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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 Law stopping Motorcycle Only Checkpoints**
- **Forced Caltrans to post "Look Twice for Motorcycle's" and "Share the Road with Motorcycles" on their Digital Freeway Message Boards**
- **Stopped Transponders on Motorcycles for Autonomous Vehicle Recognition from advancing thru Strategic Highway Safety Plan advisory committee.**
- **Assisted Off-Highway Vehicle Community in passing permanent program for State Vehicular Recreation Areas, first time in 50 Year History!**
- **Passed Bill legalizing Motorcycles use of HOV lanes in California**
- **Defeated a proposed Law by Assemblywoman LaFollette outlawing Lane Splitting by Motorcyclists in California**
- **Passed Law 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 proposed Law allowing Roadside Motorcycle Noise ticketing**
- **Prevented for 6 Years a bill allowing Cameras to issue Speeding Tickets. The Fight continues for 2032 pilot program expiration! Cities included: Los Angeles, Glendale, Long Beach, San Jose, Oakland, San Francisco**
- **Defeated proposed Law requiring all Motorcycles pass an annual Smog test**
- **Passed Law grandfathering in pre 2013 motorcycle pipes for noise levels**
- **Defeated proposed Law requiring Motorcyclists to wear Hi Vis Reflective Vests**
- **Passed Senate Resolution 41 by Senator Caballero (D – Salinas) Anti-profiling Resolution**
- **Passed Law legalizing Ape hangers Handlebars above your shoulders**
- **Monitor every year over 2500 proposed new Laws introduced and amendment by the California Legislature to see impact on Motorcyclists and their bikes**



## Motorcyclists Rights Lobbyist Update: Bills

Presented by The Lombardo Group, ABATE Lobbyist

### Senate Bill 92 Umberg (D - Anaheim) Courts: remote proceedings for criminal cases

This bill would provide that, in a misdemeanor, if the accused agrees, the initial court appearance, arraignment, plea, and all other proceedings, except jury and court trials, may be conducted remotely through the use of technology. This would make it easier to fight excessive and targeted noise and motorcycle tickets. **\*SUPPORT\***

### Senate Bill 961 Wiener (D - San Francisco) Vehicles: safety equipment speed limiter

This bill would require certain vehicles, commencing with the 2027 model year, to be equipped with an intelligent speed limiter, as specified, that would limit the speed of the vehicle to 10 miles per hour over the speed limit. The bill would exempt emergency vehicles from this requirement and would authorize the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol to authorize the disabling of the system on other vehicles based on specified criteria. **\*\*\*OPPOSE\*\*\***

### Senate Bill 1297 Allen (D - Santa Monica) Speed safety system pilot program

Existing law authorizes, until January 1, 2032, specified cities and the City and County of San Francisco to establish a local speed safety system pilot program, operated in certain types of streets and school zones, to detect speed violations by using an electronic speed safety system, as defined. Pursuant to the pilot program, a designated jurisdiction participating within the pilot program with a population of less than 300,000, as determined by the United States Census Bureau in the 2020 Census, is authorized to operate no more than 9 speed safety systems.

This bill would instead authorize a designated jurisdiction participating within the pilot program with a population of less than 300,000, as determined, to operate no more than 12 speed safety systems. **\*\*\*OPPOSE\*\*\***

### Assembly Bill 2392 Soria (D - Merced/Fresno) Vehicles: motorcycle: safety helmet exception

This bill would exempt from this requirement a person who wears a turban or patka as an expression of the person's religious belief and practice when riding on a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle. **TRACKING**

### Assembly Bill 3102 Hoover (R - Folsom) Vehicles: motorcycle license

This bill would authorize the operator of a motorcyclist training program described above to issue a certificate of satisfactory completion to a person at least 21 years of age who has opted to complete only the skills testing portion of the training program and has successfully passed the skills test. The bill would require the motorcyclist training program operator to, in a manner prescribed by the Department of Motor Vehicles, note on the certificate that the person has completed only the skills testing portion of the program. The bill would authorize the department to accept a certificate issued pursuant to these provisions from an applicant who is at least 21 years of age in lieu of a driving test for a motorcycle driver's license if the applicant has met the other examination requirements for the license for which the applicant is applying. **\*SUPPORT\***

**MORE BILL ANALYSIS TO COME, KEEP CHECKING OUR MONTHLY UPDATES**



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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 through political and legislative action. ABATE promotes motorcycle safety through education, training and public awareness.

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## Lobbyist Capitol News

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



It's April in the Capital and at this time Bills will start to pass or fail for this Election Year Session.

Assemblymembers and Senators are worried about getting reelected as much as dealing with bills and a \$ 73,000,000,000.00 Billion Budget deficit! We did quite well with our Election Endorsements as more than a majority of our motorcycle friendly candidates will be moving on to the October General Election. The top Two Vote getters will appear on the ballot next fall, and we will have our next List of Abate Endorsements out by the October Bailing Wire edition, these recommendations are for how Motorcycle friendly they are, not any of their other Political stances.

