.

Ride Safe and Stay Alert! PTL norm e.

Local #08 Orange County



I hope everyone is having a good year. Can you believe Halloween is almost here? We all better get our costumes ready! This year a lot of events are going on. For one the 4th Quarterly Board Meeting is being held in Fresno on October 21st.

We had a Local 8 fund raiser swap meet at the So-Cal Cycle Swap Meet in Long Beach on July 30th. Big "Thank You" to our workers Steve, D-Man, Dan and Linda, John and Cheryl. A shout out to Jared and Ryan for dropping by. We sold many items left from the years past. Hold onto your junk, others may want it sooner or later! We had a very smooth day with lots of lookers.

The annual Totally Kids Run set up by Honda Ray and others is coming up soon, so keep your eyes open for the fliers. If you haven't gone yet, you should. I went many times over the years and it's a great experience every time being around the kids, nurses and staff. When you leave after the event you will have a smile on your face and in turn you will have put one on their faces, too. Oh yah, there is a mystery ride at the end of the day.

Last month on August 19th a group of us from Local 8 went to Harley Night #2 at the Costa Mesa Speedway and, like normal, it was packed. We had tons of fun with the live band, booths, food, drinks and lots of people. It was cool and nice of the track to let the public walk the track after the racing was over and visit the riders in the pits where I found out you can learn a lot. And just remember anyone is welcome to come next time.

November 17th-19th is the International Motorcycle Show. At our last meeting we talked about getting a group together and riding to the show - so keep posted. Did you know you can test ride many brands of bikes at the show?

John won the opportunity drawing last month, which he donated back to Local 8 – thanks John!

A bit of sports Trivia: The initials of this former Major League Baseball player, GHRJ, is which person? Hint: Something you can buy in the snack isle at your local market.

Daniel

Local #11 North San Diego County



We had our meeting at the Escondido Moose Lodge after a great breakfast buffet that the Lodge put on. There was lots of discussion and reports from Dogman regarding the current state and federal bills. Go to www.mrf.org/federal-legislative-issues to send a letter to your local federal rep regarding the profiling bill.

Our Regional rep, Dave Connors, advised us to follow the money and ask those in the bike world (dealers, parts suppliers, insurance agents etc) where we spend money to attend our meetings, become business members or at least donate to our cause as we are the ones supporting their business.

Treasurer reported that we are only able to pay one month of the lobbyist fund as we are really low on funds. Motion was made to pay it anyway and all, except one, approved it.

VP gave us the local events and rides and we talked about having a ride to a meeting or after the meeting to develop camaraderie and get ourselves out in the world.

We discussed the Loaded Ice Chest raffle that we will be putting on and passed out tickets for it. Also passed out flyers for the upcoming Local 17 Motorcycle raffle and the Local 38 Turkey Run.

Dogman Mark Castillero

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



Greetings from Local 17! Hope everyone has enjoyed this hot summer. As we wind down and head for fall, Local 17 has its Memorial Ride on October 1st. An annual tradition where we remember our past Local 17 members who have traveled on to better places. The list is sadly growing, as our Local membership ages. Please take time to come out and join us. We will meet at Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon in Vacaville at 10:00 am and leave at 11:00 for the Road Trip Bar & Grill in Capay where we will have time to reflect on our members and enjoy each other's company and great food.

Next up is our Fall Bingo Run on October 7th. This is such a great ride and time to have fun and win at each stop where we play a different bingo game. We will start at Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon in Vacaville, with stops at Thompson's Corners, Jelly Belly Café, Heretic Brewery and finally ending at Vacaville Buckhorn BBQ.

If you have not been on one of these runs, you are surely missing out on some good-times.

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The "Prez" enjoys it because it takes little pre-planning and organization. Thanks to Teasa, our membership Officer, who set-up this run. She stepped up to take on the additional "open" position of Run/Event Coordinator. We take great pleasure in raising funds for Local Charities within our community, so come on out and support a great cause!

November, thankfully, will be a quiet month. Please take this time to get any necessary repairs or upgrades done to your bikes. Most importantly enjoy your families and friends!

Our annual Holiday Party is coming up December 2nd and tickets will be on sale soon.

Our Toy Run is set for December 3rd.

Ride Safe and Free and I will see you around the next corner, Glenn

Local #20 Orange County



Welcome to our newest member, Doc Adams (AL #555)!

23 members and 2 guests were in attendance. Topics discussed were the red light camera and profiling bills, which are now 2 year bills, the Waco matter and various other topics.

Another new survey for the MC Profiling Project will be sent out. Doc (AL #555) and Lorri will send out to contacts on Facebook to help spread the word. Steve Burr lost out on the \$34.

Non Politically Correct Gill & Squirt

Local #25 Sacramento



Lil' David called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm. There were five members present and no visitors. Lil'David updated us on our financial situation. We will be sending money to the state in September. Membership and Merchandise had nothing to report. Copies of the CHP Lane Splitting Safety Tips were passed out.

Following up on our conversation last month about BOLT, we were advised that Bobby Tobal-

do and Larry Haven are available to help people with helmet tickets. Mark Temple is available by phone. Law Enforcement is sending out gang notices. Individuals must respond.

Lil'David has run insurance forms for public events. The Sons of California Gold Country are having a poker run for the MMA on Saturday, October 14th, starting at the West Sacramento Sports Bar.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

David

Local #33 Yuba City

We are in the process of rebuilding ABATE Local 33 and would like to invite all members and all those interested to our October meeting.

The next meeting of ABATE Local 33 will be Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 7 pm at American Legion Post 807, 5477 Feather River Blvd in Olivehurst, CA.

Gary M. Wright

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE Members! Well summer is almost over. We have already started planning for the upcoming Turkey and Toy runs. We had a planning meeting on September 9th in Alpine at the Alpine Beer Co. - great food, good service, and a beautiful day.

The 20th annual Turkey Run will start at the El Centro Walmart once again, and finish at St Mary's Parish center with Thanksgiving dinner and all the trimmings for all the paid participants.

The need is always more than the previous year and donations have been slow to come in.

T-shirt sponsors as of this writing are the Sunrunners car club, ABATE Local 11, Protrain, and Jim Earnest from Rogers and Rogers.

I attended Local 11's meeting in September. I bought the first ticket for their Ice Chest raffle. They did a pass the hat to donate to the Turkey Run, and Prez Dan said he would be there. Dan and members from his Local have attended and donated the last few years, which is greatly appreciated.

This run feeds approximately 2500 people throughout the Imperial Valley, which still has about a 30 percent unemployment rate. In case you were unaware, the charities we donate to make food baskets and cook meals, some of which are delivered to seniors and shut-ins, as well as the homeless.

To everyone reading this please donate your time, money, raffle prizes etc. Our address is on the back of the Bailing Wire and there is a flyer in this issue. Thanks!

Ed Aranda, President, ABATE Local 38

HARLEY-DAVIDSON OF GLENDALE
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Statement of Intent: Board of Directors 2-Year Term 2018-2019 - Even

Candidate - Mark "Dogman" Castillero



I have been an ABATE member of Local 11 since July 2009. I am currently the Local's PAC representative, a member of the ABATE Board of Directors and the ABATE State Treasurer.

I am active with a lot of other motorcyclist's groups including the AMA, and was a member of the MMA and the MRF.

My goals for ABATE of California are:

1] To promote our Motorcycle Rights by legislatively working with our State lobbyist to accomplish our legislative goals.

2] To put the word out to all motorcyclists to get involved, to speak out and join ABATE.

3] To work towards motorcyclists uniting to become a strong political voice.

Thank you, Dogman

Candidate - Glenn Phillips



I have been a member of ABATE for 11 years and am a current member of the Board of Directors. I have served as President of ABATE Local 17 for 6 terms and have volunteered to run for a 7th term and have also served as Local 17's Run and Event Coordinator.

Coming into the Local 17 presidency under difficult circumstances, I brought the Local back to a strong and striving organization. My leadership has met the challenges I was faced with and turned the Local into the largest Local in California.

I have signed up the most new members in the 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 Membership Drives and am in line to win again for 2017. I was chosen by the members of ABATE for the 2014 Freedom Fighter of the year.

I have worked tirelessly planning and organizing Local 17 events. This has proven to be very successful and substantial amounts of money have been donated to the ABATE treasury.

