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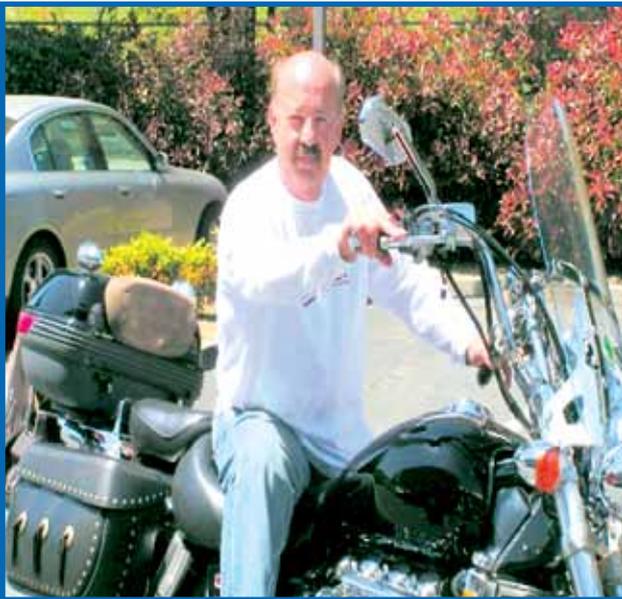
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**A Union of Motorcyclists
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Lobbyist's Legislative Report

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As the Governor's deadline for signing Laws passed on September 30th, it is time to switch gears and go out to meet our State Legislatures, your District Representatives and Congress members who our running for Election.

Go out, introduce yourselves to District offices, volunteer in campaigns and let them know we represent ABATE at the Capitol.

To find who represents your area and where their office is located: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html>

The SHSP (Strategic Highway Safety Plan) consisting of DMV, CHP, Caltrans and ABATE representatives regarding motorcycle issues met at the National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administrators in Sacramento.

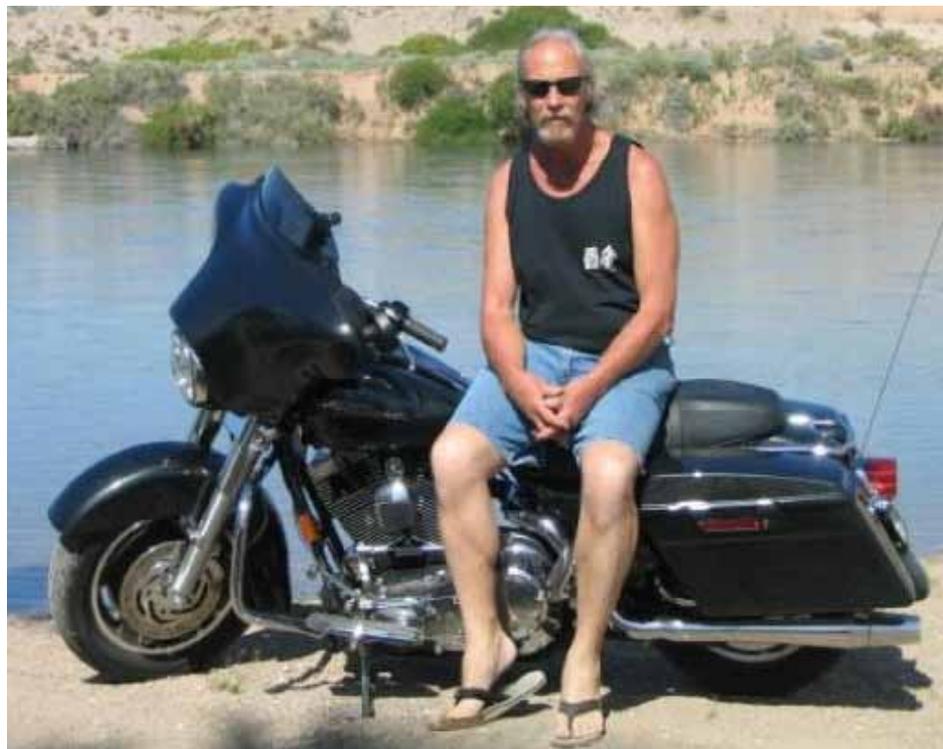
The Federal Highway Administration led a

presentation for the group on motorcycle safety and crashes/fatalities. Their determination was to go after structural infrastructure based changes as opposed to behavioral; they used a baseline of 500 similar incidents recorded i.e. accidents at intersection, failure to stop or vehicles lack of visibility and determined that improving sight distance at intersections, better signage merging/oncoming traffic/pavement change and high friction surface treatment retroreflective striping would prevent and reduce accidents.

Follow our social media sites: twitter.com/ABATECalifornia and www.instagram.com/abatecalifornia

Thanks to all the individuals and Locals that contribute to the dedicated Lobbyist fund to keep us in the Capital fighting for your rights on the road.

Kenny Nuttal Local 27



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What is ABATE?

ABATE is a motorcyclists' rights organization dedicated to preserving freedom of choice and freedom of the road on or off with emphasis on education and safety. Although not a club, our members are active in programs for public awareness and motorcycle safety and in supporting many types of charity events. There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclist's rights and safety with payment of the appropriate fees.

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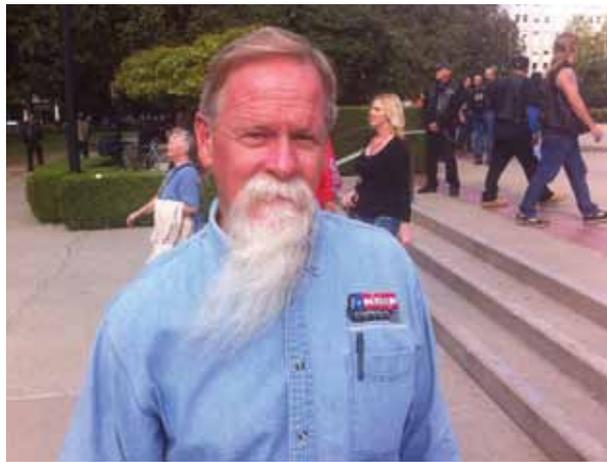
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Executive Director Report & Pac Report



by Dave Hastings, Executive Director & PAC Treasurer

October signals the beginning of autumn in most of California and our weather patterns will be changing soon. Are you and your bike ready for the beginning of this new season? Most of us will start bringing and wearing leather and rain gear soon if we want to extend the riding season through the remainder of the year and into next spring.

Besides taking care of our personal comfort our bikes may need some extra attention too. Check your battery and tire condition and make sure all required lights are working properly so you can ride safely through whatever Mother Nature serves up for you when you're out there on our highways. Your ABATE family, just like your personal family, wants you to arrive home safe and sound from every journey you take. We will always need your help with our fight for motorcycle rights here in California and that fight for freedom starts at home and extends down every street and highway you may travel.

This is an election year and, as always, ABATE of California will be making recommendations for the up-coming elections based on actual questions the candidates answered in writing from a survey we sent out. Our Voter Guide has been updated this year to give us a very good idea of where each responding candidate stands on our motorcycle rights and issues. We are non-partisan and you will find candidates from every party who received our endorsement. Please take the time to read it and then use it when you step into that polling booth to cast your vote.

Even more importantly, offer a few hours of your personal time to help the candidates that are willing to help us win their election. Volunteer to place signage, make a few phone calls, or if you've got more money than ambition, donate some of your money to their campaign. Just make sure they know you're an ABATE of California member and you ride. Most of us shy, demure,

biker types stand out in a room full of suits and ties anyway, but do a great job for them and make sure they know we will hold their feet to the fire if they back pedal on us. Most of the candidates we help become friends for their entire political career and it starts with that first phone call, sign placement, or other offer of help from us.

Help ABATE and help yourself by volunteering a little of your time this election cycle. It can be very rewarding for all of us and the candidates and their staff are always appreciative of your efforts.

Speaking of elections, we have our own ABATE elections for 2019 Officers just around the corner and this is a great year to step up your commitment to our organization. We will have two vacant seats up for grabs on our Board of Directors along with the other three seats that are running for re-election. This is a great opportunity to help guide and invigorate your organization in the coming years. Rarely do we have two open Board of Director seats available, so take advantage of these vacancies and bring yourself and any fresh ideas you may have into the organization. Call the State Office or any current Board of Director member and submit your name for the ballot. Help move ABATE into the next phase of successfully protecting the rights of every rider in California.

ABATE is successful at what we do because of our people. We have a vast pool of talented, think out of the mainstream box, and "get er done" people in this organization that work hard, play hard, and live hard. If you are one of us and want to volunteer some of your time and energy, we would love to have you. We don't always read or follow every rule that's been written for big business, but for a corporation of volunteers we damn well get a lot done on a shoestring budget. Maybe riding a motorcycle teaches us all how to survive and enjoy a simple, uncluttered, lifestyle that non riders simply can't grasp. We know who we are, who are friends are, and how to take care of ourselves in today's world. What more can a person ask for? Put your name on our ballot and help us do what we do best. ABATE of California needs your expertise, your strength, wisdom, and courage. We are going to continue our quest for "Freedom of the Road" as long as there are roads left to travel. Join us, we need more people like you.

