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**A Union of Motorcyclists  
 Dedicated to Freedom of the Road**



## Lobbyist Report

by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

Well, the Legislature adjourned, and none too soon for me! I was constantly watching bills for the appearance of SB 435 by Senator Pavley; it's STILL A SMOG INSPECTION FOR MOTORCYCLES BILL. The bill is in its same form as when it passed the Senate floor with the *promise* by Senator Pavley of amending it in the Assembly.

She has had plenty of chances to amend out the language requiring all motorcycles 2000 and newer from passing a SMOG CHECK! SB 435 passed off the Senate floor on June 1. She had until mid-July when they recessed for the summer break to amend out that language and didn't. They returned August 17 and adjourned September 12.

I told you in my July Bailing Wire article that the Lung Association and the other supporters of SB 435 would use this time to get more support for motorcycle smog checks. First, it was the City of Benicia, and last month, the City of Los Angeles. Even though local Lobbying is not in my agreement, I felt it was important to have a resolu-

tion in support SB 435 fail at the L.A. City Council. I called and spoke with the staffs of former Assemblymen Wesson, Cardenas, and former Assemblyman/Senator Alarcon, cosponsor of the resolution.



Because of all of our efforts, it was tabled until a future meeting. Nice work by everyone. EVERYONE WATCH YOUR CITY AND COUNTY IF THEY TRY TO PASS A MEASURE IN SUPPORT OF SB 435! If one is introduced, please go down and oppose it. Write/call Carol, and she will forward the information to Jean, or me, so

we can advise you on your lobbying strategy.

Nice work, Sporty, and all the L.A. area ABATE activists! It feels nice to win one! I'm sure they'll be coming back just like Senator Pavley and OTHERS to eliminate motorcycles, altogether. WE MUST STAY UNITED, GROW AND NEVER GIVE UP OUR FREEDOMS!

The Governor will be calling Special Sessions to cover Water, Education, Renewable Energy, and who knows what else. I will have to be watching all of these to make sure Smog Checks for Motorcycles are not added to any of the bills being considered. Stay Tuned!

Finally, ABATE has lost a great supporter - Assemblyman Mike Duvall has resigned. A special election will be called by the Governor for sometime in November. We will be sending out our questionnaires, as soon as the official list is certified by the Secretary of State.

**We will have a candidate, or candidates, to support. This is a district**

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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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# Executive Director's Report

by Tim Tennimon, Executive Director

The factions are lining up against us and we have to be ever vigilant. Excessive noise is something the folks are getting real sick and tired of, so expect this issue to rear its ugly head in your area soon, find out what's going on in your city council meetings now.



The way it stands now vehicle owners are focused to return to the dealership to have problems diagnosed that the over the counter aftermarket code readers can not read. There is legislation up right now (HR 2057) that would safeguard an individual's right to choose how to maintain or upgrade their motorcycle, car or other type of vehicle.

Senator Pavley is a real piece of work, it appears her new strategy is to try to get a number of cities to make a resolution that states they support SB 435, the motorcycle smog bill, all based on bad information supplied by her group. L.A. city council has already signed on; also it appears Senator Pavley has reneged on her commitment to remove the smog tests. We must continue to fight against SB 435 and get as many new people as possible to join us.

The attacks on our freedom of the road are coming on strong, this is what we have to do to stop it and protect our lifestyle:

1] We must have huge crowds of freedom loving bikers attend our Rally at the State Capital, go inside, knock on a few doors,

and we need every Local to focus on sending someone to the quarterly Board meetings.

2] Get out and talk to your Legislators at every opportunity, go to town hall meetings, make appointments and go to their offices.

3] Tell bikers/riders/hobbyists outside the movement that they are riding on your gas; don't ride with them if they want to continue to ride for free on our backs.

4] Invite your elected officials to your Local meetings and runs. (Preferably not a bar.)

5] Send letters, emails, and make phone calls to your Legislators and tell them you want freedom of the road.

6] Contribute to ABATE and to the PAC, support national level MROs such as Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). We need money to get our allies elected and we need money to keep the enemies of freedom out of DC and the state capitals.

7] We must stop getting bogged down in petty bullshit. If it doesn't promote, protect, or preserve freedom of the road it isn't worth the time and

## Freedom Fighter for 2009 Nominations

Mr. Sporty Milligan III for Freedom Fighter  
by John & Fran Del Santo

We feel that Sporty is an inspiration for the entire organization. He takes on any assignment that he chooses with a positive attitude and positive energy. He sets an example for other members and gives us a reason for promoting our organization. He publishes his feelings in the Bailing Wire and on the Discussion list in a positive manner, without any whining, and encourages other members to do the same. Sporty sees a goal for ABATE, and sets that goal for himself and for others to follow. He is a fine example, and we consider him to be a Freedom Fighter.

energy or diversion from what really matters. The backstabbing, bickering, and character attacks must stop. When the movement participates in that nonsense we empower our enemies.

8] We must fight this battle locally, at the state level, and nationally.

9] Ride safe and sober and stop rattling church windows and scaring little old ladies with loud pipes. We also need to support ABATE by presenting a positive image and with community involvement; this may be more important now than ever.

10] Get out and ride, and ride a lot. Don't ever forget what it is all about. Enjoy it now; you don't know how long the ride will last.

Consider this; don't look to others to initiate a meeting with a Legislator or an involvement with some political candidate, step out and take the lead; as in the words of one of our great presidents, Andrew Jackson, "One-man-with-courage-makes-a-majority."

Excerpts in this article and parts of the Top Ten list were taken from the MRF Report.

## Jim from page 1

where we have lots of ABATE members. Please give up one day to go work in this campaign. Since there may only be less than 10,000 votes cast, ABATE can really be the deciding factor in who wins.

That helps ME/ABATE in Sacramento. ONE DAY - TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHT TO RIDE A MOTORCYCLE.

There may be more special elections if Senator John Benoit runs for, or is appointed to, a vacant Riverside County Supervisor's seat. Plus, there could be an Assembly seat open then, as well.

We have been contacted by Bikers for Bill Sponsors that has volunteers who work in elections. This may help us as well.

See you in October in San Jose, at our next Board Meeting.

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Here is a list of people that I would like acknowledged in the Bailing Wire for helping out the State Run in various way. Each and every one of these folks contributed something along the way, either money, swag, services or assistance. Thank You!

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Great job folks!

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Monterey, California

# 2009 TEDDY BEAR RUN

Sunday October 18th, 2009

Sign In: 9:00am - 11:00am

Run Starts at 11:00 am

Start at Bill's Monterey Custom Motorcycles  
1993 Del Monte Blvd., Seaside

Stops at:

VNA Monterey Office (5 Lower Ragsdale, Mtry.)

VNA Salinas Adult Day Center (45 Plaza Circle, Salinas)

Mid Valley Shopping Center (104 Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Valley)

Ends at Monterey Elks Lodge

150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey

Lunch Starts at 1:00 pm Raffle Starts at 2:00 pm

Entry Fee: \$20 plus stuffed toy donation for a single rider

\$35 plus stuffed toy donation for rider and passenger

- World Famous VNA Buffet Lunch
- Raffle with GREAT Prizes
- Scenic Poker Run with tours of the two VNA facilities
  - High and Low Hand Winners
  - Awards for: Long Distance Rider
    - Longest Distance Traveled
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    - Oldest Rider

All Proceeds to benefit the  
Central Coast Visiting Nurses Association and  
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SIGN IN: 4PM—5PM

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\$15.00 per person



\$5.00 extra hand

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1580 ARMOUR ST, South on Convoy from Balboa,  
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22nd Annual  
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Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009

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11am departure from Glendale  
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For details  
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All motorcyclists welcome!!!

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### A.B.A.T.E. OF ORANGE COUNTY

(L #8 & #20)  
Sunday October 25th

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Trick or Treat POKER RUN  
\$15 single/\$25 couple  
Includes Run pin(s) and poker hand(s)  
Additional hands \$10 each  
Cash Prizes for High and Low hands!  
Costume Contest~Chapter Challenge~Bike Show~Apple Bob~Boot Race  
Run pins to the 1st 100 participants. All profits going to ABATE.  
ALL bikes and clubs welcome! Raffle, 50/50, LIVE music by *The 60's Music Project*, vendors, food, beverages, trophies, fun  
and more!

**Sign in: 8-10am @ The Starting Gate**  
5052 Katella Ave Los Alamitos, CA 90720

**End point: Cook's Corners**  
19152 Santiago Canyon Road  
Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679

~ Raffles/band start at noon & trophies/games 2:00 pm ~  
For more info or vendor info contact:  
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# Bios for Nominees for the ABATE Board of Directors

## Lee 'Sporty' Milligan III



Hello ABATE Freedom Fighters! Sporty here and I am requesting your attention. Yes, I am again running for the Board of Directors. I still feel energized to carry on for another 2 years. I know you know my insight and tact and that I have been a Board member for several years. I have also served as your Membership Chairman for several years. I am currently President and Treasurer of ABATE Local 1, too.

I still am committed to doing my part to try and make things better for all California motorcycle riders. So with that said, I believe I am the man for the job on the Board of Directors. Working together we can make a difference.

Regards, Sporty.

## Cynthia Witthans



Hi! My name is Cynthia Witthans and I am a Life member of Local 44 (High Desert). I have been around the motorcycling life-style since I was old enough for my Dad to sit me on the tank of a bike and graduated to sitting behind him as a passenger, and have been riding my own bike for awhile now.

I joined ABATE in 1998 looking for someone to ride with and to find a group that cared as much as I about the "rights of motorcyclists", and at the first meeting I was "hooked" on ABATE. I am also a member of the Patriot Guard Riders (2005), and have gone on quite a few of those support rides.

You might also recognize me as the ABATE State Merchandise Officer and the one who has been pushing for Motorcycle Awareness Rest stops throughout the State of California, I have been an ABATE Board member for the past two years. I am the type that takes on a commitment and volunteers for more, but I will follow-through with my commitments and see it through. If I see something that I think could be improved upon, I don't just point it out, I work out how to do it then present the idea for the opinion of others.

I look at ABATE Of California, Inc., as a business, I also run my own successful company and feel that I would be a competent asset to the Board.

I would like to be re-elected to the ABATE Board of Directors to continue to have representation from the High Desert and to serve our members throughout the state. I would like your vote – but if not, please Vote for someone.

## Tom A. Lubbers



Tom Lubbers has been a motorcycle enthusiast all his life and an ABATE member for several years. He currently serves as

president of Local 5 (San Gabriel Valley); a position he has held for the last four years.

For the last 30 years Tom's professional career has been in the area of machining; presently serving as a consultant for Xerox Special Information Systems in Monrovia. In his current position he oversees the transformation of theoretical design into tangible prototype product.

Tom is passionate about the protection and retention of our personal freedoms, especially as they relate to motorcyclists' rights. He has been diligent in his efforts, through ABATE and other MROs, to encourage fellow riders about their individual responsibility to be proactive, and not complacent, in the fight to preserve our rights.

Tom and his wife, Sandy, are long-time Glendora residents. During their free time they can be found on two-wheels and have logged nearly 95,000 miles on his 2003 Road King.

## Sarge Matthews



If you don't know me by now, you must be living under a rock. I've been a member of ABATE since 1986, and have served on the Board for approximately 21 of those years. I've served as president of Local 1, where I currently serve as run coordinator and vice president. I also served as State Run Coordinator for 10 years and through that run, raised thousands of dollars for ABATE. I have had several titles in the motorcycling community in my long varied motorcycle rights career, so to speak. Chairman of the Board of ABATE of California for the past two years, Am a national officer in my motorcycle club, am the liaison for the Southern California Confederation of Clubs, Executive Coordinator for NCOM,

was a union steward and vice president of my union.

