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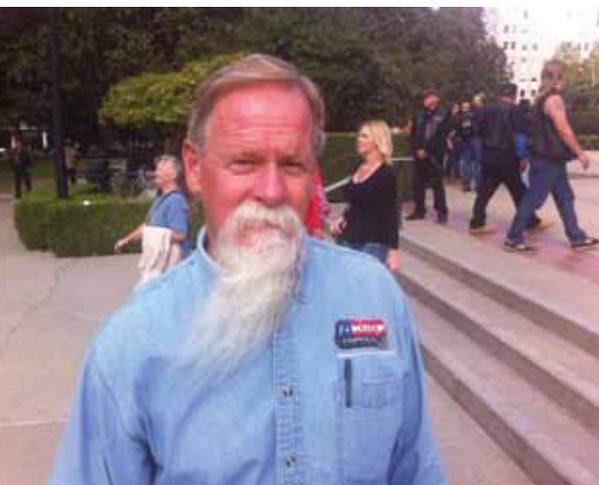
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Executive Director's Report



**by Dave Hastings,
Executive Director**

We have just completed our first ABATE Board of Directors meeting of 2016 with a resolve to be even more "pro-active" in our quest of protection and enhancement of motorcycle rights in California.

We will be pursuing solutions to "stagnated" motorcycle legislation in our state capitol that affects our right to ride and also looking at ways to protect California riders from discriminatory and unlawful profiling tactics. These methods and tactics are used by some business establishments and law enforcement agencies based simply on our outward appearance and our choice of transportation.

Motorcycles are a very fuel efficient, low impact, and a practical alternative to the cars and trucks constantly clogging up the streets and highways of California. If everyone would "ride instead of drive" we could quickly and cost effectively solve the gridlock that so many of our California drivers face on a day to day basis. Our roads would instantly seem virtually empty and with lightweight motorcycles traveling on them, last practically forever.

Now, even I realize this is never going to happen, and with the poor driving habits some of the licensed drivers of California exhibit, I doubt if many of them could ever possess the skill level required to operate a motorcycle safely. Come to think of it, if all of them did ride, we could probably do away with all forms of birth control and just let nature use natural selection to ensure the survival of the species.

All joking aside, I feel that we motorcycle riders do possess and continuously use a superb, highly developed set of skills to ensure our survival on the streets and highways we travel. This skill level is also subconsciously applied to the four wheeled vehicles we operate. This results in a safer, more efficient driving experience for everyone we share the road with.

I think it's time our lawmakers recognized the value of motorcycles in California and started implementing legislation or maybe just using some good old common sense and enforcement of the laws already on their books to protect our right to ride. We should also be able to associate with fellow riders without constantly facing subtle and sometimes even blatant discrimination and harassment simply because we ride a motorcycle in California

ABATE and your Board of Directors have set a goal for 2016 to move forward the stalled legislation concerning "lane sharing" and "discrimination and profiling" of motorcycle riders in California. We have voted to accept and urge passage of AB 51 - Lane Sharing bill, authored by Quirk/Lackey and will be examining and cooperating with other organizations to reintroduce and pass legislation based on AB 334 - Anti Profiling - Cooley.

The ABATE Board of Directors feels both of these pieces of legislation will be very beneficial and are critically needed by EVERY rider in California and we are committed to actively monitor and support their legislative journey through our state capitol.

Stay tuned, I'm sure there will be more to come on these pieces of legislation! Until then, just "DECIDE TO RIDE"! Dave H.

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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 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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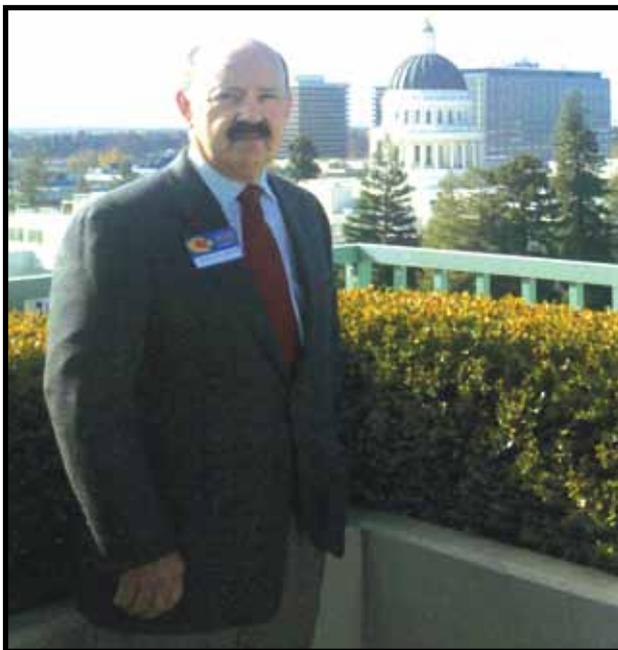
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Lobbyist's Report



by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

Our Legislature returned on January 4th. The Assembly elected another new Speaker out of Southern California, Anthony Rendon, from Lakewood. He will take over as Speaker on March 1st, and replaces our good friend, Speaker Toni Atkins from San Diego.

Governor Brown submitted a balanced budget with additional funding for a rainy day account should California face another economic downturn. There will be no slashing of social programs which was required two years ago with this proposed budget.

Currently several Democrats have introduced bills to restore, or increase, funding of these programs. Governor Brown has, so far, resisted these attempts, preferring to have a balanced budget. Brown does not want to dip into the substantial \$8 billion reserve fund he has battled to maintain that conflict with many legislators' agendas to spend it on social welfare projects.

Several bills are left over from last session — Assemblyman Bill Quirk's Lane Splitting bill, AB 51, is still in the Senate Transportation Committee and has until June to be acted on. It has until June, because it passed the Assembly, last year.

Assemblyman Cooley's motorcyclist anti-profiling bill, AB 334, did not fare so well — it passed its first Assembly policy committee, but was held on the suspense file in the Assembly Appropriation Committee. Since this fiscal committee did not have a hearing this January, all bills on suspense there, including AB 334, are **DEAD**. A new anti-profiling bill can still be introduced, however, in this session.

Senator Jim Beall's SBX1 1 to increase gas taxes and registration fees to fund highway repairs and transit did not pass. It is still alive because it is a bill introduced in a Special Session called by Governor Brown. The bill needs a 2/3 majority because it increases taxes. Unless the Republicans agree to vote for a tax increase, this bill is also dead this year.

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

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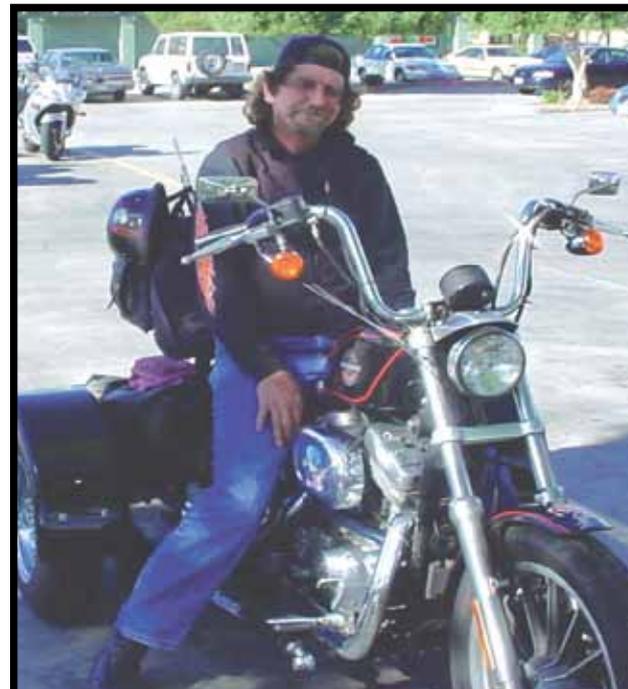
MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Greetings all! This is the first Membership report of the year. First the good stuff.

