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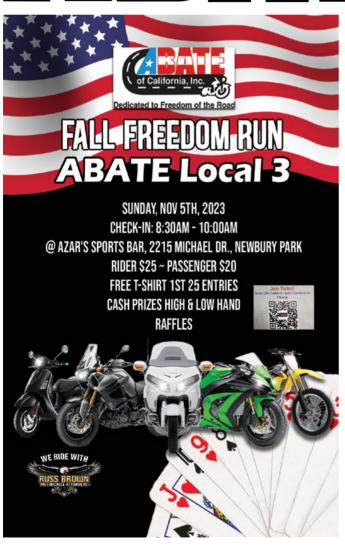
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ABATE - Lobbyist Accomplishment Highlights

Steered CHP committee providing safety guidelines and legalizing Lane Splitting

Passed yearly "May is Motorcycle Awareness Month" Resolution in the CA State Assembly & Senate

Passed Senate Resolution 41 by Senator Caballero (D – Salinas) Anti-profiling Resolution

Forced Caltrans to post "Look Twice for Motorcycles" and "Share the Road with Motorcycles" on their Freeway Message signs

Stopped Transponders on Motorcycles for Autonomous Vehicle Recognition from advancing thru Strategic Highway Safety Plan Advisory Committee

Passed Bill legalizing Motorcycles use of HOV lanes in California

Defeated a bill by Assemblywoman LaFollette outlawing Lane Splitting by Motorcyclists in California

Passed a bill requiring riders under 21 taking the Motorcycle Safety Program Training Classes

Passed bill diverting Court fees on Helmet Violations to Support Motorcycle Safety Program

Protect Yearly the Motorcycle Safety Trust Fund, where Motorcycle registration Fees are deposited

Blocked a bill allowing Cameras to issue Motorcycle Noise tickets

Defeated a bill allowing Cameras to issue Speeding Tickets

Defeated bill requiring all Motorcycles pass an annual Smog test

Passed bill grandfathering in pre 2016 motorcycle pipes for noise levels

Defeated bill requiring Motorcyclists to wear Hi Vis Reflective Vests

Passed bill legalizing Ape-hanger Handlebars above your shoulders

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Lobbyist Capitol Update

by J. Lombardo Sr., The Lombardo Group, ABATE of California Lobbyist

The Legislature worked until Midnight on September 15th sending roughly 900 bills to Governor Newsom's Desk for his signature, veto or purposely not sign yet let become Law by the October 15th 12:00 AM Deadline. Now that the California Legislature has finished its process, work continues with the Governor's Office, during his first four years in office, the Governor vetoed a low of 8% (first year of COVID) and a high of 16.5% of the bills that reached his desk.



AB 645 bv

Assemblymember Laura Friedman, Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee will allow a pilot speed camera ticketing program to have Cameras {1984 Book/Movie} in 6 Cities, including large Cities, Los Angeles, San Jose, Glendale & Long Beach, the last 2 cities listed by coincidence are the Cities represented by the Chairs of the Transportation Committees. The first offense will be a warning but the second being a \$50.00 fine, and then go up for multiple offenses. None of these speeding offenses will count as a point on your DMV record. ABATE sent letters to Governor Newsom requesting a Vetol

If you as an Motorcyclists want to get on the Record opposing:

https://www.gov.ca.gov/contact/

Contact the Governor Steps:

- By Email, Right Side
- Pull down Menu Topic, Select A Topic
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For our Legislative Bill Update please check our Bill Tracking on the Next Page. Other bills will be reported at the Board/PAC meeting October 7th.

Hopefully many of you have scheduled appointments with your Local Senator and Assembly Member and can give an update at the PAC Meeting. There is still time as they are Back in your District thru January!

Safe riding while the Great weather lasts

Thanks as always to those who send their contributions to ABATE's separate and Dedicated Lobbyist Account.

Politics: Legislature Proposed New Laws

Presented by The Lombardo Group

AB-251 Ward California Transportation Commission: vehicle weight safety study - Support, *Amended

This bill would require the CTC to convene a task force to study the relationship between vehicle weight and injuries to vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians and cyclists, and degradation to roads, and to study the costs and benefits of imposing a passenger vehicle weight fee, or restructuring an existing fee to include consideration of vehicle weight. The bill would require the CTC, by no later than January 1, 2026, to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature, as specified. *Passed. Enrolled & presented to the Governor on 9/15/23

AB-316 Aguiar-Curry Vehicles: autonomous vehicles - Support

This bill would prohibit the operation of an autonomous vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or more on public roads for testing purposes, transporting goods, or transporting passengers without a human safety operator physically present in the autonomous vehicle at the time of operation. *Passed. Ordered to Engrossing & Enrolling on 9/11/23

AB-645 Friedman Speed Safety System Pilot Program - Oppose

This bill would authorize, until January 1, 2032, the Cities of Los Angeles, San Jose, Oakland, Glendale, and Long Beach, and the City and County of San Francisco to establish a Speed Safety System Pilot Program if the system meets specified requirements, and would require the participating city or city and county to engage in a public information campaign at least 30 days before implementation of the program, including information relating to when the systems would begin detecting violations and where the systems would be utilized.