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

ABATE of California Inc. neither endorses nor promotes the services of any particular Law Firm. We are committed to working with all MROs including NCOM, MRF, AMA, MMA, BOLT and any other motorcycle rights organization that strengthens our lobby on legislative issues and on motorcycle safety.

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Mission Statement

ABATE of California is committed to protect and promote the interests of the Motorcycle community. ABATE exists to preserve and safeguard the individual rights and liberties of all riders thru political and legislative action. ABATE promotes motorcycle safety through education, training and public awareness.

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DEADLINES

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ALL Yearly rates Includes a Business membership to ABATE Of California.

Business Memberships include two persons at the same mailing address, and a display plaque for the first year.

Business cards need to be mailed to the ABATE State Office with membership application and appropriate fee.

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1/4 Page (5" w x 7.8" h) \$150.00/Mo \$1,500.00/Yr.
 1/2 Page (10" w x 7.8" h) \$175.00/Mo \$1,750.00/Yr.
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Color ads are 25% extra.

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Color for an ad or flyer is extra and (ad copy, print ready) must be submitted showing color. All ads MUST be pre-paid for whatever duration you will be running the ad. Prices do not include any changes that you may want to make to existing ads placed with us.

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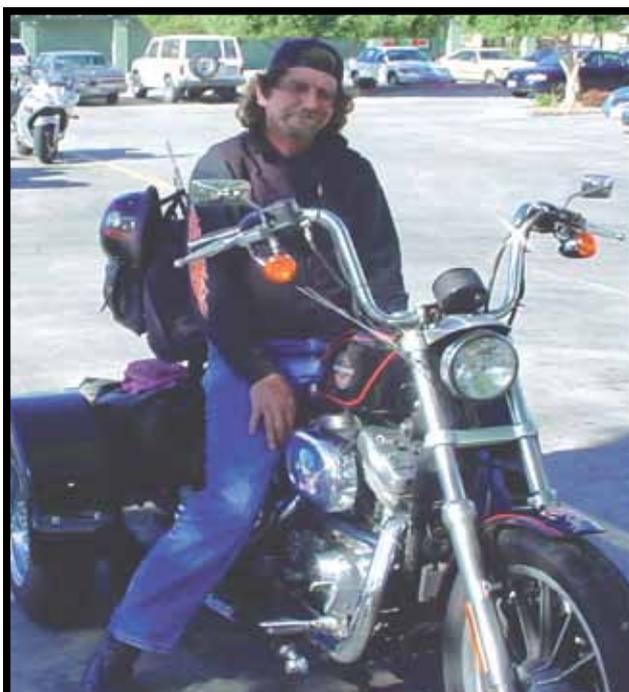
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PHOTOS

If you have any photos of ABATE motorcycle events please send them to us. They will be returned if you ask. Please include name of event, date, sponsor, etc. Must be received by the 10th of the month. You can email pictures in .jpg file to: bailing.wire@abate.org

Donations to ABATE Of California are not deductible for Federal income tax purposes. However, dues and fees may qualify as business expenses and may be deductible in limited circumstances subject to various restrictions imposed by the Internal Revenue Code.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Greetings all! Retention, retention, retention of your Local's membership is critical to the success of your ABATE Local. It seems that I have stressed this point in many of my columns. One of the ways you can accomplish this is through getting information to your membership via email.

I am told that a lot of the meetings are small in numbers, so getting information to your members is critical to keeping your members informed and may result in that member renewing their membership.

The bike nights are still in existence for a couple of more months. They are a good place to recruit new members. When you recruit, have a plan of what to say to encourage new members to join. Carry the blue membership cards with you and the ABATE accomplishments list as well. Good luck and good hunting!

Remember you will only succeed in signing-up new members if you try to. Also we're still in the Membership Drive mode so the more members you sign-up, the better your chances are to get the first, second or third place money for the drive.

Ok, do your best to recruit new members and keep the Local's renewals.

Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

2018 ANNUAL APPEAL DONATIONS

Every year we ask our members and friends to help us in our pursuit of "Freedom of the Road." Your generosity helps us maintain and improve our service to you, our motorcycle community. We are honored to list you as a donor and sincerely appreciate your involvement with our organization. Thank you for your sacrifice, generosity, and above all, your faith in ABATE of California. We are proud of our long relationship with our California riders and we strive to serve your motorcycle needs to the best of our ability. Your donation will be used as you intended it to be, and we would like to say "Thank You" and wish you a safe ride on every road you travel.

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ABATE Board Member Bios for 2019-2020 Term

The following 4 board members have stated their intent to sit for another two-year term. This means that we have 1 open seat to be filled. If you are interested and qualify please contact the state office or any Board Member with a short Bio and a pic or send them in to bailing.wire@abate.org

Mark Loudermilk

I am currently a member of the Board of Directors, Region 9 Regional Representative, Vice President of Local 23, and Treasurer of Local 27. I attend both Local 23 and 27 meetings monthly and the Quarterly Board meetings.

I believe we have a good Board at this time. We work well together and have improved our communication and the direction of our efforts. We still need to improve more, but we are moving in the right direction. We have good relationships with several legislators and are adding to that list.

Two things I think we need to especially improve is recruiting

new members and motivating members to participate more. There are over 800,000 motorcyclists in California and we should have far more members than we do. When you go to your Local or the Board meeting there are an awful lot of gray headed folks at the helm. We need younger riders, which to me is under 50, to get involved in the management of this organization. At the Local level it is not that difficult to be involved.

So, if you will have me I would be honored to serve another term.

Spike



Ello! For those who don't already know me, I'm 'SPIKE' with Local 20. A limey from across the pond, been riding consistently since 1972. I've been an ABATE member for the last 11 years and was also a member previously in the late '80s and early '90s. I serve on ABATE's Board of Directors and as PAC rep, as well as being active in the Confederation of Clubs for 20 years and on the National PR Committee for the Coalition of Clubs (for patch holders). I've been a proud member in a MC for over 22 years and have served in many capacities including President.

I have written many articles and press releases with regard to the biker lifestyle, been interviewed and also documented in and by magazines, TV and documentaries. My love for biker rights speaks for itself in the time I have committed to travelling around the country and attending meetings.

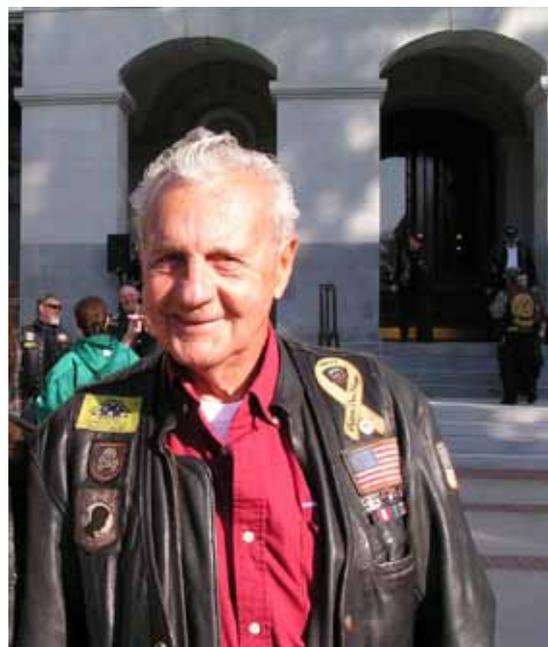
I am dedicated to preserving our lifestyle, freedom to ride without profiling or prejudice and doing so with equal rights and access. I have researched and lobbied for our community in legislative issues affecting our riding and lifestyle.

ABATE has proved to be a national strength in representing biker issues by itself, but along with other organizations collectively we can make an even bigger difference. Now is the time for our entire community to break down historic barriers and work together. I have the privilege of collecting, sharing and communicating in many areas, to our benefit and will continue to share at a 'Local' level and on the State Board, at the 'State' level. Thank you all for your consideration.

Candidate – Yet to be Announced

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

Gill Mellen



I have been a member of ABATE since 1998. In 2004, Dave Hastings asked me to do Public Relations for ABATE. From 2004 - 2008, I was the Public Relations Officer. In 2005, I took over as President of Local 20 so Basil could spend more time with his wife. I am still the President of Local 20 at this time. I speak at the COC in Orange County on bikers' rights and try to get new members.

I've submitted bills to

ABATE for toll road reduction in price for motorcycles and pushed for Basil's bill to increase the fines and penalties for killing a biker. Also a bill for motorcycle parking at state and all new construction and stripping, city and county buildings, etc. Most recently working on anti-profiling legislation.

I have been on the ABATE Board of Directors since 2004 and have missed a few Board meetings, PAC meeting or President's meeting due to medical reasons. As most of you know, I am always available to ABATE members whether it is phone calls or emails. I have won the prize a few times for signing up the most new members. Glen has given me a lot of good competition and has won the last few years and I came in second.

As most of you know, I am always 100% for ABATE and willing to serve another term. I will do my best for you if I am elected. Thank you.

Robert Nadler



I have been proud and honored to serve on the Board of ABATE, which is such an important and valuable organization. I look forward to continuing to serve and hope to make meaningful contributions to this great organization.