We just concluded the Membership Drive for 2015 and this was the way it panned out: \$300 1st place - Glen Phillips, Local 17, with 18 new members; \$200 2nd place - Gill Mellen, Local 20, with 13 new members; \$100 3rd place - Chuck Pedersen, Local 3/13, with 7 members; and Honorable mention - Steve Howe, Local 8, with 6 new members & Tammy Odell, Local 23, with 5 new members. Congratulations to everyone! You're my Membership drive heroes!

The new Membership Drive starts January 1 and ends December 31st. Please continue to get new members. "By all means do the Drive to keep ABATE Alive" quote from Peter Daniels, Local 1 Member. Presidents please work hard to keep your renewals they are the backbone of ABATE. Remember the



trinket program I have often written about to reward your members for renewing. There is unity and strength in numbers of members.

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Regards, Sporty

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LOCAL NEWS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Greetings! Welcome to 2016! At our December meeting I bought stuff for a Christmas party. Turnout was rather small. In that respect I am disappointed, but know that our meeting schedule day and time might not suit everyone in Local 1. Never the less it was a good meeting for those in attendance.

Announced the Local 1 finances and they are ok. We are able to pay our monthly contribution to the lobbyist's fund, but that's about all we can do financially. We discussed plans for our 29th annual Polar Bear run that will be on February 28th. I would like to think that you will all come to this event.

That was the biggest part of our meeting, so after that discussion we had stuff from Glen C on memberships and Jim Nickla on the t-shirts.

The meeting concluded with me giving out the Christmas prizes I had brought. The breakfast was especially good this month.

The January ABATE Local 1 meeting comes after the Bailing Wire is due, so it will go like this: We say the Pledge of Allegiance, I give my opening remarks that will include an invite to the January 23rd Board meeting, we will discuss in earnest the continued plans for the 29th POLAR BEAR RUN - date for that MEGA EVENT IS FEBRUARY 28th, reports by Glen C and Jim Nickla and finally an open forum from the members in attendance. Then close the meeting and have a good breakfast.

Regards, Sporty, President Local 1

Local #02 Simi Valley



Happy New Year to Local 2 and All ABATEers! 2016 is going to be a great year for all of us, just think positive and continue to move forward!

Our first meeting of the year started great! "Why?" You may ask, because I had a double-double chili cheese burger straight off the grill with all the fixins"! It was one terrific dinner! A double thanks to our volunteer cooks, Pres Guy and Ken - a job well done! We serve hamburgers, foot longs and for tonight spicy hot links, with homemade potato salad and coleslaw, and anything that anyone brings as well. We start serving our fantastic \$5.00 meal at 6:45 until 7:30 then our meeting starts. We also have the blessing of the VFW's bar at our convenience and it's a great thing. We meet at VFW POST 10049 at 4242 East Los Angeles Street on the second Tuesday of the month, our meeting starts at 7:30. We missed all who couldn't make it tonight and all I got to say about that is this: I love the smell of BBQ in the evening! Hanging with our buds ain't that bad either. It's about the camaraderie and small talk that we get to do while drinking a cold one.

A great big thanks in advance to our fabulous host, VFW POST 10049! It's awesome to have them amongst us in our fight for freedom for what we do. After the Pledge of Alliance our Pres Guy got us going, Jane our secretary read the minutes, Pat gave us the report for our finances, PR Norm said Hi, Ken our merchandise guy is getting his feet wet in his new position, Frank and Bob were out this month.

Leslie, one of our newer members, brought in a new member, Hey Judy, both from the Live Ride Christian Church, we welcome them!

We had a good night tonight, even though it's the first one, we will get warmed up as the months go by. We have plans for a bright future and hope that all will be with us as we gear up for this new year.

I hope everyone stays warm and dry. I hope we get the good cold weather and plenty of rain and this leads me to this, **check your tire pressure!** This is the season when your tire pressure can fluctuate daily and checking is really important to your riding safety.

Ride safer this year and keep two wheels on the ground and have a great 2016! PTL norm e.

Local #03/13 Thousand Oaks & Ventura



This year we are excited to welcome new members, new officers, and a new and renewed interest in our Local and the ABATE mission. At January's monthly membership meeting we installed a new slate of officers, including: Prez Chuck Pedersen, V.P. Keith Johnston, Treasurer Don Martin, Asst. Treasurer Kathleen Butcher, Sgt. At Arms Robert Files, and Scribe Julie Stuva. We are proud of and thankful for the energy and dedication exhibited by this group!

Big plans for this year include bringing back the "Leather Weather Run" in early March and a bigger and better Run at the end of May, in honor of Motorcycle Awareness Month. We have fresh ideas and enthusiasm for making money and having fun in the process. Our members are already working on the details. And, although we were proud to send a 'healthy' donation to our State organization at the end of last year, we are eager and motivated to support our State organization in an even bigger way this next year.

It's all about motorcyclists' rights! Joining ABATE makes a statement and sends money to work towards fair and just treatment of motorcyclists, whether you ride with ABATE or ride with another group. Participating in these events contributes to those funds.

To that end, our Local 3/13 of Thousand Oaks and Ventura County continues to reach out to the motorcycle community and to other ABATE Locals to work together for an even bigger voice. Our Local Bike Nights enjoy the attendance of not only our members, but those of other nearby groups. It's been great to share our enthusiasm and to reach out, inviting all motorcyclists to join our mission!

Our Local President, Chuck Pedersen, continues to network with various other groups, building alliances to assemble a formidable voice in Sacramento. Issues we are working on include AB334 Anti-Profiling Measure; AB51 lane sharing, and AB346 Full Identity Checks. Join us in support of these efforts! Get involved, write your legislators. Everything we do does make a difference.

Our Local 3/13 is always welcoming new members. Bike Nights are held the 1st Thursday of each month, 7 pm, at Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park; General Membership Meetings are on the 3rd Thursdays, 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 to any or all of these events and bring your friends.

Check us out on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/ABATE313 to follow our events and issues. It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups and organizations! Kathleen B.

Local #08 Orange County



With Local 8's meeting called to order this month we proceeded in electing and voting in our offers for 2016.

Most all stayed the same however we added a few new faces to our lineup. Triker took the position of our Media Captain and John and Cheryl co-hosting the Merchandise Captain position.

We discussed taking on a new logo for Local 8 and with much contemplation we came to an agreement. We will be buying t-shirts and rock our new Local logo in the near future.

We at Local 8 have future plans to take on some of the local runs as a group.

We are happy to report that to help lower the Lobbyist's expenses, Local 8's business member, The Horsemen, financed Jim Lombardo's trip to the Board meeting by purchasing Jim's airline tickets. Way to go Horsemen!

To close our meeting we had our monthly "opportunity drawing". The total in the pot was \$22.00. Hawgete was the name drawn and she donated it back to Local 8's general funds.

With the cold weather remember to dress warm, layers, layers, layers! With El Nino on the horizon be safe out there in rainy conditions.

Local 8's very own Hawgete

Local# 11 North San Diego County



Happy New Year! We basically just had an officers meeting and one member. I am hoping it was because most of the membership headed up to the Unification rally. Anyhow, not a whole lot to report.