The bill would require a participating city or city and county to issue warning notices rather than notices of violations for violations detected within the first 60 calendar days of the program.

This bill would specify that any violation of a speed law recorded by a speed safety system authorized by these provisions would be subject only to the provided civil penalties. The bill would, among other things, provide for the issuance of a notice of violation, an initial review, an administrative hearing, and an appeals process, as specified, for a violation under this program.

This bill would require a \$25 filing fee for an appeal challenging a notice of violation issued as a result of a speed safety system until January 1, 2032. *Passed to Engrossing & Enrolling on 9/13/23

SB-50 Bradford Vehicles: enforcement - Tracking/ Monitoring

This bill would prohibit a peace officer from stopping or detaining the operator of a motor vehicle or bicycle for a low-level infraction, as defined, unless a separate, independent basis for a stop exists. The bill would authorize a peace officer who does not have grounds to stop a vehicle or bicycle, but can determine the identity of the owner, to send a citation or warning letter to the owner.

The bill would authorize local authorities to enforce a violation of the Vehicle Code through government employees who are not peace officers. *Failed. Ordered to Inactive File until January 2024

SB-708 Jones Vehicles: off-highway motor vehicles: off-highway motorcycles: sanctioned event permit - Support

Existing law authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation to issue to a nonresident of this state a special permit to operate an off-highway motor vehicle. Existing law requires the fee for this special permit to be not less than \$20, as established by the department.

This bill would require the department to issue a special permit to California residents to operate certain off-road motorcycles at sanctioned events, as defined. The bill would require the department to establish a fee for this permit, as specified.

*Held in Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Commitee. Chair Bauer-Kahan (Democrat - East Bay) refused to set Hearing

SB-847 Dahle Vehicles: motorcycle: safety helmet religous exception - Tracking/Monitoring

This bill would authorize the department to adopt a regulation certifying a helmet offered for sale, or sold, that substantially complies with, but does not meet, the requirements imposed by the specified federal standards if the helmet is designed for the purposes of compliance with a driver's or passenger's religious beliefs or practices. *Passed, ordered to Engrossing & Enrolling on 9/14/23



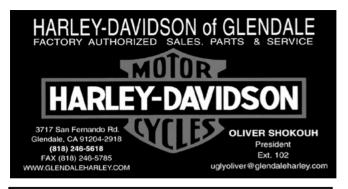
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Membership Bits

By Bill "River" McClennen, Asst. Membership Chairman



It was Sunday, August 6, 2023, in a town called Highland, CA. The venue was a rustic looking Mexican restaurant called Pepper Steak. When I arrived, Ron and Liz Morris, along with Greg Burian were there to greet me and two other members. As Asst. Membership Chairman, I received a very warm welcome and they were all glad a stranger came to town.

We talked about ABATE with regard to their Local and how it



was doing to keep the faith and promote motorcycle rights in their neck of the woods. I could tell the chapter had struggled through some hard times, but it

was refreshing to hear how, under Ron Morris and Greg Burian, they would soldier on to keep their Local moving forward.



As 8:30 approached, the meeting began, where all of the agenda items were covered, including how they would make their payment to ABATE of California and yet keep a sound bank account in order to keep moving forward. For my part, I covered how important pins were to the members. Mind you, there were some more senior (like me) members present, so pins were very important. In addition, I mentioned my role with ABATE and specifically what I did to keep things in order and ensure each member got the services due. If any of

them had questions, my card and a stack of BW's were put forth so they could contact me down the road.

There were more than 10 members at the meeting, and it was very lively. The biscuits and gravy are not to be missed. The best part of

their Sunday meeting is that they all go for a ride afterward, even if the temperature was a little warm. For me, it was back to the OC, where the temperature was cooler.

Bill McClennen

Asst. Membership Chairman







Ride to the Flags - 9/11

Members of ABATE Locals 2 and 3 met for a nice breakfast and then rode down to Pepperdine University, in Malibu, to attend the 9/11 commemorative event. The weather was beautiful, and the spectacle of the flags, one for each person who died due to the attack, was awe-inspiring and a bit emotional, as always! It was great to spend the day with friends to ride and honor this special event.