Check monthly on our Motorcyclists Rights Lobbyist Update: Bills, on page 3 for the many other bill we are Supporting and Opposing.

A special thank you to all the Locals and Members that donate to the Lobbyist fund, keeping us up at the Capitol fighting for your rights!

Stay Tuned...Another Very Busy Year in Sacramento.





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## Message from the Executive Director



By Chuck "Chief"  
Pedersen, Executive  
Director, ABATE of CA

Happy April to all our ABATE members and to all motorcycle enthusiasts who may be reading this month's edition.

April stems from the Latin word "aperio", meaning to open. It signifies spring and the budding of plants. We,

however, look at it as finally having some decent riding weather. If you have not been riding much over the last couple of months (and likely due to the significant rain California has received) make sure to do a once-over of your bike. Check air pressures, fluid levels and that all of your lights are working. The Bailing Wire Team has brought back the monthly Motorcycle Safety Article. A BIG thanks to Ratchet Ron for a fine article!

Some of the things to look forward to this month, starting April 13, is the second quarter board meeting. This meeting will be a hybrid meeting, meeting online and a TBD physical location.

Legislative Issues to be on the look-out for include:

*SB 961 Motor vehicle speed limiters – the Federal Government is ready to take more of your individual rights away. This time by forcing automobile manufacturers to install speed limiters into your vehicles. This is basically a speed governor. The opportunities for abuse are huge and unknown. Stand with ABATE when we oppose this legislation.*

*AB-645 Vehicles: speed safety system pilot program. This bill is in a pilot program. It has been rolled out to a few cities within California. The goal is to modify red light cameras with equipment to also monitor and ticket vehicles who are violating city speed limits. When the red-light cameras came out many citizens complained to their local Legislators and were able to get them removed. Concerns were around the legality of contracting with an outside agency to install and issue the citations, as well as the fact that they get a cut from each ticket. ABATE was able to push the bill into a pilot program when we challenged how the state will fund the project. Work with your ABATE Local to help us stop this bill.*

*HR 906, the REPAIR Act. Again, big brother wants to make sure that you can no longer perform your own vehicle service and repair. This bill only supports the Automobile Industry as it forces you to go to a service shop to maintain your vehicle. The obvious result of this will be higher service fees.*

*2024 California Motorcycle Anti-Profilng Bill. This is an ongoing issue which ABATE and many other motorcycling rights groups are supporting. Take the motorcycling profiling survey, even if you don't think that you have been profiled. The database covers past years, and the questions may make you realize that you really have been profiled by law enforcement, as it starts with you simply being pulled over.*

Communicate Motorcycle Charity Events. One of the things that we should be doing a better job at is communicating the fact that motorcyclists support charities through their ride events. This brings out the humanitarian side of what we do. If you attend one of these

events, communicate it to us, either directly or through your Local Reports

The A.B.A.T.E. Story on YouTube @ RustyCoonesChannel. Rusty Coones put together a fantastic video communicating the history and the mission of ABATE of California. Go to YouTube and search the title of this section and then share it out far and wide.

Delegation – What many do not know is that Kathlean and I have been out of the country for the month of March. What I want to point out is that we both have delegated many of our responsibilities and with great success. I say this only because this is a great way to take a break, as well as grow the people who support us. Set the goal, communicate with them how to do it, and then let them achieve their own success.

Before I go, more about events in April. Did you know...?

- Apr. 1 (first Monday in April): Sweet Potato Day
- Apr. 6 (first Saturday in April): International Pillow Fight Day
- Apr. 7: National No Housework Day
- Apr. 10: Gopher Tortoise Day (Florida)
- Apr. 17: Blah, Blah, Blah Day
- Apr. 21 (third Sunday in April): Go Fly a Kite Day
- Apr. 26: National Richter Scale Day
- Apr. 28 (last Saturday in April): National Sense of Smell Day

Happy April and Happy Riding Weather!

Chuck Pedersen

ABATE of CA, Executive Director

Local #03 President



## Legislative Director's News

by Bobby "T" Tabaldo

### Making Your Voice Heard in the California State Legislature

#### PART III IN A III-PART SERIES

REMINDER: THERE ARE MULTIPLE WAYS TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND ESTABLISH A RELATIONSHIP. THE GOOD NEWS IS, IT REALLY DOESN'T TAKE THAT MUCH TIME OUT OF YOUR LIFE AND THE BENEFITS ARE MANY. ALTHOUGH THERE IS MUCH DEBATE REGARDING THE USE OF LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS, THEY ARE STILL LOW-COST, MINIMUM EFFORT OPTIONS. HOWEVER, THE FACE TO FACE METHOD IS IDEAL.