In my private capacity as a lawyer, I have successfully represented several motorcyclists who have been the subject of unfair biker profiling. This is an issue

that we can successfully litigate and hopefully we will see legislation enacted soon which will put an end to this unfair and unconstitutional practice.

ABATE of CA Open Positions

This year has been one of great change. Dave Hastings is stepping down as well as Mark "Dogman" Castillero. This means that we have some positions to fill. We need you! We need your fresh ideas and we need a bit of your time to continue to make ABATE the Motorcycle voice that it has always been.

Take a look at the positions below and if you think one of them is for you contact the State Office or any Board Member. We will need a short bio and a selfie sent to bailing.wire@abate.org. See the Candidacy paper below for a little help.

Except for the Board position all jobs are appointed by the BOD. All candidates need to have been a member in good standing for at least 1 year.

If you ever thought you could do it better, now is the time to raise your hand. Let's get into the conversation!

STATE TREASURER

Effective immediately ABATE of CA needs a State Treasurer. Training to be provided this year and term would start in 2019. If interested, please contact Dave Hastings (760) 954-6463 or Glenn Phillips (707) 624-6310.

The State Treasurer (ST) is responsible for keeping a complete, accurate account of all ABATE monies. The ST shall furnish a quarterly internal financial statement and distribute to the Board of Directors. The ST also provides additional reports when required. Other duties include the preparation and filing of taxes, keeping track of ABATE's tax and corporate status, as well as providing guidelines and assistance to Locals when needed. The ST reports directly to the Board of Directors.

Regional Rep

Regional Reps (RRs) are State Officers and are appointed by the Executive Director subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. RRs may also be removed by the Executive Director, again, subject to Board approval.

The function of the RRs is to improve communications among the State Officers and the Locals and assist the Local Presidents and other Local Officers in performing their duties. RRs will receive regular monthly reports from the Executive Director and will make regular reports to the Executive Director on the activities of the Locals. The purpose is to improve the communication among all members. The RRs will not direct the Local Presidents. In ABATE, direction comes from the members and flows upward. Members tell their Local President what they want to be done about a certain issue. The Local President will inform their RR, who passes that on to the Executive Director. The Executive Director informs the Board, as well as communicating with the other RRs, about the issue at hand.

Open regions are: Region 2 (Locals 25, 31 & 33) Region 3 (Local 17) Region 6 (Locals 24 & 40) Region 7 (Locals 2 & 3/13)

WANTED – Devoted person to take a seat for the last year of a 2-year term. You would serve on the Board for 2019 with the option to stay for the 2020-2021 term. This seat is being vacated by Mark "Dogman" Castillero who is leaving the country on a new adventure.

Online Administrator

ABATE understands the importance of continuity in our leadership roles and supports mentoring people as they move into these roles. In that context, ABATE is looking for a person to work assisting in the administration of our online presence. We have begun a new expansion of our online exposure which includes: * ABATE webpage www.abate.org, * ABATE of California Facebook page, * Instagram and * Twitter.

In the short term, we are looking for someone to assist as needed in keeping these four locations current, accurate, and coordinated with each other.

In the longer term, we are looking for someone to replace Mark Loudermilk when he resigns the position. The details and requirements are as follows:

Title: On Line Administrator.

Location: Not relevant since this is an on-line job.

Skills: Proficiency with the following: * Webpage editing and management (Dot Net Nuke), * Microsoft Office – Word, Excel, Power Point, Access, and * Adobe Photoshop.

If you have these skills or some of them, contact us at abateweb@gmail.com to discuss any options.

Executive Director

The Executive Director (ED) shall be the Chief Executive Officer and shall, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, (BOD) of which they may be a member, have general supervision, direction and control of the organization and Officers, except for duties delegated by the BOD to the Chairman of the Board or other officers. Other responsibilities shall include:

1. Official spokesman for ABATE of California on all non-political issues.

2. Coordinator between the State and Locals, which will include effectively maintaining and managing the Regional Rep (RR) network to aid the Regional Reps in working with the Locals.

3. Assist new and existing Locals in an advisory capacity.

4. Represent ABATE of California at meetings of safety groups, workshops, and other activities which affect motorcycling workshops, and other activities which affect motorcycling.

5. Maintain current information regarding all ABATE programs per Article IV, Section 2.a.5 of the ABATE Bylaws.

6. Work on establishing cooperation between motorcycle groups on a statewide basis in the common interests of motorcycle safety and political awareness of mutual interest.

7. Responsible for the production, distribution, maintenance and periodic updates of the Policies and Procedures Manual.

ABATE of California, Inc. BOD & Officer Candidacy Paper

Name (including nick name): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ CA Zip code: _____

Phone # with area code: _____

Email address: _____

ABATE Local # _____ ABATE Membership # _____

ABATE Member for how many years? _____

Along with your information above, please submit your answers in 450 words or less to the following questions:

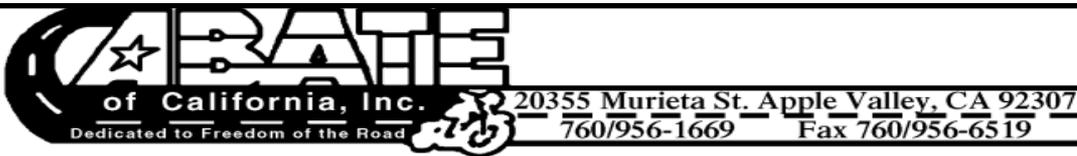
- 1) Past or current ABATE Positions held?
- 2) Other Qualifications?
- 3) What are your goals for ABATE of California?
- 4) Do you attend your own Local's meeting, if yes, How often?
- 5) Have you attended an ABATE Quarterly Meeting in the past year? (Does not apply to a Board Member.)
- 6) Any additional info that you would like Our Members to know about you.

And submit a "selfie".

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A Union of Motorcyclists

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*****NEW LOCATION SAME DATE*****

Fourth Quarter 2018 ABATE of California Board Meeting

October 20, 2018

Hosted by ABATE Local 44

**Holiday Inn Victorville
15494 Palmdale Rd Victorville CA 92392
Cascade A Room**

ABATE Meeting Schedule

Presidents & Officers Meeting 9:00 am – 10:00 am

ABATE PAC Meeting: 10:15 am – 11:45 am

Lunch 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

ABATE Board Meeting: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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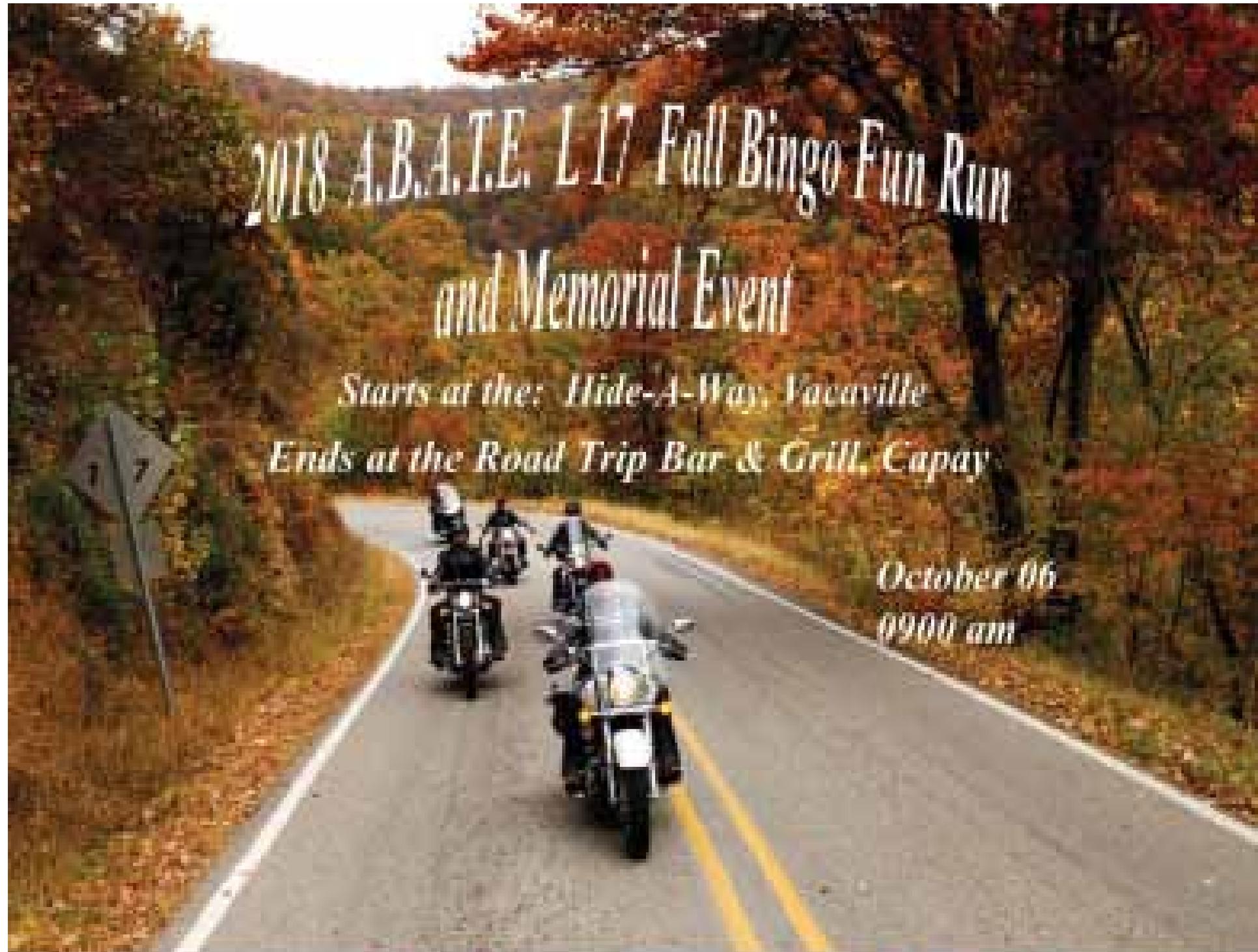
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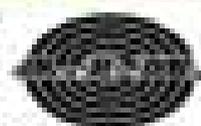
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Our 23rd SWEATY BUNS RUN! We here at Local 2 are serious and dedicated, Officers and Members combined! For me, it's my 15th one and hope for many more.

