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ABATE - Lobbyist Accomplishment Highlights

- **Steered CHP committee providing safety guidelines and legalizing Lane Splitting**
- **Passed yearly “May is Motorcycle Awareness Month” Resolution in the CA State Assembly & Senate**
- **Passed Senate Resolution 41 by Senator Caballero (D – Salinas) Anti-profiling Resolution**
- **Lobbied Caltrans to post “Look Twice for Motorcycles” and “Share the Road with Motorcycles” on their Freeway Message signs**
- **Stopped Transponders on Motorcycles for Autonomous Vehicle Recognition from advancing thru Strategic Highway Safety Plan Advisory Committee**
- **Passed Bill legalizing Motorcycles use of HOV lanes in California**
- **Defeated a bill by Assemblywoman LaFollette outlawing Lane Splitting by Motorcyclists in California**
- **Passed a bill requiring riders under 21 taking the Motorcycle Safety Program Training Classes**
- **Passed bill diverting Court fees on Helmet Violations to Support Motorcycle Safety Program**
- **Protect Yearly the Motorcycle Safety Trust Fund, where Motorcycle registration Fees are deposited**
- **Blocked a bill allowing Cameras to issue Motorcycle Noise tickets**
- **Defeated a bill allowing Cameras to issue Speeding Tickets**
- **Defeated bill requiring all Motorcycles pass an annual Smog test**
- **Passed bill grandfathering in pre 2016 motorcycle pipes for noise levels**
- **Defeated bill requiring Motorcyclists to wear Hi Vis Reflective Vests**
- **Passed bill legalizing Ape-hanger Handlebars above your shoulders**
- **Monitored over 2500 bills introduced and amendment by the California Legislature to see impact on Motorcyclists and their bikes every Year**

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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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Executive Director's Corner & California Unification Rally

by Chuck Pedersen



June is already behind us ... and yet I would like to AGAIN thank everyone that dedicated their time, money and effort toward - and at - the Unification Rally in Sacramento on May 21st. Many good things came from that event, but we are not finished, by any means! In fact, we have only started! That Unification Rally was the start of a momentum, that if we capitalize on, will take us into 2024 with legislative successes!

So, we need to continue ... with full throttle ahead!

If you could not attend the Sacramento Rally or stay to see your state representatives, you STILL can. They all have calendars with scheduled dates where they attend their regional offices. You can call on them, whether they are at their Sacramento offices or at their local offices. You can make appointments with them and sit in their offices. You can write a letter or an email to express your concerns about pending legislation. Do one or all of these options ...and frequently.

Bobby T, your ABATE PAC Legislative Director, and his team, are working hard to set up the grass roots support to submit bills for the 2024 legislation season. He will be asking for YOUR participation. The best support you can provide is to build your relationships with your legislators. Then, when we need them to listen, they will be familiar with ABATE and with YOU! We have the luxury of being ahead of the game. Give Bobby T or me a holler if you need some help getting started in contacting your legislators. Our phone numbers are listed in this Bailing Wire on page 3.

June is also the beginning of the ABATE summer bike runs. Support your Local when planning and executing Local runs. Step up and get involved. And, if you see sister Locals struggling to hold runs, help them out. Example: Local 3 is helping Local 2 with their Sweaty Buns Run this month. This is a time when we all need to not only insure our own success, but to also support each other. If you are a Local struggling to have your annual runs, reach out to me and I will help you figure it out.

Lastly, our Local 3 never made a ton of money annually. The range has been anywhere from \$900 to \$2,000. But at the end of each year, as President of the Local, I made sure that we started the next fiscal year with \$650 in reserve, while the rest was donated to the ABATE state accounts. In my 27 years at ABATE, I've always had the opinion that some Locals hang on to too much money when rolling over into the next year. I know that this is a difficult discussion. But remember, a major objective for ABATE is that we have an ABATE presence at legislative fund raisers. The state office pays for our lobbyists to make that presence. This is part of our success mode. So, please be mindful of our obligations to support the state office.

Afterall ... ABATE of CA survives and thrives through the Locals' support. For Our Freedom of the Road!