#### WHEN MEETING WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS

##### IDENTIFY YOUR LEGISLATOR(S):

California is divided into assembly and senate districts. The essayist way to determine who your legislators is to use the below link.

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Each bill is generally heard (debated) and voted on at least four times before passing the Legislature – first by the policy committees and then by the full membership of each house. If the bill has a fiscal impact, it is required to be heard first in a fiscal committee before going to either the Assembly or the Senate floor. Each committee and floor vote provides an opportunity to present your input through a letter, phone call or meeting, but is also an opportunity for bills to be amended. Therefore, it is important that you stay current on the bill's status.

Signing up with the California Legislative Information facility the best way to keep current on bills at each step in the legislative process. Once you register using your email address, you can track any bill using the (Track Bill) link at the top of the page as you view the bill you wish to track. As a bill gets updated, you will receive an email. You can manage your subscriptions (bills you are tracking) and any Favorites by using the (My Subscriptions) and (My Favorites) tabs at the top of the page.

Newsletters and the media are also very helpful sources for keeping current on a particular piece of legislation. There are also official legislative publications when can be obtained in public libraries, legislator's offices, the Capitol Bill Room and on the Internet.

#### SOURCES OF LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION



and bills to be voted on by the Assembly or Senate.

**ASSEMBLY (OR SENATE) WEEKLY HISTORY:** The Weekly Histories indicate the status of each piece of Legislation.

**ASSEMBLY (OR SENATE) DAILY JOURNAL:** The Daily Journal is the official record of proceedings on the Assembly or Senate Floor.

**LEGISLATIVE INDEX:** The Index contains a complete listing, by subject matter, of all bills introduced. You may also want to contact your legislator's district office to receive an update on the status of legislation.

**ASSEMBLY AND SENATE ONLINE HOMEPAGE:** All the above and more can be found on the Assembly Homepage at [www.assembly.ca.gov](http://www.assembly.ca.gov) and Senate Homepage at [www.senate.ca.gov](http://www.senate.ca.gov).

Although communicating directly with your elected officials is one of the most effective methods of making your voice heard, there are other indirect ways to raise their awareness of issues that are important to you. You can write an op-ed (guest editorial); send a letter to the editor of a local paper, start a blog or comment on one. You can also use social media to communicate your idea.

Media editors often appreciate receiving well-written opinion pieces. Legislators and their staff pay attention to these pieces, especially ones which appear in their local newspapers.

#### HOW TO WRITE AN EDITORIAL OR LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**GET TO THE POINT:** Your first paragraph should concisely summarize the main point of your letter.

**ESTABLISH YOUR CREDIBILITY AND WRITE ABOUT WHAT YOU KNOW:** Your commentary should speak with some authority. This authority is established by

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**BE BRIEF:** A letter to the editor should be fewer than 200 words, and an op-ed no more than 600 – 700 words.

**LOOK FOR A "HOOK":** Editors are more likely to publish your letter or op-ed if you refer to a current issue. Letters to the editor should always be responding to a recent news article.

**TAKE A POSITION:** Your goal is to present a particular position and not simply to "report" on an issue. Provide evidence that supports your position.

**TRY TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT:** Call the paper and ask for the name of the person who reviews letters and op-eds from the public. Call that person a few days after you send your letter or article and ask whether the paper will print it.

One of the most efficient and convenient methods of contacting your legislator is using your computer to access the California Assembly and Senate web pages at [www.assembly.ca.gov](http://www.assembly.ca.gov) and [www.senate.ca.gov](http://www.senate.ca.gov). At these sites, you will find a wealth of information about your State Legislature, its day-to-day activities, legislation and your representative. Additionally, you can:

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## Sporty's Ride

### Sporty's Ride

By Lee "Sporty" Milligan, Board Member  
Hi All,

This month's Sporty's Rides column is slightly different than the usual monthly edition.

As most of you know, a couple of months ago, I had what they're calling a seizure and have been given several tests to determine the outcome. I should know what's going on when I see the neurologists on March 26th. Hopefully I don't have to worry about doing any more tests, but if I do, I hope to do them before that meeting.

As of this writing, this is where I'm at. My wife, Renee, is very good and patient with regards to getting my approvals and appointments on track. I don't know where I would be without her helping keep things straight.

On the legislative front, unfortunately, we don't yet have a sponsor for our Anti-Profiling Bill. Apparently, we have all the paperwork and particulars, but no legislators to actually carry the bill. We need either a senator or assemblyperson to carry the bill.

Part of our continuing challenge is getting more of our members out to meet with local legislators, representing ABATE and letting them get to know us and our issues. Yes, we did have folks at the Capital on Jan 24th, but couldn't quite get any legislator committed before the Feb. 16th deadline, when bills had to be filed.