Thanks, Gary Elliott, Secretary, ABATE Local 11

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



2016 has arrived and Local #17 is looking forward to another successful year!

Our Holiday party was a success. A BIG THANK YOU to Dave Whitaker for the food preparation. The Toy Run was also a success, with Toys for Tots receiving enough toys to fill up a van.

Our schedule is filling up with a lot of exciting events. Our Freeze Your Ass Off run/2nd Annual Tom Watson Memorial Run is coming up on March 5th, starting at Miss Darla's on Peabody Road in Vacaville. The Spring Fun Run is scheduled for April 23rd, followed by the 5th Annual Texas Hold-Em at the Moose Lodge on May 14th. Sign-ins at 4 pm and the cards fly at 5 pm. Hot Rods and Harleys - always an incredible event - is scheduled for June 5th at Iron Steen Harley Davidson.

We welcome our new Treasurer - Cathy O'Connell, Membership Officer - Teasa Gonzales, Run/Event Coordinator - Leann Hoffmann, and taking over Newsletter, Run cards and Flyers is Geno Hamrick.

We are looking forward to another great year of riding, membership growth, and keeping everyone aware of what is happening with legislation affecting our right to ride!

Ride Safe, Ride FREE! Shauna

Local #20 Orange County



LOCAL NEWS

At our December meeting we had a great turnout with a total of 40 people including 12 guests. I would like to especially thank Zap from Local 22 for joining us and extend a welcome to the other members to also visit us. Our Christmas dinner was superb with turkey, ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, rolls and pumpkin pie. There was a lot of food leftover so it will be going to feed the homeless.

Gill confirmed the officers of our Local are now: President & Treasurer - Gill Mellen, Vice President - Boomer, PAC - Spike, Membership Administration - Moonie and Secretary - Leenie.

Spike said that there is a really good article in OC Weekly about how SoCal bikers are trying to give clubs a better image and he suggested that we all "LIKE" their page on Facebook.

At the last meeting of each year we keep drawing names until someone wins the dollar draw and tonight we drew Michael Tripple's name so he went home with an extra \$68.00.

Our January meeting had 23 members and 2 visitors. Gill told us that the Fresno PD is monitoring all social media websites and that we need to be very careful about what we post. He also said that to apply for a concealed weapons permit, you must have a specific reason for wanting the permit in Orange County.

Spike said that he was asked to speak at the Unification Rally that took place on the 9th in Sacramento. But just a few days after accepting, he received a detailed email telling him what he could and could not talk about. The Waco mass murder and unlawful arrests by law enforcement is one of the things that the committee decided was to be censored and not talked about. Spike was outraged, if we remain silent about what happened it makes it appear we don't care or that we are too weak and intimidated to say anything. This was completely wrong and for that reason Spike and others didn't even go to the rally. We should all be outraged that months after Waco innocent people are still being held on one million dollars bail and their lawyers still haven't received discovery from the prosecuting attorneys.

Lastly, if you are turned away from an establishment because of your colors, try to get the owner or manager on video tape explaining why colors are not allowed and send it to Gill and Spike.

Lynn Gleason's name was pulled for the dollar draw but was not at the meeting so we have \$16.00 to roll over to next month.

The non-politically correct Gill

Local #21 Antelope Valley



Mark pitched in the lobbyist obligation and DA tossed in a few bucks for the last six months or more that Local 21's report hasn't been seen. So I'll try it again. Love, Daryl

Local #23 San Bernardino

Been a busy time for the Local. Had our monthly meet-



ing at Vicky's Restaurant in San Bernardino. We had some new members join our Local - Welcome! Afterwards some of us went to the Elks Lodge in Ontario for the ABATE Local 19/Pomona Valley HOG Toy Run for Santa Claus of Chaffey District Inc. They had a pretty good turnout of over 400 attendees, 137 bicycles and helmets donated and over 400 raffle prizes, in fact it took an extra hour just to raffle off all of the prizes.

A few of us from Local 23 went to the Progressive Inter-

national Motorcycle Show at the Long Beach Convention Center to see all the new motorcycles, gear and entertainment. Unfortunately some of our members go in a work capacity and didn't get to see much of the show. I can tell you from my experience it is an all-day event by the time you look at the bikes, do some test rides, check out the vendors and get your goodie bag filled up.

Our December Bike Night was cancelled due to weather, but the weather turned out nice the next day for our annual Christmas Party and Potluck along with a gift exchange. Our Local bought a Santa Suit so the kids got a present from Santa this year. Photos of the party are on Facebook Group page (ABATE of California Local 23 San Bernardino).

Some of our Local went by the Turkeys N' Toys Run for the Salvation Army. They got 700 turkeys to give to needy families.

Our monthly First Friday Dinner Ride was cancelled due to that being New Year's Day.

Come to our next monthly meeting held on the first Sunday of the month, 9:00 am, at Vicky's Restaurant in San Bernardino.

Donald Kline

Local #25 Sacramento



Lil' David called the November meeting to order at 7:00 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 8 members present.

Since there wasn't anything new on the political front we started organizing our efforts for the Easy Rider Show in January. As it will be held the same weekend as the Unification Rally there should be a good turnout. David Battles will take care of registration while Lil' David and Ron will provide the tables.

Our local governments have new methods of reporting potholes: In Sacramento County call 311 (between 6 am-6 pm) or report a hazard online at www.311.saccounty.net or with the Sac County 311 Connect Mobile App. In the City of Sacramento call 311 or you can also report potholes from your smartphone with the Sacramento 311 app.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Lil' David called the December meeting to order at 7:05 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 5 members and 2 guests.

The minutes were sent out by email prior to the meeting and hard copies are available on the table. Joe updated us on recent transactions and the balance in our account. Teresa Haller was elected the new Membership Officer.

PAC rep reported that Legislature won't return until 2016. The profiling and lane sharing bills are still pending.

We have our vendor spot for the Easyrider show. Lil' David will buy 4 extra wristbands and reach out to other Locals to see if they will help man the booth. We will have Bailing Wires, a list of accomplishments and "What to do During a Traffic Stop" to give out.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30. David Smart

Local #27 Riverside



Just a note hoping that all ABATE members and supporters are enjoying the New Year. We are looking forward to another year supporting motorcyclist's rights!

Local 27 had their elections and I am pleased to announce that I will be returning as President and that Bob Marshall will serve as Vice President. Mark Loudermilk is Treasurer and Michele Curan is returning as Secretary. Fred & Patty Cammack are our Membership team.

We, like many other Locals, have struggled with membership participation. This year's officers have vowed to do what we can to turn this around. Without the support

of each and every member our goals will be hard to reach!

On another note, Local 27 will be hosting our annual fundraiser for The Salvation Army in April. Our XIII Annual BARE Necessities run will be held on April 17, 2016 at the American Legion (Fairmount Park) in Riverside, (fliers to follow). This event is centered around gathering undergarments for the less fortunate folks that they help out. The Geezers M/C spearheads a collection to purchase items and Local 27 matches what they collect. Usually either the week before, or the day before they saddle up a rather large group and ride to the garment district in LA and bargain hunt for the best deals. What a fun filled event this turns out to be every year!

This coupled with the generously donated items received at the run provide a much needed contribution to the community. We would like to invite you and all of your friends to come join us in this endeavor. Anyone or any group wishing to contribute to this fund in advance is more than welcomed, or better yet, come to the run!

When: April 17, 2016 10 AM-3 PM. Where: American Legion post 79 Fairmount Park, 2729 Dexter Dr. Riverside, 92501. Cost: \$10.00 and at least (1) package of unopened under garments (any size, any style). Benefits go to preserving motorcyclists rights

You can e-mail me (kennuttall@aol.com) or call 951-377-5772, and I can send you a flier for more info.