A vote for me is a vote for leadership. As you can see by my experience, I have been fighting for the under dog for a long time. I believe in freedom and have always been in the front lines of the fight. I've been known to be somewhat "politically incorrect" from time to time, but I always speak my mind and I am not afraid to be on the unpopular side of an issue if I think it is right.

Some of the things ABATE has accomplished in the last two years are: We stalled the Smog bill, got the handlebar height raised on motorcycles, got the MC signs back on the HOV lanes, and other issues. Also one of the (maybe) unpopular ideas was to go to a electronically monthly newsletter to save our organization money - the economy sucks and it also affects us.

I am asking for your vote because I have the experience, I have the integrity and I have the balls to make the tough decisions. I won't let you down. Ride safe and be careful out there, Sarge.

## Tony Jaime



Well, by now I'm thinking many of you know who I am. I came into ABATE in a whirlwind when Jeff Ozanne, Dave Hastings, & Larry Roberts from Local 44 all came to Ridgecrest and I attended my first ABATE meeting. Dave Cornelius set the whole thing up, we had barely enough people to start a Local and we were off and running and it seems like I've been running ever since. Looking back now on my seven years with ABATE of California, those years have been jam packed with a lot of fun, excite-

# Bios for Nominees for the ABATE Board of Directors

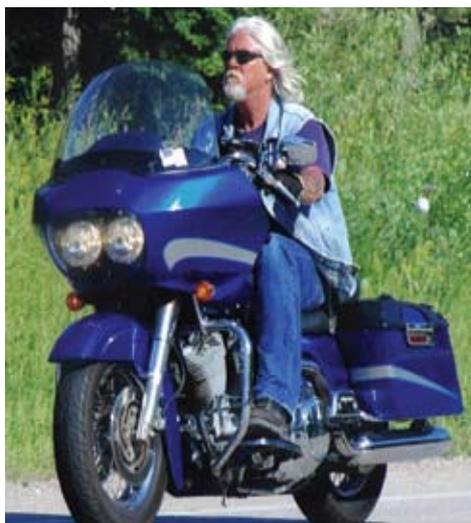
ment, road trips, sacrifice, tragedy, joy, and an entire new extended family of friends.

I served for four years for no fewer than four different Chairmen of the Board and four different Executive Directors. During those years on the Board I served in various capacities for ABATE and have been involved in many hard decisions and pushed for modernization and change. An original member of Local 58, I serve also as vice president. I am currently serving in my second stint as the State Run Chairman and hopefully by the time you read this bio, I will have had good news to report regarding this year's State Run.

Although a bit naïve regarding what ABATE was all about when I first started, my first year on the Board of Directors taught me some hard but valuable lessons. Experience is a valuable commodity and I have gained a lot of experience that I can bring to the table if elected to the Board again. Another thing that I gained in those years is the respect for all those who have gone before me in ABATE, and in the process, I have earned the respect of those who have worked along with me to achieve common goals. While I am still a relative newcomer in terms of years compared with some, the experiences I have had thus far have made me a seasoned veteran in the never-ending campaign to maintain and preserve our freedoms, liberties and way of life.

Those who know me best, know that I am honest, forthright, a little outspoken at times, and no stranger to controversy. They also know that I am passionate about my beliefs, loyal to my friends, quick on my feet and able to improvise, determined and if given a task to accomplish, I will do my absolute best to see it through to completion. I won't try to snow you with a lot of political campaign promises except to say that, if elected, I will always represent the best interests of not just a vocal few but the entire membership of ABATE and give you my best efforts. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Tony Jaime.

**David Walsh**



My name is Dave Walsh, and I'm running for the Board of Directors of ABATE of California. I've been a member of ABATE of California for 11 years. A couple years after joining Local 13, Ventura County, I became Secretary. After that, I was Vice President for 3 years, and I've been the President the past 3 years. I also was Secretary to the Board of Directors for a couple years. I am a member of the AMA, and a member of BOLT.

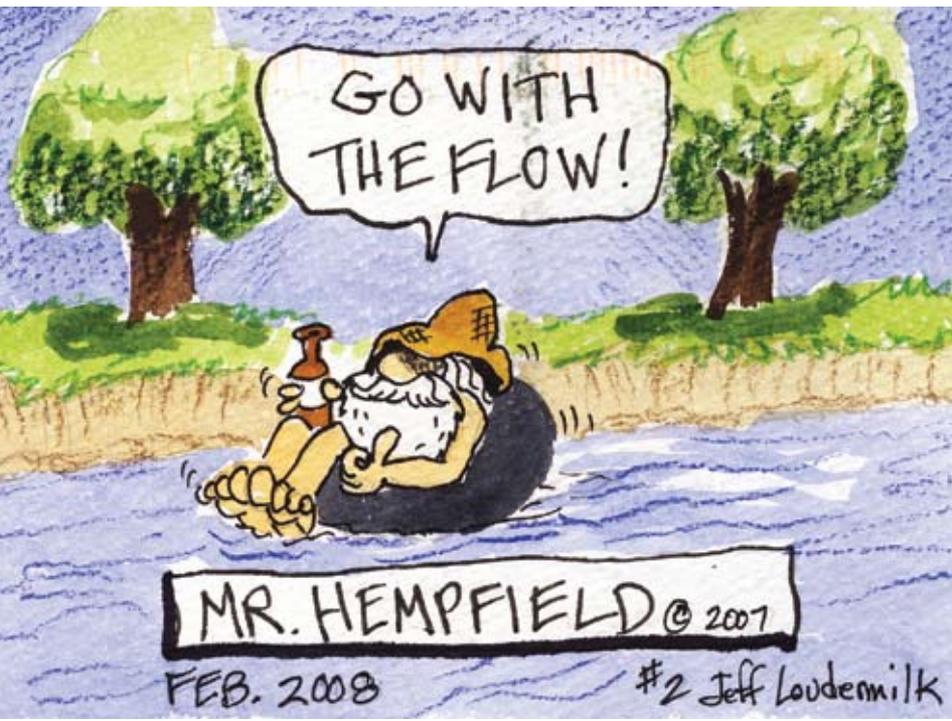
We've had a mandatory helmet law for 17 years now. This affront to our freedoms and rights as Americans may just be one of many that have eroded away, or been taken from us when we weren't paying attention. It is my line in the sand, and this fight is the principal reason I joined ABATE of CA.

This year SB435 reared its ugly head, and I believe it to be the most important legislative fight before ABATE at this time. We have to fight this or see more of our freedoms disappear. This law is a waste of time, effort, and money that would be better spent elsewhere. We can and will beat this bill.

Apathy and burn out seem to be our biggest enemies, bigger than Dick Floyd ever was. None of us are immune, but we all keep on doing what we can. I've seen a lot of ABATE members busting their humps to make this organization work, to make ABATE of CA better. That is an inspiration to me, and a big reason why I've decided to run for the Board of Directors.

As brothers and sisters in this organization, it is important to have each other's backs, to be there to support each other. We may disagree, there's nothing wrong with that, but we must still show the respect we each deserve, and support each other in our efforts to preserve and retrieve our freedoms and rights.

I can't promise anything except to do my best on the Board of Directors. I believe I can help the organization, otherwise I wouldn't be running, I'm sure not doing it for the pension plan. I'd appreciate your vote. Dave Walsh.



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# Pac/Lobbyist Report

by Peter Daniels, Treasurer

Remember when I said we have to be vigilant? Last week we received a two day notice that the Los Angeles City Council, a pretty powerful group, was going to be asked to make a 'resolution' to support SB435, the Motorcycle Smog Check Bill. I guess Fran Pavley, figures that resolutions of support from various city councils will help her bill when it is reintroduced next year.

In Los Angeles the resolution was tabled for 10 days so the city council folks can gather more info and educate themselves. Thanks to all that showed up at the meeting and will be at the next meeting. Keep your eyes peeled folks. If this is happening here, it's probably happening in your backyard. Check it out.

We all still need to support the various ABATE funds in this financially screwy year. With Christmas around the corner, remember that charity begins at home. If you don't already, make ABATE your favorite charity!

Dedicate yourselves to recruit a new member(s), host your Local's run, attend Board of Directors and PAC meetings, vote

for the folks running for the Board of Directors, and provide ideas on how we can make this organization better! Thanks! You are the steam that keeps this engine running!

Thanks to all that donated to the Lobbyist Fund last month. They were Locals 1, 2, 5, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, & Jim Brown (L6).

Thanks to all that donated to the PAC Fund last month. They were Locals 2, 10, 14, 17, 19, 21, 23, & Mike McIntyre (L00).

Thanks to the folks that are still responding to the special annual donation letter for the Lobbyist Fund. They are Johnny O'Kane (L22), Ed Gilbert (L35), Rick Mullally (L60), & John Del Santo (L6).

Lastly, I have to mention this person again. He leads by example! He leads with results. He's quiet, but his acts speak volumes! He hates to be recognized and he hates publicity and notoriety. Special thanks to James (Jim) H. Brown (L6) for his dedication and support of ABATE of California!

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Local #01 Los Angeles County



Local 1 is playing hooky this month! We're going to be at the State Run the day of our scheduled meeting in September, so we will resume communications (a meeting) in October.

At the October meeting we will be planning the group manning of the booth at the Love Ride.

Hope you're able to make it to the State Run this year. Regards, Sporty.

## Local #02 Simi Valley

A flamed burger and all the fixin's is a great way to start any meeting. Thanks to our cooks Scott and Bob for starting us in the right direction for the evening. We serve a great \$5 meal with a bunch of edible extra's to fill up, uh, an extra large hungry person(s)! We start serving at 6:45 pm on the second Tuesday of the month. We are located at VFW Post 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Ave in Simi Valley. The meeting starts at 7:30, if we're lucky! We're trying; we made a vow to be more prompt, honest.

This is the time of year when we are electing new officers, or to most, contract extensions, without pay! Our President Tom opened up the meeting and our secretary Jane read the minutes, our treasurer Stephanie said we still have the bucks and Linda our PAC person gave us another lecture on SB 435 and made us all sign important stuff so our fellow riders have a chance of their limited freedom, you can thank us later.

Rick Flores, our Run Coordinator, talked about our last Cheap Ride, but before that, some of our Local 2 members joined in on the Dignity Memorial Ride that started in Bakersfield on Wednesday, September 2, and ended in Westlake at Pierce Bros Cemetery. ABATE riders were amongst the 356 bikers escorting the ¾ replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. Our Cheap Ride was on the following Saturday morning. Ten

riders (me included) carved the Santa Susanna Hills, then Mulholland Drive, to get to our destination. A great ride! Thanks to Shirley Scott for the heads-up, it was a great honor to visit the wall and pay homage to our fallen brothers and sisters, who by the way defended our rights as well.

Back to the business at hand; we nominated the new officers and repeat offenders (the dedicated few) and will vote next meeting. Things are changing and the new blood hopefully will invigorate us all. I know I'm pumped for the next year and I hope with the new officers we can take ABATE Local 2 to the next level - whatever that might be.

Riding back from the Memorial Wall I thought about the freedoms that our veterans died for and I, being a vet, know and enjoy the fruit of our freedoms. It parallels what we do for everyone as ABATE volunteers. We can't become complacent or else we will be crying because we did not get involved. We all need to do what we have to, or else you won't hear me passing you on my motorcycle. PTL Norm e. New

## Local #05 San Gabriel Valley

Hey, from Local 5! We had no run report last month, as everyone that was present at the ABATE meeting had been at the Joy Ride meeting earlier.

Saturday, August 29, was Glendora's Flashback Bike and Car Show. The Midnite Riders, many are ABATE Local 5 members, are instrumental in the undertaking of this event, bringing lots of goodwill to the local biker community.