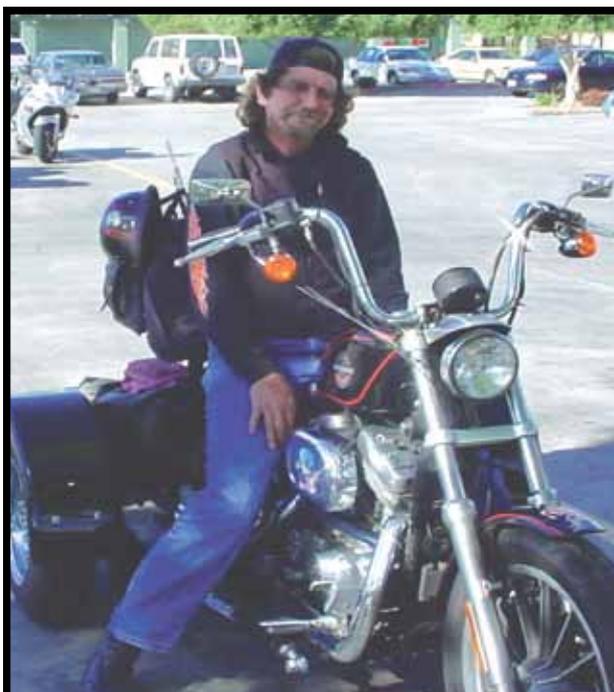
Thank you for your consideration, Glenn.

Candidate - Yet to be Announced



WANTED – a passionate person who wants to work hard to protect our motorcycle rights. If you are that person and want to have a say in the direction of our organization send your name, a short bio and a picture to bailing.wire@abate.org

Candidate - Sporty Milligan



Hi all! This is Sporty Milligan current ABATE Board of Directors member. You know where I stand on the issues that affect your right to ride.

With that said, I am again asking you to support me as a Board member with your vote. We can accomplish much and need leaders to guide the membership. I feel that I can bring that leadership to guide us into the future.

You get no bull pucky from me, just the ability to do whatever it takes to protect your right to ride. I stand by my words. So consider electing me to the Board once again.

Sincere regards, Sporty Milligan, Current Board member.

Candidate - Yet to be Announced



WANTED – a person committed to our rights and protecting them. If you have the passion and can give a little of your time please send your name, a short bio and a picture to bailing.wire@abate.org

Candidate - Daniel "Boomer" Humber

My name is Daniel B. Humber aka "Boomer". I am the Vice President of ABATE Local 20 and a current member of the Board of Directors and a member of the IW M/C.

I have been a Union Ironworker for the last 35 years and have worked my way up to management, which I've been doing for over 25 years. I have a good understanding on how to deal with people in the workplace and manage large projects. I have a valid California Driver's license and I'm in good standing with my local community. I was born in California and have lived here all my life.

I have grown up around the motorcycle community. I have four Harley Davidson motorcycles and counting. I put a lot of miles on them every year.

I'm very interested in what ABATE does for the motorcycle community and biker rights. I feel that it's working for biker rights and that's why I'm a part of it.

I love being a biker and I love the United State of America, the Constitution and the right to be an American. What I don't like is people trying to enact laws to take away our freedoms. That's why we have to keep fighting for our rights in the motorcycle community.

Who knows what the future might bring. As long as I'm around, I will work hard to keep what we have in the motorcycle community. I like what we have right now, for the most part, but I would like to see it get better rather than worse. That's why I'm involved.

I hope this information will be helpful to the members of ABATE of California and if they decide to reelect me as a Board member, I will do my best for ABATE and our motorcycle rights.

Thank you Daniel B. Humber

Candidate - Yet to be Announced



WANTED – Devoted person to take seat for last year of 2-Year 2017-2018 term

This seat is vacant due to Mark Loudermilk relocating out of state. There is 1 year left to this seat so you would serve for the 2018 term only. If interested please send your name, a brief bio and a pic to bailing.wire@abate.org

To ABATE Members:

The 4 candidates above are the only Members that submitted their 'statement of intent.' Thank you for Volunteering to serve the ABATE Members!

Your ABATE of California Board of Director's (BOD) is comprised of (11) members. Because the election ballot was not filled by the September 15th deadline these (4) will be accepted and instated as "walkover candidates" without a vote from the general membership. The above (4) candidates as well as the (4) board members from the Odd term will ensure the BOD has a quorum when they take office in January of 2018. Having this quorum enables them to perform their designated duties for ABATE of California.

We currently have (2) open seats for the 2018-2019 BOD, (1) open seat for the remainder of the 2017-2018 BOD and are accepting applications for those positions.

Please consider running for one of these positions by submitting a short BIO and a picture of yourself to bailing.wire@abate.org ASAP. Any ABATE Member that has been a member for at least one year is eligible for a BOD position. Those eligible for appointment to the Board will be voted on at our BOD meeting in January. The BOD will also retain any additional candidate applications received and place those candidates in the "alternate" BOD member selection pool for the 2018-2019 terms.

Your 2018-2019 ABATE Board Members so far will be: Mark "Dogman" Castillero, Dave Hastings, Gill Mellen, Lee "Sporty" Milligan, Glenn Phillips, Daniel "Boomer" Humber, Robert Nadler and Spike.

Thank you to the outgoing Board Members: Adam "The Lion" Sheldon, Ed Rogers and Mark Loudermilk. We truly appreciate the time that you gave to ABATE as Board Members. You will be missed and we do expect to see you in October at the last ABATE Board meeting of this year!

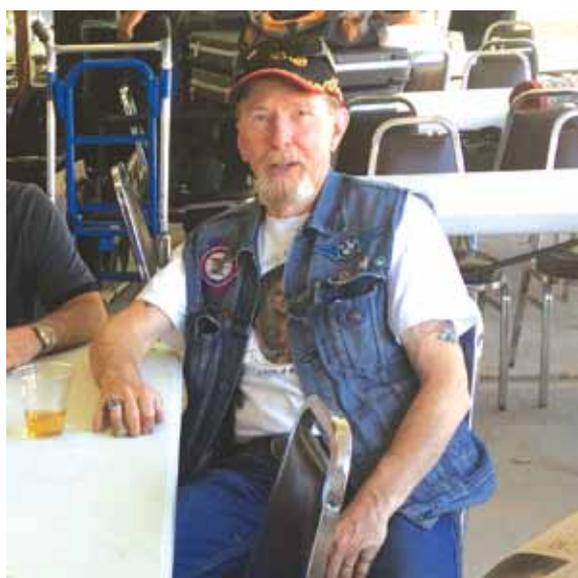
Sincerely,
Dave Hastings
Executive Director
ABATE of California, Inc.

2017 Freedom Fighter Nominations

**Nomination of Steve Howe, Local #08,
by Dan & Linda Kelly**

**Nomination of Jim Schlachter, Local
#17, by Glenn Phillips**

**Nomination of Mark Loudermilk,
Local #23/27, by Dave Hastings**



Steve Howe has been an ABATE of California member for 7 years, and has shown his determination and commitment to spreading awareness of ABATE's mission and ideals.

Steve first joined ABATE as a member of Local 22. With his relocation to the Buena Park area he attended Local 8's meeting in October 2013 where he became involved and jumped in, attending Board meetings and rallies and continued to demonstrate his leadership capabilities by being elected Local 8's President the following year.

By his attendance at the state quarterly meetings he is also a PAC member.

Increasing membership and promoting awareness of issues relevant to the motorcycling community, he galvanized Local 8's members to reach out and develop a forward-thinking, inclusive atmosphere by engaging local and state politicians, business partners and other diverse riding groups. Adhering to the ideas of donating "a penny a mile" ridden and "found money" make him a consistent contributor to ABATE's funding.

Freedom Fighters are those individuals who are on the front line. That is Steve Howe.

It gives me great pleasure to nominate Jim for the 2017 Freedom Fighter award. Jim has been a dedicated member of ABATE for over 14 years, serving not only as a Local Officer but on the State Board for a time. Jim is currently serving as the Merchandise Officer for our Local and has served as Vice President and Treasurer in the past. He has been an inspiration to me and continues to do so. He is a great example of what being a member is all about-PARTICIPATION.

Jim gives 110 percent. He was a driving leader in our 2013 Bike Raffle serving as Chairman for the process. The work required, along with the stress, was tremendous. He ran a tight ship and the result was a huge success for the entire organization of ABATE! He set the platform which we are using for our upcoming bike raffle. Jim volunteers when he can at anything we ask.

Jim was also instrumental in restoring our Local after a mismanagement period and gaining back our membership as the largest Local in California. He is a dear friend and riding partner to many throughout the Local. Please support me and vote for Jim Schlachter for ABATE of California Freedom Fighter of the Year.