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Board/PAC Meeting Oct. 7th Central Valley



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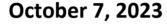
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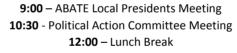
Hosted by Local 24 at:







808 4th St. Clovis, CA 93612



1:00 - ABATE Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting





"Membership is the most important position you can hold within ABATE".... Mike Osborne

Zoom, Meeting ID: 869 6681 5608 Passcode: 2023

This will be a hybrid meeting. If you cannot travel to meet with us, please join us on Zoom.

(The zoom line may have limited connection) Evervone is welcome Times are subject to change. See the Bailing Wire for more information.









Ads/Motorcycle For Sale













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Executive Director's Corner

by Chuck Pedersen



Hello again, fellow ABATE members and welcome to the October Bailing Wire!

I hope everyone had a great September. There were a lot of Runs and rides to attend. While you were out, I hope that you had Bailing Wire Newsletters and Membership Registration Forms handy and collected

a few new members. Remember it's you, the member, who has the greatest reach to build this organization.

Legislative Month: I hope that everyone got the message that September was ABATE's Motorcycle Legislative month. The goal was to contact your local law makers and meet with them to build a relationship with them and discuss legislative items which ABATE of California is monitoring and or working on. Your representatives left Sacramento on September 14th and returned to their local office headquarters. They will remain working from their local offices until January 2024. If you have not yet contacted them, there is still time to do so. This is what ABATE does. Our ABATE members need to stay active, to speak up and speak out! Politics is a numbers game. So go ... go with friends and go often.

Your ABATE Legislative Director, Bobby Tabaldo, has assembled a packet of information that you can use to open dialog with your representatives. Some of the packet information can be found by scanning QR code at the top right of this page. If you have not received that packet, contact Bobby and he will make sure you get one. His contact information is in the front of this Bailing Wire. There is also a helpful article on page 6 of September's Bailing Wire.

Regional Rallies: I've been working for a couple of months to reinstate the Regional Rallies. Thankfully, we are starting to get some traction. My hats off to Ed Aranda and Local 38 who have put the first one on calendar. Mark your calendars for May 18, 2024 and make every effort to attend. Ed has booked The Alpine Community Center in east San Diego County. He has also suggested a couple of places to land, for those who would like to spend the night. For the campers, there is Lake Jennings, which has full hookups, partial hookups and tent sites. It has hot showers, games for the kid in us, WIFI, a convenience store, and a bait and a tackle shop. For indoor lodging, there is the Ayres Lodge which has only 97 rooms, so it is recommended to book early. They have a BBQ area, heated pool and hot tub, fitness center, WIFI, complimentary breakfast and a shuttle to the Viejas Casino. Still in the planning stages, this event will be a fun time for us all to hang out in a casual atmosphere to enjoy each other's company.

As these are regional rallies, they should be regionally supported in planning and administration. Thanks to Locals 2, 3, 6 and 19 for raising their hands to support Local 38's rally. I would like to see more do so. These rallies are important to help create and foster more comradery between locals and will lead us to the time when we can resurrect the ABATE State Run. Let me or Ed know that you can

help. At a minimum, attend!! Who is the next Regional Rally supporter? My Local 3 is in the think tank and planning.

Board Elections: We are coming upon that time of year when we elect ABATE of California Board members. There will be a form in this Bailing Wire that you can use to nominate current or future board members. You can even nominate yourself! Start

making your choices now. The best way to make your choice of who to vote for is to attend the Quarterly Board meetings and get to know all involved.

Quarterly Meeting: Our next Quarterly Presidents, P.A.C. and Board of Directors meeting



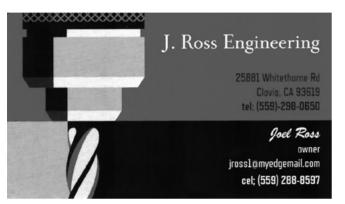


is coming up soon .,,, Saturday, October 7th in Clovis, CA. It starts at 9 a.m. and many of us will be coming in the night before. Hotel rooms in the area are still available but are going quickly. I hope everyone attends. Of course, "in person" is always preferred, for the comradery and personal touches involved. But, if it is impossible to attend in person, there will be a ZOOM set up. See the information flyer elsewhere in this Bailing Wire Newsletter.













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- **Administrative Committee** Keeps the organization running. This includes light accounting, and general business management.
- **Marketing & PR Committee** outreach and publicize, via all media, the ABATE message. Brand management and related activities.