We need to get more members of ABATE and the coalition to step up and get in contact with their legislators. I know we can get this accomplished. As they say, "Let's Do This." I suggest we do our parts and get this done.

The "ride: portion of my report will be centered on the Local #01's recent 37th Annual Peter Daniels Memorial Polar Bear Run.

I began with the prep, since I was asked to design the route. We had a lot of rain lately, so that discouraged me from doing any mountain routes. From the start of the route at the Reseda Moose Lodge, I created a route that would have the following checkpoint at the Cowboy Palace in Chatsworth, then Born Free Cycles in Burbank and ending at the Elks Lodge in Canoga Park. The total mileage of the route was approximately 59 miles.

I drove the route a couple of times. I even ran the route again on my bike the day before the run to test the route for clarity and any last-minute road hazards. I have been doing these routes for many years, so I know what's up. Side note, hopefully we will be able to do some mountain routes next year.

In order to get raffle prizes, Jim Nickla drove me to Bartels HD in Marina del Rey where Ron Bartel authorized Debbie, their merchandise coordinator, to give us some nice stuff and 2 \$50 gift cards. A

big thank you to our business member Bartels HD.

We also picked up some nice raffle prizes from Glendale HD. Thank you goes out to Glendale HD for their contribution to the Polar Bear Run. And Born Free Cycles gave us some good stuff, as well. We got a battery tender from Russ Brown Attorneys, Jim gave us some tee shirts and I bought items from Harbor Freight, so we got plenty of goodies. We were all set for the March 10th run.

March 10 was a cold but clear day and when I arrived at the Reseda Moose Lodge they were setting up for sign-ins. Some members of The Mended Sisters were setting up at the sign in table and there was a group of Messengers of Recovery who helped set up the sign in tent. The Moose Lodge served breakfast burritos for only \$8 bucks.

My job was to run sweeps and close out the checkpoints. When that was completed, I arrived at the end spot, The Elks Lodge in Canoga Park. They served burger and macaroni plates for only \$10. A big thank you to The Elks Lodge in Canoga Park for helping to make the Polar Bear Run work at the end spot. We gave out the raffle prizes, 50/50 cash payout, and cash prizes to the winners of high and low hands. Those who attended the run had a great time.

This concludes this month's Sporty Rides and Polar Bear wrap up. Look for pictures of the run in this edition of the Bailing Wire.

Till next time, be sure to attend ABATE events and support your Local ABATE.

Scribe, Sporty out.







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## Legislative Director's News Continued & Safety Article

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## In The Safety Corner by Ratchet Ron

Don't overlook the importance of giving your bike a quick wipe down before it sees the road, as during that wipe down, you may notice a low tire or loose bolt or free cable. Lots of things can be revealed just from giving the bike a quick wipe down.

And as you put on the gear to protect you, don't forget to invite your guardian angels to ride along with you. Your guardian angels will speak to you like a voice in your head. Trust that voice, and your intuition.

Always scan and observe what's going on around you. Is that car pulling out in front of you? Is that guy moving over into your lane? Is that tire coming apart on that big rig? Is there something in the lane up ahead? Always have your escape route in mind. Be thinking ... 'if he does this I'm going to the left, or oh, wait a minute, if he pulls out now I gotta go behind him to the right.' And I like it when the voice in my head tells me, "Hey you better accelerate and get in front of these clowns!"

Safety is more than just making sure your ride is ready for the road. You also need to get yourself ready for what lays ahead of you. Take a moment to make sure you've got your guardian angels, and you are listening to what they have to say.

Ride Safe,

Ratchet Ron

President, Local 23

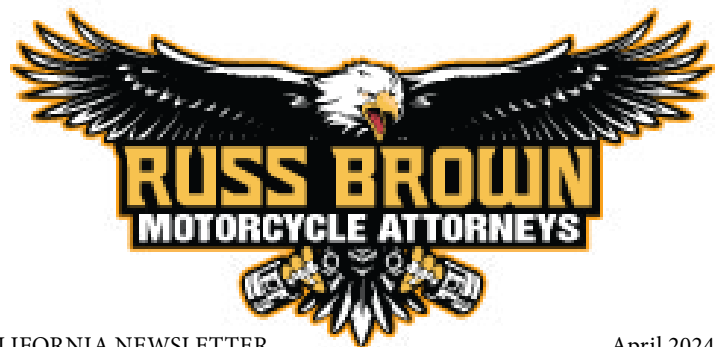


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## Locals Reports

### Local #01 Los Angeles County

We had our fundraiser run, The 37th Annual Peter Daniels Memorial Polar Bear Run on Sunday, the 10th of March. We were able to provide food for the participants at sign-in for breakfast at the Moose Lodge and for late lunch at the end-stop at The Elks Lodge. The prizes donated by Bartel's HD, Glendale HD, Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys, Glen Cheslock and all the others helped to make this event a success. Thanks to members of the Messengers and all of those who just made donations for making this event possible. And, we would also like to thank members of The Mended Sisters for running our sign-in booth!