I would like to nominate Mark Loudermilk of Local 23/27 for Freedom Fighter of the Year. Mark has been a member of ABATE since 2009. Many members wear multiple hats with ABATE and Mark has taken many roles. In 2014 seeing a vacancy in the Board and Region 9, his region, he volunteered and filled those positions.

Having a computer degree, in 2015 he approached Carol Cromwell about assisting with the webpage and eventually took over as the webmaster and still does that job. He also setup and administers, with others, the Facebook pages for both Locals 23 and 27.

In 2015 he became Vice president of Local 23 and Treasurer of Local 27 and in 2016 Membership Officer of Local 27. He is also PAC Rep and Safety Officer for both Locals.

In 2016 he worked with Nick Benson and Chuck Pederson in distributing and tabulating the questionnaires sent to candidates and is currently preparing the database for the 2018 election. Recently he was made Assistant to the Legislative Director to aid with communications.

Lastly, when we learned that Deacon was seriously ill and Kay was hoping to find a last ride for him, Mark reached out to people and organizations in Oregon and at this time has two people committed to giving that ride and others offering to visit in support.

He still does ALL 9 jobs, helping to keep the ABATE wheels turning.

2017 Freedom Fighter Ballot

Local # _____ Member # _____

Name #1 _____

Name #2 _____
(If couple)

Vote #1

Vote #2
(If couple)

Steve Howe

Mark Loudermilk

Jim Schlachter

Ballots will NOT be counted if

- They are Anonymous
- Member is not current at time of tally (Dec 2017)
- Ballot is not legible

Ballots must be received or postmarked NO later than December 9th 2017

- Mail to 20355 Murieta St Apple Valley CA 92307-9223
- Scan and email to info@abate.org (write "Ballot" in the subject line)
- Fax to 1.760.956.6519 (no cover page needed)

“Deacon” David Phillips, founder of ABATE of California, passed away peacefully this morning, September 19, at Creswell Health Care facility in Oregon. In August, he was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer that metastasized to the brain.

Deacon dedicated his life to ABATE from

its inception in 1981 when it separated from the MMA. He was the consummate freedom

fighter for motorcyclists rights. He along with other familiar faces laid the groundwork for ABATE and the growth that followed.

A memorial ride from Tujunga to Angeles Crest will be arranged in the next few weeks. He leaves behind his beloved 1949 Panhead, as well as the love, respect and admiration of his biker family.
Lady Kay



After happily being a passenger for many years, I took the CHP Motorcycle Safety Course at Cerritos College, got my MC1 license and much to my surprise, my very own bike! I couldn't wait to share my new ride and experience my first A.B.A.T.E. meeting as a rider/owner. Everyone at Local 20 was very supportive and encouraging of my recent endeavors and gave plenty of good advice. After the meeting many came out to view my new ride before I rode off into the moonlight forever addicted.

Yes, I have now been bitten by the riding bug and simply can't get enough "in the wind".



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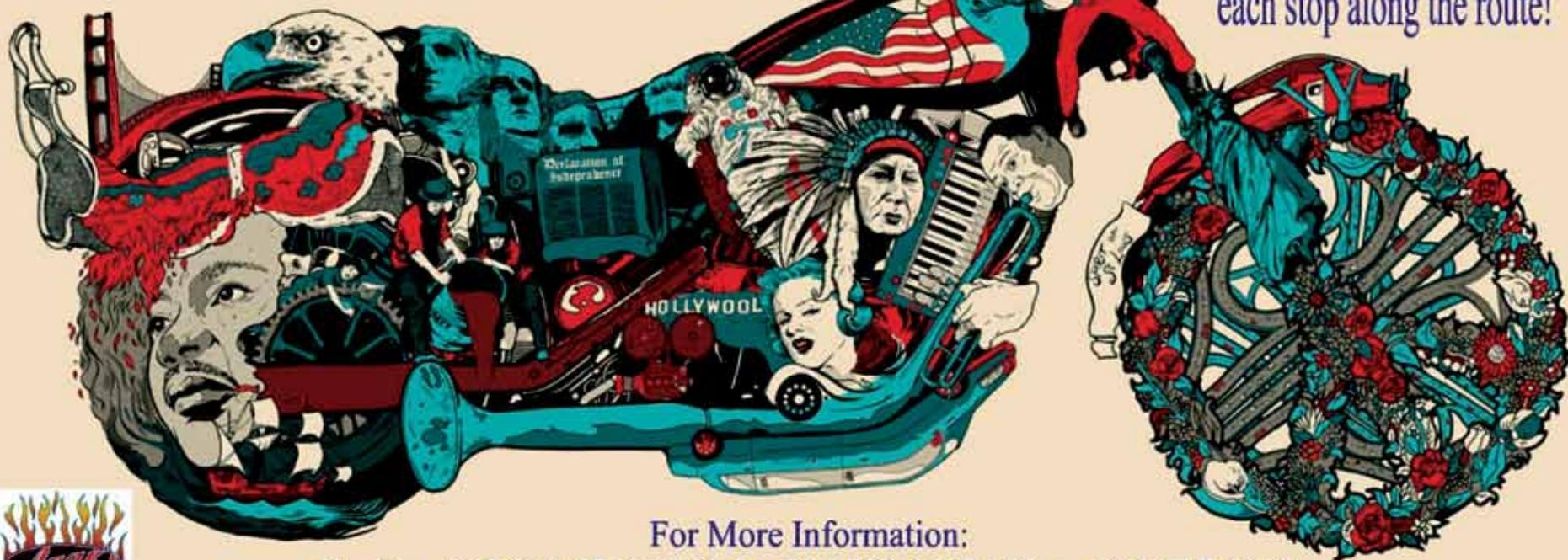
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Top 4 Ways to Stay Visible While Riding a Motorcycle in Traffic

According to a 2017 study by the [Insurance Information Institute](#) in 2015 motorcyclists were 29 times more likely than car passengers to die in a crash. It is obvious that motorcyclists are offered far less protection than those who are surrounded by the metal and airbags of a car or truck. However, motorcyclists also tend to be in more crashes percentage-wise due to their size and difficulty being seen.

To make sure you're riding as safely as possible, continue below to learn the top 4 areas you can improve upon to stay visible on the road.

1) **Visibility Gear:** The easiest and cheapest way to improve your visibility tenfold is by buying some visibility gear. A majority of motorcyclists go for darker gear when riding. However, dark or muted gear tends to help riders blend in with their environment, especially at night, which is the most common time for motorcycle accidents.

Instead, try opting for a mix of style as well as color and visibility. Vibrant colors like neon shades help you stand out more than any other color, and can be found on a variety of helmets, jackets, gloves, and even as stripes on riding pants. You can also go for reflective surfaces, which is especially important for night riders. A simple reflective vest can even be thrown over the gear you already own, if you're looking for a cheaper option. When buying new gear, be sure to check that everything is DOT approved and has received high safety ratings. Even though avoiding accidents altogether is the goal, you should always be prepared for the worst.

2) **Motorcycle Lighting:** Unlike simpler bicycles or motorized scooters, motorcycles come

equipped with a variety of taillights and headlights. While these are usually sufficient to help riders stay seen at night, these lights are set into a much smaller frame than that of a car or truck. When on the road, cars are more likely to not notice these light sources simply because they're oriented differently and a bit dimmer than those of other cars.

To increase your visibility at nighttime, consider investing in a few extra auxiliary lights. They can be placed anywhere on the front and rear of your motorcycle to help keep it illuminated at all times. Reflective tape can also be applied to any surface, especially to those that are often forgotten on motorcycles: rearview mirrors, wheels, the back of your seat, handles, etc.

3) **Motorcycle Features:** Using bright gear and lighting applications are a great way to increase your passive visibility. However, it is also important to increase your active visibility and learn what you can do to stay seen while riding. Some of the best methods include:

Using your high beams. This is a highly debated topic, but a lot of motorcycle users like to use their high beams during the day. The additional brightness can help to alert drivers of your position, and can help you to avoid potential crashes by extending re-action time.

Pulsing your brake lights. Steady brake lights are a common sight on the road. This means that, especially for a smaller vehicle, they are more likely to be accidentally overlooked. If you need to communicate with the driver behind you about a potential hazard in the road, or if you need to stop/swerve suddenly, try making it a habit to

pulse your brakes. This will be much more likely to grab the attention of surrounding drivers.