Tom, once again, brought everyone up to date on SB435. We talked about Local 19's Yahoo group and believe that we may follow their example in the future. We discussed the need to support Assemblyman Anthony Adams as he is in the midst of a recall and he is a biker friendly legislator. We discussed the State Board upcoming elections and I was recently informed that our own Tom Lubbers (President of our Local) has been nominated for a seat. Congratulations Tom!

Tom explained the fact that as of next year the Bailing Wire will be on-line and the hard copies will be limited to stores and a box for each Local. We passed the hat to

generate the entry fee for a couple of our members that plan to attend the State Run. Most of us cannot attend due to a prior engagement. Thanks for reading, Glen (Professor) Pine.

## Local #06 San Diego County



"Aahh" and it was another beautifully San Diego day in Kate Sessions Park overlooking beautiful Mission Bay. Our meeting was a little light in numbers, being the Labor Day weekend, but the members made up for that with their enthusiasm! Jim Brown brought in more than 100 signatures that he had gathered to defend against SB 435, and he donated \$25 to our treasury, besides. A vote passed sending another \$125 to the General Fund, and an extra \$100 to the Lobbyist fund. Moe Giacalone gave a report on her progress with our October 31 Halloween Poker Run. She plans on it being a costume party, too, but most people plan on coming as Bikers! Surprise, Surprise. We will have a Silent Auction at the end of the run, and have some really neat stuff for that.

Starting in January when the Bailing Wire stops going to homes, our Local 6 Prez will mail a copy to anyone who is housebound and does not have a computer, and Dave Connor, our Regional Rep, will do the same for anyone in those circumstances in Locals 6, 11, and 38.

We discussed a lot of political and judicial stuff, Our Safety Officer held a good discussion on Lane Sharing, and we had reports from our liaisons with Local 11, the HOG groups, and Steve Martin gave reports from the AMA, CMSP, and Brothers of the Third Wheel. VP Tim Belter scored on a couple of new members and we have a couple more in the works. We sold a couple of State Run tickets and a couple of ABATE Quilt tickets.

Check out our website at [www.abate-cal6.org](http://www.abate-cal6.org) and come on down and visit some-

day. We meet on the first Sunday of each month at Noon. We'll see you at the Golden State Rendezvous!

## Local #08 Orange County



Time flies when you're having fun, so it must have been a great summer! Wow, where did it go? With our Halloween Poker Run upcoming you can count on that's all we were talking about all month. Getting last minute details ironed out was our main objective.

We look forward to seeing every one of you on October 25 in your Halloween best! Best costume contests, people games, bike show, Local challenge and lots of other fun things happening at our Halloween Run! Not to mention a poker hand, raffle, 50/50, live music, great food and shopping - all to entertain you throughout the day!! Check out the flier in full color on a page in this issue. See you there!

HR stopped by as he gears up for the Totally Kids event. Another great event and one that touches the heart so deeply you won't be the same after you attend. I hope to see each and every one of you there also.

A third "future" event was brought up by Taco; he asked us to be involved with a fundraiser run to benefit the families of the 2 firefighters killed in the Station Fires. We see this event becoming huge as so many are affected by these fires. Look for more details in a flier in next month's issue. Well, that's it for now. See you in the wind! Karyn

## Local #11 San Diego County (North)



# LOCAL NEWS

The September turnout at Oakvale continues to be excellent, with over 30 folks in attendance. Tim covered membership renewals, phone tree ops and the availability of a limited number of POW/MIA display Flags for sale. The Treasurer's report was covered, and after expenses we continue to be OK in the treasury. The members voted to send the ABATE General Fund and the Lobbyist Fund donations over the next 3 months. In addition, Dogman, VP of Boozefighters #15, also donated \$100 towards ABATE of CA. Thanks Dogman.

We need to keep the petitions going against SB 435 and for AB 1205 – these bills are not going away and will be back. The Bailing Wire will switch from postal mail to e-mail distribution in January. The web site will also have the Bailing Wire for online viewing and copies will still be available through your Local officers and our Regional Rep Dave Conners.

As a reminder, don't forget to use the portal [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and use "American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education - ABATE ...." as your charity when you run Internet searches. ABATE will benefit a little and subsequent sales done through this search engine will also benefit ABATE.

Remember some "jurisdictions" are ticketing riders who have "Get Back Whips" on their M/C's. Removing the metal quick release may be sufficient to avoid problems if you still like your whip - however be aware. Also, several cities are now issuing ordinances against revving engines to create excessive noise, etc - don't get caught doing so or it could get expensive. Should you need help with tickets, harassment, etc check out the BOLT website.

On the federal level, Assembly Bill HR3311 has been introduced to fund a study for the "Vehicle Mileage Tax". The fight is coming to us folks - beware.

The site for next year's Southern California Regional Rally has been selected – Canyon RV in Corona, CA - more details as they become available. Also the next Board of Directors meeting will be held in San Jose.

The fall months are bringing us a number of runs. Briefly, ABATE State Run September 16-18, Final Option Poker Run October 10, ABATE Local 29 Laughlin Run October 16-18, ABATE Local 6 Halloween Run October 31, Boozefighters #15 Charity Fundraiser November 1 at the Kraken, and

ABATE Local 38 Turkey Run November 21 in El Centro.

In the 50/50 raffle, Leon won a gift certificate and Connie won the money, of which she donated back \$45.00. Thanks Connie. Ride Safe, Dave.

## Local #13 Ventura County



Summer's over, but the nice thing about living in So Cal, it doesn't really mean a thing. Oh, we might have to put another layer of clothing on, which generally means a second t-shirt, but we are truly blessed. We not only ride in the most beautiful, most varied geographical area in the world, but we can do it most every single day of the year. It's easy to take it for granted, and sometimes I don't feel so blessed when I'm stuck in commuter traffic, but I can't think of anyplace that is better suited for riding a motorcycle.

We've made it through the summer runs and rallies, and just around the corner is toy run season. More toy runs than you know what to do with, and Local 13 will be in the middle of the fray. At this time, it looks like we'll be renewing our affiliation with the Kids-to-Kids organization, and helping out with their toy run this year. More to come, as 'they' say - whoever 'they' are.

We've been fairly fortunate at Local 13. We've managed to add a few members this year, though we're always looking for more. At the beginning of the year, I asked each current member to sign up one new member. Though we haven't quite reached that goal, there's still time. Here's what you need to do: Download a membership form from the ABATE website, or tear the one out of this Bailing Wire. Even if you don't have a single friend that you can talk into joining ABATE, I'm sure there's somebody who is scared enough of you that you can talk them into joining. Hey, I'm not above coercion.

Local 13 elections are coming up next month. A number of current officers are not going to be running again, and there have been a few offices vacant for quite a few years. It's time for some fresh blood to step forward and take the reins. Frankly, if most of the offices don't get filled, we might as

well shut 'er down. We've managed to stabilize Local 13; we know when and where we're having our meeting each month. We had a successful Callous Cheeks this year. We need to build upon that. We need some fresh ideas and input, or even a different look at what we're doing. Just remember, if you're not having fun, you're doing it wrong. See you next meeting! Dave Walsh.

## Local #14 Alameda County



Hi everyone. September's monthly meeting was once again awesome! It was a great turn-out. I'd like to welcome our new member, Mark Antone, from Livermore. I've known Mark for over eight years thru the Oakland HOG Chapter. He's a very cool dude, has great leadership skills and he's got a lot of miles under his belt. He was introduced to ABATE thru Gary Vargas at an ABATE run they attended at Clear Lake this year and liked what we stand for. You never know who would be interested in our cause, so spread the word!

Thank you Joe "Red" Sweeley for renewing your membership and thank you Animal, Randy, Jessie, Houdini, Scott, Billy, Pam and Larry (Carl's boss) for your donations to our general account. Another great story shared by Carl, about his boss, Larry, and why he generously donated to our general account. If you didn't attend the meeting or if you don't come to any future meetings and ask Carl about it, you'll never know. So please attend.

Joe and Dennis are doing a great job keeping us all informed of all the current events. Our general account is holding its own and Jessie's hanging in there with the membership.

I hope everyone will be able to attend the next Board meeting hosted by Local 32 in San Jose on October 10. I'll see you all at the State Run. Until we meet again. RIDE SAFE. Franklin.

## Local #19 Pomona Valley

August's meeting turned out to be a lot of "Out with the old and in with the new". We officially have a new meeting place now. It's B's Sports Bar & Grill where we hosted the ABATE State Board Meeting in July. B's has done a lot to welcome us and has offered discount tacos on the nights we hold our meetings. We always meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month and hope you will show up and join us.

Pete, our VP, had to resign due a conflict in his new schedules so we needed to find someone to finish out the year for him. Our member Diane D is interested in taking a more active role in Local 19 and wants to help us grow. We had another nominee, but he endorsed Diane for the position and she was voted in. Thanks for stepping up Diane!

We also have a new business member in Local 19. Steve, our President, proudly announced that Casa Colina Hospital was joining our group. Casa Colina has an outstanding reputation as a rehabilitation organization. This is one of the times I can speak from experience and say these folks are fantastic. I did my rehab there after an almost fatal accident. In approximately two months, I went from bedridden to walking and started back to work months ahead of anyone's expectations.

Along with our regular business, Steve talked about fighting helmet law tickets and Robert talked more about the SB 435 the Smog Check bill. It doesn't look as if anyone has started to use the new SAE J2825 procedure for testing motorcycles for loud pipes, as of yet. We have to be diligent about fighting this type of legislation. Please continue to contact your local and state representatives.

Our friend, Mark, was not at the August meeting. He was at home recovering from a medical problem. Another member, Bob U, just renewed his membership so Steve talked him into taking over our raffle for the night. John B was back at our meeting and brought two gift certificates from Pomona Valley Harley-Davidson to contribute to the raffle prizes. It looks like he'll still be our contact with the local dealership. Winners were Will, John B, Jim R, Bonnie, Diane and Robert. Mark should be back with us next month. The membership raffle was \$107 but, once again, the member whose name was drawn was not there. Sorry Floyd, but that means it will be even bigger next month.

Join us at one of the meetings. We have a good time and it may be your lucky night! As always, keep the shiny side up! Ed.

# LOCAL NEWS

## Local #20 Orange County



We had an ABATE booth at the Irwindale Speedway on August 30. There were many vendors but not many people attended the event. Gin and Moonie went up and down the various rows of vendors and collected many signatures for the SB 435 petition. Maywood from Local 22 has also collected lots of signatures from all the bike nights he has attended. Great work!

Huntington Beach Hogs & Choppers renewed as business members. I don't mean to sound redundant, but we need new members and business members. Keep working on it.

Spike is going to write an article re Sons of Anarchy in a perspective way for people to understand the commitment and dedication that a prospect earns the patch. Quick Throttle is going to publish. People are wearing the t-shirts from the show and its offensive to patch holders. A prospect has to prospect for a specific amount of time doing what needs to be done to earn their place in a club. This is a strong commitment to the prospect and the club. Once the patch is earned there is great respect, loyalty, love and brotherhood.

Spike attended NCOM in Four Corners. He talked about DUIs, search and seizure and traffic stops, which were the top three on the agenda. He talked of the civil case of Ramon Rivera, which as an individual got the right to an injunction in the case.

The Halloween Trick or Treat run is Sunday, October 25. We are in need of raffle prizes. The Totally Kids run in Loma Linda is on November 8. This is the Run from the Heart. Every cent goes to the kids and hospital.

Lorri Brentnell's name was drawn and she would have been \$91 richer, but she wasn't there – so it continues to roll over to next month.

School's in session! Watch out for the kids. Ride Free, Ride Safe! Squirt.

## Local #21 Antelope Valley



Not many at our meeting – sent the "pitch" in to the State. Hope I saw you at the State Run. DA

## Local #22 South Bay

We had our September meeting at Walkers Café. One of our main topics of discussion was that the week before our meeting the Los Angeles Police Department had called a meeting at Walkers to go over some noise issues with the local bikers that frequent Walkers and Point Fermin. It seems that some of the local residents are having issues with the loud pipes of the motorcycle traffic that cruises through their neighborhoods and have complained loud enough and long enough that the police are warning of the upcoming crackdown.