We only wish even more riders could have joined us. This fundraiser will help us to continue our mission of providing education and training for all those who fight for our Rights. This mission includes providing political support in Sacramento.

Please make an effort to attend our monthly meetings on the third Tuesday at 5:30pm at Millie's Restaurant on Vanowen St., near Balboa in Van Nuys.

### Local #02 Simi Valley

Our March meeting went well, and we welcomed a member back who had previously moved out of State, just returning to California. Welcome back, Maggie!



We are still looking for new indoor place to have our monthly meetings. Any suggestions in the Simi area?

Our membership drawing was won by Ray Arsnow but he was not in attendance, so the pot rolls over to next month.

Remember to bring a friend to our next meeting on April 9th. If a new location is booked, I will let everyone know the location of the meeting.

Your President/Secretary

Jane Warthen

### Local #3 Thousand Oaks/Ventura

We are in planning stages for our annual Leather Weather Run ... hoping to get it set up for mid-April. Having a few new members, some of them are quite enthusiastic, and willing to jump in ... Which makes lighter work of putting on a run, and all that is involved! Thankful!

We're still holding our monthly Bike Nights and looking forward to getting out for more Sunday-Funday rides around Ventura County.

Anyone ... and everyone ... is invited to all our meetings and events. Our Local #03 is always happy 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. We encourage anyone in the area to just show up ... or call our President, Chuck Pedersen, for times and directions. His number is on the listing of Locals in the back of this issue.

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 #03 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-Profit, and Noise and Exhaust Bills this year! (see the flyer in this issue outlining ABATE accomplishments)

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Kathlean "MamaBear" Pedersen

Scribe, Treasurer & P.R. ABATE Local #03

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

There is not much to write about since we did not have a meeting in March. We passed the hat for the Lobbyist Fund and raised \$21 at the February meeting. The rainy season looks to be almost over, and now is the time for a safety check of your bike before getting it out and enjoying the weather.

You should be getting this issue of the Bailing Wire just before our Spring Bingo Run on April 27th. We hope to have good weather and that



## Locals Reports

we will see YOU there. Start point is Miss Darla's, 110 Peabody Road, in Vacaville. Sign-ins start at 10:00 and the first bingo numbers are drawn at 11:00. From there we go to the other stops before ending at the Green River Taproom. Please see the run card in this issue.

Our next meeting is the 21st of April at 11:00. We still need a few members to join our board and help out for the year. If we have a President for 2024, we can vote to go back to meetings every month.

Our "Biker Bucks" is holding at \$100 until somebody who's name is pulled is present at that meeting. Wally Mellor could have been going home with a smile on his face if he was at the February meeting.

Down the road,

Greg

### Local #19 Pomona & San Gabriel Valleys

It was with great disappointment that we notified the membership that there will not be a Profiling Bill this year. But there is a chance we may still get another Resolution to keep it fresh in front of legislators. Further, we will have a better chance of getting the bill out after the elections, next year, with the two-year reset in Sacramento. That said, we are constantly encouraging people to take the Motorcycle Profiling Survey @ [www.MotorcycleProfilingProject.com](http://www.MotorcycleProfilingProject.com). This gives us REAL data to support the justification of a Bill. You should both take the short survey AND encourage others to do so too.

Last month I mentioned that we will, for a second year, be providing coffee and doughnuts for the sendoff of The Run For The Wall, for TWO days. We have since found out that Soldiers For Jesus, another sustenance contributor to the sendoff, is going to be unable to do both days. So, we expect to need more doughnuts for the Tuesday departure than originally expected.

And one more significant happening is that with the loss of the proposed Alpine Regional Rally, a few Locals are partnering to put together a scaled back one day Regional Rally. For the moment, Save The Date... Sunday, July 28. It looks like the venue will be the Cypress American Legion, who is host venue to MANY motorcycle events of all sizes, including the Local 20 monthly meeting location. There will likely be an "Official Start Location" with an "Official Ride In". Stay tuned for details and a flyer in next month's Bailing Wire.

Safe Riding,

Jeff Bassler

President Local #19

### Local #23 San Bernardino

I guess the weather kept many of our members in bed instead of heading out to last month's meeting. However, our ever-faithful Art Rubio made it ... and just a month out from knee replacement! Our very dedicated president, Ron Morris was at the helm, and only 6 days from his total knee replacement. It must be a sign that some of our members are getting older and needing body parts replaced. Thank you both for your faithfulness to the cause. Hopefully, we will see more of our members in April. If the doctor gives Ron the ok, we'll be planning a ride. It's been a long time since we have been out to Winchester Farms.