Horn. Motorcycles tend to be louder than other vehicles. However, the sound of the roaring engine can easily disperse while on the road and make it difficult for drivers to tell where it's coming from. The horn is a sharper, more distinct sound that can let other drivers know your position right away.

4) **Road Safety:** As you likely already know, the best way to avoid accidents on the road is to ride safely and intelligently. This means avoiding not only your own riding mistakes, but anticipating the mistakes of other drivers as well. As the smaller vehicle on the road, most accidents will be best avoided with your reactions and awareness. Follow the speed limit, keep distractions to a minimum, and do your best to think a few steps ahead of everyone around you.

In addition, the most easily avoided problem is improperly passing other cars. More than anything, be sure to never pass other vehicles on the right. Not only is this frowned upon in general, but motorcycles are much more likely to go unnoticed. The back right of most cars features a dangerous blind spot that motorcycles can fit entirely within. When in doubt, always play it safe and give yourself plenty of room between you and the closest cars, taking care to avoid the back right side of all vehicles.

This article was provided by Personal Injury Help (www.personalinjury-law.com) and was not written by a legal professional. Be sure to check with your local ordinances to ride legally and safely!

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October 7 – ABATE Local 17 – Fall Bingo

October 21 – ABATE of CA. 4th Quarterly Meetings – Fresno – Piccadilly Inn Airport

October 22 – ABATE Local 3/13 – Trivia Run (see flyer this issue)

November 12 – Totally For Kids, Just a nice thing to do

November 18 – ABATE Local 38 – Turkey Run (see flyer this issue)

December 2 – ABATE Local 17 – Christmas Party
December 3 – ABATE Local 19 – 30th Annual Toy Run (see flyer this issue)

December 10 – ABATE Local 1 – Toy Run (see flyer this issue)

June 3 – ABATE Local 17 – Bike Raffle (see flyer this issue)

Bike Nites:

ABATE Local 3/13 – 1st 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.

ALL ABATE Events must have event insurance

contact the ABATE State office for information.

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BIKERS AID HURRICANE VICTIMS: Dear NCOM Board; We have spoken with Doc (NCOM Board Chairman "Doc" Reichenbach) and he has given us the go ahead to solicit relief assistance from our affiliates. After helping our friends and neighbors, we are now ready to contact the motorcycle community to assist with a storm that has contributed to the greatest property loss in our nation's history.

We have responded to an effort led by Central Harley-Davidson in Austin, Texas. They are receiving donations and then trucking them to dealerships in the affected areas, principally Houston. We asked if we could get our organization's members to ship to their store and they said yes, but make sure the boxes are marked. We see a great need with the cleanup efforts, so this is what we are proposing:

Phase 1 - Groups can order cleanup supplies from the box stores - Walmart.com, Target.com or even the Home Depots and Lowes. Package one type of item per box and then labeled (ex. attached hurricane relief - tarps, or hurricane relief - surgical masks, etc.).

Phase 2 - We are coordinating with Motorcycle Resource Teams and bike clubs to volunteer at Central H-D and delivery points to load/unload boxes so the motorcycle shops can still conduct their daily business.

Phase 3 - Once delivered we will assist with getting the supplies to the areas in most need. Getting a group to set up at the Golden Triangle H-D shop and delivering supplies to neighborhoods in the affected areas.

Following is a list of needed supplies: extension cords, box fans, work gloves, tarps, box cutters, blades, nylon rope for tarps, bug spray, antibacterial wipes, disposable surgical masks, rubber gloves, shop vacs.

If folks would rather send money donations, a Houston organization that is networked with a multitude of churches and organizations in the state who are doing the relief work and gets the supplies that are needed in a very timely manner is www.somebodycares.org. Please check them out, and they have a donate button on their website. They also have a Houston warehouse with trucks going to affected areas daily, so we will also put them on the suggested list of recipients for Mancuso H-D.

We want to thank you in advance for the assistance offered from our awesome motorcycle community.

Serving Him with Joy,
Lou & Denise Nobs, NCOM Christian Unity
ncom.christianunity@gmail.com

NCOM BOARD OF DIRECTORS / REGIONAL MEETING IN OKLAHOMA CITY: The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Board of Directors will hold their bi-annual Board meeting at the Biltmore Hotel, 401 S. Meridian Ave in Oklahoma

City on Saturday, November 11, 2017, in conjunction with the NCOM Region II Conference.

All motorcyclists are invited to attend this free event, to learn and share with fellow bikers rights activists from around the country and across the region (NCOM Region II consists of Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska).

For further information, contact NCOM at (800) ON-A-BIKE or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

LACONIA MOTORCYCLE WEEK ORGANIZER ELECTED TO NH. STATEHOUSE: Longtime motorcycle enthusiast and organizer of the annual Laconia Motorcycle Week, Charlie St. Clair has won a House Seat in a special election in Belknap County, New Hampshire, posting a mild upset in the previously Republican-held district.

Charlie rides a Harley-Davidson Heritage Softail Classic and has been riding cross country every year for over thirty-four years to attend Laconia's sister rally in Sturgis, South Dakota, and was inducted into the Sturgis Museum Hall of Fame in 2008. He has served as executive director of the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association since 1992, and will continue in that role.

Newly-elected State Rep. St. Clair (D-District 9) says "People know me, and I'm going down there to represent my constituents in my district. As for motorcyclists, I'll be watching out on their behalf whether they're constituents or visitors to the state."

ILLINOIS LAW MANDATES STUDENTS LEARN WHAT TO DO DURING A TRAFFIC STOP: In addition to reading, writing and arithmetic, students in Illinois will now learn a possibly life-saving lesson; What to Do during a Traffic Stop.

The new state law, signed by Governor Bruce Rauner, is aimed at preventing a situation from escalating when teens are pulled over by police, and mandates that teachers dedicate instruction time to ensuring that students learn what to do and what not to do during a traffic stop, and how not to panic and do something that may seem like a red flag to cops.

"My hope is that if we uniformly require that driver's education include the protocol and what is expected when you interact with a police officer that things will not escalate," Senator Julie Morrison (D-Deerfield), who sponsored the bill, told the local station ABC 7.

ARKANSAS BECOMES 37TH STATE TO REVISE SLINGSHOT LICENSING: Polaris Industries reports that Arkansas no longer requires Slingshot owners to have a motorcycle operator's license, thus making the Natural State the 37th state to classify the three-wheeler as a car for licensing purposes.

"When Slingshot was introduced to the market in 2014, most consumers were required to hold a motorcycle endorsement or license to operate it," the company said in a recent press release. "Because Slingshot does not feature handlebars or straddle seating, but rather offers a unique three-wheel configuration with a steering wheel and side-by-side seating, state policymakers have recognized the need to update their operator licensing laws."

Although Slingshot resides in the motorcycle classification which has long provided for three-wheel designs, operator skills are more similar to those required for a passenger car. "Our goal is to gain a unified classification and operator licensing scheme across the country to provide more opportunities and driving freedom for consumers looking for the ultimate thrill experience that Slingshot offers," said Rachaël Elia, Slingshot Marketing Manager.

BANNED KNIVES NOW LEGAL IN TEXAS: A bipartisan House bill repealing the Lone Star State's 1871 ban on Bowie knives and other large blades has been signed by Governor Greg Abbott, dropping the

carry of illegal knives such as "Bowie knives, daggers, dirks, stilettos, poniards, swords, and spears" from the Texas penal code on weapons, a crime which currently carries fines of up to a year in jail, a fine of up to \$4,000, or both.

Still off limits for knives with blades over 5.5 inches will be places such as schools, correctional facilities, houses of worship, and bars that derive more than half their income from alcohol sales. Minors, under 18, will not be able to buy or carry a location-restricted knife.

New Hampshire passed the nation's first repeal of a switchblade (automatic) knife ban in 2010, and since then such knife restrictions have been repealed in Alaska, Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin.

FACING BACKLASH, CONFEDERATE MOTORS CHANGES ITS NAME: When Matt Chambers created his company in 1991 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, he chose to name it Confederate Motors "in a salute to good Southern principles," but in today's politically charged climate that associates the Southern Confederacy with racism and white supremacy, Chambers has decided to retire the name.

"The Confederate brand was no longer viable. I think we lost a lot a business with that name," Chambers told the Los Angeles Times, adding "We've missed out on branding opportunities. So, it's time to retire it."

The company is now the Curtiss Motorcycle Co., named after the father of American aviation, Glenn Curtiss, who gained fame competing with the Wright Brothers to dominate the skies, but who also famously built and raced motorcycles.