We started discussing our event in January and gradually it developed into a great ride in July! It's a good opportunity for getting new riders and exposure while hosting this event.

First of all, a great thanks to all the Officers and Members who put this event together! We have been successful 23 times!

We had over 60 riders and plenty more who just showed up at our end stop. I talked to quite a few riders and they liked our run destinations and our end stop.

A big thanks to Chuey's West for allowing us to have our end stop there. They provided the lunch as part of our deal and, if you know Chuey's, you know they have drinks of all kinds. They have indoor and outdoor seating including their covered patio.

We had over 75 prizes for our raffles and it seemed everyone won something. We paid out for the high hand and low hand and a 50/50 as well as the raffle prizes. It got intense at times because everyone was doing one thing or another. We sold more raffle tickets than we ever thought we would, which is a great thing!

My band, The Original Gumball Factory, played this event again and it was a blast! We had good food, good drinks, good music and a great time! Many of us worked from 8 am until 4 pm for this event.

We had 5 new Members join ABATE! Also we had Metric Riders there for the first time in a while. There was a great party atmosphere and it was a very positive run.

We couldn't have done this without our many sponsors for the run. We have figured out how to have them on tee shirts that support our annual run. If you need a list of our sponsors, look on the back of our promotional tee shirts!

Norm Newiger



LOCAL REPORTS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! ABATE Local 1 had their meeting today at the Elks Lodge in Tujunga. The turnout was relatively small, but those in attendance were a spirited bunch. It was nice to see the Kerr's at the meeting. Steve works on Sunday and has not been able to attend the meetings on a regular basis.

We have money to meet our state office commitments. We also can meet our Local 1's expenses as well. Regarding the political side, I have been encouraging those in attendance to try and get gas stations to allow campaign materials from the "Yes on Prop 6 Repeal the Gas Tax" to be put in the stations.

I also spoke about the midterm ABATE Voters' Guide. I am sending the Voters' Guide to Local 1 members via email.

Next we talked about the end spot for the Polar Bear run to be held on February 24th, 2019 and have found a venue that will meet our needs. Also about possibly getting Polar Bear run t-shirts. Discussion also centered on the fall fund raiser on September 27th at Barragan's Mexican Restaurant in Burbank. This is where we get 20% of the meal plus drinks. This is from 11 am to 9 pm.

I invited the group to attend the final 2018 Board of Directors meeting on October 20th in Victorville (flyer on line regarding location). I also mentioned upcoming runs such as Local 3/13's Trivia run, the 30th annual Local 19 Toy run on December 2nd and the LA Toy run on December 9th.

Questions from the members in attendance were answered, then we closed the meeting and had a hearty breakfast. Local one is holding their own.

Report submitted for your inspection by Sporty Milligan, President ABATE Local 1

Local # 02 Semi Valley



As I pulled up to our monthly meeting, I got the feeling that a lot was about to transpire. It was the atmosphere, the people and the reason why I'm here. The smell of BBQ is hypnotizing and so alluring that it makes this a great meeting to be at.

Many thanks to our host, VFW POST 10049. We here at Local 2 have a great place to hold our monthly meetings and, with the access we have, we are blessed because we are welcomed here! We still serve a great \$5.00 meal with burgers and footlongs freshly cooked, you can get all the fixin's you want, and drinks in the bar on the other side of the wall from the enclosed patio.

We meet at the VFW POST 10049 at 4242 East Los Angeles Ave on the second Tuesday of the month. We start serving our meal deal at 6:45 until 7:20 then our meeting starts at 7:30 promptly.

VP Jim opened up the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, then Pres Guy got down to business. He talked about possibly a new ride for our Local, just the opposite of our Sweaty Buns run with something like a Chilly Buns run or something of that nature.

Pres Guy also talked about rides and other things throughout the meeting in between the other officers' reports. We had good discussions and exchanged a lot of different ideas. I guess you had to be there, it was good.

Secretary Jane read the minutes and Pat, our treasurer, gave us our financial report - we are doing good, PR Norm is back after missing the last meeting due to medical issues, Frank, our membership coordinator, updated us on our members.

Pigface Bob, our run coordinator, talked about him and Scott doing the Redwood ride up in Northern California and they survived the coldness. Pigface talked about our run for the month on September 23rd as well as other rides. We had a good report for our Sweaty Buns run (I missed last month to hear how we did) and it was successful and gave us the opportunity to bless ABATE, which is our motive anyway.

We had a nice supply of gifts for our raffle drawing and it seemed like everybody won something, but no one won our membership drawing because you have to be at our meeting to claim your prize or it will roll over into the next meeting.

For me it's good to be back! Missing meetings sucks, the comradery we have is amazing and since we only see each other once a month, we darn well sure make up for it!

Ride safe!

Local #20 Orange County



Gill covered various topics such as the toll road that motorcycles are free or Veterans and disabled are free.

Spike and Gill will be meeting with Sharon Quirk-Silva and Tom Daly to discuss items. Elections are coming up. More ABATE members are needed. Doreen was able to place 4 families into housing.

Pinch lost out on the \$101. A big thank you Miss London and Miss Sydney for getting members signed in and the money. Thank you to Miss Rilee and Master Jacob for being a helping hand for us. We had 28 people.

Non Political Correct Gill & Sect Squirt

Local #25 Sacramento



Lil' David called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm. There were seven members attending and one guest, Ruby's husband Don.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. We reviewed our financial situation and determined we had enough funds to send money to the state for the general fund, lobbyist and to pay our insurance. Lil' David attended the recent COC meeting, but there wasn't an attorney present and not much business accomplished.

The Redwood Run was held at the Blue Lake Casino August 31st - September 2nd.

Lil' David will be attending the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's Meeting of the Minds next month in Denver so he will miss our meeting. Ruby will be in charge.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE members and guests! Well it's starting to cool off, we're under a 100 degrees. Still working on getting donations, which are slowly coming in.

I want to thank Chuck from Law Tigers for some cool looking wrist bands and a generous donation.

Can you believe it's been 21 years for the Turkey Run? WOW! Our Toy run is on its 27th year! Amazing! Please support both runs.

See flyer in this issue of the Bailing Wire for the Turkey Run on November 17, 2018. We need more t-shirt sponsors, donations and raffle prizes. I need all t-shirt sponsors by the end of October.

Shirts will be available at the run for \$15, they are long sleeve. If you want short sleeve or sweatshirts, they must be ordered and pre-paid before they go to print.

The need is up, and like I said, donations are down. We need everyone's help to make this and the Toy run a success. Thanks!

Ed Aranda, President ABATE Local 38

ABATE Events for 2018

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You can also go to our website www.abate.org and Events Calendar to download available flyers.

- September 27 – ABATE Local 1 – Fall Fund Raiser (see flyer this issue)
- October 6 – ABATE Local 17 – Memorial Run & Fall Bingo Fun Run (see flyer this issue)
- October 20 – ABATE Board of Directors meeting – Holiday Inn, Victorville (see flyer this issue)
- October 21 – ABATE 3/13 – 10th Annual Trivia Run (see flyer this issue)
- November 3 – ABATE Local 24 – 28th Annual Turkey Run (see flyer this issue)
- November 11 – 28th Annual Totally Kids "One from The Heart" Run (see flyer this issue)
- November 21 – ABATE Local 38 - 21st Annual Turkey Run (see flyer this issue)
- December 1 – ABATE Local 17 – Holiday Party
- December 2 – ABATE Local 19 – Toy Run
- December 2 – ABATE Local 17 – Toy Run
- December 9 – ABATE Local 1 – 30th Annual HD of Glendale & ABATE Local 1 Toy Run (see flyer this issue)
- December 15 – ABATE Local 38 – Imperial Valley Los Ninos Toy Run (see flyer this issue)
- December 25 – ABATE Local 6 – Xmas with Kids

Bike Nites:

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

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

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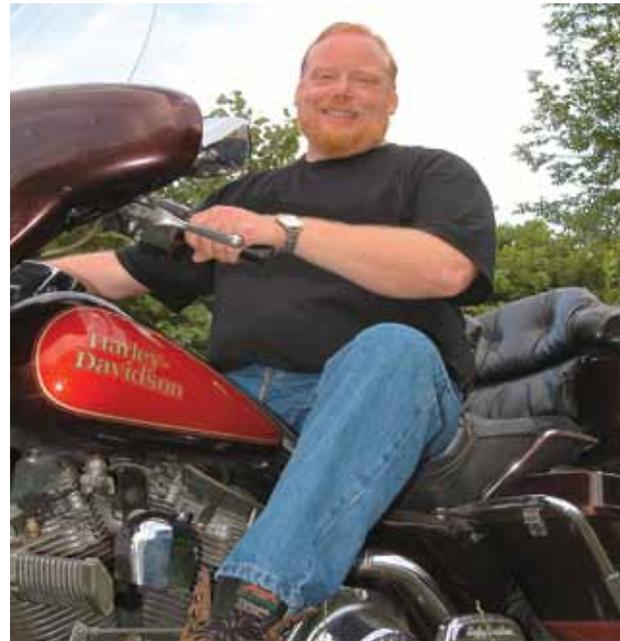
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EPA ADMITS ETHANOL CAUSES ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE: "The federal requirement to blend ethanol into gasoline on the theory that it will reduce the hypothetical global warming that hasn't appeared yet has been a joke from the start," states a newsbit circulated by Bikernet.com, and that "By adding a huge amount of demand for corn, it did push up prices for that commodity, and made vast swaths of the rural Midwest prosperous, though it has injured poor Mexicans and others who depend on corn for a substantial portion of their nutrition and driven up the price of feed used for animals, raising meat prices."

The net energy balance of ethanol production - subtracting the amount of energy necessary to grow the corn, transport it to refineries, and then transport the ethanol to gasoline producers - has been considered a substantial net energy gain. But now the EPA has finally issued a new report and admits that the ethanol mandate comes at a considerable environmental cost.

The Public News Service summarizes: "Federal law requires the EPA to assess the environmental impact of the fuel standard every three years, but the new report, issued in July, was four years overdue. According to David DeGennaro with the National Wildlife Federation, the report documents millions of acres of wildlife habitat lost to ethanol crop production, increased nutrient pollution in waterways and air emissions and side effects worse than the gasoline the ethanol is replacing."

"The bigger surprise is the fact that ethanol production and combustion significantly increases the production of nitrous oxides (Nox)," notes HotAir.com. "This combines with oxygen in the atmosphere when exposed to sunlight, producing ozone...and actually contributes to the formation of smog and leads to respiratory ailments for many people."

None of this speaks to the excessive costs that ethanol forces on drivers and auto manufactur-

ers, says Bikernet.com, concluding that; "Alas, the mandate is so popular with corn farmers in Iowa, home of the first round of presidential nominations, that President Trump (and other politicians) not only maintain the mandate, President Trump recently told an audience in Iowa that he was 'very close' to having EPA issue a waiver to the Clean Air Act to allow year-round sale of E-15."

SYNTHETIC PETROL IS ON ITS WAY: The concept of fuel for your bike that doesn't drain our dwindling oil reserves and offsets its CO2 emissions with its very production is closer than we think, according to MotorcycleNews.com. "For decades, boffins have been trying to work out ways to synthesize petrol (gasoline) and diesel, but with recent strides by Ducati owners Audi and tech giants Bosch, synfuels could hit our pumps within the next decade."

The theory is to harness our natural resources to make petrol and diesel and be able to produce it on an industrial scale so that prices can match current fuel costs.

"The new fuel has many advantages. It isn't dependent on crude oil, it is compatible with the existing infrastructure and it offers the prospect of a closed carbon cycle," says Reiner Mangold, head of sustainable product development at Audi.

A huge amount of energy is necessary to process the fuel, but Audi and Bosch's plans involve a renewable energy source, such as solar or hydroelectric, to power the process. They say renewable electricity can make the process carbon neutral.

When combined with a potential carbon-free production process, it means internal combustion could be part of the environmental solution rather than the problem.

While all this might sound like science fiction, Audi produced their first synthetic petrol earlier this year, called e-Benzin, and is currently constructing a diesel production plant in Switzerland powered by hydroelectricity from a nearby dam. Mass production of this petrol is the next obvious step.

ACCIDENTS & FATALITIES DOWN AT STURGIS, DESPITE BIGGER CROWD: The number of fatal crashes during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally was half that of last year's count, according to statistics released by the South Dakota Highway Patrol. During the two-week event, there were four fatal crashes, compared to eight during the same time period last year. Both injury and non-injury accidents were down more than 10% compared to 2017, and total citations issued during Sturgis were also down nearly ten percent to 987.

Meanwhile, more than half a million vehicles rolled into the small western South Dakota town of 6,900. Data gathered by the South Dakota Department of Transportation from nine locations around Sturgis show a nearly 8% increase in traffic over last year, which saw 469,100 vehicles.

For this year's 78th annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, the tally was 505,969 vehicles, which includes motorcycles, automobiles, trucks and motor homes. Still, the number was shy of the 2015 traffic, when 747,032 vehicles rolled into the city for the 75th annual rally.

MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY TRYING TO ATTRACT NEW RIDERS: Motorcycling in America is getting a makeover, as industry stalwarts and upstart competitors are trying to attract new riders who want something different from Harley's big burbling cruisers or screaming Japanese and European performance bikes, says CNNMoney.

The changes are in response to younger riders who are attracted to the efficiency and fun of two-wheel travel, but who don't want to buy into all the "biker" baggage.

"Millennials and Gen X'ers, they aren't always seeking to make motorcycling a lifestyle, where it's kind of everything you live for," said Tim Buche, president and CEO of the Motorcycle Industry Council. These younger riders are looking for motorcycles suited to a more casual relationship rather than a serious commitment.

With shifting tastes, some start-up motorcycle makers are offering "green" electric bikes, without the noise, vibration and pollutants of an internal combustion engine, while more well-established brands are putting design emphasis on spare simplicity, targeted at a more casual rider.

Even long-venerated Harley-Davidson announced it will start offering products aimed at reaching customers who aren't traditionally drawn to its renowned American retro-styled offerings, and will produce their first electric motorcycle -- the all-new LiveWire -- in 2019.

HARLEY REFUTES 'MISINFORMATION' ABOUT MOVING PRODUCTION OFFSHORE: Harley-Davidson Inc. Chief Executive Officer Matt Levatich pushed back against what he called "misinformation" surrounding the Motor Company's announced plans to move some production overseas.

The iconic American motorcycle maker has been the subject of angry tweets from President Donald Trump since announcing in June it would move some production abroad to sidestep tariffs the European Union slapped on its bikes in retaliation to Trump's tariffs on imported steel and aluminum.

According to Bloomberg business news, "the spat heated up recently when President Trump said he would support a boycott of the company if it moved production overseas." Trump's pronouncement that "A Harley-Davidson should never be built in another country-never!" came a day after he welcomed nearly 200 'Bikers For Trump' supporters to his golf course in Bedminster, New Jersey, and a New York Times article cited some Harley-Davidson owners criticizing the company at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally saying this was their last Harley.

Levatich said that the uproar surrounding the company's earlier announcement that it would move some of its production overseas "misinformation". He reminded employees and dealers that the purpose of this move is to keep their products competitive in their second biggest market. Harley doesn't sell motorcycles in the U.S. that are built overseas, and that won't change, Levatich said.

NEW MEXICO MRO CALLS OUT SHERIFFS DEPUTIES FOR PROFILING BIKERS: A motorcycle rights group in New Mexico is calling

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out the Bernalillo County Sheriff, claiming his deputies are profiling motorcyclists. "Being profiled, it's not a comfortable feeling," said Raymond Gallegos of the New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization (NMMRO), saying there's been a string of incidents with BCSO, prompting them to write a letter to Sheriff Manuel Gonzales.

Some see the patches, the leather and certain colors on riders and assume criminal. However, Gallegos, vice chair of the NMMRO, says that's far from the truth. "So many of our organizations really benefit the community. We're working for charities, we're raising money for this organization or that organization," he told KRQE News 13.

Gallegos says members of the NMMRO have reported three incidents over the last year that call into question BCSO's practices. It led the group to write a letter to Sheriff Gonzales that calls out the department for harassing, intimidating and even photographing riders.

So, NMMRO set up a meeting for July 30th with the sheriff. "We really wanted to see how our community and BCSO could work together to get ahead of this profiling issue," he said. "That was the intent of this meeting with the sheriff's department."

However, the meeting was canceled at the 11th hour and the department told KRQE that there's an ongoing operation to address reckless motorcyclists, but that deputies do not profile riders.

A re-do meeting has since been rescheduled, though NMMRO says it's also pursuing anti-profiling legislation, and is encouraging its members who were allegedly profiled to seek legal counsel.

WACO 'TWIN PEAKS' UPDATE: To keep readers apprised of the ongoing travesty of 'Waco' -- the May 2015 shootout involving police and club members attending a legislative meeting at the Twin Peaks Restaurant that left nine bikers dead and 20 wounded -- AIM/NCOM Founder Richard Lester would like to share the following information gleaned from

Southwest Scooter News:

Prosecutors and an attorney for Jacob Carrizal, the Dallas Bandidos chapter president, have agreed to postpone the retrial of the Twin Peaks biker shootout defendant, which had been set for September 10, 2018. Carrizal is the first and only defendant to stand trial so far, and his first trial ended in a hung jury and mistrial in November 2017.