One of the big issues that the bikers wanted to try and make clarification on was the fact that the last time this issue was addressed by the police was a couple of years ago and it amounted to a road block checkpoint with ALL Harley riders being pulled over and ticketed for loud pipes. I can attest to this as I was one of the people that this happened to during that time. The police said that at this time that was not planned but they did not say what could possibly happen at a future time.

We had a discussion on how the local felt about the Bailing Wire going to a digital format and not being mailed any longer. Most seemed opposed to this new method and we all felt that it was enjoyable to read an actual paper version of the BW. Even though it seems most papers are struggling to stay open these days I guess us freedom fighters are a bit old fashioned that way.

We had a discussion about Senate Bill 435, the smog check bill. We want every-

one to be on alert. If by chance anyone hears anything on this matter make sure to alert everyone in the ABATE and the motorcycle community in general. Also we spoke of our continued push to get signatures to oppose this bill. The more signatures we have the better our fight will be to shut down this bill.

Johnny organized and I worked an ABATE booth at the Ironworkers MC Poker Run in August. We seemed to be well received and gathered a great deal of signatures for the Opposition of SB 435. Hopefully some of those people will end up as members of ABATE.

We talked about our State Run coming up in September in Kernville. We wanted to make sure all that could attend would make it and a few that could not were still planning on buying tickets to help the cause.

That is all I have for the for the September meeting. Local 22 members, we want to start seeing more of you at the meetings! Zap.

## Local #23 San Bernardino



Once again, Local 23 extends a warm hello to all our fellow ABATE members and those that may have picked up a Bailing Wire along the way. We hope all are doing well and are taking advantage of this incredible summer weather we are having here in Southern California.

Although not well attended, I did see a couple of new faces at the September meeting, as well as a couple of old ones we had not seen in some time. It's great to see both old and new and we sure hope the trend continues as we sure could use more active members, we're all getting tired of telling each other the same old stories over and over again!

Nominations for our Local's leadership for 2010 were made during our September meeting, and it was good to see a couple of new names thrown in the hat. Now, we

all have a couple of months to stew things over until elections are held, which will take place during the November meeting, so mark your calendars now and make plans to exercise your right to vote.

There was a short discussion regarding the Local 23 Burger Burn and we are still looking for a new home for the Burn, so if you've got any great ideas, show up at the next meeting and throw it out there. We also discussed getting back on a Blood Drive schedule. We nailed down a September date and Ron will be looking at future dates for Local 23 to meet to give life. After the September meeting a few of our members jumped on their bikes to check out some potential routes for this year's "One More From The Heart" Mystery Ride, after which I believe they rode over to one of the local M/C fund raisers.

And while I have your attention, I want to take this moment to extend a Local 23 Congratulations to Grand Daddy Big Art. Yes, I said Grand Daddy. Big Art was blessed with his first grandchild, just a short time ago, and is a very, very proud grandpa.

And in closing, I ask you all again to please get involved in any way you can. One of the simplest things we can do is to introduce new folks to ABATE as we all know people that ride that are not involved in the fight to protect our Freedoms of the Road. Let's Get Them Involved! Russ.

## Local #24 Fresno

A short rundown of the September 2, Local 24 meeting. Vice President in Hawaii and treasurer not present. Makes one wonder what might be going on! But to continue. After the Pledge, Ed brought us up to date on the various happenings in Sacramento. The Smog? Sound? Bill *seems* to be dead this session. However one cannot be real sure. In the dead of night in Sacramento strange things can happen. Keep the letters of opposition to this bill going and send them to State ABATE for use when needed. THIS ISSUE IS NOT GOING AWAY.

There are six Board seats up for election this year on the Board of Directors of ABATE. The next Board of Directors meeting is on October 10 in San Jose; Local 32 hosting.

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# Sporty's Rides

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan

Hi All! Sporty here again with this month's servings of biker mayhem. I recently received the iron butt award and it's a mystery to me how I got it. Guess you have to ask the folks at Local 52 in Grass Valley about that. By the way, it is hard to write my column after watching the Angels go down in defeat as they are my favorite baseball team - especially when they are playing the Boston Red Socks. It's that east coast thing I guess. Anyway back to the rant.

I have acquired several extra vacation days that I have to use or I'll lose them. I know, "What a shame!" some of you must be thinking. But I am digressing - again stick to the point, Sporty!

On the way to Grass Valley, I decided to spend the night at my brother Jim's house in Atascadero and save money on motel expenses. So on the way to my brother's house I stopped off at the Office Depot in Camarillo and had 200 State Run flyers made. They were then distributed to the Harley shops in Ventura, Santa Barbara and Santa Maria. I refilled the supply in Atascadero. So while I was having fun I still had time for business! Well dinner at my brother Jim's house was halibut which they barbequed with squash

and salad. It was good and just what I needed to eat. We watched the Dean Martin comedy roast of old blue eyes, Frank Sinatra. It was neat seeing my old favorite comedians roasting Frank.

Ok, the next morning I took off early as



to avoid the heat. I rode all the way to Grass Valley and stayed at the Holiday Lodge motel and got the ABATE discounted rate of \$66 a night - that's a great price! Ate at a taco joint, where I did my best to eat stuff that is healthy. Got a good night's sleep and got up and met the guys at Moto Elite, the

starting point. We were taken on a 100 mile poker run. Lunch at the end point was tacos at a dollar a shot. Yea baby! Ate two. I won a pair of girls thongs (no not that kind of thongs - the shoe kind), which I promptly gave away to some girl at the event. By 4:30 pm it was over and I wanted to get out of Dodge. Thanks to Don and the Local 52 Grass Valley crew for making this an exciting trip and day. It is always special to ride out in this part of California and being with folks I like makes it all the more special. Again, thanks local 52!

I wanted to go down the road a bit before I stopped for the night, so I kinda pushed it and waved Little David good by and pressed on until I got to Turlock. Where I said that's it. Next day went on the route home after getting breakfast in Fresno at, well, you know, Denny's. Then home to my house by 1 pm. I even took pictures of the weekend so there you have it.

Now you have heard that we have been getting signatures for our petitions against SB435. That is what we're doing at all the events around the state. This so far has got-

ten the bill stalled but not killed. Anyway the weekend before Grass valley I went on the Iron Workers run. Hey, Sporty, isn't this a bit out of order? Anyway, this ride started out at the Starting Gate and after a ride that took us to dark-can't-see-inside-bars we wound up at -- guess where? Cook's Corner! Where I ate a veggie burger. Yea baby. I won some neat prizes and a skull helmet which I promptly sold for \$30 - good for me - to some guy who needed a big skull helmet. Thanks to the guys in the Iron Workers motorcycle club for putting on a good day and the ability to get more signatures for the petitions at Cook's Corner.

A final note: I will be at the State Run in Kernville and will be able to report on the happenings of this fine event in my next column.

Beware of the sneaky things politicians do to get their issues made into law. We have to stay vigilant to defeat our enemies who seek to disrupt our normal flow with bad legislation. Till next time, keep the faith and do an ABATE event in your neck of the woods. Regards, Sporty.

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## LOCAL NEWS

Lots of local runs in the next two months, but most will be over by the time this shows in the Bailing Wire.

Drawing for a bunch of donated prizes. Our Business members sure come through in support of our Local. Please throw your business to them any time you can. The \$50-50 was \$78 but I didn't get the winners name. Membership drawing was \$10 and won by John Allison, so we start over at \$10.00 again next month. Many thanks to Pete who donated a bunch of his winnings last month to help the members ease their aches and pains at this meeting.

Final news note: Local 24 will donate some money for the Harold Mathews rivet at the new Harley Davidson Museum in Milwaukee. In addition to this recognition there will be an additional special item such as a plaque or bench in the Hill Climbing section of the museum. Mathews HD has been a LONG time supporter of Local 24.

### Local #27 Riverside



Greetings from the irregular, aberrant I.E.! Well this is the last notice before the spectacular Local 27 Poker Run (or not). The committee, Kenny, Greg, and Jack, have been bustin tails puttin together a grand affair. I hope you all show your appreciation by showing up and bringing more than a few friends with ya - they really don't need to be friends or even acquaintances, just have the price of admission! My understanding is that Darlene'n Danny'O have some great vendors lined up and this reporter feels that one would be hard pressed to not have a good time. Be there on the 11th of October. You can go to the Local's web site at [abate-local27.org](http://abate-local27.org) for the flier.

Speaking of [abatelocal27.org](http://abatelocal27.org) you might like to go there, scroll down to *Newsletter* and register your e-mail address so when we come up with some emergency news you can be readily alerted. It also would be nice to have you all sign in at the guest book and leave a "Nice" comment. Signing up at *Newsletter* can also give us a way to mobilize troops when PAC action is needed.

Our membership Goddess was MIA at our September meeting so no membership drawing was held, but she did send along

a list of those who need to RENEW! As of September 9, 2009 Dan Hogan, Dave Molinar, Kelly Robertson/Ralf Rosales are in need of serious renewal. In October Michael Horkey, "Uncle Ron" Castner, Greg Covell, Stephen DuPont II, Harry Keith Grissom, Thomas "Duck" Russo, Nickolas Schneider, Elmer& Connie Simeon, Doc Rodriguez, Larry Temple, MC Tinning and Fred Wollenberg are in need of renewal. Come on folks lets "Get'er done!"

Speaking of Elmer and Connie Simeon, I want to thank them for steppin up to the plate an knocking a homer by taking fliers and Bailing Wires to the nether regions of Murrieta and Temecula. We are grateful to spread the ABATE word as far as we can.

Last and least for today campers. We must hold elections by December, I think. Soooo, we need folks to step up and do their turn at holding an office in the Local. We must have a President, Vice-P, Secretary, and Treasurer just to remain a Local. We may need a President, a PAC officer, and someone to write the monthly report. So all must take their turn. Step up and "Ask not what your Local can do for you; ask WHAT YOU can DO for YOUR LOCAL!" C'ya, HR.

### Local #35 Monterey Bay

September has been a rather tragic month for ABATE Local 35. We found out that a past member of Local 35, Tim Cronin, passed away at the end of August. Before he moved to Texas in 2006 to be closer to his grandchildren, he was our chef preparing great barbeques for our poker runs and Teddy Bear runs. He was a very caring individual and full of laughter at our functions.

Then we lost a long time member, Jack Aylesbury. He passed away on September 3, 2009. He is truly a legend for his love of motorcycle riding. Jack would always come to our runs and many other runs with his favorite hand made donated raffle prize, a Buck knife. Everyone would wish to win it. I remember at my wedding, my wife asked if there was anyone who had a knife to cut our cake. Sure enough, Jack pulled out his and Leo pulled out his. Leo had a slightly larger knife that we used. You should have seen our guests' faces as they both came up with their knives!

Jack was a very gifted individual with his knowledge of motors and motorcycles throughout his life. He was always positive and never had any bad comments of others that I know of. He went on just about every motorcycle run that other clubs put on throughout the year. He was a long time friend of very many people. We had a bar-

beque get together on September 6 and enjoyed the stories and pictures of him. His brother Alan, from Massachusetts, told us about how he and Jack would modify motors to race their cars. Jack served in the U.S. Army and moved to the West Coast when he was discharged. Here he started a new family of many motorcycle riders. He will truly be missed and yes, he is a legend. There will be a formal service for him in the near future.

We are now gearing up for our annual Teddy Bear Run to be held on October 18. All donations will be presented to the Visiting Nurses Association. They are a fine group of people going to homes to care for those needing medical care. That's all for now. Ride safe!

### Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE Members! Well I hope everyone survived the summer. Deborah Kensler had a nice surprise; she won the membership drawing of \$250. Well maybe some of my luck went her way.

Local 38 is gearing up for the 12th annual Turkey Run, November 21, in El Centro. There should be a flyer in the Bailing Wire. Last year we collected 250 frozen turkeys that we donated to about 10 charities. We are looking for raffle prizes and t-shirt sponsors. Sponsorship is \$65.

Come to a meeting and get involved. Election of our Local's officers is coming up, be there or be elected. Bye for now. Eddie Aranda, Prez.

### Local #47 Barstow



Howdy All! OK, it's that time again; Local 47 is inviting all friends and supporters to Ride to the Devils Playground on November 1. Sign up at Peggy Sue's in Yermo from 9 am - 10 am. Contact [760] 254 3833. Read more about this ride in the Events Section of this Bailing Wire.

This is a fun ride to support Local 47 of Barstow and a chance to get to see a great area of the High Desert too! So if you can make it, let's ride!

I hope everyone had fun at the State Run. Yermoeddy.

### Local #58 Ridgecrest

Greetings from Local 58. As with most of the country, the economic downturn has impacted our region and it has been reflected in attendance. We did have a small but spirited meeting in August at The Lode where several members of Local 40 from Bakersfield joined us. They were out on a ride to Alta Sierra that day and their route coincided with ours. A serendipitous occasion to say the least and it is always good to see old friends.

Darrin Sizemore, Bob Strong, Pat & Diane Gant, Herman Pate, and Tom Lara, were part of the Local 58 group that rode from the gathering point at Mickey's to The Lode in Wofford Heights for the quarterly meeting held there. Jim & Debbie Harmon led a group of Local 40 riders from Bakersfield out though the rolling foothills northeast of Bakersfield up to Glenville and then on up to a stop at Alta Sierra. As they continued down 155, they met up with us right at the bottom of the hill where the highway runs smack dab into The Lode. It's a great ride and have made it on numerous occasions myself, usually going the other way. It's great a shortcut to Highway 99 and brings you out by Delano. Porterville, Visalia, California Hot Springs are all accessible that way too. But be prepared for a lot of twisties on this route although there are some great panoramic vistas to enjoy along the route.

Pat & Diane Gant, Local 58 members and extremely nice people are the owners of Grumpy Bears Retreat up in Kennedy Meadows, which is another beautiful spot in the southern Sierra region of California. Next month they are holding their annual Grumpy Bear's Poker Run, the proceeds of which go to help fund the holiday food drive. This is a worthwhile event and offers some very nice scenery up in a wilderness area. Stop in and say hello if you're ever in the vicinity and let them know you are an ABATE member.

Speaking of the holiday food drive, that time is coming upon us quickly and it is time to start planning for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets. Hard to believe that we're already 9 months into this year but elections are upon us for the Board of Directors. Tom Lubbers, a real gentleman and one of the true ambassadors of ABATE has been nominated and Local 58 endorses and wishes this candidate well in the upcoming election. We had an outstanding turn-out for the five Board seats last year and I hope we can generate that much interest again. That's it from the desert! Ride wisely and ride freely, ~tony~

# COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

## Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish

### MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES PLUMMET IN TEXAS:

While most states across the country continue to experience increases in motorcycle accidents and fatalities in the wake of increasing motorcycle usage, the state of Texas has reported a significant decrease in rider deaths due largely to safety and awareness programs initiated by motorcyclists and the Texas Department of Transportation.

According to TxDOT, fatalities declined more than 23% over the same time period from 2008, with 264 deaths reported from January 1 - August 24, 2009, versus 344 deaths the previous year.

"I would say this is a direct result of what the Texas Transportation Institute put together to cut down on Traffic fatalities, especially for motorcyclist," explained Sputnik, State Chairman of the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association (TMRA-II) and Chairman of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF). "Several of our members sit on the Board of that newly formed Institute."

Sputnik gave further credit to the Motorcycle Awareness Program put together by TxDOT at riders' insistence and added: "We have very high hopes that SB 1967 (a multi-faceted motorcycle safety bill enacted earlier this year) and the year round airing of Public Service Announcements, increased penalties for negligence and Rider Training will bring that number down even farther."

Texas is one of the largest motorcycling states in the nation in terms of motorcycle registrations and year-round riding weather, and largely through the efforts of TMRA-II under Sputnik's leadership repealed their mandatory helmet law in 1997.

### OREGON ENACTS MANDATORY TRAINING FOR NEW MOTORCYCLISTS:

Oregon has become the third state to pass a law requiring all new motorcyclists regardless of age to pass a rigorous training course, in hopes of reducing accidents and fatalities. Current law requires such course completion for prospective riders under age 21.

The new law, Senate Bill 546, passed by the state legislature this year will phase in the requirement for all first-time bikers over the next six years. Lawmakers also voted to double the fine for riders caught without the proper license, increasing the penalty to \$720 starting in January.

Team Oregon trained about ten-thousand riders last year, and the majority of them were older than 21. More than 4,400 people bypassed the class in favor of a free skills test at the DMV, but soon all first-time riders will have to shell out about \$150 to take the Team Oregon course, which is administered by Oregon State University.

The change in the law was supported by one of the state's chief motorcycle lobbies, BikePAC. Executive director Nic Oliver says he's been riding for 35 years and he thinks the new requirement will save lives: "A trained rider is a safe rider. And we're trying to cut down the deaths, especially the unnecessary deaths of people that are making stupid mistakes because they don't know what to do."

A similar mandatory training bill was recently passed in North Carolina, but was amended to require rider education courses only for those under 18. Senate Bill 64, which also limits learner's permits to 12 months with one 6 month renewal, was signed into law August 26th by Governor Mike Easley and goes into effect January 1, 2011.



### NOISE LAWS DEFEATED:

The Massachusetts Motorcycle Association has announced that a proposed noise ordinance in North Reading, MA that would have required an EPA Stamp on motorcycle exhaust systems and stricter noise controls has been defeated.

Prior to a recent meeting of town Selectmen, MMA Chairman Dave Condon met with MMA Member Bill McGarry, a local resident, to review the warrant and the pertinent Massachusetts laws. During an earlier

town meeting, the legality of the EPA stamp requirement was discussed in detail and ultimately dropped, but an alternative proposal was amended into the Warrant which would have made noise levels and testing requirements stricter than those currently in Massachusetts General Law (MGL).

With significant support from McGarry, who attended both public hearings and spoke on behalf of the MMA and motorcyclists across Massachusetts, the Selectmen and North Reading Chief of Police recognized that the town cannot impose laws stricter than the Commonwealth -- instead, the town acknowledged that enforcement of the existing MGL coupled with appropriate education could be a far more effective tool, and by vote of the selectmen the warrant was removed from the town agenda.

Meanwhile, following much lobbying and testimony from local bikers, a hotly debated noise ordinance in Portland, Maine was unanimously rejected by the City Council and sent back to the Public Safety Committee for more work.

The proposal would have enforced the federal law that all motorcycles made after December 31, 1982 must have mufflers with an EPA label certifying the exhaust system meets EPA standards. A biker riding a motorcycle within city limits without an EPA sticker on the muffler would have been fined \$50. The ordinance would have been the first of its kind in Maine, and supporters said its adoption would have made it easier to pass a similar state law.

Opponents, including the United Bikers of Maine (UBM), said the measure would discriminate against motorcyclists and could cost the city tourism dollars by discouraging motorcyclists from visiting Portland.

Motorcycle noise continues to be a contentious and controversial issue across the country, with places like Boston and New York contemplating stricter laws.

### U.S. SENATE PASSES AMENDMENT PROTECTING KNIFE OWNERS:

In response to a U.S. Customs proposal that would outlaw one-handed assisted opening knives by redefining them as switchblades, on July 9 the U.S. Senate unanimously passed an amendment to the Federal Switchblade Act as part of the Homeland Security appropriations bill to protect by law 35 million Americans who own pocketknives.

The bipartisan measure would exempt assisted-opening knives that can only be opened with "exertion applied to the blade by hand, wrist or arm" from a federal law

that criminalizes commerce in switchblades. Assisted opening knives are highly desired by hunters, anglers, farmers, ranchers, firefighters, law enforcement and emergency personnel and others who may need to open a knife with only one hand.

Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) said, "Without this amendment, there is a real danger that 80 percent of the pocketknives sold in the U.S. could be classified as illegal switchblades, which would hurt knife and tool manufacturers across the nation."

The measure is now under consideration in a House-Senate Conference Committee.

### AUSTRALIAN BIKER GROUPS ANGRY OVER TOUGH LAW PROPOSALS:

Biker organizations in Australia say that introducing a zero alcohol tolerance for motorcycle riders in Queensland would be discriminatory. The State Government is considering the option in an attempt to reduce the road toll.

Lindsay Granger from Motorcycling Queensland says riders should not be singled out. "The only other groups that have zero alcohol content are drivers who are responsible for the safety of others or drivers who are inexperienced," Granger said. "There doesn't appear to be any clear logic why experienced motorcyclists should be treated any differently from experienced motorists in any other type of vehicle."

The zero tolerance effort is also under critique by members of the United Motorcycle Council of Queensland, a newly formed organization comprised of 17 clubs ranging from outlaw patch holders to church groups united to fight efforts of law enforcement from enacting discriminatory legislation aimed at clubs.

### BILLY LANE SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR FATAL CRASH:

On August 14 a Florida judge sentenced celebrity bike builder Billy Lane to six years in prison in connection with the September 4, 2006 crash that killed scooter rider Gerald Morelock. Judge Robert Burger also ordered Lane's driver's license suspended for life and that he undergo random drug and alcohol testing upon his release from prison.

Lane, 39, faced up to nine years in prison after a judge in June OK'd a plea deal in which prosecutors agreed to drop a charge of DUI manslaughter in connection with the Labor Day 2006 accident.

Lane, who was led from the courtroom in handcuffs, choked back tears as he took full responsibility for the rider's death. "I

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was very careless. I was a less-responsible citizen," Lane told the court. "I'm not looking for pity on myself. I drive by the spot where I killed Jerry Morelock every day. I pray to God for his soul and for his family."

Police said Lane's blood-alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit when he crossed a double-yellow line to speed at 68 mph past three cars on State Road A1A south of Melbourne Beach. He crashed his Dodge pickup head on into 56-year-old Morelock's small Yamaha motorcycle.

**WEIRD NEWS: BEWARE DRUNKARDS CROSSING:** A German court ruled on September 14 that a motorcyclist who collided with a drunken pedestrian during a beer fest shared blame for the accident because she should have expected the road to be full of party-goers.

The female biker, who was driving at a legal speed of 25-31 mph, hit a man who was crossing the road against a red light during the Munich beer festival which attracts millions of revelers every year.

The court held her "50 percent responsible" for the accident. "During the October (beer) festival there are, it is well known to the authorities, a large number of drunk

people on the streets at night, who can not always be trusted to observe the rules of the road," the court said. "The motorcyclist should have adjusted her speed to be able to avoid these people," added the statement.

The woman was ordered to pay half of the damages, estimated at 2,500 euros (\$3,600 US), and her bid for 1,000 euros compensation for minor injuries sustained in the accident was refused.

### LONE STAR RALLY DISCONTINUES USE OF RFID SURVEILLANCE CHIPS:

As the National Coalition of Motorcyclists advised our NCOM Member Groups earlier this year, the Lone Star Rally in Galveston, Texas had issued parking passes to all rally participants that contained RFID chip technology which allowed them to be "tracked" and filmed during the rally, and riders were offered for sale a personalized DVD showing themselves at the rally.