Thanks, and hope to hear from you.

Kenny Nuttall, President ABATE Local 27

Local #31 North Valley



On December 19th ABATE Local 31 had their annual fundraiser for the purpose of donating monies to a local Veteran's organization. Each year, our Local has this fundraiser and we choose a local organization that speaks to our hearts. In the past, we have given the monies to Vector's, which is a transition home for Veterans to help them get off the street and have their own place to live. We just don't understand how we can allow men and women who protect our freedom to be homeless. Last year, we reached out to Butch Frederickson who is a Vietnam Veteran and knew that we could entrust him to use the monies to positively impact the lives of veterans in our community.

During our fundraiser, we managed to raise \$600 and invited Butch to our January ABATE meeting to present him with the donation. Butch said, "I truly appreciate that ABATE 31 chose to donate the proceeds of their fundraiser to help local Veterans. Often times when people write a check out to help Veterans, they don't realize that it goes to the state or federal level. To be able to use this money to help Veterans right here in Butte County is fantastic. I'm really humbled at the generosity of this group."

We are looking forward to being able to double our efforts so that in January 2017, we are able to continue to honor the men and women who serve us so we can live our lives knowing that they protect our freedom! Carolyn Carver

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE members! I want to send a giant THANK YOU to everyone who helped and or donated to our 18th annual Turkey Run. We hit our goal for the first time in many years, 360 frozen turkeys, AWESOME!!!

There are some groups and individuals that stepped up big time, they are in no particular order as follows: James McCoy ABATE Local 6, Jim Earnest Rogers & Rogers, ABATE Local 11(besides their t-shirt donation, they sent \$160 from passing the hat at their meeting), Wal-Mart of El Centro, Yuma Az. HOG, and The SunRunners Car Club. You people Rock!

I would also like to thank Bobby's Territorial, El Cajon, and San Diego Harley Davidson dealerships. Butlers-V-twins, the Fire Group, Blue Knights X, Hawg Riders and all the different riders and groups that attended this year's event.

At the deadline the Los Ninos Toy Run hasn't happened yet, come to our first meeting of the year to get all of the details, and to help us plan the events for 2016.

Thanks once again, Ed Aranda, President Local 38

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Local #44 High Desert

The first Local 44 meeting of the New Year was held on January 9, 2016. All of our 2016 Officers were present and we had a surprisingly good turnout from our members for such a cold and blustery day here in our high desert.

The January ABATE State Board of Directors meeting in Orange County was discussed and also we discussed and asked for possible ideas for the upcoming Valentine's Day celebration at our February meeting. Several suggestions were made, but a final decision was not, so you're going to have to come to our next meeting on February 13 to see what our members decide to do!

The upcoming Regional Rally was discussed, and again, our Local will be spearheading the event. I hope to have flyers available at the next meeting, but in the meantime start planning now to attend and please save the date - Mother's Day weekend, May 6-8, 2016. We will need your help, but still try to leave you enough time to have fun, fun, fun! Join your Local 44 members and ABATE members from throughout the state at this event. Remember, EVERY penny of the proceeds from this event goes directly back to our organization! So come out, work a little, party a lot!!! And at the same time have an enjoyable weekend supporting your ABATE!

We have closed our Local 44 PO Box because of the increasing cost to our Local treasury and the fact that we are just not receiving any mail anymore on a regular basis. Any mail delivered there will be forwarded for the next six months, but as of this date, as has been the pattern for the past couple of years, we have received nothing from the PO Box. Local 44 mail should now be addressed to: ABATE Local 44, 16782 Danbury Ave., Hesperia, CA 92345.

Our next Local 44 Officer Meeting is scheduled for February 11, at Pasco's Pizza at 7:00 pm - come on over and have a pizza and your favorite refreshment with us!

The next Local 44 General Meeting will be held at the Eagles on Main St. on Saturday, February 13 at 9:30 am. Hope to see you there, ride safe and ride often!

Dave H.

Recap January 23, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting

by Dave Hastings

Here is a brief "recap" of our January 23, 2016 Board of Directors meeting hosted by Local 20 in Orange County.

Tom Lubbers, our outgoing 2015 Chairman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the 2016 Board of Directors roll call. All members were present except for Adam Lutz who had a mechanical breakdown and was excused from attendance.

Kathleen Butcher was elected BOD Secretary and Glenn Phillips was then elected to the Chairman position.

As his final duty of office Tom Lubbers presented our own Carol Cromwell with the 2015 "Chairman's Award" and thanked her for her many years of dedication and service to ABATE of California.

Tom then presented a "Lifetime Achievement Award" naming my wife, Carol Hastings, and me, and thanked us both for our involvement and continued support of ABATE of California. This was a total, unexpected surprise to both of us, and we would like to thank everyone involved. We also want to say "Thank You" to all of our fellow members for their support and encouragement over the years and let you all know how proud we are to receive this award and how humbled we are by your confidence in us. ABATE of California and the people who belong to this organization are positively some of the best people anyone could ever know and I'm again reminded of how lucky we have been to know, serve, and work with everyone involved from the bottom to the top of this organization. We all are equal partners of this corporation we call ABATE, but we still treat every individual as a member of our family. "Thank You" all, and I'm especially proud to be able to call you my friends!

Glenn then called the Local roll call and we had 14 Locals and 7 Regional Representatives in attendance at the meeting.

Most of our State Officers were willing to retain their positions from 2015 and the BOD voted and approved their appointment to serve in 2016. The BOD also appointed Daniel B. Humber, AKA "Boomer" of Local 20 to our vacant BOD position.

We still have State Officer openings available for a Regional Director for Region #3 (Local 17 & vicinity), a Public Relations Officer, a Merchandise Officer, Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Liaison, and a State Run Chairman. Please contact Carol Cromwell at our state office if you need more information or have a desire to fill one of these positions.

On another point of action Glenn was very pleased to announce that we had not "lost" any members since our November, 2015 meeting and therefore for the first time in a while, did not need to conduct a "Moment of Silence" during this meeting. This was a great way to start off 2016!

Mark Castellero then presented his Treasurer report followed by my State Director report. The BOD voted to authorize payment for our 2016 Directors and Officers liability insurance policy and we will be asking our Locals to help offset your portion of the policy payment soon.

Sporty then presented the awards for our 2015 Membership Drive to Glenn Phillips for 1st place, Chuck Pedersen for 2nd and Gill Mellen for 3rd Congratulations to you and a big "Thank You" to everyone who participated in the drive.

Glenn then accepted the "2015 Freedom Fighter Of The Year" Award for the family of Anthony Michael "Sonny" Zappetta who passed away last year. Sonny was a long standing and valued member of Glenn's Local 17 and Sonny's family members are still active in the Local. Our condolences, respect, gratitude, and our sorrow, will be shared with Sonny's family by Glenn when he meets with them.

The BOD then discussed holding two of our required three remaining BOD meetings in a live "on-line" format and after some discussion voted to conduct the May 3, 2016 BOD and PAC meeting in this format. We will then discuss and decide if this format is workable for our needs and if it will be used for future meetings.

The ABATE of California Regional Rally has been scheduled as always, for Mother's Day weekend, May 6-8, 2016 at the Shady Oasis Kampground in Victorville, and the flyers with registration and event information should be available soon. Please keep the dates open on your calendar and most importantly, make plans to attend this year's event.