In a joint motion for a continuance, Robert Moody, McLennan County first assistant district attorney, and Chris Lewis, Carrizal's attorney, cite the volume of evidence needed to be reviewed, plus evidence federal prosecutors have agreed to share from the separate trial of two former Bandidos national leaders that both sides want to see, according to the Waco Tribune.

Besides McLennan County prosecutors, attorneys representing defendants in federal civil rights lawsuits filed over the mass arrests of 193 bikers after the Twin Peaks incident also have cited the need to see federal evidence from a Bandidos racketeering case in San Antonio as a reason for postponing proceedings in the civil cases.

Prosecutors re-indicted Carrizal and 23 other Twin Peaks defendants earlier this summer on riot charges and have said they do not intend to pursue the identical 'engaging in organized criminal activity' charges on which 155 bikers were indicted three years ago. Of those 155 cases, with defendants being held in jail for months on a million dollars bail each, all but 27 have been dismissed.

In the meantime, as his term grows short, Waco District Attorney Abel Reyna -- who failed in his re-election bid largely over his mishandling of the "Twin Peaks Shootout" cases -- is settling old scores before leaving office by firing prosecutor Amanda Dillon, the last of Reyna's remaining employees who provided information to the FBI during its investigation of DA Reyna, effectively blaming her for the mistrial in the Carrizal case.

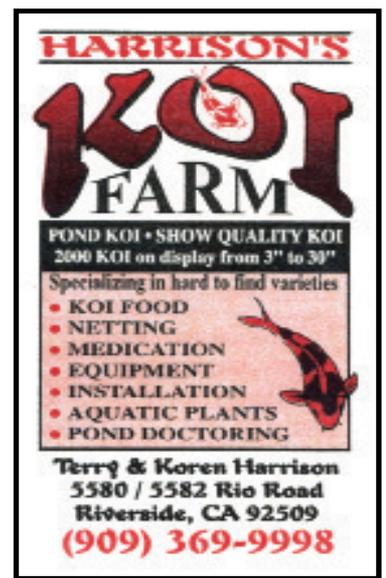
HANOI TO BAN MOTORCYCLES: Vietnamese authorities have announced plans to ban

motorcycles in Hanoi by 2030 in a bid to cut air pollution and improve locals' quality of life. The country's capital, Hanoi, is home to 7.7 million people and is one of the most polluted cities in Southeast Asia and only 38 days last year had air quality that was considered good by the World Health Organization.

The city is famous for its millions of motorcycles (5m), and it is these -- together with coal-fired power plants, heavy industry, a surge in construction projects and the seasonal agricultural burning -- which authorities are blaming for the pollution.

In an attempt to combat the air quality problem and boost public transport, Hanoi city council announced in early August that powered two-wheelers would be banned by 2030.

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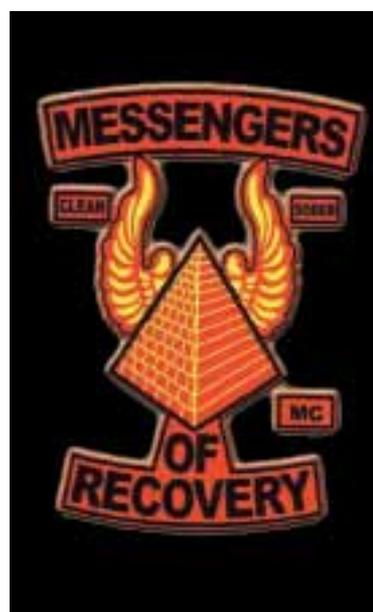
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Motorcycle Safety Report



by **Norm e. Newiger, Safety Officer**

Winding Down the Season

Every year around this time we start to notice the change. It's not dreaded but needed. I can only take so much of summer. The fall for me is the best time to ride. Spring is a close second. Around So Cal does it really matter? Our zone is year-round riding, period! On any given day you can ride with a tee shirt, even days in November through January!

As our weather changes, we do as well. The short days and cooler nights have us rethinking our preparation so as not to get caught in a cold or wet zone. It can really stop you in your tracks. I think we could all agree that we've been there and did the mandatory suffering required while riding home. If you're on the wrong side of a mountain, then you'll virtually have minutes to get down (if you're like me sometimes, and think it's hot this afternoon and dress like that for the day) and get out of that frosted atmosphere. I don't know how it does it so fast, but when the sun crests any mountain the temperature on the back side (shady side) drops like a lead balloon and if you aren't dressed properly, suffer you will! After suffering this many times, I finally figured it out - check out the friggin weather zones you're riding into or out of. A 100 miles away could be 30 plus degrees different and being far from home your closet is not feasible to access. I hate shopping for warm weather clothes on the road knowing I have a closet full of warm weather clothes. It's just not in my budget and my mind.

I have been researching previous articles and notes to bring a fresh re-write. It's about education of safety as a motorcycle enthusiast! I can remember in my schooling years that it was about education, the more the better, and not focus on one but all. With that I mean, it's not about the institutional schooling while in school, but the continuation of learning after the fact. With the way our society is now, you gotta get schooled constantly because of progress. Nowadays, progress is measured in days, not like yesteryear, where there was no end sight in progress or time limits. Today we are very impatient and expect everything faster than last time!

We all have built in learning yearnings. Some have it really easy and some have to relearn all

the time. Is one better than the other? Would you prefer to hear some things once or constantly hear it from not one source, but, hopefully many? All I know is that constant education, whether it is new or just a re-read, is important! Please don't laugh or scoff at someone who's preaching safe riding. Don't think that you know everything. Don't be satisfied just because you got a license - motorcycle safety goes way beyond that!

When I think about ABATE and its capabilities, it re-enforces my thinking of freedom and our rights and most importantly education, not just for the motorcyclists, but for all drivers of vehicles on our roads. Spread the word every day, because there are new drivers and riders every day and we don't want to meet them by accident!

Let's single out one aspect of education here. I call this a rundown of where I'm going whether solo or with a group. I think about all things that could dictate my route and the possibilities of what could be unforeseen, i.e. road conditions, heavy traffic, weather changes at a different distant destination, understanding where you are riding to (especially if it's new) and know where the gas is!

I personally do a quick mental shakedown to get my brain thinking. This is about me and how I prepare for a ride, especially if I'm putting on major miles for the day. I know what I have to do because it's my plan in my head and that's how I roll.

In a group I change my mindset because everyone has to be accounted for and it's important that everyone is on the same page. When I'm with others we talk about all things for the ride and who's doing what for the group to include safety in our group as we ride. This is important and should not be taken lightly. Things can happen and being prepared mentally as well as physically is just being safe, not just for you but for everyone!

Have you ever ridden in a group and then you notice that half your party or less is with you after miles of riding? This is not uncommon. I've been on both ends of this and it can get yer heart a pumping real fast. I have been on the broken-down side of this to the minor accident side and it's not fun at all. It can definitely be a buzzkill. That's why it's important to have a pre-ride safety meeting.

As our season changes around September through October, it's a good time to dance with your bike! You know - oil change, tune-up or any other scheduled maintenance. When I ride during the summer I know my bike will make it to the next season but, I have to now ensure myself that it's time to do the walk and make it to the end of the year. This means one of my yearly inspection detail jobs of my bike after I do the liquid exchange thing.

I've always said that, when you detail your bike (not the quick run through), have your tools with you as well. It's a great time to be intimate with your bike especially this time of the year. As our weather begs us to ride we must insure to ourselves that our bike is so safe that we can only blame forces out of our control, i.e. accidents, no matter who's at fault!

There is the mechanical failure possibility though, but the odds are in our favor, here's why. As a rider of the V twin, my main responsibility is making sure that it's in top condition to my

best ability. I cannot afford to have a mechanic to go through my bike periodically to make sure it's in tip top shape. I have them work on what I cannot do or don't want to do, therefore, I know my limitations. The most important things are the little ones that matter, visual inspection is as important as tightening loose nuts and bolts.

I cannot count how many nuts, bolts, hex heads, Phillip heads, etc. that's on my bike, let's just say it's never ending! When I go through my bike I use the term 'zones', i.e. tires, handle bars, right side, left side, frame, engine and drive chain. I go through the zones so as not to miss anything. It's my checklist, my way of doing it. Besides, at my age I need to re-assure myself that all things are really done.

In my way of thinking, this is where safety is first! Have you ever had one of your mirrors start flapping or cart wheeling while you're riding? How about a turn signal knocking on your knee cap? These little things can distract you as well as piss you off. I even had my gear shifting knob disappear once and that really sucks! I then wished that I would have checked these things out before I rode out. I'm not saying to go through your bike thoroughly every time, but sometimes a quick visual inspection can prevent things from happening.