Each coded pass was embedded with an RFID (radio frequency identification) chip that incorporates the use of electromagnetic or electrostatic coupling in the radio frequency (RF) portion of the electromagnetic spectrum to uniquely identify an object or animal, or in this case each motorcycle affixed with a pass. A link on the Lone Star

Rally website said, "The chip technology will allow us to pinpoint you and produce a DVD of the entire rally event with personalized footage of you and your bike on the Strand!" Such surveillance technology has been proposed for other bike rallies as well, such as Sturgis and Daytona.

This issue was brought to the attention of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists Board of Directors, and discussions ensued about opposing such invasive chipping if it's without the rider's knowledge and consent.

"It was never our intent to do harm to the Lone Star Rally, but felt obligated to inform our NCOM Member Groups of this practice," said Richard M. Lester, AIM/NCOM founder.

AIM Rep Denise Nobs, whose husband, Louie, serves on the Board as NCOM Christian Unity Liaison, wrote about the use and possible misuse of such RFID chips earlier this year in the AIM/NCOM Legal & Legislative Newsletter to bring awareness to the issue.

Lone Star Rally organizers have since announced the discontinuation of the RFID chipped parking passes, and had this to say on the Homepage of their website (www.lonestarrally.com): "It seems that people

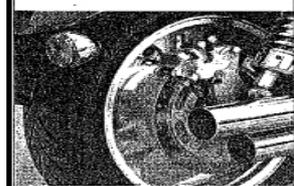
have either not seen our explanations, misunderstood how we use the (RFID) technology or just hate it! We love our riders and don't want to use anything they don't like so, for these reasons, we are canceling the use of any RFID technology at the Lone Star Rally."

Billed as "The World's Largest Halloween Party", the Lone Star Rally will take place October 27 - November 1, and NCOM encourages its members to attend and support the event.

### QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Be as beneficent

as the sun or the sea, but if your rights as a rational being are trenched on, die on the first inch of your territory." Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-82) American poet and philosopher.

### Sound Advice.



Not everyone enjoys the sound of loud pipes. Be considerate of others, especially in quiet neighborhoods and at night. Then we can hear all the good things people say about the sport.

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## Best of the West MC Drags by Cypress Mike

Members of Locals 20, 23 and 9 volunteered their time and efforts in providing education, information and an opportunity to join ABATE at the "Best of the West Motorcycle Drags" held August 30 in Irwindale.

Several members challenged the heat and hit the pavement to promote membership and encouraged vendors, riders and race fans in signing the petition in opposition to SB435 (the motorcycle smog bill). While attending the duties at the ABATE booth, members of the Nuggets MC surprised everyone with several pages of the petition signed and hand-delivered. Thanks guys!

ABATE Local 20 would like to acknowledge the attendance and commitment made by thanking the following individuals: From Local 20 - Gill, Sandy, Spike, Moonie, Gin, Cueball, Starman Bill, Cypress Mike, from Local 23 - Snake and Bella and from Local 9 - Pete and Cory.



## Local 24's 9th Annual Reb Run

Sanger; September 19 found folks gathering at Cycle Creations to sign up for the Reb Run. Cycle Creations is in a new location on Academy and was previously called Sanger Custom Cycles. Stop by and check them out. For the last nine years, Dawny Reb, a member of Local 24, has organized and put on this run for benefit and support of Veterans.

The turnout this year was less than past years, probably due to the economic situation in Fresno County. After a breakfast of pancakes and biscuits and gravy, the group headed to the foothills and Humphrey's Station. Dawny and members of her band were soon set up and good music was rocking the patio. Added to the music was the excellent food available at Humphrey's.

Was a real good way to have some fun, ride mountain roads and help out our local Veterans. What did you do the day after MIA/POW Day?



# The Membership Committee Announces It's 11th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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- 3.You must be a current member of ABATE of California to participate.
- 4.Your name must be included as the source on each application you submit, and it is YOUR responsibility to promptly confirm that your name is included on applications phone/fax/mailed by you.
- 5.The person credited with the highest number of NEW memberships will be awarded the top prize. In the event of a tie, the winner shall be selected by a random drawing to be conducted by the Membership Committee.
- 6.WINNERS of the Membership drive will be announced and receive their Prizes at the ABATE State Board Meeting in January 2010.
- 7.All Membership types are considered equal for the purposes of credit. No extra credit will be given for Couple, Gold Business or Life Memberships.
- 8.Membership Committee Members and their family members are not eligible to win.
9. Renewals do not count as new membership for the campaign.
10. The Local that retains their current members as of January 1<sup>st</sup> to the end of the campaign and gains 50 new members by December 31st will win a personal bonus of \$75.00 from the Membership Chairman – Sporty!
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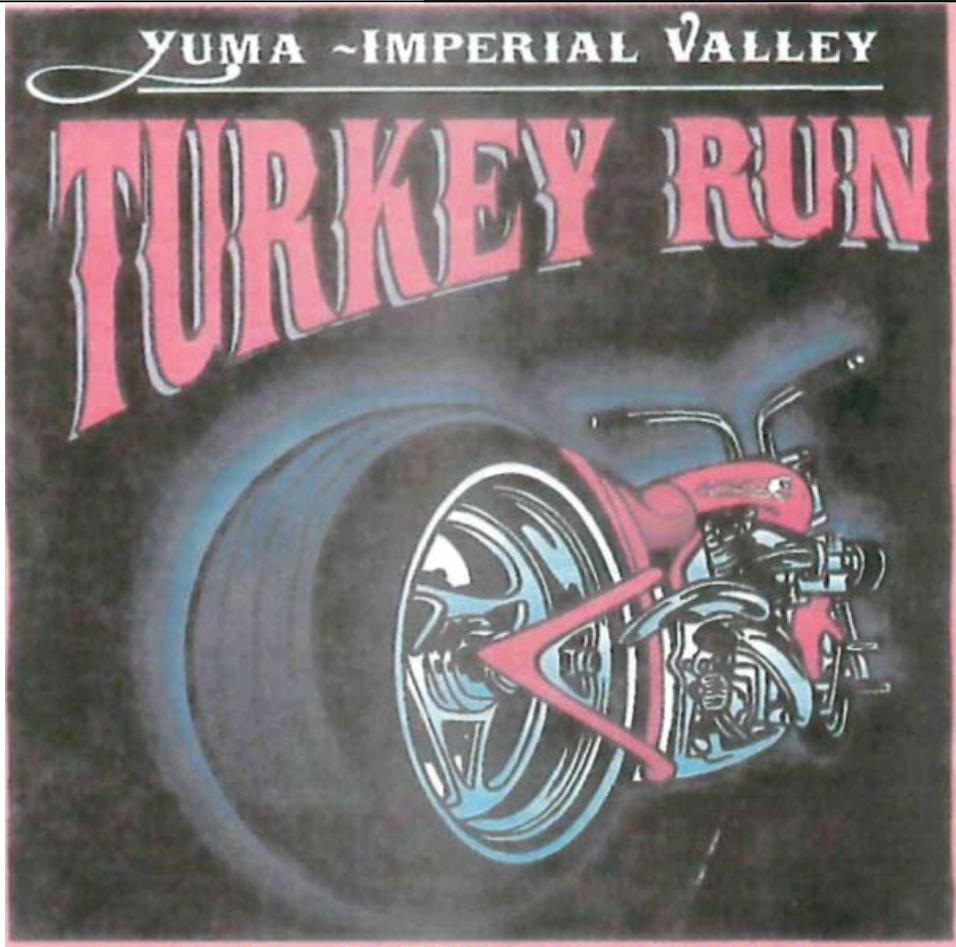
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**Thank you ABATE Locals for your monthly**

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2, 11, 14, 19, 21, 23, and 27. Thank you Sweaty Buns Run Committee (Local 2) & Northern Cal Regional Rally Committee (Local 28) for the Donations and work you folks put into it to make it happen!!!

Thank you to You Members who attend your Local meetings and events to help yourselves to raise the money to meet the Local's monthly contributions and for raising the extra money for the Special contributions too. Thank you all very much for your donations and continued Membership in ABATE!!!



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# Membership Report

by Lee 'Sporty'

## Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hello All! A quick reminder to continue to get new members for ABATE. It is equally as important to retain your renewals as well. Business members help support the Bailing Wire and general fund - try to get them as well.

Don't forget to keep in touch with your members that are on your Local membership roster. While they may not always show up to your meetings, they support your Local and ABATE with their renewal dollars. Trinkets go a long way to establishing a good rapport with your renewing mem-

bers. Local 1 has been sending thank you trinkets for renewing by sending them a Local 1 travel coffee cup. Your Local can do something similar. Be creative with your trinkets.

Helpful membership information is available for the asking, so e-mail me at [mrsportyiii@yahoo.org](mailto:mrsportyiii@yahoo.org).

Welcome goes to Local 60 in Colfax. They have made some changes in their officers. I look forward to helping them with membership inquiries, if they request it.

Again there is still plenty of time to compete in the Membership Drive. Thanks to all who have gotten new members this year.

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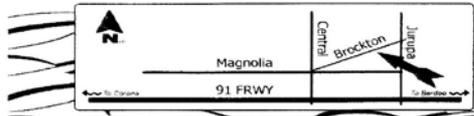
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**October 3** – ABATE Local 3 – Learn n' Run Historic Trivia Tour – Sign-in Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge; 158 N Conejo School Rd.; Thousand Oaks.

Read Local 3's report & call Chuck 805/493-0323 for more info.

**October 10** - ABATE Of California – Quarterly Meetings - Presidents/PAC & Board of Director's – San Jose, hosted by ABATE Local 32. **Tentative Meeting schedule is: 10 am with either the PAC or Presidents Meeting, followed by the other at 11 am. Lunch at Noon – Board Meeting at 1 pm.**

The Conference room for the meeting will be FREE IF we book enough rooms at the Holiday Inn and a special price for US has been negotiated -\$70.00 + tax per night. Room rate applies for October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, and includes breakfast. MUST Mention ABATE when booking your room.

**Meeting Location: Holiday Inn Express; 1350 N. Fourth Street; San Jose, CA. 95112; Phone: 408/467-1789 for reservations.**

**October 11** – ABATE Local 27 – Poker Run or Not– Riverside Elks Lodge; 6166 Brockton Ave; Riverside 9am – 10:30am \$15.00/ person includes lunch and party. Kenny [kennuttall@aol.com](mailto:kennuttall@aol.com) or call 951/377-5772 or Greg at [gmcvl@yahoo.com](mailto:gmcvl@yahoo.com)

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**October 16 – 18** – ABATE Local 29 – Laughlin River Trip - Aquarius Casino in Laughlin, NV. Special room rate – see Flyer for more Info or contact Marty 760/367-1694 or email [MMHD2@msn.com](mailto:MMHD2@msn.com)

**October 18** – ABATE Local 35 – Monterey CA – Teddy Bear Run; Sign-in 9 – 11 am at Bill's Monterey Custom Motorcycles; 1993 Del Monte Blvd; Seaside. Entry fee: \$20.00 plus stuffed toy/ Single; \$35.00 plus stuffed toy/ Rider & Passenger. See Flyer for more info.

**October 23 -25** – California Bike Week – aka – Love Ride on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Details on their web site [www.Californiabikeweek.com](http://www.Californiabikeweek.com)

**October 25** – ABATE's of Orange County (8 & 20) 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Trick or Treat Run - \$15/Single; \$25/ Couple. Includes run pin & poker hand. Run pins to 1<sup>st</sup> 100 participants. Prizes/games & live music. Sign-in 8 – 10 am The Starting Gate: 5052 Katella Ave; Los Alamitos, CA. 90720; End Point – Cook's Corner 19152 Santiago Canyon Rd; Trabuco Canyon, CA. 92679. More info Karyn 714/624-0746 or Tim 714/761-9502.