The final item on the agenda was the 2015 State Run in Kernville and the BOD has decided to look at alternatives and options for our September 2016 event. Ed Rodgers and I will be looking at several possibilities and will submit our recommendations back to the entire BOD as quickly as possible.

Again, this is only a "recap" of the Board of Directors meeting and the "official" minutes will be available soon.

Thank you, Dave H.

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Local# 52 Christmas Party Pics by Craig



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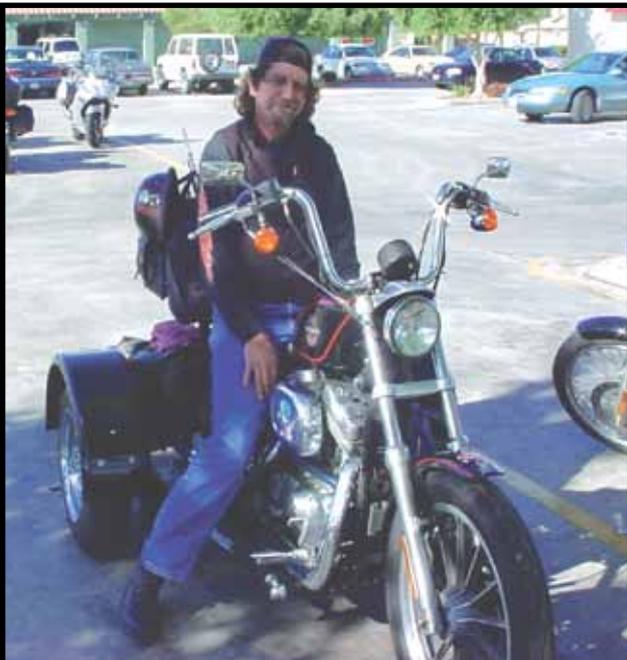
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Sporty's Rides

by Sporty Milligan

Welcome to 2016! Yes, I am still your humble scribe with the prose to tantalize your literary senses. At last report I disclosed that I was getting a new check socket and cool liner. Both of these are a reality. This means that, hopefully, my inside liner will last a lot longer than the previous ones. My new check socket will be sporting the same design as the previous ones. This is a good conversation tool, because once folks ask about my leg, especially bikers, the conversation revolves around ABATE issues. That cannot be all bad. Any time you can talk shop makes the way you accomplish that goal just fine and dandy.

Since the last Sporty's Rides I have gotten a new dentist. He is a nice man and does good work but he is more expensive than my previous dentist, Doctor Levine. Still it's a good experience. Mission accomplished. I see my hearing aid doctor, Brian, once a month because he can check to see if the devices are working properly. Also keep them from bothering me if they start to scream. So like Renee says, I got my parts like the bionic man (aka Lee Majors) all working right.

I will begin this adventure with using my HD rewards points to get a heated jacket liner from Barger Harley Davidson. I saw the jacket when my friend Mike Sherry and I were at Barger's for their demo rides. It was on sale but did not come with a couple of items that were necessary to make it work on the bike. With that said, it was a process to get the jacket and all the extra stuff needed to keep warm. Yes, I finally got all the stuff thanks to Sue. Sue is the head person in the clothing department at Barger's.

Nothing transpired ride-wise except going back and forth to work a couple of times a week. I have been visiting the shops to put out flyers for the 29th annual Polar Bear Run.

December 6th I went to Local 19's annual toy run. It was the usual affair with vendors aplenty, good food and the ability to see folks I do not see often enough. Also a great place to pass out flyers. Thanks Local 19 for a good day of fun.

December 13th was the LA toy run. As usual it was a special bond between Glendale HD and ABATE Local 1. We were not going to the Fred Jordan Mis-

sion because they did not want us there this year. Never got a complete reason on that issue. So this year we set up a booth and collected \$121 to reimburse part of the insurance costs. The following ABATE folks were involved in this event: Sharon Anderson, Jim Nickla, Odie and Blazen. When the group left to deliver the toys, I had Blazen aka Jeri Alexander go to represent ABATE Local 1. I collected all the booth stuff and went home. It's been a good deal with the staff of Glendale HD and hopefully more good deals yet to come as the years move on.

Blazen and myself went to the Sundowner's Christmas party. We were well received and had a nice time. Plus it was fun. Thanks to the Sundowners for the invite.

The New Year came and passed and I was busy with my other interest, a special that I have been involved with for 15 years.

The days leading up to this column's deadline have been cold, so I am glad I have my heated jacket liner. This allows me to ride to work on the bike. Part of my 35 mile commute is on Las Virgenes Road through Malibu Canyon. This can be one nippy ride when I did not have my electric jacket and berka hood, which goes under my helmet. When I drive my truck the trip home runs one and a half hours. When I ride my bike, it takes about an hour to get home.

Ok, that's it for this edition of Sporty's Rides. Attend ABATE events, especially the 29th annual Polar Bear Run on February 28th. Stay tuned for next month's special column. Your Scribe, Sporty

January 9, 2016 Unification Rally in Sacramento

by Ruby Weber, ABATE/MMA Liaison

A dismal day for the January Rally at the Capitol in Sacramento. Weather was iffy, it remained mostly dry through the program, but rain started as the riders prepared to depart for their destinations.

Low turn-out must have been a big disappointment for those that put forth the time, effort and expense to arrange it. To be fair, the Easy Rider Show didn't fare much better.

Nothing new was brought to the table in regards to our rights or legislative action. AB 51 & AB 334 were mentioned only briefly as being "stalled" in committees.

Surj Gish (Oakland), of City Bike Magazine & "Share The Road" stickers, and a sport bike rider, spoke on the difficulty of getting more of the sport bike riders to participate in the biker rights activities.

I understand the hesitancy to ride together, as it is "my opinion" we are dealing with two different "species" - metaphor - dogs & cats do not run together in a pack. As for pack rides, cruisers in the curves are an obstacle course for sport bikes.

However, failing to use common daily road courtesy to avoid the anti 2-wheel mentality and not adding to the body count in support against the anti-motorcycle issues we are dealing with is inexcusable - again, "my opinion".

Legislation that adversely affects one, affects all, it is a matter of stand together or fall together - pretty simple.

Participants & Speakers - I apologize if I omitted anyone:

Tracy Perry Rowe-chairman Biker Right Org. of Ca. - MC & introduction of speakers

Roger McGillavary- BFCNS - Prayer

Miles, Bikers For Christ, - Pledge

Speakers:

Nick Harris, AMA

Rod Grenier, MMA

Greg (Coach) Coppes, biker candidate-Senate

Surg Gish, City Bike Magazine & Share The Road stickers

Pockets, Valley Vixens MC & US Defender member

Chris Stanton, Stanton Law Firm

Mike Bruno, Contra County Biker Rights Org.

Jerry "Budman" Costa, Bay Area Forum & Ca. safety/advisory

Deacon "Cowboy" Taylor, vice presidential candidate

Joseph Losefa, Sick Minds MC, Oakland

Dale Chow, United MC 's of Alameda County Regards & well wishes to all, Ruby Weber

PAC & Lobbyist Report

by Dave Hastings, Treasurer

At the January 23, 2016 PAC meeting Chuck Pedersen was confirmed as our 2016 PAC Legislative Director and Nick Benson was assigned, and will handle routine day to day operation of the PAC operations, as our Assistant Director.

A motion was made and approved to immediately implement the ABATE PAC Protocol policy and to update our PAC membership list as approved at the July 25, 2015 PAC meeting.