As far as the visual inspection goes, it's important! As I was detailing my bike, wiping down my clutch cable I noticed wear at the middle section where the fork lock is. It was rubbing against the cable and was ready to sever the line. Having a broken clutch cable while riding truly sucks! After many years of servicing my bike as I detail it, I kind of know what nuts and bolts pretty much hold their own. It's usually the cosmetic things we add that need the most attention, but then again, anything on a V twin can and will loosen up at any given time!

Visual inspection is important, it could lead you into getting your hands dirty. How often do you check your tires? Do you roll your bike to inspect the tires 360 degrees? Or are you satisfied with what you see when it's parked? Do you look for improper wear or fatigue? How old are your tires? If you ride 3 to 6 thousand miles a year the treads might look good, but are your tires hard or dried out or showing signs of cracking? A flat tire on the side of the road is just as bad as a broken clutch cable.

You can easily inspect your disc brakes for even wear, that's just too easy to do, but really important. Remember them old brake drums? You had to do some major work before you could inspect them visually and now days it's right there in front of you with easy access.

One last thing, tire pressure! After all is said and done, proper tire pressure can save your life, period! Don't be lazy or think it's okay just because your tires look good, just do it!

Why is preventative maintenance a part of my safety program? I want to have a good time while riding. I want everyone to have a good time riding. When you know your bike is up to your standards of being safe to ride you will have a good time riding. We all know stuff happens, but was it preventable? That's on you!

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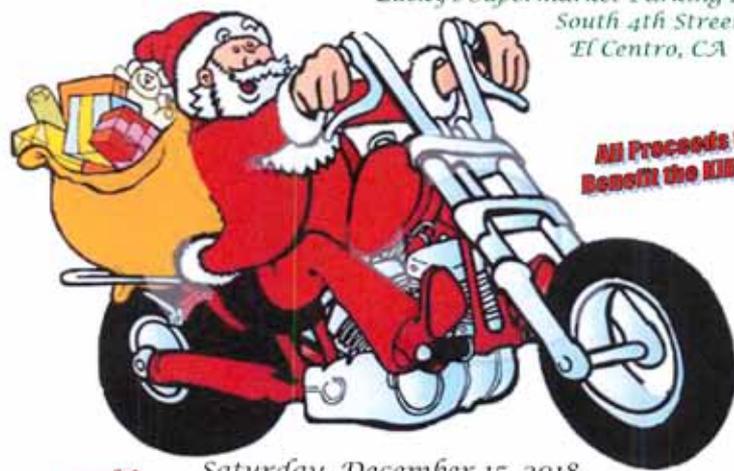
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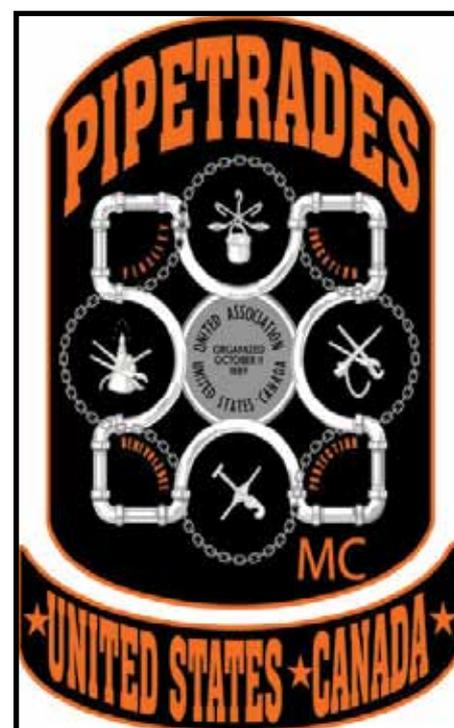


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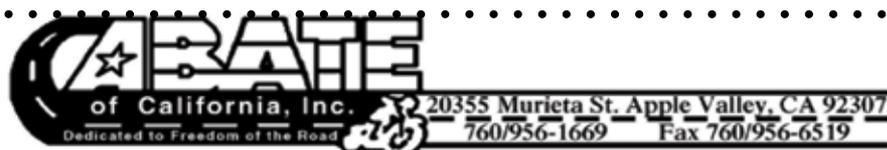
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Fernando
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Fresno 559/255-1222 | 44 Nick's Computer Works
Barstow 760/253-4736 |
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Fresno 559/275-8586 | 44 Total Control/CMSP
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| 08 The Horsemen MC
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Fresno 559/269-5109 | |
| 13 Custom Awards & Engraving
Ventura 805/658-2139 | 17 The Music Box
Cottonwood 707/688-2230 | 24 Landstar Inway Inc
Fresno 559/271-3000 | |
| 13 Messengers of Recover/
Santa Maria
Santa Maria 805/235-0790 | 17 Thunder Roads Magazine
NorCal
Orangevale www.
thunderroadsnorcal.com | 24 Leonard Storelli Welding &
Fab
Clovis 559/940-0214 | |
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Vacaville 707/450-8432 | 17 Vacaville Performance
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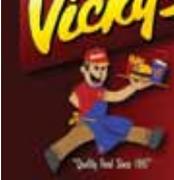
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Sporty Milligan 3rd Sun - 9 AM
 1616 4th St Elks Lodge
 San Fernando 101347 Commerce Ave
 818/ 361-8800 Tujunga, CA 91042

Simi Valley - Local #02-Reg#7

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

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

Chuck Pedersen 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
 805/496-0323 Elks Lodge
 Chuck Pedersen@ 158 N Conejo School
 gmail.com Thousand Oaks
 91362

San Diego County - Local #06 Reg#12

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

Orange County - Local #08-Reg#11

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

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

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

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

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

Pomona Valley - Local #19-Reg#8

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



ABATE MEETINGS

Orange County - Local #20-Reg#11

Gill Mellen 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
 2052 Newport Blvd 6 77 American Legion
 Costa Mesa 92627 5646 Corporate Ave.
 949/632-9787 Cypress CA 90630

San Bernardino - Local#23-Reg#9

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

Fresno - Local#24-Reg#6

President TBD 2nd Wed - 7:00 PM
 Yosemite Falls Cafe
 www.abatelocal24.org 4020 N Cedar Ave.
 Fresno 93726

Sacramento - Local#25-Reg#2

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

Riverside - Local#27-Reg#9

Bob Marshall 1st Tues - 7:00 PM
 I.G@ abatelocal27 American Legion
 2979 Dexter Dr.
 (in Fairmont Park)
 Riverside, CA 92501
 drbobmarshall@yahoo.com

North Valley - Local #31-Reg#2

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

Yuba City - Local#33-Reg#2

Steve Katan 1st Tues - 7:00 PM
 530/749-1003 American Legion
 5477 Feather River Blvd
 Olivehurst 95961

Imperial Valley - Local#38-Reg#12

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

Bakersfield - Local#40-Reg#6

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

High Desert Local 44/47-Reg #13

Cindy Demel 2nd Sat. 9:30 am
 C.demel@ Eagles Order #4181
 verizon.net 16195 Main St
 Hesperia 92345

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2018 Regional Representatives

- Region 2 (25, 31 & 33)
Open
- Region 3 (17)
Open
- Region 6 (24 & 40)
Open
- Region 7 (2 & 3/13)
Keith Johnston 818/914-1952
- Region 8 (1 & 19)
Sporty Milligan 818/361-8800
- Region 9 (23 & 27)
Mark Loudermilk 951/599-5234
- Region 11 (8 & 20)
D-Man 714/833-9508
- Region 12 (6, 11 & 38)
Dave Connors 760/208-7232
- Region 13 (44)
Yermo Eddy 760/953-7353



ABATE 2018 NOVEMBER VOTER GUIDE

This voter guide reflects motorcycle only issues. All endorsements were made this year in accordance to ABATE PAC policy and procedures to endorse only candidates that returned the ABATE Question & Answer sheet that has been sent to all candidates and answered the questions in a positive manner. ABATE of California encourages everyone to find the candidates on this list that we have endorsed and volunteer at least 2 – 4 hours of your time to help them win their elections.

State SenateDistrict 2

Mike McGuire (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 Veronica “Ronni” Jacobi – D – No response No endorsement

District 4

Jim Nielson (I) – R – No response No endorsement
 Phillip Kim – D – No response No endorsement

District 6

Richard Pan (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 Eric Frame – NPP – No response No endorsement

District 8

Andreas Borgeas – R – No response No endorsement
 Paulina Miranda – D – No response No endorsement

District 10

Bob Wieckowski (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 Victor G. San Vicente – R – No response No endorsement

District 12

Rob Poythress – R – No response No endorsement
Anna Cabellero – D Endorse

Anna Cabellero authored and carried AB 2972 – the anti-profiling bill.