**October 31** – ABATE Local 6 – Halloween Poker Run; sign in 4-5pm at San Diego Harley-

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**November 1** – ABATE Local 47 – Ride to the Devils Play Ground. Sign-up at Peggy Sue's 50's Diner; 35654 Yermo Rd; (I-15 & Ghost Town Rd.) in Yermo 92398. from 9a to 10 a. \$20/person includes Lunch. More info at sign-in. Contact Yermo Ed at 760/254-3833 or [vermoeddy@aol.com](mailto:vermoeddy@aol.com)

**November 8** – Totally Kids aka One More From the Heart - Loma Linda – Specific donations - contact Honda Ray 951/279-4370 or Local 27's web site [www.abatelocal27.org](http://www.abatelocal27.org) for the flyer.

**November 8** – ABATE Local 21 - Happenin' Headquarters 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Run - from 11 am to 5 pm at The Moose Lodge, 44545 Division Street in Lancaster. With a \$10 new toy donation for Moose Charities you'll enjoy music from Black Daniels Band, autos, cycles, vendors, ABATE Local 21 Poker run, food, 50/50 raffles, prizes, games and Santa. More info @ [www.alleygl.org](http://www.alleygl.org) or call Santa at 661/947-3734.

**November 21** – ABATE Local 38 – Turkey Run. Sign-in 9 am at Lucky's Parking Lot; 351 Wake Ave; El Centro 92243. \$7.00 + a Frozen Turkey (includes a dinner ticket). More Info call Ed 760/337-8372

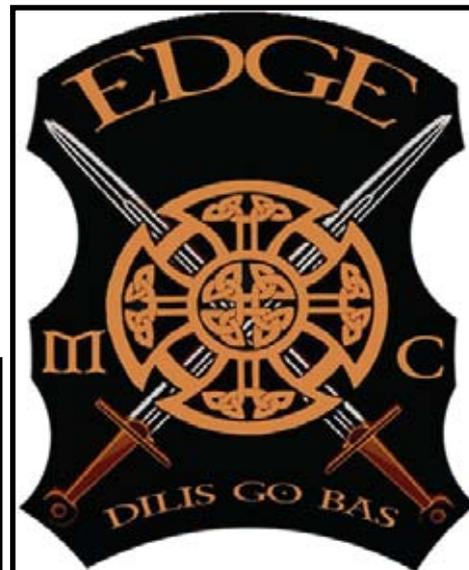
**December 13** – 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Skid Row" L.A. Toy Ride – ABATE Local 1 and Glendale Harley-Davidson.

Pancake breakfast 9 to 10:30am. Departure time 11am. All participants please bring at least one NEW unwrapped toy for a homeless child. More info – Peter Daniels 800/866-6601 or Richard at 818/246-5618 ext 108.

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# Getting Started Safely

by John Del Santo

There are more new riders out there on the road than ever before. The ones that start with an MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) Riders Course have an advantage and a good head start, but they're getting on the road with no practical experience. The MSF has a "Street Rider Course" in the works for this reason. The lucky ones know an experienced rider who will ride with them and Mentor them safely into the sport. And then there are others that you hear about who join a ride, try to keep up with the pack even if it's beyond their experience and ability, and end up as an "uh oh" article in the local newspaper.

If a group that you ride with has new riders joining you from time to time, new members, friends, or family, then it's a neat idea to hold a "New Riders Run" occasionally. Put the invitation out to whoever wants to join in. This shows your group's concern to the motorcycling community, and lets the new riders know that

no one expects them to be "mucho macho canyon racers" their first month out.

The route should be varied and interesting, but not technically dangerous. The run will include almost as many experi-



enced riders as new, including a couple of very good people to watch the middle of the pack and a couple to bring up the rear. Someone has a first aid kit and a cell-phone, and all gas tanks are full. The key people have maps of the route, including the location of the scheduled breaks, so if they need to drop back for any reason,

they know where to find the main group at the next stop. There should be plenty of breaks, as new riders have not yet built up much stamina, or enough callous in their jeans. It's important that the new riders be told that it's O.K. to give the hand signal to call for an unscheduled stop if they need. At the Rider's Meeting at the beginning of the run, the group leader explains the safety procedures, hand signals, and the need for plenty of following distance between riders. Nobody runs red lights.

On the big highways, it is necessary for everyone to stay up near the posted speed limit to avoid creating a hazard, but on the smaller roads, the pace will be set for the new riders. Let them know that there is no need to "keep up". That if the group stretches out, the front of the group will be waiting at the next rest stop and the Back Door riders are covering them and will not hurry them or leave them. If anyone has a breakdown or an unexpected dismount, a couple of the key riders will take care of the problem, and the rest of the pack moves off down the road to stop

and wait at a safe place. You don't want a bunch of people standing around in the road becoming a big target for the next car coming around that curve. During the ride if anyone is doing anything unsafe, it should be corrected right away, and any other riding tips or suggestions can be discussed at the meeting at the end of the run.

Your riding style sets an example for the new riders. They will appreciate what your group has done for them and you will have increased the chances that they will become good riders. If they become regulars with your group, you have decreased the chances that they will make some mistake on a ride that will harm several of your other riders. We would really rather not ride "Off Road" unless we have planned on it. Knowledge is Power! Ride Safe!!

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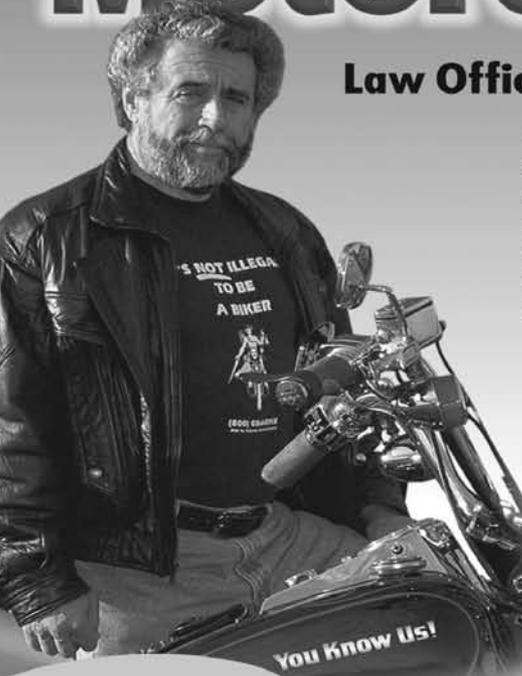
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# Freedom Isn't Free

by Linda "Moxxie" Wright

*"If you think you are too small to have an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito in the room", -- Anita Roddick*

While having dinner with a friend, talking about life, I was reminded about mosquitoes making a difference and asked, how come I haven't written any articles for the ABATE Bailing Wire lately? Small world; because the next day, an article came out in the LA Times, Sunscreen and Insect Repellent (Joe Graedon & Teresa Graedon). Amazing how these little buggers continue to make a difference in our lives.

So now the BIG question is which to use - insect repellent, sunscreen, or both? Guess it matters what you are doing. Running through rivers while camping in the buff - I'd definitely say, skip the sunscreen, let your body color nicely, and cover yourself with DEET. Riding on the scoot - definitely skip the DEET and wear the sunscreen. Just swat at those biting, bloodsucking buggers with your right hand - no, left hand - uh, neither! Save your life and just ride. Chances are they won't be able to stay on your body long enough to bite until after you get off the bike. Not like bees that love to sting you with every chance they have when you invade their territory and prevent them from flying in the wind!

So, should you use both sunscreen and DEET? "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states, sunscreens should be applied to the skin before insect repellents. BUT, the CDC also advises NOT to use combination products containing repellents AND sunscreens. DEET-containing insect repellents may decrease the effectiveness of sunscreens, and sunscreens may increase ABSORPTION of DEET through the skin! Also discovered research demonstrating that DEET and the sunscreen ingredient oxybenzone (benzophenone-3) mutually increased skin absorption. Oxybenzone has estrogenic activity; increased absorption is not desirable. Sunscreens relying on zinc

oxide or titanium dioxide should not be a concern."

What to do? You've got the information. Now you have the freedom to choose! As for stinging bees, if you don't have a pair of tweezers handy, keep a credit card in your pocket and use it to swipe the stinger out of your skin. Don't have any benedrine? Just grab a small handful of local dirt, spit on it and mix the two together and apply to the wound. Helps to absorb the venom and heals quicker.

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Ride SAFE and Free

# State Run Chairman's Report

by Tony Jaime, State Run Chairman

By the time you read this, the 2009 State Run will be over and we will all have fond memories of the good time we all had there. Unfortunately, since I am writing this column four days before the event and don't have a crystal ball, I can't state with certainty how successful we were with the State Run. You'll have to wait until next month to get that installment. Regardless, my prediction is that the State Run was a success, both from a financial perspective, but also from the perspective that we have had a lot of interest and involvement from a great many folks this year. All of you that helped, and there were a great many, give yourselves a pat on the back and accept my deepest gratitude and thanks for all of your support and assistance.

As I started to work on this year's event, many factors came into play, not the least of which was a major tragedy in my small extended family of close friends. Nevertheless, life must go on and we all must find ways to deal with issues that arise in our lives and working on the State Run offered me a way to take my mind off of my personal problems and focus my energy in positive ways. The major challenge was how to get things rolling with a very limited budget. The President's Challenge offered a way to jump start things and quickly build start-up capital, and it worked admirably, thanks to all the Local's presidents that stepped up and supported our efforts. This was an example of thinking outside the box to create a new approach to solving an old problem of generating revenue. Just so you know, I was very encouraged by the results this year and, if I return as State

Run Chairman, I am going to repeat this same offer next year and shoot once again for 100% participation statewide. We came close to 50% with 22 Locals this year and that is a good thing! This year's State Run has been a great example of the unity and strength we can display as an organization. As a measure of the gratitude I have for those Local President's who participated, their Locals were listed on this year's run shirt.

Another major issue was how to establish an online presence with a URL, also known as a Uniform Resource Locator, so that we could advertise the State Run through the online events calendars. The fact is that there was no budget to pay for website development. A simple but effective solution was to create the MySpace profile and thanks to my daughter and about three hours of work, that issue was solved. Additionally that has paid other dividends as we have managed to network with many other ABATE organizations, motorcycle dealerships, motorcycle magazines, and an incredibly diverse range of other people through this incredibly simple, but free tool. I wouldn't really classify this as thinking outside of the box but rather as an exercise in taking inventory of available resources that could be used to solve the problem.

As I close for this month, I just want to emphasize that old adage: Tough times never last but tough people do! Even though it was evident from the all conversations I had with people I spoke and dealt with, while working on the 2009 State Run, that we are experiencing tough times all across the state and nation, but that just as evident was that spirit of American resilience, stamina, and endurance that says we will eventually prevail.

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## Tech Tips by Craig Griswold Tires

With only two on the ground (or three in the case of the increasingly popular trikes), tires are one of the most critical safety items on our motorcycles. This month we'll cover some basic maintenance issues and a few points on selection as well.

At the top of the maintenance list is tire inflation. The majority of bikes that roll into our shop have under-inflated tires. The best case scenario is premature wear and some minor handling issues. Worst case can be increased operating temperatures and blow outs. Keep in mind that different brands have different specifications, so check the data for that manufacturer.

The rule of thumb is to check pressure before every ride. A quick visual is good too. Look for damage in the tread and sidewall. Bikes that don't see a lot of mileage or sit for prolonged periods, especially out in the weather, can have a tread that looks accept-

able, but the sidewalls can be cracked. Most tires have tread wear indicators; however, a service manual will give the minimal tread depth. If in doubt, replace it!

If you change your own tires, remember that most motorcycle tires are directional, and almost all are front and rear specific. Additionally, remember to mount the tire with the "balance dot" in line with the valve stem. The dot is usually yellow or red, and it indicates the light spot of the tire that is identified during manufacturing. It's a good idea to replace the tube and rim strip (if applicable) every tire change. A little off topic: It doesn't hurt to check/service wheel bearings at the same time. Always refer to your service manual for specific procedures and specifications.