California Unification Rally Draws 3,000 to State Capitol

On May 21, 2023, over 3,000 motorcyclists gathered at the California State Capitol in Sacramento to talk biker's rights, and to send a message to the state legislature that a change in how California deals with issues important to riders is needed. Speakers from the Modified Motorcycle Association (MMA) of California, ABATE of California, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), the National Council of Clubs (NCOC) and other groups took to the podium to stress the importance of all riders - as well as other consumer advocates, including those in the automotive industry - coming together to present a unified front. Rally organizer and MRF State Representative 'Chappy' Patrick Carver and his team of volunteers did yeoman's work in organizing the event. Chappy is also the President and lobbyist for the MMA of California and works closely with the MRF on legislative issues being addressed in Congress. Numerous long-time California activists, including ABATE lobbyists Jim Lombardo and Bobby T, ABATE officers David 'D-Man' Seiler, Chuck Pedersen, and MMA/ABATE Liaison Dave Battles were on hand, as well.



For California riders, a major concern continues to be the issue of being unfairly profiled by law enforcement. Following a concerted, years-long effort by motorcycle clubs from around the country, the NCOC, the MRF, state motorcyclists' rights organizations and thousands of independent riders, anti-profiling resolutions have now been passed in both the U.S.

Senate and House of Representatives with bi-partisan support. On a local level, five states have passed standalone anti-profiling laws. California and other states are working to have similar legislation enacted.

Other topics of discussion at the rally included protecting the rights of consumers to repair their machines, the unrealistic rush to outlaw internal combustion engines in favor of electric vehicles, ongoing issues associated with unregulated self-driving autonomous vehicles, and the appropriate labeling and availability of E10 or lower petroleum fuels.

MRF Executive Director Mark Buckner addressed the rally, emphasizing the importance of the challenges and opportunities facing riders today. Buckner discussed MRF's recent Bikers Inside the

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California Unification Rally...continued

(continued from page 5) Beltway lobbying campaign in Washington, D.C., highlighting the issues discussed with members of Congress and their staff. Those issues included ongoing efforts to end unfair profiling; H.R. 906, the Repair Act, seeking to stop manufacturers from limiting the ability of consumers and independent shops to repair products; H.R. 1435, the Preserving Choices in Vehicle Purchases Act, seeking to amend the Clean Air Act to prevent a ban on internal combustion engines; ensuring that Congress and executive branch agencies including the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) provide appropriate oversight regarding self-driving vehicles; ensuring that consumers will continue to be able to purchase E10 and lower ethanol fuels at a reasonable price; and building strong, bi-partisan motorcycle caucuses made up of motorcycle-friendly legislators in Washington, D.C.

Overall, the California Unification Rally was a resounding success, with unity and opportunity the messages of the day.



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Lobbyist Capitol Update



by The Lombardo Group, ABATE of California Lobbyist

Every summer the Legislature rushes to finish up bills before they take a Month off for the Summer recess. They return to their Districts from July 14th to August 14th and then come back to the Capitol sprinting til the end of Session, finally adjourning by September 15th. After that the Governor has until October 15th to Sign, Veto or leave unsigned Bills to become Law.

Many bills we are working on are currently moving thru the Legislative Process. AB 316 by Assemblywoman Aguiar-Curry (Democrat - Winters) will require a

Human Safety Operator to be present in any Autonomous Vehicle over 10,000 lbs - meaning all Big Trucks on the Highways. This bill will be heard in the Senate Transportation Committee next.

Also, AB 645 Friedman (Democrat - Glendale) will allow Cameras to give non-point violation Speeding tickets. We have had many of these Bills in the past because they applied to the whole State. This bill calls for a Pilot program in Los Angeles- San Jose-Oakland- Glendale- San Francisco. Just some Major Cities in California. Stay Tuned for Updates and Calls to Actions!

We had a very successful Unification Rally May 21st at the California State Capitol, with over 3,000 bikers in attendance. Thanks to those that helped put it on and to all the speakers. See the pictures on ABATE Social Media platforms and in the Bailing Wire this month!

Keep an eye out for some new Content...I was interviewed by Rusty Coons on behalf of Russ Brown Attorneys, check it out. It should be posted shortly.

For more in depth Analysis of the latest proposed Laws in California, check out the next page!