"In Suspense" or "stagnant" Assembly Bill AB 51 - Lane Sharing - Quirk/Lackey was discussed and a vote was taken to support the bill as written and to have Jim Lombardo, our ABATE Lobbyist meet immediately with the bill's author's to see what we can do to get this bill moving toward passage in this legislative session. Assembly Bill AB-334 - Anti-Profiling - Cooley is effectively "dead" at this time, but the general consensus was we should not give up on the legislation because of its value to EVERY rider in California and seek ways to introduce and pass similar legislation as quickly as possible.

We briefly discussed Assembly Bill AB 8 - Hit and Run Accidents - Gatto, AB 346 - Facial Recognition - Wilk, and Senate Bill SB 491 - Hearing Protection, that all took effect on January 1, 2016 and the possible benefits and ramifications of each for our members.

We then discussed the upcoming June Primary Elections in California and getting out our ABATE questionnaires and our candidate endorsements. In addition we discussed setting up and coordinating volunteers to help our candidates of choice in those elections. Also we reminded our members to register to vote if they have not done so already and then vote for our M/C friends on June 7th.

I want to thank everyone for their contributions to our Lobbyist and PAC Funds. At this time I would also ask you to forgo sending funds to our PAC account and instead please continue to earmark those donations to our Lobbyist Fund.

"THANKS TO ALL THAT DO, AND TO THOSE THAT DON'T, PLEASE TRY TO!"

Dave H.

NCOM Biker Newsbytes

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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES
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NEW YEAR BRINGS NEW LEGISLATION: Along with the new year comes an onslaught of new legislation, as new legislative sessions across the nation consider a myriad of motorcycle laws such as helmet legislation in ARIZONA that would charge riders a fee to ride without one. Prefiled on January 6, 2016, H.B. 2052 introduced by State Representative Dr. Randall Friese (D-Tucson) would modify their Under-18 helmet law to read; "An operator or passenger of a motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle or motor driven cycle who is at least eighteen years of age is exempt from the helmet requirement if the owner pays a (as yet undetermined) fee when registering their vehicle."

"A person who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of five hundred dollars," and a 'portion' of the fees collected from the pay-to-play p-pot plot would be "deposited in the Spinal and Head Injuries Trust Fund."

Meanwhile, in INDIANA S.B. 157 would "eliminate the portion of the motorcycle registration fee that is currently distributed to the spinal cord and brain injury fund."

MISSOURI is considering numerous motorcycle-related bills, including seven helmet bills; one would repeal the law for anyone 18 or over (HB1663), another would exempt motorcyclists 21 or older from wearing a helmet if they have appropriate health insurance coverage (HB1464), one "Prohibits law enforcement from stopping a motorcycle for failing to wear protective headgear" (HB1957), while (HB1371) treats the infraction as a secondary offense, requiring another reason to pull a rider over, and four separate bills concern autocycles and primarily exempts certain operators of motorcycles and motortricycles from wearing protective headgear (SB659, SB694, SB851 & SB1732).

Three-wheelers are of concern in several states, as legislatures struggle with defining and regulating "autocycles," and in KANSAS House Bill 2436 would allow persons to take a motorcycle license driving exam on a 3-wheeled motorcycle and would restrict such licenses to trikes.

SHARE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR STATE:

"At our annual NCOM Board meeting in November, the Board discussed what information would be beneficial to share with attendees at our annual NCOM Convention in May," says NCOM Board & Legislative Task Force member Annette Torrez, who is also chair of the New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization (NMMRO), adding that "We decided on a session on state legislative victories and defeats. We all face similar and different issues in each state during our legislative sessions, and by sharing the outcomes on bills that were sponsored, passed, failed and the details, we can learn from each other. By the sharing of information we may be able to advance many of the same victories or avoid the pitfalls faced."

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) welcomes your input, and encourages you to share your information with Annette Torrez at atorrez2@msn.com (505) 730-0435 and/or NCOM Board Member John Bilotta, also Operations Director of ABATE of Virginia, at abateregion3@yahoo.com.

The 31st annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 5-8, 2016 at Harrah's Resort, located at 777 Harrah's Blvd in Atlantic City, New Jersey, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$109 by calling (888) 516-2215.

To pre-register for the 2016 NCOM Convention, contact the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

NCOM CONFERENCE CONVENES IN UNITY, COOPERATION & RESPECT:

The chill air in Kansas City, Missouri reverberated with the thunder of dozens of motorcycles as riders from a six-state area converged on the Holiday Inn KCI Airport November 21, 2015 for the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Region 2 Conference, which comprises Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa. This year, the Conference



was hosted by the newly-formed Missouri Confederation of Clubs and Independents, and chaired by NCOM Region 2 Co-Directors "Tiger Mike" Revere, President of Central OK District ABATE and Liaison to the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs, and Tony Shepherd of ABATE of Missouri.

Following is a conference report submitted by Tiger Mike: "Riders from the Region 2 member states were both excited and thirsty for information on important issues, especially hoping for an update on the horrific Waco, TX event of May, 2015. Bikers were also apprehensive about whether the Waco tragedy might negatively impact attendance. As it turned out, the opposite was true, featuring a standing-room only crowd!

The Conference convened off with "Tiger Mike" Revere and Tony Shepherd, NCOM Region 2 Directors, welcoming attendees and addressing "Freedom of the Road throughout the Nation", followed by NCOM Executive Coordinator "Sarge" Matthews covering "Discrimination among Ourselves/Outlawing our Existence as We Know It". NCOM Attorney Joey Lester covered Court Case Updates, including judicial victories regarding "No-Colors" Policies at Fairgrounds where Bikers are ejected because of their Patch Insignia.

After lunch, attendees participated in a forum dealing with "The Tragedy of Waco", featuring Joey Lester, TXCOC&I Chairman "Gimme Jimmy", and Louie Nobs and Dwayne Gryder from NCOM Christian Unity. A lot of accurate updates were shared to combat the disinformation advanced by the Media and Law Enforcement, and the program to raise funds to assist Waco Victims and their families was outlined. Go to www.onabike.com and contact NCOM Christian Unity for more information. NCOM Christian Unity Texas will be getting a Special Award for their hard work at this year's NCOM Convention in Atlantic City, and Christian Unity Liaison to the NCOM Board Louie Nobs is receiving the 2016 Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award for his considerable efforts on behalf of Bikers everywhere over a lot of years.

Also featured at the Conference was "Gimme Jimmy" talking about the importance of the U.S. Defenders Program in the light of the Waco shootings; and "Double-D" and "Twitch" from the Washington Confederation of Clubs, who spoke on "Anti-Profiling Laws and How they Affect your State". This was an important topic, since several COCs are very interested in getting this type of legislation passed in their states.

The Conference continued with the Regional Meeting, where Motorcycling Rights representatives spoke of Legislative and Legal Issues in their respective areas; and the Confederation of Clubs Regional Meeting, where COC Officers and representatives in attendance spoke of legal and lifestyle challenges and accomplishments.

The NCOM Regional Conference concluded with the Christian Unity Seminar and Meeting for spiritual riding groups, and following the Spiritual Service and Blessing of the Bikes on Sunday Morning, riders went their separate ways refreshed, informed and resolved to vigorously continue the defense of Biker Liberty into the New Year."

MORE AIRBAG BIKES COMING: While automotive airbags first appeared in the 1970s, it took decades for the technology to spread to motorcycles, and now ten years after the introduction of Honda's airbag-equipped Gold Wing comes another airbagger from the Japanese giant.

While the Gold Wing remains the only bike currently on the market equipped with airbag technology, Honda's latest inflatable is revealed in a new patent and demon-

strated with an airbag fitted to the firm's NC750S, which isn't sold in the U.S. marketplace.