District 14

Andy Vidak (I) – R – No response No endorsement
 Melissa Hurtado – D – No response No endorsement

District 16

Ruth Musser-Lopez – D – No response No endorsement
 Shannon Grove – R – No response No endorsement

District 18

Robert M. Hertzberg (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 Rudy Melendez – R – No response No endorsement

District 20

Connie M. Leyva (I) – D – No response No endorsement
Matthew Munson – R – Endorse

District 22

Mike Eng – D – No response No endorsement
 Susan Rubio – D – No response No endorsement

District 24

Peter Choi – D – No response No endorsement
 Maria Elena Durazo – D – No response No endorsement

District 26

Ben Allen (I) – D – No response No endorsement
Baron Bruno – NPP – Endorse

District 28

Jeff Stone (I) – R – No response No endorsement
 Joy Silver – D – No response No endorsement

District 30

Holly J. Mitchell (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 No Challenger

District 32

Bob Archuleta – D – No response No endorsement
 Rita Topalian – R – No response No endorsement

District 34

Janet Nguyen (I) – R – No response No endorsement
 Tom Umberg – D – No response No endorsement

District 36

Patricia C. Bates (I) - R - No response No endorsement

Margie Castellano – D – No response No endorsement

District 38

Brian Jones – R – No response No endorsement

Jeff Griffith – D – Endorse

District 40

Ben Hueso (I) – D – No response No endorsement

Luis Vargas – R – No response No endorsement

State Assembly

District 1

Brian Dahle (I) – R – No response No endorsement

Caleen Sisk – D – No response No endorsement

District 2

Jim Wood (I) – D – No response No endorsement

Matt Heath – R – Responded mostly positive but opposes ban on profiling motorcyclists No endorsement

District 3

James Gallagher (I) – R – No response No endorsement

Sonia Aery – D – No response No endorsement

District 4

Cecilia M. Aguiar-Curry (I) – No response No endorsement

No Challenger

District 5

Frank Bigelow (I) – R – No response No endorsement

Carla Neal – D – No response No endorsement

District 6

Kevin Kiley (I) – R - No response No endorsement

Jacalyn Smith – D – No response No endorsement

District 7

Kevin McCarty – D – No response No endorsement

No Challenger

District 8

Ken Cooley (I) – D – No response No endorsement

Melinda Avey – R – No response No endorsement

District 9

Jim Cooper (I) – D – No response No endorsement

Harry He – D – No response No endorsement

District 10

Marc Levine (I) – D – No response No endorsement

Dan Monte – D – No response No endorsement

District 11

Jim Frazier (I) – D – No response No endorsement

Lisa Romero – R – No response No endorsement

District 12

Heath Flora (I) – R - Endorse

Robert Chase – D – No response No endorsement

District 13

Susan Talamantes Eggman (I) – D – No response No endorsement

Antonio Garcia – R – No response No endorsement

District 14

Timothy S. Grayson (I) – D – No response No endorsement

Assim Yahya – D – No response No endorsement

District 15

Buffy Wicks – D – No response No endorsement

Jovanka Beckles – D – No response No endorsement

District 16

Catherine B. Baker (I) – R – No response No endorsement

Rebecca Bauer-Kahan – D – No response No endorsement

District 17

David Chiu (I) – D – No response No endorsement

Alejandro Fernandez – D – No response No endorsement

District 18

Rob Bonta (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 Stephen Slauson – R – No response No endorsement

District 19

Philip Y. Ting (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 Keith Bogdon – R – No response No endorsement

District 20

Bill Quirk (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 No Challenger

District 21

Adam C. Gray (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 No Challenger

District 22

Kevin Mullin (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 Christina Laskowski – R – No response No endorsement

District 23

Jim Patterson (I) – R – No response No endorsement
 Aileen Rizo – D – No response No endorsement

District 24

Marc Berman – D – No response No endorsement
 Alex Glew – R – No response No endorsement

District 25

Kansen Chu – D – No response No endorsement
 Bob Brunton – R – No response No endorsement

District 26

Devon L. Mathis (I) – R – No response No endorsement
 Jose Sigala – D – No response No endorsement

District 27

Ash Kalra (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 No Challenger

District 28

Evan Low (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 Michael Snyder – R – No response No endorsement

District 29

Mark Stone (I) – D – No response No endorsement
Vicki Nohrden – R – Endorse

District 30

Robert Rivas – D – No response No endorsement
 Neil Kitchens – R – No response No endorsement

District 31

Dr. Joaquin Arambula (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 Lupe Espinoza – R – No response No endorsement

District 32

Rudy Salas Jr. (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 Justin Mendes – R – No response No endorsement

District 33

Jay Obernolte – R – Endorse
 Socorro Cisneros – D – No response No endorsement

District 34

Vince Fong (I) – R – No response No endorsement
 Nick Nicita – D – No response No endorsement

District 35

Jordan Cunningham (I) – R – No response No endorsement
 Bill Ostrander – D – No response No endorsement

District 36

Tom Lackey (I) – R – No response No Endorsement

Tom Lackey not only voted against the motorcyclist anti-profiling bill, he went out of his way to give speeches to convince others not to support us. It is our opinion that as many bikers as possible show up to work against Lackey.

Steve Fox – D – Endorse

District 37

Monique Limon (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 David Norrdin – D – No response No endorsement

District 38

Dante Acosta (I) – R – No response No endorsement
Christy Smith – D – Endorse

District 39

Luz Maria Rivas – D – No response No endorsement
Ricardo Antonio Benitez – R – Endorse

District 40

James C. Ramos – D – No response No endorsement
Henry Gomez Nickel – R – Endorse

District 41

Chris R. Holden (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 Alan S. Reynolds – NPP – No response No endorsement

District 42

Chad Mayes (I) – R – No response No endorsement
Deniantionette Mazingo – D – Responded 100% in the positive Endorse

District 43

Laura Friedman (I) – D – Responded positive except questions #3, #4, & #6, No endorsement
 No Challenger

District 44

Jacqui Irwin (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 Ronda Baldwin-Kennedy – R – No response No endorsement

District 45

Justin M. Clark – R – No response No endorsement
 Jesse Gabriel – D – No response No endorsement

District 46

Adrin Nazarian (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 Roxanne Beckford Hoge – R – No response No endorsement

District 47

Eloise Gomez Reyes (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 No Challenger

District 48

Blanca E Rubio (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 No Challenger

District 49

Ed Chau – D – No response No endorsement
 Burton Brink – R – No response No endorsement

District 50

Richard Bloom (I) – D – No response No endorsement

District 51

Wendy Carillo (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 No Challenger

District 52

Freddie Rodriguez (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 Toni Holle – R – No response No endorsement

District 53

Miguel Santiago (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 Kevin Hee Young Jang – D – No response No endorsement

District 54

Sydney K. Kamlagar – D – No response No endorsement
 Tepring Michelle Piquado – D – No response No endorsement

District 55

Phillip Chen (I) – R – No response No endorsement
 Gregg D. Fritchle – D – No response No endorsement

District 56

Eduardo Garcia (I) – D – No response No endorsement
 Jeff Gonzalez – R – No response No endorsement

District 57

Ian C. Calderon (I) – D – No response No endorsement
Jessica Martinez – R – No response No endorsement

District 58

Cristina Garcia (I) – D – No response No endorsement
Mike Simpenderfer – R – Endorse

District 59

Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer Sr. (I) – D – No response No endorsement
Leslie Hagan-Morgan – D – No response No endorsement

District 60

Sabrina Cervantes (I) – D – No response No endorsement
Bill Essayli – R – No response No endorsement

District 61

Jose Medina (I) – D – No response No endorsement
No Challenger

District 62

Autumn R. Burke (I) – D – No response No endorsement
Al L. Hernandez – R – No response No endorsement

District 63

Anthony Rendon (I) – D – No response No endorsement
Maria D. Estrada – D – No response No endorsement

District 64

Mike A Gipson (I) – No response No endorsement
No Challenger

District 65

Sharon Quirk-Silva (I) – D – No response No endorsement
Alexandria “Alex” Coronado – R – No response No endorsement

District 66

Al Muratsuchi (I) – D – No response No endorsement
Frank Scotto – R – No response No endorsement

District 67

Melissa A. Melendez (I) – R – No response No endorsement
Michelle Singleton – D – No response No endorsement

District 68

Steven S. Choi PhD (I) – R – No response No endorsement
Michelle Duman – D – No response No endorsement

District 69

Tom Daly (I) – D – No response No endorsement
No Challenger

District 70

Patrick O’Donnell (I) – D – No response No endorsement
Honor Mimi Robson – L – No response No endorsement

District 71

Randy Voepel (I) – R – No response No endorsement
James Elia – D – No response No endorsement

District 72

Tyler Diep – R – No response No endorsement
Josh Lowenthal – D – No response No endorsement

District 73

William P. Brough (I) – R – No response No endorsement
Scott Rhinehart – D – No response No endorsement

District 74

Matthew Harper (I) – R – No response No endorsement
Cottie Petrie Norris – D – No response No endorsement

District 75

Marie Waldron (I) – R – No response No endorsement
Alan Geraci – D - No endorsement

District 76

Tasha Boerner Horvath – D – No response.....No endorsement
 Elizabeth Warren – D – No responseNo endorsement

District 77

Brian Maienschein (I) – R – No responseNo endorsement
 Sunday Gover – D – No responseNo endorsement

District 78

Todd Gloria (I) – D – No responseNo endorsement
 Maggie J. Campbell – R – No responseNo endorsement

District 79

Shirley N. Weber (I) – D – No responseNo endorsement
 John Moore – R – No responseNo endorsement

District 80

Lorena S. Gonzalez Fletcher (I) – D – No responseNo endorsement
 Lincoln Pickard – R – No responseNo endorsement