The riding season (not that it ever ends in So Cal) is gearing up for some great riding and Bike Nights. Local 23 will be out at Cycle Gear's Bike Night on the 2nd Tuesday. The 1st Friday will see us at SoCal Bike Night in Moreno Valley. We will also be joining as many Poker Runs as we can in the next few months.

We hope to see many of our Local 23 members and fellow riders out with us. So, dust off those bikes, air up the tires, and strap on the helmets, it's time to RIDE!!!

Lizz Morris

1st Lady Local 23

### Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE members and friends,

We had a breakfast ride/meeting to Descanso Junction on March 9th. We discussed the upcoming Stimulus Run. We've got all of the stops and the end location lined up.

Now we have to confirm them. We will do a Pre-run sometime in April.

We need more tickets sold for the Stimulus Run. As of this writing (mid-March), we are almost at the break-even point. We also need to collect raffle prizes, whatever you can get donated. In my next report I will announce the winners of the Stimulus Raffle.

Our Local #38 sponsored a trophy for the 38th Annual Carne Asada Run, put on by the Sunrunners Car Club. They are one of our Turkey Run sponsors. Check out "ivmoto" on Facebook for announcements of the winners of both runs and other events.

We signed up 14 new members this past year and I encouraged all of them to attend our monthly meetings, get involved, and give us their input. We have two major events and several rides coming up.

I hope you all have had a wonderful Easter. See you down the road.

Take care and ride safe.

Eddie Aranda

President Local 38

## Local 24 Ammo Run May 4th & Polar Bear Run Photos

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**April 27th Spring Bingo Run** Local 17 - Vacaville, CA (Page 24)

**May 4th Ammo Run** Local 24 - Fresno, CA (Page 20)

**May 4th Stimulus Run** Local 38 - El Centro, CA (Page 6)

**May 14-15th Run For The Wall** Local 19 - Ontario, CA

**July 28th Regional Rallies** Local 19, 20 & 23 Cypress, CA

Flyer available next Month

If you have a date for your event, and no details or flyer yet, you may still submit your dates, then submit your flyer in time for the Bailing Wire.

ALL ABATE Events must have event insurance. Contact the ABATE State office for information.

### Bike Nights:-

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## Automakers wary of other states adopting California's 2035 EV mandate

### They say the plan might be feasible 'at least in the early years for California'

WASHINGTON — Major automakers said on Wednesday that a California plan to end the sale of gasoline-only vehicles by 2035 might be unworkable in 11 other states that adopted it, citing insufficient consumer demand.

The Alliance for Automotive Innovation, which represents most major automakers except Tesla, raised concerns in comments filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on California's proposal.

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) asked the EPA for a waiver under the Clean Air Act to implement its plan to end sales of gasoline-only vehicles by 2035.

California's EV requirements might be feasible "at least in the early years for California" but said the feasibility for other states with significantly lower current EV sales "is far less certain," the auto industry group said.

The onus for complying with the rules rests with automakers but it is unclear "whether customers in each jurisdiction will accept (zero-emission vehicle) technologies and purchase them in sufficient quantities. These are largely beyond the control of automakers," the group that represents General Motors, Toyota, Volkswagen and others said.

CARB said in response: "States that have adopted California's program understand that clean cars improve public health and address a global challenge."

AAI said that in order to meet the 2035 goal sales of electric, plug-in electric hybrid or hydrogen fuel cell vehicles will need to more than double in all but one state adopting California's rules and triple in five.

EPA did not immediately comment.

Separately, the American Petroleum Institute, an industry group, urged EPA to reject California's plan, which it said represents "the ultimate regulatory intervention."

President Joe Biden's administration has avoided setting a date to phase out the sale of gasoline-only vehicles.

The EPA in April separately proposed rules to cut vehicle emissions through 2032, forecasting that 60% of new cars produced by automakers would need to be EVs by 2030 and 67% by 2032 to meet requirements. Reuters reported this month the EPA plans to soften yearly requirements through 2030.


California's rules start in the 2026 model year and would cut smog-causing pollution from light-duty vehicles by 25% by 2037. They mandate 35% of new cars sold must be electric or plug-in hybrid by 2026. That proportion will rise to 68% by 2030 and 100% by 2035.


California's rules require by 2035 that 80% of all new vehicles sold in the state be electric and no more than 20% plug-in hybrid electric.

Chrysler parent Stellantis said in December it would temporarily cut one shift at its Detroit assembly plant that builds Jeep sport utility vehicles, citing California EV regulations.

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By Lee "Sporty" Milligan,

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them off at select locations. To find out which Cycle Gears are doing the Tuesday night monthly Bike Nights, go to their web site and look under Bike Nights.