The main difference from the Gold Wing bag is the shape and size, with the new design gaining a long, vertical extension above the balloon-shaped main part of the airbag to help counter the fact that most bikes will pitch forward in a frontal collision, throwing the rider upward as well as straight ahead. The idea is that the lower part of the airbag will cushion the rider's chest and stomach, slowing him down before his head impacts the extended upper section.

As on the Gold Wing, the new system is specifically aimed at frontal impacts and is therefore triggered by a sensor in the bottom of the fork. Highsides, lowsides, or any other accident where the impact is not directly from the front will not engage the airbag system.

Although airbags are never likely to be as effective on bikes as they are in the confined space of a car, where drivers can be surrounded by them on all sides; Honda hopes that the combination of modern safety gear, including airbag-equipped leathers and airbags fitted to bikes themselves, will hold some promise of reduced injuries in the future.

E-MOTORCYCLE TAX CREDIT REINSTATED AND RETROACTIVE:

The E-motorcycle Federal Tax Credit, also known as the 2-wheeled plug-in tax credit for electric motorcycles, was included in the "last minute" tax extenders bill approved by Congress and signed into law by President Obama on December 18, 2015. It covers 10% of the purchase price up to a maximum of \$2,500, with an additional tax credit approved which covers electric motorcycle chargers with a 30% tax credit up to \$1,000.

The credit only applies to street legal motorcycles that can go over 45 mph. The federal tax credits are available in all 50 US states and apply to electric motorcycles and EV chargers purchased in both 2015 (retroactive) and 2016.

MOTORCYCLE THEFT STATISTICS:

The National Insurance Crime Bureau has released its latest bike theft report, and while much of their annual report is predictable, such as most thefts occur in the summer, some statistics reveal some interesting nuggets of information:

Nationally, the NICB's "2014 United States Theft and Recovery report for 2014 and 2015" is better than in 2013. There were 42,856 motorcycle thefts recorded in 2014 (17,757, or 41% of motorcycles were recovered) which is a 6% decrease from the year prior. Considering motorcycle sales have increased 4% from 2013 (465,783) to 2014 (483,526), this is good news. The number of thefts decreased is a sign of steady decline in motorcycle thefts since 2011, with 8% fewer thefts in 2014 compared to three years prior. The top three states for motorcycle theft last year were California (6,355), Florida (3,981), and Texas (3,274). The state with the fewest thefts was Wyoming, with a total of 23 last year. There are 16 states that saw an increase in the number of motorcycle thefts in 2014 compared to 2013, with DC having the highest increase (54%). There are 35 states that saw a decrease in the number of motorcycle thefts in 2014 compared to 2013, with Wyoming having the highest decrease (-43%).

WEIRD NEWS: RIDER LEARNS HARD LESSON IN JURISPRUDENCE:

A California man who lost a lawsuit over an erection has had his hopes for justice deflated once again, as a state appeals court in San Francisco affirmed an earlier judgment against him in a 2012 suit he brought against two motorcycle companies.

The plaintiff biker claimed an acute case of priapism, or painfully prolonged erection, due to seat vibrations, and sued both BMW and seat maker Corbin for product liability seeking damages due to negligence and infliction of emotional distress. The biker lost his case but decided to appeal, which turned out to be a big mistake, as the appellate court ruled that he failed to demonstrate any new intelligible argument and failed to comply with the rules of appellate procedure and ordered him to pay the defendants' costs on appeal, a sum likely to be in the tens of thousands of dollars.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "If it can be destroyed by the truth, it deserves to be destroyed by the truth." ~ Carl Sagan (1934-1996) astronomer and author ~

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Tech Tips

by Craig Griswold

Feuling's Cam Plate Upgrade

Last month we talked about the cam chain tensioner shoes and touched on a few of the alternative replacements. Converting your pre-2007 Big Twin (or pre-06 Dyna) spring type tensioners to the later hydraulic style tensioners or the venerable S&S gear drive system is money well spent. This month we'll talk about the Feuling upgrade. For background, Feuling has been an industry leader in the v-twin hi-performance world. Years ago, the 4 valve heads for Evos were unprecedented! If that wasn't enough, take a peek at the W3 engine.



Jim Feuling's contributions to the industry are many, and although he passed away back in 2002, the company is still going strong.

Back to the upgrade! As with all things requiring disassembly and reassembly in the reverse order, follow your factory service manual procedure for cam plate removal. Unless you need to go into the top end for some reason (rocker inspection, leaky gaskets, head work, etc.) skip the step of tearing down the rocker assemblies to remove the stock pushrods. You can bolt cut these and replace with easy install type adjustable rods. Not all adjustable pushrods are the type that can be installed without rocker removal so check with the manufacturer. Common vernacular for these rods are "Easy Install" or "Quick Install." Although there are many to choose from, the most economical are Harley-Davidson/Screamin Eagle. They come in a kit with all the o-rings and the Evo style covers which allow you to access the adjusters. Buying from the other popular sources requires the separate purchase of the covers. Yes, you can use your stock Twin Cam covers but getting the wrenches in there to adjust is an exercise in epic frustration. The Screamin Eagle kit is excellent quality too.

Once your stock cam plate is out, remove the bearing retainer and press out the cams. Replace the inner and outer bearings while you're there. The outer bearings are a must. Once you put a side load on them the integrity is reduced. The inner bearings are an INA bearing and should be replaced with a full complement Torrington bearing. The easy way to do this is purchase one of S&S's bearing kits (cam install kit). This comes with all four bearings, the oil pump and cam plate o-rings, and a cam cover gasket.

Now break out your Feuling OE + Cam Plate/Oil Pump Kit and spend a few minutes admiring the beauty. The billet construction, fit and finish are a sight to behold!



Follow Feuling's instructions for installation, but before moving forward check out a couple of things. Jig up a dial indicator and check out your flywheel run-out.



Most have a few thousandths, but if it's excessive that might explain that annoying vibration that's been bugging you. Sure it begs the question – when riding a paint shaker on two wheels, how do we define an *annoying vibration*? Inspect the lifters and cams. Maybe while we're in there this would be a good time to install those cams you've always wanted.

The kit comes with the cam plate and the high volume/high pressure oil pump needed to run the new tensioners. Other parts to be purchased separately are the outer cam chain/gears, the hydraulic tensioners, and the bearing kit.



Next time we'll check out Harley's answer to the upgrade, the Screamin Eagle Hybrid Cam Plate Kit. This is a high quality product and like the push rod kit, the most economical of all the options. Most folks associate OEM with the highest cost. Not always the case!

Ride safe!

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



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Motorcycle Safety Report

by Norm e. Newiger,
Safety Officer

Let's Go 2016

I'm kinda still waiting for the "El Nino" season. Yes, we got a little dose, but nothing to brag about, unless you're a weather reporter still guessing and messing for us. I'm not in awe yet but I think California's water issue is lessening, at least down here in the southland we've had a few good rains and cold weather. I almost got sucked into the big storm for months on end, but living in Southern California for over 50 years nothing is predictable with accuracy until it happens, then the news gets into a media frenzy like every year when our streets get wet, go figure!

We did have some really cold days (no problem for me) and probably around 10-14 days of wet weather. I am grateful for them. It's just the hype and inaccuracy making me think, should I ride or not? I love to plan out rides and any kind of adventure, but the news people kind of make you double check what you would like to do.

All I can say is this: if it happens, rain or extreme coldness, it happens. Just prepare yourself properly and don't let the John or Jane Doe's weather guessers spoil your weekend plans or whatever you do! Being prepared is smart, being unprepared is just dumb, no explanations necessary. It's all about the experience and that's a great thing, but the experience is like a two way street, it's either good or bad and there is nothing in between.