Their first model will be called the Hercules, the name originally used for Curtiss' motorcycles, and will be an electric sportbike.

BRITISH MOTORCYCLISTS RIDE ON PARLIAMENT TO PROTEST BIKE CRIME: Hundreds of concerned motorcyclists rode through London on Saturday, September 9th to protest a staggering increase in bike thefts, bike-jackings and brutal attacks on motorcyclists in the U.K.

The protest comes after acid was sprayed at six scooter riders in a 90 minute period in a series of attacks in London in July, with one victim suffering "life-changing injuries" according to police. Due to these vicious assaults, acid attackers now face life in prison, and prosecutors have been advised to impose sentences of up to four years just for carrying acid.

Other riders have had their bikes stolen from them by armed thieves. Recent crime figures have shown that vehicle theft has risen 18.6% nationwide in the last year and 25.9% in London, which is a trend that has been plain to see for bike owners. The thieves are more brazen than ever, posting pictures of bikes they've stolen on social media.

As the police struggle with motorcycle theft, the army may be called in to address the situation.

Protest organizers, '#BikersUnited', say 65 bikes are stolen a day in the capital, while riders increasingly face "violence, knives, acid and even death from the thieves."

Formed of a number of biking groups including MAG (Motorcycle Action Group), #BikersUnited says on its Facebook page: "We represent the 1,000s of riders of motorcycles and scooters in Britain and are protesting about the outrageous escalation of bike theft and bike jackings in our country."

PHILIPPINES CALLS FOR BIGGER LICENSE PLATES TO DETER CRIMES: The Philippine Senate has unanimously approved a bill requiring the Land Transportation Office to provide bigger and reflectorized license plates for motorcycles and scooters to deter crimes.

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Voting 21-0, the upper chamber approved on final reading Senate Bill 1397, or the proposed “Motorcycle Crime Prevention Act of 2017”, which would require significantly larger license plates for the front and rear of all motorcycles and scooters for easy identification to deter motorcycle-riding criminals from easily getting away.

“Motorcycles have become crime machines. With their small plate numbers, criminals perpetrating crimes while on board motorcycles easily flee from the scene of the crime, and usually there are no witnesses who can read or identify plate numbers so that the authorities can go after the criminals,” Senator Richard Gordon, the bill’s author, said.

STUDY SHOWS CAR DRIVERS ARE CONFIDENT THEY CAN TEXT AND DRIVE SAFELY:

A recent study by Progressive Insurance reveals that about one third of car drivers feel confident in their own ability to text and drive, yet the majority believe distracted driving is the biggest cause of auto accidents and more than 90% say it should be illegal.

The report showed a sharp difference in attitudes between younger and older drivers, with more than 60% of 18-34 year olds being confident in their ability to safely text while driving, compared to less than 6% of those 55 and older.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 3,477 people were killed, and 391,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers in the United States in 2015. Teens were the largest age group reported as distracted at the time of fatal crashes.

The study further showed that men think they are better at texting and driving, with twice as many men (21%) as women (11%) saying they are “very confident” in their ability to text while driving. Despite that confidence in their own abilities, some 88% of men and 97% of women think texting should not be allowed.

Among all drivers, more than 65% of individuals polled believe that texting/looking at one’s phone while driving is the most common cause of traffic accidents in the United States. And 83% of individuals believe police should be able to pull over drivers for texting alone. Yet at the same time, 34% of respondents said they were somewhat or very confident in their ability to text while driving.

Meanwhile, the study said the most common feelings evoked when seeing another driver texting is concern (62%) followed by irritation (50%), and these feelings didn’t vary by age or gender.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “A society that gets rid of all its troublemakers goes downhill.” ~ Robert A. Heinlein (1907-1988) science-fiction author

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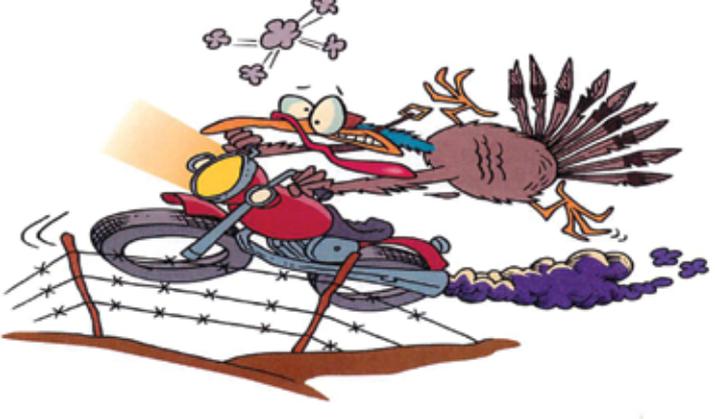
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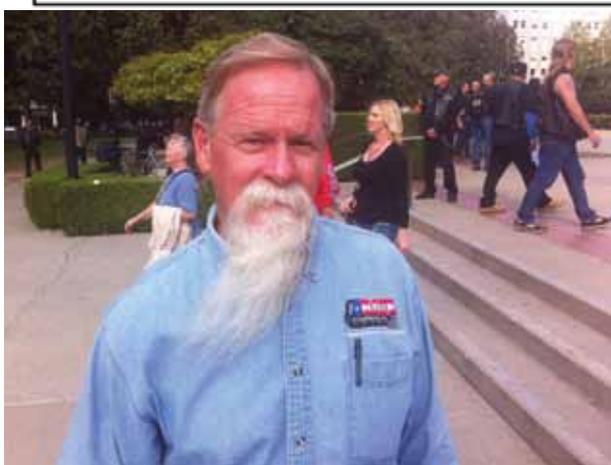
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by **Dave Hastings, PC Treasurer**

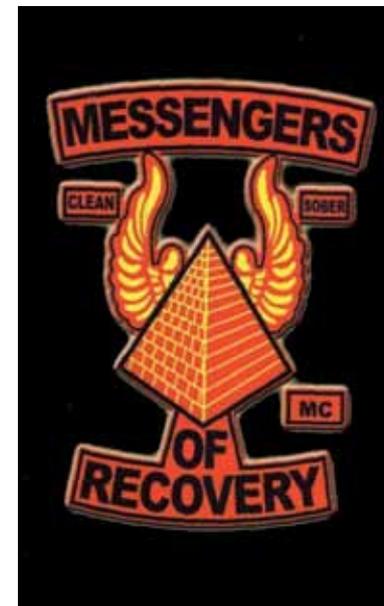
abate.org for recent updates and additional information on all of these bills and others I have left out for brevity.

The final ABATE Board of Directors meeting of 2017 has been scheduled for October 21, 2017 in Fresno and we would sure like to see you in attendance there. Stop in and catch up on the latest motorcycle information available and meet your State Officers and our Lobbying team from Sacramento. As I've stated many times we discuss and vote on many items at the PAC meeting held in conjunction with the Board meeting and this is your chance to be heard and cast your vote on each item on the agenda. Attend and you will be taking the latest information and strategies available back home to your next Local meeting.

I will end this article with a reminder of our Annual Appeal letter that was mailed to every member statewide. Many have already responded and I want to say "thank you" for your contribution and generosity. If you are still sitting on the fence dig out that letter or go to our state website and make a contribution to your motorcycle rights and freedom in California. You know who you are and you know where your money will go - back into protecting every rider in California! Give as much as you can and never think that your donation is insignificant. Every dollar counts and every donation, large or small, protects your motorcycle freedoms and choices here in our golden state.

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The PAC scene always quiets down in the fall, but I would like to touch on several items we are still working on. As we all know, most of the legislation we are pursuing has been turned into two year bills and will not be brought up for a vote until early next year. Still, at this time I want to discuss some of the items that we championed that are moving right along and leave you with some encouraging news.

AB 1027 - Acosta - Motorcycle Driver's License Examinations - was signed into law by Governor Brown on 09/01/2017. This bill allows unlicensed, but experienced riders, to take a shorter duration intermediate class instead of the entire beginner course that had been required in the past.

SB 672 - Fuller - Traffic Actuated Signal's - passed both houses, awaiting signature from the Governor.

SB 249 & 159 - Allen - OHV Program - passed both houses, awaiting signature from the Governor.

CHP Lane Splitting Guidelines - ABATE is a voting member of the committee and we delivered our response and support for the guidelines.

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See our flyer in this issue of the Bailing Wire. Tickets are available through those mentioned on the flyer and from Locals 1, 8, 17, 20 and 24. More Locals will be joining soon. I will have tickets to sell and distribute at our October 21st State Board Meeting in Fresno. You do not have to purchase tickets to sell, if you sign for them.