I'll give you a hint as to the ones that I know that are doing them in my area. Pasadena, Culver City and Palmdale Cycle Gears. They are from 5pm to 7pm. Google those locations and check them out. Great events to meet prospective new members.

This, guys and gals, is the start of the many Bike Nights that will be springing up for the season. When you go to these Bike Nights, be sure to carry your membership sign-up cards, your Bailing Wires, and anything else you might think that represents the good work of ABATE, to convince riders to join. Plus, if you have membership drive raffle tickets, you can sell them. as well.

Remember we're in the beginning stages of our Annual ABATE Membership Drive.

For the weekend gigs, there's the hot spots such as the famous Rock Store and Neptune's net, as well as other Biker hang outs. If you have places to suggest where bikers hang out, you can get me to plug them in my membership report ... places where bikers can be seen, and we can get them to join ABATE. Send your hot spots to my e mail at williammilligan285@yahoo.com and I'll see that they get in the report.

Just have a good bit of patience and tolerance when you approach your prospective new members. Get to know them. Let them get to know you and the benefits of ABATE membership. Invite them on a ride or to a meeting.

For the ABATE membership officers and Presidents, remember to keep in touch with your members. Keep them informed and willing to go the extra mile for your local. When members cannot make a meeting, send them a copy of your meeting agenda and/or minutes for that month. Do this in a group e-mail done in the bcc format. Keeps the hackers away as the agenda gets sent to each member individually.

Well, I've stated my case for the start of the riding season and how you as ABATE members can help build the membership up with your personal efforts. Our membership committee can also help build the numbers up. Reach out to me and any of our membership crew members, Bill McClellan Asst. Membership Chair, Kathlean Pedersen.

Publicity Coordinator, and Jodie Maxwell, our website coordinator. Their contact info is listed in the front of this Bailing Wire.

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# Speed Cameras Fact Sheet

With properly posted speed limits and properly installed traffic-control devices, there is no need for ticket cameras. They can actually make our roads less safe. Here are ten reasons to oppose speed cameras:

**1) Photo radar is still radar, and it can generate false readings.**

Radar is not perfect. Unlike other normal tickets, citations resulting from cameras do not have a tracking history or a visual estimation by a qualified officer to back them up. Thousands of tickets can be generated between routine maintenance and calibration inspections, potentially resulting in just as many faulty readings.

**2) This type of enforcement emphasizes ticket volume.**

Despite claims to the contrary, photo radar is used in locations characterized by high traffic volume and under-posted speed limits. It is not profitable to use photo radar on residential streets, low volume roads or where speed limits are posted at the 85th percentile (the speed at which they should be posted).

**3) Ticket cameras are very inaccurate on certain roads.**

Tests done by the University of Virginia found that fewer than three percent of the photos taken of vehicles on Interstate-type roads provided a clear image of a single vehicle, the license plate number and the driver. Photo radar should not be used on high-speed, multi-lane highways. Yet, some greedy cities still use it on these types of roads.

**4) Photo radar encourages artificially low speed limits.**

In areas where proper speed limits have been set according to the 85th percentile (the speed at or below which 85 percent of traffic is flowing), cameras could only make money if their tolerance threshold was very low, such as one or two miles per hour over the speed limit. Politically, this is not acceptable, nor will the courts support this kind of enforcement. The only option is to put the photo radar on roads with unreasonably low speed limits, and then make sure the limits stay low.

**5) Ticket cameras do not improve safety.**

Despite the claims of companies that sell ticket cameras and provide related services, there is no independent verification that photo enforcement devices improve highway safety, reduce overall accidents, or improve traffic flow. Believing the claims of companies that sell photo enforcement equipment or municipalities that use this equipment is like believing any commercial produced by a company that is trying to sell you something.

**6) There is no certifiable witness to the alleged violation.**

A picture may be worth a thousand words, but it may also take a thousand words to explain what the picture really means. Even in those rare instances where a law enforcement officer is overseeing a ticket camera, it is highly unlikely that the officer would recall the supposed violation. For all practical purposes, there is no "accuser" for motorists to confront, which is a constitutional right. There is no one that can personally testify to the circumstances of the alleged violation, and just because a camera unit was operating properly when it was set up does not mean it was operating properly when the picture was taken of any given vehicle.

**7) Ticket recipients are not adequately notified.**

Most governments using ticket cameras send out tickets via first class mail. There is no guarantee that the accused motorists will even receive the ticket, let alone understand it and know how to respond. However, the government makes the assumption that the ticket was received. If motorists fail to pay, it is assumed that they did so on purpose, and a warrant may be issued for their arrest.

**8) The driver of the vehicle is not positively identified.**

Typically, the photos taken by these cameras do not identify the driver of the offending vehicle. The owner of the vehicle is mailed the ticket, even if the owner was not driving the vehicle and may not know who was driving at the time. The owner of the vehicle is then forced to prove his or her innocence, often by identifying the actual driver who may be a family member, friend or employee.