Thanks as always to those who send their contributions to the Dedicated Lobbyist Account- Ride Safe this Summer!

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Politics: Legislature Proposed New Laws

Presented by The Lombardo Group

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

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

*Assembly Appropriations

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

This bill would prohibit the operation of an autonomous vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or more on public roads for testing purposes, transporting goods, or transporting passengers without a human safety operator physically present in the autonomous vehicle at the time of operation. *Senate - Referred to Committee on Transportation

AB-645 Friedman Speed Safety System Pilot Program - Oppose

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

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

The bill would designate all photographic, video, or other visual or administrative records, not including data about the number of violations issued or the speeds at which they were issued for, made by a system as confidential, and would only authorize public agencies to use and allow access to these records for specified purposes.

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

This bill would require a \$25 filing fee for an appeal challenging a notice of violation issued as a result of a speed safety system until January 1, 2032.

*Senate - Referred to Committee on Transportation

SB-50 Bradford Vehicles: enforcement - Tracking/Monitoring

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

The bill would authorize local authorities to enforce a violation of the Vehicle Code through government employees who are not peace officers. *Assembly - Referred to Committee on Public Safety

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

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

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

*Assembly - Referred to Committee on Water, Parks & Wildlife

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

Existing law requires a driver and a passenger to wear a safety helmet meeting certain requirements when riding on a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle.

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. *Passed Senate 21 Ayes, 8 Noes & 11 Abstain/Not Voting

*Assembly - Referred to Committee on Transportation

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Locals Reports

Local #01 Los Angeles

We had a good meeting on Tuesday night. We addressed the political policies being adopted in Sacramento impacting our freedoms. Sporty gave us an update on his impressions of the Unification Rally. We covered the overview of the Lombardo Group's recap of the status of the proposed laws and where they stand in the process. Please see last month's Bailing Wire, for our latest business member, spotlighted in that issue, thanks to Sporty.

Also, Gina treated those who attended to a great lasagna and garlic toast dinner. We wanted to thank her for going beyond her position as secretary.

Over the last couple months, our focus has been on getting the word out about the Sacramento Unification Rally, both before and after the event took place. Publicizing the Rally for increased attendance, and then sharing the success of the day ... and it was a tremendous success. Reportedly over 3,000 motorcyclists were in attendance, with the intention of making our voices heard. Several ABATE and Coalition participants stayed on Monday to meet with legislators. We are making progress!

I have not been able to ride due to back surgery, but I was able to support a local event sponsored by a club member, by dropping off some donations for the East Valley Animal Shelter, Van Nuys. John had a great club turnout with many local clubs' and rider participation.

Our Local members have been doing Bike Nights as often as members are able to support our booth. Some of our members were able to support a business member's Anniversary Party at Born Free, ... and Congratulations Alex. Hopefully, the Messengers' Camp Out is well attended, looks like the weather is in their favor. They have been members and officers in ABATE Local #01 and ABATE of California.

I was made aware that Sheriffs in Santa Clarita have put pressure on the Bike Night held every Wednesday to keep out colors. I just want to note that this event has gone on without incident, since starting up again after CoVid. Once more, we are being profiled unjustly. I encourage anyone affected by this or who cares about our rights, to join our fight to stop profiling.

Our Local #01 meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month. See the last page of this issue for location and time. ALL are welcome!

Ride Safe ... Ride Free. Jim Nickla, President

Local #02 Simi Valley

We had a GREAT meeting, last night (June 14th) It was the best attendance in a while. Kathleen P. from Local 3 joined us to offer her Local's help with our upcoming run and to also talk about ABATE of CA's P.R. activities ... AND, it was GREAT to see Norm up and around and able to attend our meeting. We hope to see more of him, as he heals from recent surgeries.

We are well planned and on our way to having a successful Sweaty Buns Poker Run, on July 23rd. (look for flyer in this issue) We've acquired some terrific sponsors and have laid out the design and set up the printing of our run T-shirts. The route is planned by our Run Coordinator, Bob "Pig Face," and we know riders will enjoy it! Three stops planned ... so, one card at the start, a card at each of three stops,

and one card at the finish ... for your full poker hand. There will be prizes for high & low hands, along with 50/50 and raffle drawings at the end party. It will be a fun event! All for fundraising to support our Motorcycling Riding Rights!