Also, the annual Board of Director elections will be held this quarter.

Where do you want to serve?

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- David "D-Man" Seiler DS-grs@live.com 714-402-1866

Legislative Director's Corner

By Bobby Tabaldo, Legislative Director of ABATE of CA

Political apathy and the impact to voter turnout and legislative engagement

In a day and age where one cannot seem to cross the street without being bombarded with political advertisements, many assume that the vast majority of Americans have well-established stances on politics. While it is true that the polarization of beliefs has become much more evident in recent years, so too has



the prevalence of political apathy among voters and members of rights organizations.

Political apathy is an ideology characterized by a general sense of indifference towards politics, as well as a lack of involvement in the political process. This ideology usually stems from the belief that one's vote does not count, a general dislike of politicians, lack of variety among candidates' political parties, lack of trust in government, and negative media coverage of subjects involving politics. Perhaps the most detrimental effect of political apathy is the lack of voter turnout and contacting and developing relationships with lawmakers.

According to the Pew Research Center, 70% of Americans say high voter turnout is important; however, only about 56% of the U.S. votingage population voted in the 2020 presidential election. To put this into perspective, the United States placed 26th out of 32 countries, most being highly developed democracies, for votingage population in the Organization for Cooperation and Development in 2020. America's percentage has not exceeded 60% since the 1960s which, even then, is low in comparison to other countries.

This is a serious problem, since the health of a nation's government is often measured by the amount in which citizens participate in politics. The goal of a democracy is to represent the interests of those being governed. When apathetic individuals fail to participate, democracy fails to represent their interests.

As a result, public stances often distort and skew towards certain groups, such as the less apathetic elderly population, as opposed to the more apathetic younger population. As this issue continues to escalate, so too does the demand for a solution. While there are countless suggestions as to what could be done, one of the most common calls to action is the demand for voter and civil education.

Many voters are intimidated by America's heated climate to do their own research into politics due to elements such as inherent bias in the media, complexity of issues, and failure to comprehend how decisions will impact them personally. In theory, increasing education of the legislative process would allow for citizens to comprehend the issues and the implication that they would have on their own lives, thus allowing them to form their own opinion and break away from apathy.

Motorcycle riders in California, as a collective, is a prime example of diminishing interest and involvement in politics over time. At their peak, in the mid 80's to early 90's motorcycle rights organizations such as ABATE and MMA enjoyed large memberships, high voter turnout and political activism. Cultivated relationships with legislators and a wide standing commitment to the legislative process resulted in

a greater understanding of issues that effected them and actions necessary to move the needle towards positive change. Motorcycle rights organizations and their membership were more in tune with the political landscape issues and were generally more passionate about maintaining their quality of life, through political engagement and community supported activities.

Upon losing a long hard-fought battle against mandatory helmets, sponsored by Dick Floyd in 1992, it was the gut punch to California motorcycle rights that sparked a slow downward decline in membership engagement, faith in California elected officials and general apathy in the legislative process. Since then, there have been several legislative successes such as motorcycle only checkpoints, lane splitting and even an acknowledgment of motorcycle profiling, but without the support and engagement from a large membership and community base, the general lack of resources has made it much more difficult to execute measures to slow the increasing government overreach and a political landscape that caters more to self-interest and almost totalitarian style of control over personal freedom.

So, what can be done to turn things around? Well, to be blunt, members must get personally involved and not throw in the towel from an occasional punch in the gut. The fight to remain free is a lifetime endeavor that never ends. Motorcycle rights organizations have the battle plan but require a large grass-roots movement and sustained activism to slow the ever growing desire by government to divide and control using today's media and technology to mislead and manipulate the population.

People can come up with all types of excuses, but the hard truth is, rights activism is no longer viewed as important as job security, personal defense, community unity, and riding between the lines. Social media, memes and other passive aggressive methods are employed to vent displeasure of government. Well, this won't cut it. Apathy and internal division will eventually end the American dream.

If you, as an ABATE member can give just a little of your discretionary time when asked ... 5 minutes to respond to an electronic call to action, attending meetings once a month to connect with like-minded neighbors and keep current on issues, taking the time to



Leg. Dir.'s Corner Continued & Safety Report

visit your lawmaker's district office, going to rallies, voting and even volunteering a few hours to help a biker friendly political candidate get into office, this would make a world of difference. If not for yourself, do this for your family and the generations that follow. If we don't set the example of why these activities are important and instill the passion in those we love and care about, how can we expect our children and grandchildren to protect themselves and continue the fight after we are gone? What we ask honestly doesn't consume much of your time and resources, especially if everyone participates. The civil rights movement, for example, didn't succeed with everyone sitting at home vetting their frustrations though social media. People put themselves on the line using civil disobedience, peaceful marches and rallies, organizing activities and unifying all the various organizations attempting to do the same things.