We are getting a better start on sales this time by about 4 months, so we have plenty of time to make a worthy donation to the ABATE of California Mothership.

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During the holiday weekend of September 2nd I went to Top Rocker HD after my 8 am AA meeting. I visited with some friends and got the new shift rod for my 2002 sporty that had broken. It's hard to get parts for a 2002 sporty at the dealer these days, they have to back order them. However when you have two bikes there no problem going for a ride.

About 12 noon I decided to head out to the Rock Store. It's Saturday so it's not as packed as it is on Sunday. Stayed there for about an hour talking with the guy at the Russ Brown booth. Coffeed-up, I left at 1 pm. I decided to take Mulholland Hwy to Little Sycamore Canyon Road. This route took me to Yerba Buena Road in Ventura County. This road is twisty and some sections need repairs but it's rideable. I followed it down to PCH next to Neptune's Net, a popular riding spot eatery. Went south on PCH until I got to the Malibu Colony Plaza where I had a Subway sandwich. Back on PCH traveled south until I got to US 1 and took it to Bartels HD for a much needed coffee break. Stayed there a while as I wound up seeing a couple I knew from the Top Rocker HOG chapter. Took the freeway home.

The next weekend, September 9th, was a Top Rocker HOG meeting. I get to talk about ABATE issues of importance. After the meeting, I went to the shop and got some shifting parts for my 2002 sporty and hung around for a few hours.

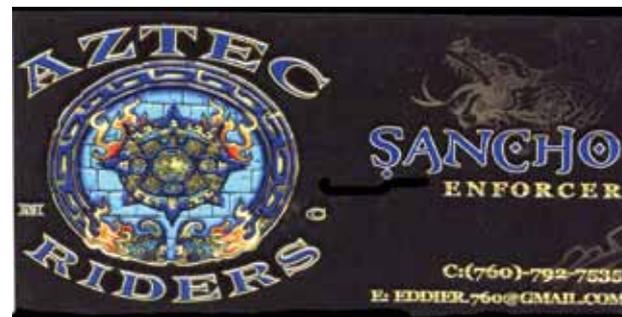
The next day I traveled for a 9 o'clock meeting at the Shaggers club house in Lancaster. They serve coffee and donuts. So we have the meeting and I get a wild hair to go up to the 139 and ride it to the 5 fwy and then home. However I did not stop for gas, so I got to see how far I could get on a full tank of gas! I was starting to get antsy about fuel consumption and stopped at this road house fuel and grocery store in some little town whose name escapes me. No gas due to supply shortages. So now I'm getting really nervous about running out of gas. However luck was on my side and I made it to Gorman. Gas was \$4 dollars a gallon for premium! Yikes! Now I know what it must be like to drive in Canada or Europe. Got 2 gallons and made it home safe and

sound. However as I am writing this column, the battery on my 2002 sporty is being charged up as I stupidly left the key on, again!

Look in next month's Sporty's Rides for my planned trip to Grass Valley and Local 52's Burger event.

Ok that's it for now. Attend ABATE events and keep on the look-out for new members for the Membership drive.

Regards, Sporty, your ABATE Scribe



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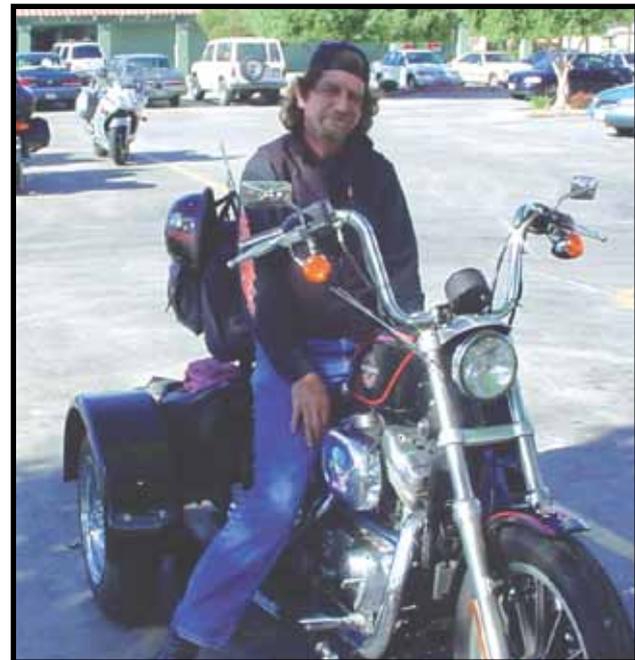
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by Sporty Milligan

Greetings all! I have been getting some stuff for my two bikes off eBay. I went round and round looking for seats and found a couple that were reasonably priced. They make my old bikes look better. I use eBay because when you're retired and on a fixed income you do things on the cheap.

I am the ABATE Regional representative for Region 8. This means that I attend the monthly meetings of Local 19. They are a good group of folks. They have their meetings the last Wednesday of the month at the Round Table Pizza in Ontario. (The back page of the Bailing Wire gives the exact address and time it starts) They are led by President Jeff Bassler and Diane Davis respectively. The meetings are very informative. If you're in the neighborhood the last Wednesday of the month, stop by and get the low down on what's going on with ABATE Local 19 and the political stuff as well. The journey from my house takes about an hour to an hour and a half due to the traffic. On my return trip I sometimes stop at the Mobile station at the 210 Lake exit for a cup of joe before going up the backside of 210 to my house in San Fernando.

ABATE Local 17 and Iron Steed HD in Vacaville, CA are sponsoring a bike raffle. They will be raffling off a 2017 Harley Davidson Road Glide. This bike raffle is a fundraiser for ABATE of California - the motorcycle rights group that helped get AB-51, lane splitting, passed into law. Tickets are \$10 dollars for 1, \$45 for 5 and \$90 for 10. I have 100 tickets and, if you would like some tickets, you can get them

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It's mid-September and all I gotta say is hurrah! This is the best new short riding season that lasts just a couple of months at the longest mostly for Californians especially the southern ones. Hot days and cool nights are the best. By that, I mean it's not too hot, but not cold. Kinda borderline where you might want to put on a long tee shirt, you know.

We've made it this far as far as this year is going and, God willing, we'll make it to the last day of the year. I'm not going to go into numbers, but a lot of us went down and some stayed down forever. Some have been seriously injured, some escaped with minor injuries, and some (this "some" is the majority) had near misses or eye opening experiences.

We all strive to get to where we're going, even if we don't know where we are going, but getting back home is all our preferred destinations, especially unscathed. Some riders have a special time of the year when they like to ride the most and many of us don't care about when, it's just plain and simple, let's ride! The motorized nation we are in produces thousands and countless thousands of vehicles yearly - it's who we are. I'm sure the total amount of all vehicles ever produced from day one would be staggering.

The big industry of cars and trucks are pushing technology to the limits every year and it will get more intense from now on. Why? Safety! The big push is on TV every night. You get commercial after commercial about the new safety features this manufacture has while exploiting our intelligence. You've seen them, auto stop, driver correction if you're drifting and so on. It's mind boggling to me and kind of pisses me off for the fact that it's highlighting people being, shall we say nicely, sidetracked while driving. Then it's like its ok to be distracted, our car will make up for your lack of attention while driving, besides, it's the new technology. We are geared up to learn the about this new type of technology as a priority when purchasing these new vehicles.

We are taught to be defensive drivers and to pay attention while operating a motor vehicle. They say it's a privilege to operate any vehicle and not a right in the state of California. When we first started driving and or riding on public streets we were very cautious and we developed skills and confidence as the years went, but we also got lazy (I'm guessing) and had a mindset of knowing it all. Everything is automatic because I've been doing this since Nixon was president or whatever. All along the way technology was happening. Improvements on vehicle safety of the physical damage it could withstand because of an accident was the big issue. A safer seatbelt here and airbag there made driving safer for you if you're in an accident.

If you are in your 50s - 60s, you know of the changes year after year. Now here we are



about accident prevention via new electronic technology to assist you if you're sidetracked while driving. As a rider of the two-wheel legacy, it kind of scares last night's dinner out of me! Have we made driving too easy? Are we really that person in the commercial, the irresponsible driver?

What happened to education? How about the subliminal messages while professing this new technology, making people appear to be stupid and rely on the car stopping by itself because their head was not there. We're talking about the commercials that show the adult driver looking back at their children smiling thinking everything is alright after your vehicle did what you should have been doing in the first place, what the heck! What does this tell us?