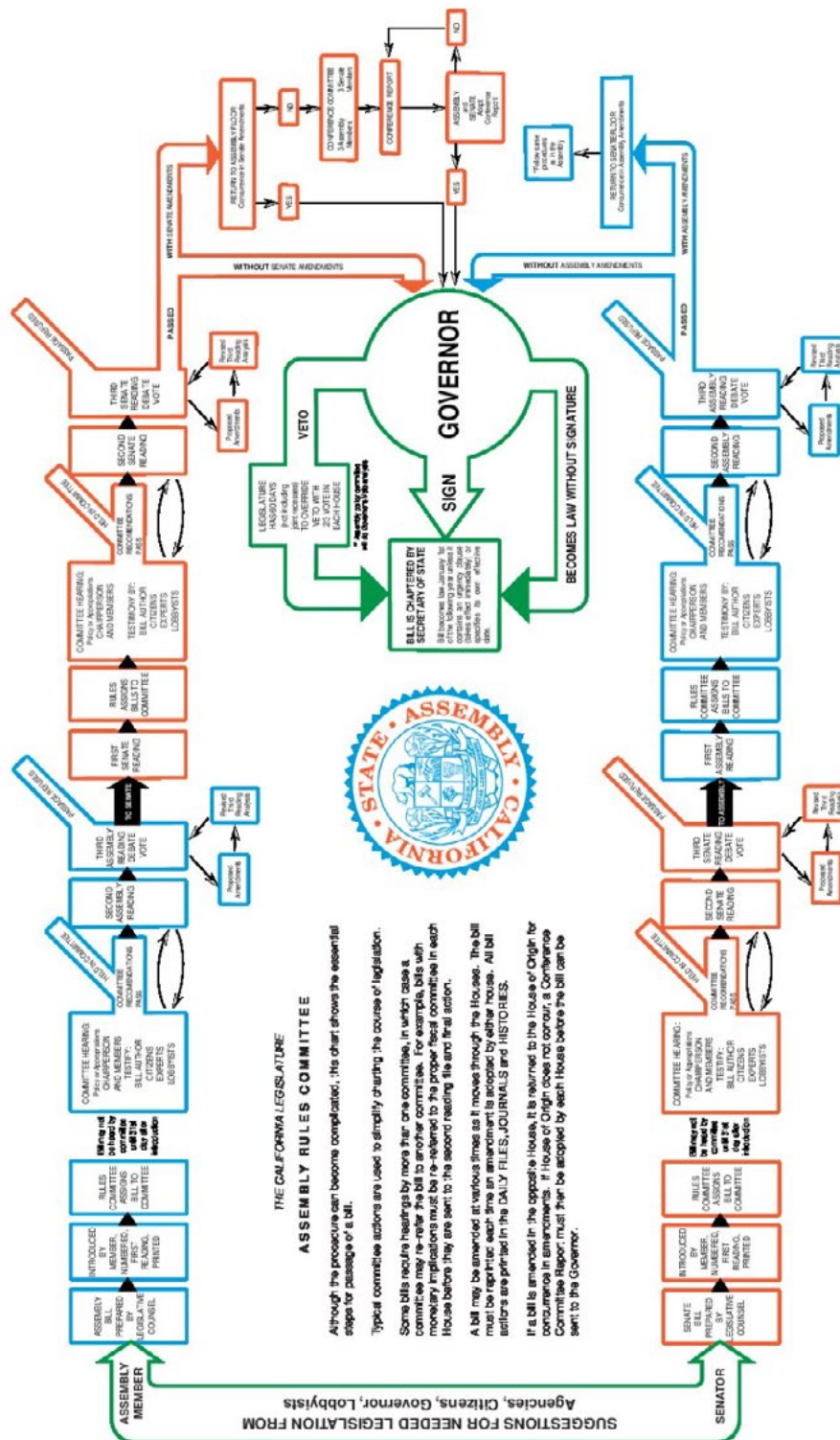
**9) Ticket recipients are not notified quickly.**

People may not receive citations until days or sometimes weeks after the alleged violation. This makes it very difficult to defend oneself because it would be hard to remember the circumstances surrounding the supposed violation. There may have been a reason that someone would be speeding or in an intersection after the light turned red. Even if the photo was taken in error, it may be very hard to recall the day in question.

**10) Ticket camera systems are designed to inconvenience motorists.**

Under the guise of protecting motorist privacy, the court or private contractor that sends out tickets often refuses to send a copy of the photo to the accused vehicle owner. This is really because many of the photos do not clearly depict the driver or the driver is obviously not the vehicle owner. Typically, the vehicle owner is forced to travel to a courthouse or municipal building to even see the photograph, an obvious and deliberate inconvenience meant to discourage ticket challenges.





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