We in ABATE are not asking our membership to sacrifice much, but sacrifice is what is required to stay free. It is a slow process to strip a society of its basic freedoms. People don't necessarily see these slow incremental changes, but before you know it, you finally realize what's happening, but it is too late. This has happened so many times throughout history, that it is frustrating that we as a society have not learned from it. Without our rights and basic freedoms, we would have no control over our lives and our ability to pursue our dreams and our family's future.

It is an inconvenient truth that we as a society need to face. Only as a unified group of responsible and dedicated activists can we break the pattern of apathy which has plagued our movement, resulting in the situations we find ourselves in today. The reality is whether one chooses to do something or not do anything, it is still a choice ... What's yours?

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Taking Long Radius Corners

By Jeff Bassler, President Local #19 & Board Member

I wanted to share some highlights of a nice Cycle World article on taking "long radius corners," including many on-ramps. The first thing to keep in mind is that most will have a curve change about 60-75% of the way through, resulting in a need for a course change. You need to be aware of them.

Then you need to know the best practice for the maneuver to be safe and feel confident while riding them. The article highlights that there are four states: accelerating, braking, maintaining speed, and slowing (not necessarily including braking).

There is a common guidance of "(power or accelerate) through the corner." This is great on standard 90 degree turns, or at least continuous turns. But when there is a change of the curve becoming tighter, this can lead to a lot of problems. Some also suggest to "Do all your braking in a straight line" and "get off the brakes before your turn." This is excellent advice when you are coming in hot or need to make heavy emergency type braking. However, it is perfectly safe to add some braking power while riding a corner or curve. as long as you are not using heavy braking.

With all this in mind, their recommendation is to do heavy braking before you enter the curve, gradually transition from braking to maintaining speed in the early part of the curve, then slow acceleration through the mid part of the curve, then light slowing for the adjustment for the change in curve, maintain speed to adjust to the new course, then accelerate out of

the last of the curve. I know that I encounter many on-ramps that have this scenario, or a continuously tightening curve. I will be consciously playing with these techniques in the future.

I trust this will be helpful to you, as well.





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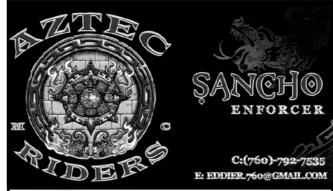
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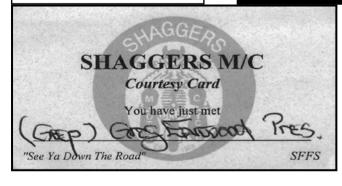
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Locals Reports

Local #01 Los Angeles

Our meetings are held every third Tuesday. We open the doors at 5:30 pm for hosted dinner and 6:00 pm is the start of the meeting. We have been attending Bike Nights around LA County to get the word out about ABATE. We are always looking for ideas for locally held events and are willing to be available at new venues.

In our meeting of the ABATE Local Presidents on 9/13, we focused on some important issues, starting with reaching out to our local Legislators. The Legislators end their fall session in Sacramento this month and return to their local offices for the next couple of months. They will be working in their district offices, and we are encouraging you to set up an appointment with your Legislator to discuss with them our joint concerns. If you have questions, I encourage you to call me for ideas. (Jim 818-469-9711)

We also talked about some dates for local race events that we could attend with our booth and ABATE information. Tom Jones had reached out to the venues of some race events and made arrangements for us to be there. So, look for us at our ABATE booth!

Events coming up this month include:

Oct 14- 2-wheel Track Day at Willow Springs Raceway in Rosamond. Gate Fee is \$20 per person.

Oct 21- So Cal Bike Drags at Barona Indian Reservation drag strip in San Diego County. This is HIGHLY publicized and expected high attendance of racers and spectators. ABATE is listed as a sponsor. Our Booth is paid for and will include some free passes to attend.

Nov 4 and 5 - 2 Wheel Track Day at Willow Springs Raceway in Rosamond. Gate Fee is \$20 per person.

There are more of these events on our list going into the next few months. We see these as GREAT opportunities to present ABATE to the motorcycle racing world. Remember – what ABATE does affects ALL motorcycles and ALL riders! If you can help, please give me a call to sign up to work some of these events with us. Should be FUN!