This kind of technology doesn't scare me, it's how they portray it that does. I mean, as a motorcyclist, I need the drivers around me to concentrate on their driving skills while I'm in their midst. Are we teaching reliability on technology rather than education that is needed on our roads? I like the blind spot technology, that's a good one. I can visually see it on the newer vehicles while riding. I notice it on the side mirrors, but does it make the driver drive safer? Does it make the driver lazy and rely on technology rather than physically looking over their shoulder to make sure what you see is real? Remember that back in the day we were taught to rely on our own visual senses to insure lane changes or turns and not rely on the mirror.

While I ride, I need to know that my presence is known physically and not just a blip on the driver's dashboard. People may complain about loud pipes, but I know for a fact that it alerts the surrounding people there's a hog on the road! But we still need to do more than that. We can never assume that we are safe because of the new technology. I see people still talking on their cell phones, even while driving the newest vehicles full of the latest technology, hands free? What does it mean if you still have the old knowledge and don't use it?

To me, the cell phone usage while driving is the most distracting habit that could, and does, cause the worst accidents, still! I've read that New York has changed the price of fines using the cell phone while driving to

over \$1,000! I agree, and think it should be a lot more because of this one fact, it kills innocent people. It's easy to pay a small fine and go about your day, but when you gotta pay out the butt then maybe it will change your attitude about being responsible. I, as a rider, expect everyone around me to be equally responsible and take driving seriously. As a driver, I expect the same to include motorcyclists. The roads belong to all of us and mutual respect is required.

I know that as a minority (motorcyclists) we are looked at more than the majority. The numbers prove this to be true, it's a fight we will endure till the end. We need to rely on the continuation of education for all and not just the new drivers or riders. I don't need to feel safe because of the newest technological advancement for vehicle safety. I need to feel safe because the drivers around me take driving seriously and understand it really is a privilege and not a right.

There have been many improvements in the motorcycle industry as far as safety is concerned, but it's still up to the rider. We cannot go much farther because this is the beast that it is. But we can one-up the drivers with motorcycle safety within ourselves. It's just a fact that we can avoid most accidents or prevent a mishap as we ride, but we have to rely on our own continuous education mindset and not be satisfied. We cannot let our ego say we know everything because we've been riding for decades unscathed. Stuff happens all day and every day from the rookies to the old timers, it just happens. And education is not about just reading books or going to classes, it's about being a part of an organization that promotes education, to the barroom discussions about how I got lucky! It's got to be continuous no matter how you get your information.

I've talked about practicing hard braking as objects in the road, including wildlife, all of a sudden cross your path. You also have to add accident avoidance because of driver distractions. Staying alert while riding doesn't just mean knowing what's around you while riding, but also observing the drivers can help you more than you know. Staying clear of people whether you get in front of them or fall back is your choice. I see speed changes and people drifting all the time - the first thing for me is "why?" Is there a distracted driver or impaired driver in traffic? It's not for me to judge these people, but to stay clear from them. I will not go on a road rage attitude towards them. I'd rather be safe and calm than chasing them down yelling expletives at them while my blood pressure soars.

Please don't forget while riding that you're a minority and for some reason they remember you as a motorcyclist rather than a driver. Be representative of our fight, flight, right, etc., while riding because it represents all of us and not just you. We have a magnificent brain and while we ride, we do multitask as part of riding. It's part of the responsible pleasure we get to enjoy while riding. Stay safe because of you, you alone...

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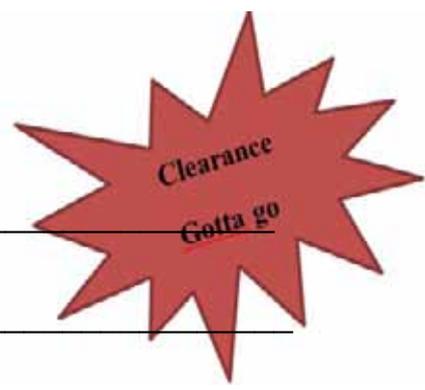
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ABATE’s political action arm, ABATEPAC, has trained and organized campaign volunteers to assist in the campaigns of candidates supportive of motorcyclists’ rights, which has raised the visibility and credibility of California motorcyclists with local, state and federal politicians.

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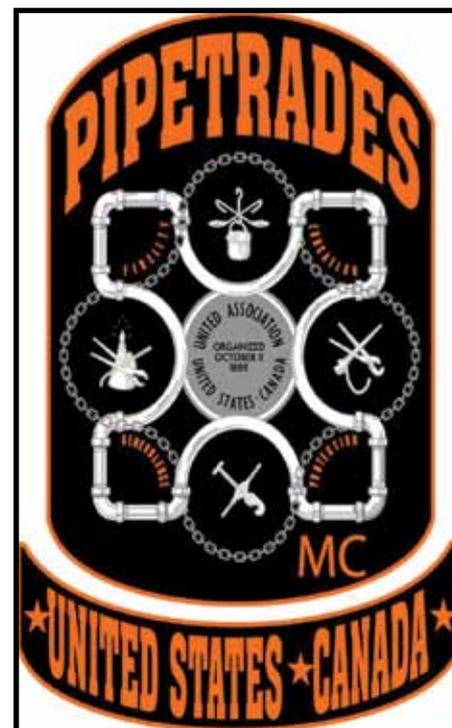
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ABATE worked on the passage of (AB1515 & SB2084) – Veteran's License Plates for Motorcycles. Both Bills approved by Governor Gray Davis in 2000. AB1515 - Chapter 859, SB2084 – Chapter 861.

ABATE was instrumental in the passage of the motorcycle Handlebar Height modification bill (AB2844), Vehicle Code 27801 Section 1 (a), (b). Chapter 280. Approved by Governor Schwarzenegger August 23, 2004.

ABATE lobbied aggressively to increase the penalties on ROW violations. (SB1021) Approved by Governor Schwarzenegger September 30, 2006. Chapter 898.

ABATE lobbied aggressively to repeal Section 2140.5 V.C. (Traffic-actuated, signals for bicycles & motorcycles) (AB1581) Approved by Governor Schwarzenegger October 8, 2007, Chapter 337.

AB 1205 – Dan Logue; 2/2009 Bill Introduced to modify the existing Mandatory Helmet Law; ABATE supported, bill failed to get out of Transportation Committee (2/2010).

AB 882 – Jean Fuller; Introduced a bill to post Victim Memorial Signs on Highways; ABATE supported; Bill passed both the Assembly and Senate floors; Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed the bill October 2009.

SB 435 – Pavley – Smog Check Bill for Motorcycles; Introduced in 2009, amended 8 times by ABATE's continuous lobbying efforts; The last amendment finally reduced it to a "noise bill" and it was signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on September 28, 2010; Chapter 407. Law effective beginning January 2013.

February 2010 – Between ABATE members John Del Santo, Jean Hughes, James Lombardo Sr., Cal Trans, and others (along with years of correspondence); Changeable Message Boards on Freeways throughout the State of California are now being used to alert drivers to "Share the Road, Look Twice for Motorcyclists" especially during the month of May to correspond with Motorcycle Awareness Month.

AB 1848 – Martin Garrick – Motorcycle Theft tools; ABATE supported this bill to close loopholes; Amends Section 466.65 of the Penal Code. Signed by Governor Schwarzenegger July 19, 2010.

AB 1952 – Niello; Amends VC 12509 and adds 12509.5 relating to motorcycle instruction permits. ABATE supported. Signed by Governor Schwarzenegger September 20, 2010.

AB 695 – Chris Norby – Bill to amend Mandatory Helmet Law introduced 2/2011; 4/25/11 bill was granted reconsideration; Amended 1/2012; passage failed in Trans. Committee 1/9/12 in spite of ABATE's lobbying efforts and enormous rider support.

AB 1890 – Jose` Solorio – Revised mandatory placement location of transponders on motorcycles using toll roads and highways. Bill signed by Governor Jerry Brown July 10, 2012. Amends Section 23302 V.C.

AB 1047 – Kevin Jeffries – Forbids "motorcycle only" checkpoints – ABATE supported; Bill signed by Governor Jerry

Brown July 13, 2012. Amends Section 2814.1 V.C.

AB 1535 – Linda Halderman – Installation of “Motorcycle OK” signs in HOV lanes. Introduced January 24, 2012. (Bill is being held under submission). Bill “died”.