I practically grew up riding in the rain because for periods of time my bike was my only mode of transportation (lucky me!) and it was great! You have to respect the rain because once it's here, it's here. And yes I grew up with the poster dogs of riding in the rain with a six pack on your tank and no rain gear. If you wore rain gear, you'd be called a lot of names that I can't publish in this article! It was man up or wear a dress! Besides I didn't want my dad to kick my ass for being a P! Ah, life on two wheels.

Let me remind you of this important fact: Back in the day riding was safer, period! There weren't the pressures of mass traffic and stupid people of all ages. It's a 100 percent difference and then some nowadays. This is what I know, with all the electronic gizmos and vehicles that almost self-drive you. People, while driving, are more dangerous now than ever before. The DMV is enjoying the dollar it generates because they have lowered their standards for people getting a drivers' license - this is not a racial thing! There is a spike in license applications because of lower standards, all they require is the minimum requirements if you want to drive, and the biggest issue for me is the insurance minimum.

I've talked about insurance before and it really sucks for all of us! If you are involved in an accident



and the other person has the lowest of low minimum insurance, you are screwed! If you have the lowest of low minimum insurance as well, then you both are screwed. For this reason only, I've always recommended that you have the maximum insurance for your motorcycle lifestyle. You won't get that big pie in the sky dollar amount from somebody that doesn't have a pot to piss in. It happens every day; people just don't have the REAL financial responsibilities the state of California thinks you do because you have their minimum requirements! I think with all the new drivers on the road these days they should make them have the maximum insurance for a certain period of time, until they prove themselves, around 3 years is good. Put the pressure on the insurance companies and not the taxpayers is what I think!

Back to the rain. Riding in the rain, in my mind, is still safe. I am good with it. It's the other drivers or riders I worry about, and the too many idiots out there that think they are impervious to any dangers while driving in heavy rain. You see them flying down the highway with no regard to anybody's safety let alone theirs. You just have to let them go, their problem is not yours!

I think we all have been caught in the rain or bad weather because it was nice earlier in the day - that's life on two wheels. But if you know it's going to change and you don't mind then prepare yourself because misery loves company and misery sucks big time. I do ride with rain gear because of this and seeing how my dad passed away a while ago, I won't get my ass kicked!

Staying focused is the best way to handle weather changes, and yes, exercising safety should come to mind. Keeping a safe distance and being visible is very important, not panicking or making bad deci-

sions is crucial. We can and do hydroplane as well as our 4 wheel buddies can and our traction is compromised as well. Knowing what gear you're in helps out to, especially if you are down shifting, you don't want to have your rear tire do the temporarily skid because of the high rpm shift. You still need to use both brakes as you slow down or stop, even if you are banking left or right. It's about common sense at that time and also about your confidence in riding during extreme weather conditions.

All I know is if you have any doubts about your riding skills in inclement weather then don't ride. There are many other days of the year, and I won't call you any of the names that were directed at me years ago!

Cold weather is another bite for us riders as well. Sometimes no matter how well you dress yourself, that cold wind finds the smallest opening into your clothing and talk about being irritated, it's downright frustrating sometimes. I know, I used to live where that white stuff falls out of the sky! Layers, layers and more layers is the remedy, only to a certain extent this is true, sometimes getting too hot will make you colder - it's called sweating while it's cold outside, this includes your feet as well. If you're a sweater then you're a sweater, it doesn't matter what time of the year it is.

Your outer clothing is important, wearing the proper outer layer will help keep in warmth and prevent wetness from entering the other layers. The importance of having extra clothing is a good thing, especially socks. If your feet get cold down the road it's probably because your feet sweat and your socks are wet (not soaked) and the best solution is to change them periodically and you'll be happier. I know, I was in the Army and they like to train in cold weather. My proof is I have gotten frostbite on both feet and it's a life time ordeal if you ever had frostbite.

Riding while freezing can make you lethargic and it will slow down your reactions and that's not a good thing if you're in heavy traffic or zipping thru the mountains. If you feel like a statue while riding, you need to pull over and figure out how to get warm. It does depend on where you are; inside a warm building drinking hot coffee is really good, but if you're out in the middle of nowhere then doing calisthenics is a good way to warm up. Booze will not warm you up; you'll just be drunk and cold. Ride prepared for whatever Mother Nature throws at you.

For more information on cold weather riding and other great information read last year's article called "Winter Riding, Yes!" It's in the January 2015 Bailing Wire newspaper or online.

Have a safe winter, especially all those who choose to ride no matter what, don't let any agency tell you any different because riding year round is So Cal life. Ride with safety and stay focused because we have 11 more months of awesome riding down here or for that matter anywhere!

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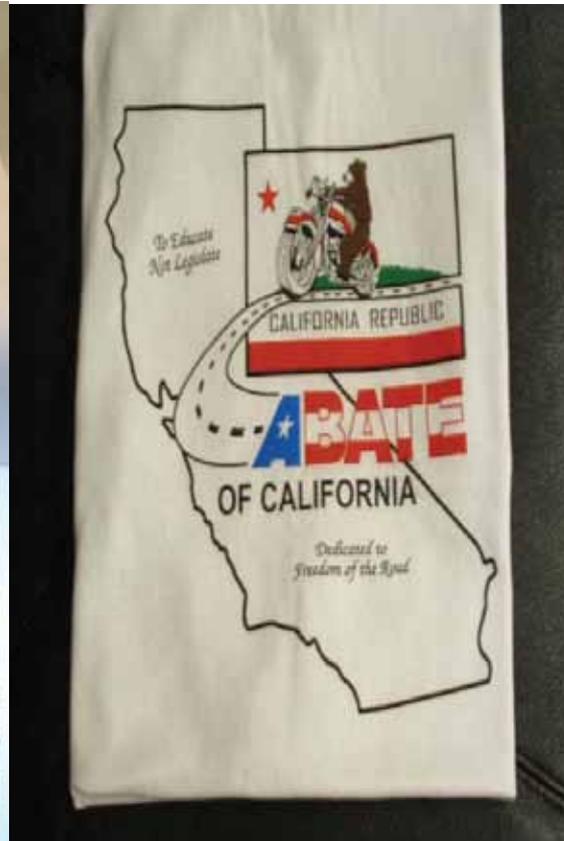
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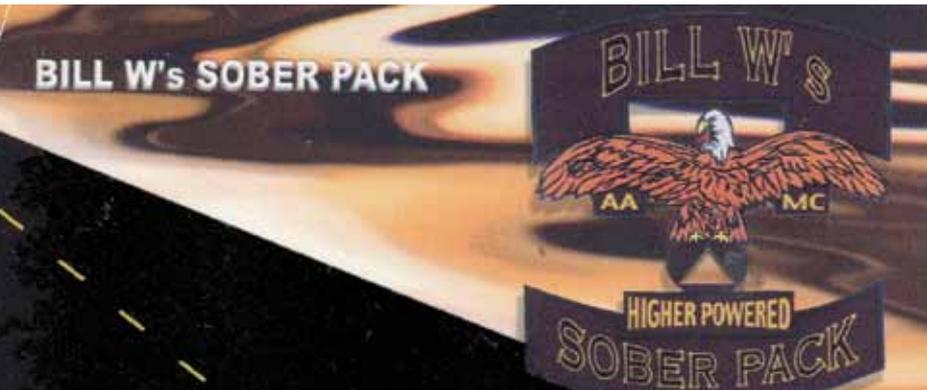
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