I encourage you to read this month's Bailing Wire. It's full of important information, compiled by our Bailing Wire Team. Thanks to Kathlean, Jeff, James, Chuck, and all who contribute to make this Newsletter newsworthy.

Jim Nickla, President

Local #02 Simi Valley

I am writing this article to let everyone out there to join Local #2 monthly meeting. They are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be held on October 10th mark your calendar. Everyone is welcome to join us ... and bring a friend. Held at the Fast N Fresh Mexican Grill, 2480 Tapo Street, Simi Valley. We gather at 6:30 to order our dinner and the meeting starts 7p.m. Come early to order some great food.

We had a great 2023 Sweaty Buns Poker Run and planning on doing it next year. Please join us at ABATE Local #2 monthly meeting and have a great night out

Jane Warthen

Local #3 Thousand Oaks/Ventura

We rode to the flags to commemorate the tragedy of 9/11 ... So did a couple thousand other riders. As always, it was an awe-some and emotional site. We shared the experience with some of our Local members and members from Local #2. And it was a special treat to enjoy the music from the band for whom our member, Gregg plays bass guitar. We shared some photos on the front cover of this issue.

Never Forget!



We are planning and working on our upcoming run "Fall Freedom Run" to be held on November 5th, for a ride through the beautiful hills and valleys of Ventura County with a few stops along the way. We are enjoying vendor and sponsor commitments and will be able to have commemorative t-shirts for this event! Look for the flyer in this issue.

Anyone ... and everyone ... is invited to all our meetings and events! Our Local #3 is always eager to welcome NEW members. Bike Nights are held the 1st Thursday of each month, (weather permitting) starting @ 6:30 pm @ Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park; our General Membership Meetings are on the 3rd Thursdays @ 7pm @ The Elks Lodge #2477, 158 N. Conejo School Rd. in Thousand Oaks; and periodic Sunday rides are planned by our members.

Supporting ABATE sends money to work towards fair treatment of motorcyclists. Whether you ride with ABATE or ride with another group, being a member of ABATE and/or just participating in events, contributes to the work we do protecting our motorcycle riding rights.

Our Local #3 President, Chuck Pedersen, who is also Exec. Director of ABATE of CA, along with Bobby T., ABATE's California State Legislative Director, and other members & board members, continue to network with various other groups, building alliances to present a formidable voice in Sacramento. ABATE is a group that is making things happen ... being instrumental in passing Lane Splitting legislation just a couple of years ago, and now working on Anti-Profiling, Noise and Exhaust Bills this year! (see the inside cover of this issue outlining ABATE accomplishments)

COME JOIN US ... to any or all of our meetings and events ... and bring your friends. Join ABATE and be a part of our voice in matters of motorcycling rights!

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Kathlean "MamaBear" Pedersen, P.R. ABATE Local #3

Locals Reports

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

Our July meeting had our lobbyists, James Lombardo, Sr. and Jr., both discussing, in detail, the bills that involve us as motorcyclists. We thank you both for a very informative presentation.

We still need more members to attend our monthly meetings and support our events. Mike Todd, our Vice President, and Safety Officer, moved to Idaho. That leaves an opening for someone to step up and take his place. Thanks to Mike, from all of us, for all that you did for Local 17! And good luck with your future endeavors.

The annual Sarah Renee Phillips Memorial Run will just be accepting donations this year, since there will not be a motorcycle run. Cash Donations are tax deductible as a charitable contribution through EIN# 20-1536384. Deposits can be made at any Bank of America, account #00514-07056; or mailed to Abate Local 17, at P.O. Box 148, Vacaville, CA 95696. Look for the run to continue again in 2024.

This year, two scholarships were awarded, at \$6000 each, on May 24th at Will C. Wood High School in Vacaville. Carmen Andrade plans on a degree in Kinesiology @ Sac State, to become a physical therapist helping athletes recover from injuries. Alize Shows plans on a degree in medicine @ St. Mary's, to become a cardiologist. A total of \$83,850 has been raised and given to deserving graduates in the last 22 years of this run.

After 10 years, Glenn Phillips is in his last year of faithfully serving as our President. If we want our local to continue to exist, we also need to find a replacement for him. He is going to stay on as Membership Officer in 2024 and will be able to lend a guiding hand to the new President, as needed. Please come to the next meeting and join in the discussion for Glenn's replacement, which we will need to find before the end of the year.

Every month Glenn pulls a current member's name out of the 'hat' and if they are at the meeting, they win the "Biker Bucks" which is now up to its maximum amount of \$100 for the October meeting! I'm sorry to inform Tony Campbell that if he was at the August meeting, he would have been going home with \$90 in his pocket.