OHV Bills

2013 - Off-Road Vehicles aka Side x Sides/Recreational Off-highway Vehicles (ROV's). Several bills were introduced; AB64-Donnelly; SB334 Fuller and SB234 Walters; concerning after-market modifications and rules of same. ABATE aggressively pursued the passage of these 3 bills. **SB234** Walters bill was ultimately passed and signed by Governor Jerry Brown. SB234 amends Vehicle Code Sections 38603 and 38604. This bill took effect immediately as an urgency statute; Chaptered 179, August 27, 2013 and immediately “Grand-Fathered” in existing modifications that had previously been modified to Side X Sides & ROV's.

AB 988 – Brian Jones – Adds all-terrain vehicles (ATV) & ROV's to be under the jurisdiction of the New Motor Vehicle Board – grievances to be handled by a non-binding arbitration hearing vs. an attorney. Amends VC Sections 111, 3001 & 3003; Signed by Governor Jerry Brown & Chaptered (279) August 25, 2014, 2014 – Off Road Bill **AB1835**-Olsen (Side x Sides) Original bill amended to remove mandated helmet use on PRIVATE Land. Amends Section 38601 VC. Signed by Governor Brown 9/16/2014. Chapter 355.

For off-road vehicle information - contact Nick@abate.org or Dave@abate.org

Bills concerning motorcyclist's and worked on by ABATE of California

2015

AB8 (Gatto) – Hit & Run message boards (Approved by Governor Jerry Brown 9/28/15, Chaptered 326 Statutes of 2015);

AB51 (Quirk) – Lane Sharing/Splitting (2-yr bill now);

AB334 (Cooley) – Anti-Profling (died in committee);

AB346 (Wilk) – Identity (*Unobstructed view of full face for examination*) Chaptered & Signed by Governor Jerry Brown 7/14/2015.

SB350 (DeLeon/Leno) Pollution/exhaust reduction). An act to add Section 44258.5 to the Health and Safety Code, to amend Section 1720 of the Labor Code, to amend Sections 25310 and 25943 of, and to add Sections 25302.2 and 25327 to, the Public Resources Code, and to amend Sections 359, 399.4, 399.11, 399.12, 399.13, 399.15, 399.16, 399.18, 399.21, 399.30, 454.55, 454.56, 701.1, 740.8, 9505, and 9620 of, to amend and repeal Sections 337 and 352 of, to add Sections 237.5, 365.2, 366.3, 454.51, 454.52, 740.12, 9621, and 9622 to, to add Article 17 (commencing with Section 400) to Chapter 2.3 of Part 1 of Division 1 of, to add and repeal Article 5.5 (commencing with Section 359.5) of Chapter 2.3 of Part 1 of Division 1 of, and to (continued from page 2) repeal Article 5 (commencing with Section 359) of Chapter 2.3 of Part 1 of Division 1 of, the Public Utilities Code, relating to energy. Signed by Governor Jerry Brown October 7, 2015. Chapter 547

2016

AB 51 –Assembly members Bill Quirk & Tom Lackey Authors, and Co-author – Kansen Chu; Lane Splitting; The passage of this bill authorizes the Dept. of California Highway Patrol to develop educational guidelines relating to lane splitting. ABATE Supported. August 19, 2016 AB51 was signed by Governor Jerry Brown; Chapter 141 adding section 21658.1 to the Vehicle code.

AB 1932 – Assembly member Jay Obernolte, author. Licensed Traffic Violator School (TVS). Motorcyclist's given a citation while riding a motorcycle will now have the option of which type of TVS course to complete. Bill was introduced February 2016, signed by Governor Jerry Brown September 24, 2016. Chapter 561, adds section 11223 to the Vehicle code. ABATE of California supported.

For complete context on any of the above numbered bills:

Prior to 1999 - please go to www.Leginfo.ca.gov

2000 forward - please go to <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov>

ABATE Of California supports motorcycle rider training programs and asks that all users ride responsibly.

ABATE Of California is dedicated to “Freedom of the Road” for all motorcyclists, both on and off-road.

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Los Angeles County - Local #01-Reg#8

Sporty Milligan 3rd Sun - 9 AM
1616 4th St Elks Lodge
San Fernando 10137 E. Commerce
818/ 361-8800 Tujunga, CA 91242

Simi Valley - Local #02-Reg#7

Guy Corrigan 2nd Tues 7:30 PM
805/796-6328 VFW Post#10049
4242 E Los Angeles Ave.
Simi Valley 93063
Crashman1@sbcglobal.net

Thousand Oaks/Ventura Local#03/13-Reg#7

Tim Suffolk 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge
805/587-6848 158 N Conejo School
Thousand Oaks
91362

San Diego County - Local #06-Reg#12

Snowman 1st Sun - 12 Noon
C/O Boozefighters M/C Kate Sessions Park
P O Box 501946 Pacific Beach
San Diego CA 92150 92109
619/855-9981

Orange County - Local #08-Reg#11

Steve Howe 2nd Mon.7:30PM
PO Box 5473 American Legion #354
Buena Park, CA 90622 8071 Whitaker
562/298-6236 Buena Park
santabeard@yahoo.com 90621

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

Dan Buse 2nd Sun - 11 AM
buse13@att.net Escondido Moose Lodge
760/807-7294 25721 Jesmond Dene Rd
Escondido 92026

Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano & Napa Counties L#17 Region #3

Glenn Phillips 3rd Sun.- 10:00 AM
P O Box 148 Judy's Wild
Vacaville 95696 Wrangler Saloon
707/624-6310 4826 Midway Rd.
Vacaville CA 95688

Pomona Valley - Local #19-Reg#8

Jeff Bassler 4th Wed - 7:00 PM
C/O 9648 Calle Vejar Round Table Pizza
Rancho Cucamonga 1020 N Mountain
91730 Ontario, CA 91729
909/596-9685

Orange County - Local #20-Reg#11

Gill Mellen 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
2104 Continental Ave. American Legion
Costa Mesa 92627 5646 Corporate Ave.
949/632-9787 Cypress CA 90630



ABATE MEETINGS

San Bernardino - Local#23-Reg#9

Ron Morris 1st Sun 9:00 AM
909/794-6563 Vicky's Restaurant
502 S Waterman Ave
San Bernardino CA 92408

Fresno - Local#24-Reg#6

Ed Rogers 1st Tues. 7:00 PM
559/264-2891 High Sierra Grill House
www.abatelocal24.org 2003 W Bullard Ave.
Fresno 93711

Sacramento - Local#25-Reg#2

Lil' David Morena 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
916/616-9605 Denny's
3520 Auburn Blvd.
Sacramento 95821

Riverside - Local#27-Reg#9

Kenny Nuttall 1st Tues - 7:00 PM
P.O. Box 7070 American Legion
Riverside CA 92513 2979 Dexter Dr.
951/377-5772 (in Fairmont Park)
Riverside, CA 92501

North Valley - Local #31-Reg#2

Larry James 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
Panighetti's
530/893-4827 2760 Esplanade
Chico 95973

Yuba City - Local#33-Reg#2

Gary Wright 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
530/742-5992 American Legion
5477 Feather River Blvd
Olivehurst 95961

Imperial Valley - Local#38-Reg#12

Ed Aranda Last Thurs - 6:30 PM
Edward_A12@yahoo.com
La Fonda Bar & Grill
1950 South 4th St.
El Centro, CA 92243

Bakersfield - Local#40-Reg#6

Robert Northam 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM
Kilroy16@yahoo.com Rusty's Pizza
5430 Olive Dr
Bakersfield 93308

High Desert Local 44/47-Reg #13

Dave Hastings 2nd Sat. 9:30 am
16782 Danbury Ave. Eagles Order #4181
Hesperia, CA 92345 16195 Main St
760/947-4700 Hesperia 92345

Grass Valley - Local#52-Reg#2

Craig Griswold 3rd Wed - 6:30 PM
21183 State Hwy 20 Alta Sierra
Penn Valley Pizza & Grill'
530/263-8071 15690 Johnson Place
Grass Valley 95949

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Craig Griswold 25, 31, 33 & 52.
Region 3: Vacant
Region 6: Regional Representative Ed
Rogers
24 & 40.
Region 7: Regional Representative -
Keith Johnston 2 & 3/13.
Region 8: Regional Representative
Sporty Milligan
1 & 19.
Region 9: Regional Representative
Mark Loudermilk 23, & 27
Region 11: Regional Representative
D-Man 8, & 20.
Region 12 Regional Representative
Dave Connors
Locals 6, 11 & 38
Region 13: Regional Representative
Yermo Eddy
44/47.