The great tire brand debate is almost as varied as the synthetic oil debate. We have had great success with all of the major brands and even some of the discount brands. Some are reportedly constructed of softer materials than others, offering better traction at the expense of some mileage. The best thing to do is ask a few reputable shops and also check information available from the manufacturer.

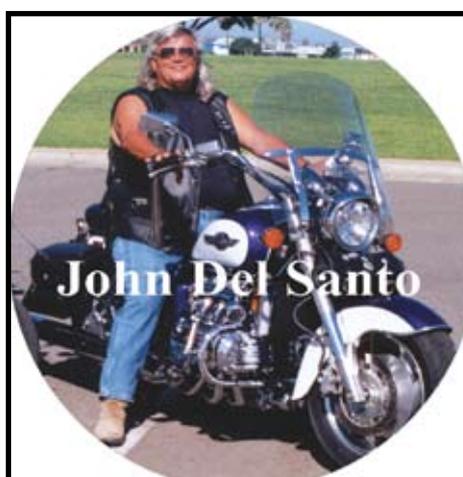
In Part II, we'll decipher some of the alphabet soup associated with tire size markings and define some common terms.

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# Do It Yourself

## by John Del Santo

"Why don't they do something about that?" When it comes to our safety, it's much better if we take care of some things ourselves. If we leave it up to "them" we'll end up with built-in bike airbags and training wheels, or they'll try the ultimate safety legislation to protect those poor riders by legislating those terrible "murder-cycles" off the road altogether.



Here are some of the things we might do for ourselves:

1] We should encourage Rider Safety Courses for beginner AND experienced riders. Different groups and clubs and chapters have payback rewards for riders who finish these courses.

2] Have a nurse, medic, or firefighter put together a compact but well stocked first aid kit for anyone in your group to borrow for any run that they might go on.

3] Somewhere in your area, someone is putting on a First Aid and CPR class, or an Accident Scene Management class. Get a group together to attend. When someone in your group goes down or has a medical emergency, (it might be YOU) the more people that have some type of training increases the chances that the rider will make it until the ambulance gets there.

4] Half of all rider fatalities that occur during single-vehicle collisions occur to a rider who has been drinking. Are you ready to take away a buddy's keys if you think the conditions call for it? Or, if he weighs nine hundred pounds and is a mean drunk, are you ready to let the air out of his tires while he's in the bathroom? You will be doing this to save his or someone else's life. He'll thank you for it later. Well...maybe not, but at least you'll know that you did the right thing.

5] Do you see a road condition that needs changing or repair? Call your State or Town Road Department. Be nice. They're usually quite receptive. If nothing happens within a reasonable time, call or write again. "When you are in the right you constitute a majority of One."

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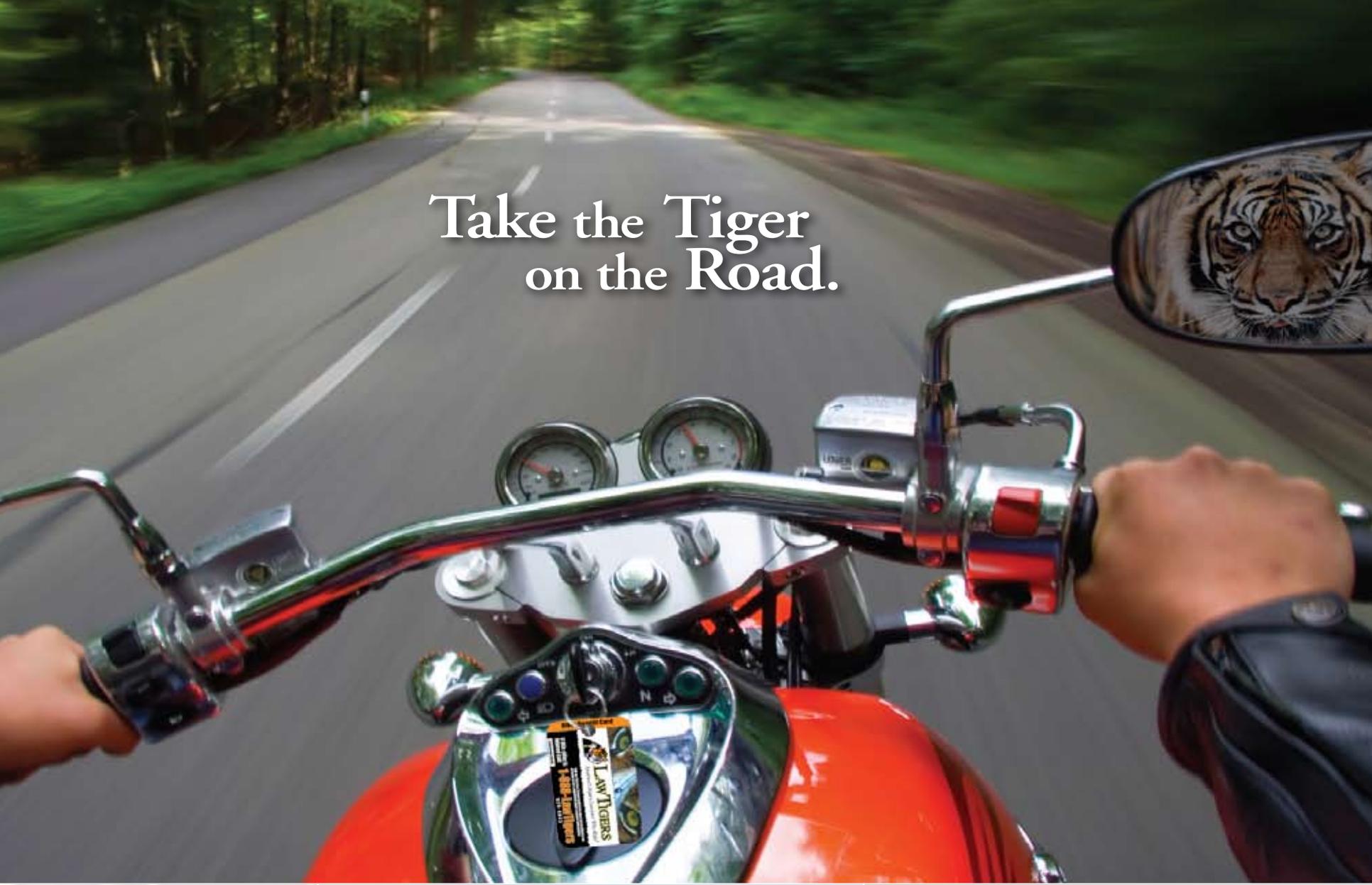
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1st Tues - 7:30 PM  
Walker's Cafe  
700 W. Paseo Del Mar  
San Pedro

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

Kevin Sorrell  
909/793-1112

1st Sun 9:00 AM  
Jenny's Family Restaurant  
7750 Palm Ave, Highland

**Fresno - Local#24-Reg#6**

Ed Rogers  
559/264-2891

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

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

Diane Wheeler  
916/351-5623

3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM  
Mountain Mike's Pizza  
8112 Madison Ave. Fair Oaks

**Riverside - Local#27-Reg#9**

Honda Ray  
P.O. Box 7070  
Riverside CA 92313  
951/279-4370

1st Tues - 7:30 PM  
Denny's Restaurant  
2925 Van Buren  
Riverside

**Lake County - Local#28-Reg#1**

Melissa Fulton  
707/263-1845

1st Thurs - 7:00 PM  
Call for meeting place

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

Marty Rapp  
P.O. Box 2334  
29 Palms CA 92277  
760/367-1694

2nd - Thurs - 7:00 PM  
Wine & Roses Cocktail Lounge  
57360 Aviation Way  
Yucca Valley

**North Valley - Local #31-Reg#2**

Larry James  
530/893-4827

2nd Tues - 7:00 PM  
Last Call Lounge  
876 East Ave. Chico

**Santa Clara Valley - Local #32-Reg#4**

Dan Scott  
950 Meridan Ave#19  
San Jose 95126  
408/603-8968

Last Sun. 9:30 AM  
Sherwood Inn  
2988 Almaden Expy  
San Jose

**Yuba City - Local #33-Reg#2**

Meets with Local#24

1st Tues - 7:30 PM  
American Legion  
5477 Feather River Blvd. Marysville

**Hanford - Local #34-Reg#6**

Meets with Local#24

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

**Monterey Bay - Local #35-Reg#4**

Jackie Favalora  
831/659-9313

1st Wed - 7:00 PM  
Caruso's Corner  
2101 N. Fremont St. Monterey

**Palm Springs - Local #36-Reg#10**

Ray Lopez  
P.O. Box 460  
Rancho Mirage 92270  
760/206-9696  
rlscape@aol.com

2nd Thurs - 6:30 PM  
The Fireside Lounge  
696 Oleander Rd.  
Palm Springs  
760/327-1700

**Imperial Valley - Local#38-Reg#12**

Ed Aranda  
P.O.Box 2362  
El Centro CA 92244  
760/337-8372  
edward\_al2@yahoo.com

Last Thurs - 7:00 PM  
La Fonda Restaurant  
548 Broadway  
El Centro

**Bakersfield - Local#40-Reg#6**

Omar Macias  
661/832-5240  
661/900-8690

2nd Tues - 7:00 PM  
Rusty's Pizza 1751 White Lane  
Bakersfield

**High Desert - Local#44-Reg#13**

Gary Witthans  
P.O. Box 3094  
Victorville CA 92392  
760/946-0366

2nd Sat - 9:00 AM  
Eagles Fraternal Order  
16195 Main St.  
Hesperia

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

Trine Howell  
760/323-9860

Call for Meeting Info  
67387 Mission Dr.  
Cathedral City 92234

**Modesto - Local #46-Reg#5**

2nd Fri - 7:30PM  
Call for Meeting Info  
209/571-3137

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

Yermo Eddy  
PO Box 521  
Yermo CA 92398  
760/254-3833 or 760/953-7353

1st Thurs - 7:00PM  
V.F.W. #2143  
25190 Main St.  
Barstow/Lenwood

**Hemet - Local #48-Reg#9**

Meet with Local#27

**Humboldt County - Local #50-Reg#1**

Barbara Kennedy  
707/946-2248

4th Wed  
Call for meeting place & time

**Calaveras County - Local #51-Reg#5**

Jerry Yates  
Box 549  
Mountain Ranch, 209/754-5778

2nd Wed 6:30 PM  
Call for meeting place

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

Don Dickerman  
P.O. Box 472  
Grass Valley 95945  
530/273-2086

3rd Wed - 6:30 PM  
Larry & Lena's Pizza & Grill  
15690 Johnson Place  
Hwy#49 Grass Valley

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

Meet with Local#58

**West San Fernando - Local#54-Reg#8**

Meet with Local #1

**Visalia - Local #57 - Reg#6**

Dave Olsen  
559/936-5909

1st Wed 7:00PM  
Meet with L#24

**Ridgecrest - Local #58-Reg#13**

Darryl McGee  
P.O. Box 539  
Ridgecrest 93556  
760-793-0302

3rd Sat 10:00 AM  
Mickey's Pub  
1661 W. Triangle Dr.  
Ridgecrest

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

No information at this time

**Colfax - Local #60-Reg#2**

Dee Dee Krake  
530/263-5522

2nd Thurs 7:00 PM  
Grand Father Station  
247 Railroad St  
Colfax

**Local #61 Shasta County-Redding**

2nd Tues 6:30 PM  
The Palo Cedro Inn  
9191 Deschutes Rd, Palo Cedro

**Local #62 - Reg#3 Livermore Valley**

Joe "Bear" Dwonch  
510/384-5412  
local62events@yahoo.com

3rd Tues - 7:00 PM  
Hooters  
7944 Dublin Rd., Dublin