Down the road,

Greg

Local #19 Pomona & San Gabriel Valleys

As you may have read last month, we lost a valuable member. Diane was instrumental in EVERYTHING our Local does. So, much of this month has been focused on who is going to take on which roles, to allow the Local to be as successful as it had been with Diane handling so many tasks. Since she was Secretary/Treasurer, we will need to split those roles to accommodate the time and expertise of those stepping up. And we may even split those roles into Secretary and Assistant Secretary, so that someone who can do much, but not commit to all, may be able to help the Local. We don't want to over-obligate them and

burn people out. We want to find ways to allow anyone to contribute, no matter how little time they may have.

In addition to Local staffing, we were highlighting the top three legislative priorities of ABATE at this time: Anti-Profiling, Preserving the I.C.E. (Internal Combustion Engine) and being sure that Autonomous Vehicles "See" Riders ... and status on each. This was the lead in to addressing ABATE's Legislative Month, where we are encouraging members to connect with their state legislators on these key issues. We do now have Anti-Profiling language. I hope you all have seen it... and hopefully shared it with your representatives by now. Ask your Presidents if you havent seen it.

And, of course, we continue our effort to prepare for the 35th Annual ABATE Local 19 Tov Run. The two-sided flyer, with all the details, is published in this issue of the Bailing Wire. It looks like our deadline to finalize the Bicycle Drive portion of the event is the end of the month, because of the lead time Huffy has between order and pickup dates... and our bike build day opportunity defines when that order must be placed by. Any bike donations that come in after the order placement will be held for bikes next year, so don't temper any contributions out of that concern. We also have Mike Hess stepping up to help out Chuy on vendors for the event. The new flyer has been updated with Mike's contact info... His cell is (626) 373-5238 in case you know some who might be interested in being a vendor. Beyond that, I hope you can make the event on Sunday, December 3 from 10:00 to 2:00 at the Ontario VFW, across the street from Santa Claus Inc., the beneficiary. Tours will be offered during the event so that you can see what SCI is all about, and why we have been supporting them for 35 years.

Jeff Bassler, President Local #19

Local #25 Sacramento

Minutes of the ABATE Local 25 meeting, Thursday, August 17, 2023. Lil' David called the meeting to order at 7:00. There were five members and one spouse attending.

Secretary Report: The July minutes were previously sent out by e-mail. One of our Davids made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Another David seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: David Smart presented a hard copy trial balance report for the month of July. We collected \$25 in donations with no expenditures.

Membership Report: At the beginning of the month, we received a new and improved membership list from ABATE State Asst.





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Locals Reports

Membership Chairman, Bill McClennen, that now includes added columns for notes concerning renewal cards/letters sent, etc. We agreed this is helpful.

PAC Report: David Battles updated us on legislation status at state level. The legislature will be back in session August 21st.

AB 251 was recently amended in the Senate on June 7th. It would study the relationship between vehicle weight and accidents and is set to be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on September 1st.

AB 316 is supported by ABATE. It would prohibit the testing of autonomous trucks on public roads. The bill was last amended on April 24th and is set to be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on September 1st.

AB 645, Speed Cameras, is opposed by ABATE and is set for hearing in the Senate on August 28th.

SB 50 would allow the government to send you a citation in the mail for a low-level infraction. ABATE is monitoring the bill, which was last amended in the Assembly on June 29th and is set to be heard in Assembly Appropriations on September 1st.

AB 847, helmet religious exemption, was last amended June 19th and is set to be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on September 1st.

Runs/Events – Progress House in Placerville is having their Annual Poker Run on the 26th. And on the same day, the Hells Angels are having their 50th Anniversary Party in Sacramento.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE Members,

I hope everyone is in good health. It's cooling off over here ... only 100 degrees, dipping into the 90's. We are busy working on our Turkey and Toy Runs. I attended the Sunrunners and Local 6 meetings, and received donations from both! I want to thank them for their continued support for the Turkey Run. We have received a few more t shirt sponsors and commitment from others, but our charities wanting turkeys is growing faster than donations.

Besides our annual runs, an opportunity has presented itself to Local 38, to bring back the ABATE Regional Rally! It will be in Alpine,

CA on May 18, 2024. We will need help from the other Locals to pull this off. This will be a one-day event. It is in the planning stages. We would like to do a poker run, as well as a bike show. Any ideas and input will be welcomed. More info as it becomes available.

For our Turkey and Toy Runs we need volunteers, donations, raffle prizes and of course, participation.

That's all for now. And as always, check out ivmoto.com for all the latest information.

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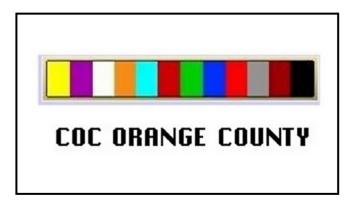


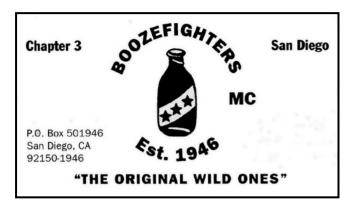






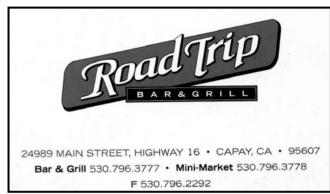


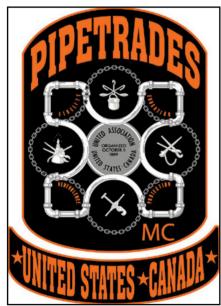






















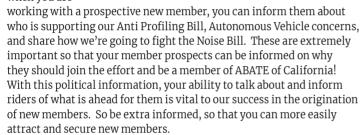
Membership Report

By Lee "Sporty" Milligan, Membership Chairman & Board Member

The second half of September some of us made visits to our State Legislators to present our views and concerns about upcoming bills ... and to try to get their support for our issues.

How does this relate to membership...?

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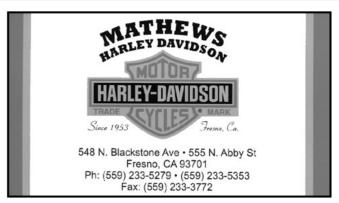


For Presidents of our Locals, and Local Membership Chairs, always remember that retention – retention – retention of your current members is also vital to the success of your local. Keep all your members informed of what's happening with ABATE lobbying, and legislative activities, as well as rides and events with the activities within your Local. Even (and maybe especially) those who don't always come to your meetings. Doing what it takes to keep your local members informed and engaged helps keep the organization intact.

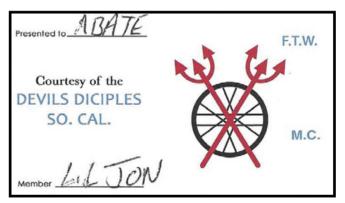
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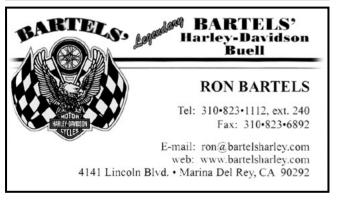




















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158 N Conejo School Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

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Kate Sessions Park Pacific Beach, CA 92109

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Daniel Pfaffly 714-365-5907 dpfaffly@gmail.com

3rd Thursday - 7:30 PM

Jan., April, July, Oct., Dec., American Legion #354 8071 Whitaker St. Buena Park, CA 90622

OTHER MONTHS - ONLINE

Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano & Napa Counties

Local #17 Glenn Phillips 707-624-6310

3rd Sunday — 11:00 AM Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon 4823 Midway Rd

Vacaville, CA 95688

Local#01

Pomona Valley

Local#19 909-919-0783 jeff@bassler.com

Jeff Bassler 4th Wednesday — 7:00 PM Round Table Pizza

1020 N. Mountain Ave. Ontario, CA 91672

Orange County

Local #20

Local#23

714-315-1150 Rick Robison

local20abate@gmail.com

2nd Tuesday — 6:30PM Dinner, 7PM Meeting

American Legion Post 295

5646 Coporate Ave. Cypress, CA 90630

San Bernardino

Ron Morris 909-768-0355

1st Sunday - 8am Breakfast/9am Meeting Pepper Steak Restaurant

26589 Highland Ave. Highland, CA 92346

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Joel Ross 559-288-8597 jross1@myedgemail.com Scott Loeffler 559-288-8597

1st Wednesday — 7:00 PM Seven Cafe & Grill 25 Shaw Ave. Clovis, CA 93612

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Lil' David Morena 916-616-9605 3rd Thursday — 7:00 PM

Denny's 3520 Auburn Blvd Sacramento, CA 95821

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Steve Katen 530-933-8279

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Ed Aranda 760-554-8843 Edward__A12@ yahoo.com

Last Thursday — 6:30 PM

Denny's, 1445 Ocotillo Drive El Centro,

California 92243

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Darren Billesbach Jr. 360-296-9335 darrenzemail17@gmail.com

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