Our Local meets the second Tuesday of each month at Fast n Fresh Mexican Grill, 2480 Tapo St. Simi Valley. Everyone is welcome, so please come and join us. We try to get there around 6:30 to order our dinners, and then the meeting starts at 7:00. We have a "Biker Bucks" membership drawing at the end of the meeting. You must be present to win (that's kinda the point of the drawing) Last night, our member Stephanie A. was drawn, but not in attendance, so the pot rolls over to next month. We're a fun group ... Join us!

Jane W., President

Local #3 Thousand Oaks/Ventura

We are excited to report that Local 3's membership is growing! Recording three more members since last month! This makes our meetings and events more fun ... and helps us work toward our mission of fighting for motorcyclists' rights.

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

We are happy to report that some of us attended The California Unification Rally, on the steps of the Capital Building in Sacramento, on May 21st. And we stayed over to Monday, to walk the halls of the Capital, meeting with legislators and discussing our desires and concerns related to upcoming proposed legislation. As our President says, "this is only the start" and we need to keep focused on the goal.

Also, as of this July publish date, we will have had another Yard Sale fundraiser. Based on past sales of this type, we expect we will have made a decent 'haul' to be able to donate to the ABATE state accounts.

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 these events, contributes to the work we do protecting our motorcycle riding rights.

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

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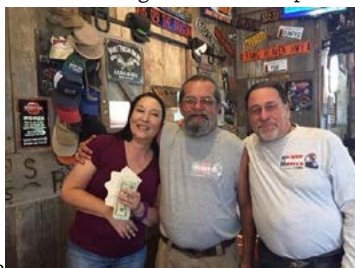
Kathlean "MamaBear" Pedersen, P.R. ABATE Local #3

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

Hey There ABATE members and readers,

It is again this month that I share more sad news from our Local – We lost our Brother and Friend, Gilbert Camou. Our heartfelt prayers and thoughts go out to Gilbert's wife Evy and their families. Gilbert was a long-time member and one of those that pitched in and volunteered at numerous events. From our Bingo Runs to the Hot Rod & Harley events, we could count on Gilbert to be there with a smile and his good nature. He was a personal and dear friend to Cathy and me, and I will always remember the camaraderie and good times we spent together. We will miss you, Buddy.

Our Summer Bingo Run is this month, on July 22nd ... starting at Miss Darla's in Vacaville and ending at our new business member Francisco Castillo's Restaurant "3" in Fairfield. (see the flyer in this issue for details) If you have never been on one of these runs, you are missing out. Not only are they a lot of fun, but there are payouts at all five stops! Please come out and support an organization that fights for your rights as a rider. FYI – New members that join ABATE this day will receive a free bingo card for each stop. It is a fun day you will remember.



Finally – Please consider supporting our Local #17 with a bit of your time and leadership. We need volunteers for President, Vice President, and an Event Coordinator. I want to focus more on my membership position. Our VP, Mike Todd, will be moving soon. We do not have (and really need) an Event Coordinator. More hands make lighter work.

See you at our meeting on July 16th at Judy's Wild Wrangler in Vacaville, at the Bingo Run on the 22nd starting at Miss Darla's ... and ... around the next corner.

Glenn

Local #19 Pomona & San Gabriel Valleys

It has been a busy month for those of us at Local 19. We have four main things happening. First off, I represented the Local at the Unification Rally. The Rally itself was nice and gave us some good momentum to move forward from. I was disappointed that our lead partner in the Unification Rally had promised they would be bridging the gap with other Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) stakeholders, and only motorcycle related people and organizations were actually represented. But they are moving forward FROM the Unification Rally with renewed effort and look like they are making contacts with the likes of SEMA in preparation for the next Rally. We will get there.

And, the stars have aligned for me to make a new ally for ABATE and our anti-profiling effort. With the 2020 redistricting, Sen. Susan Rubio's new district includes my home City of La Verne. I had a chance meeting with her in the district a week before the Rally, and that led to her stepping out of a Zoom meeting to see me when I arrived at her office the day after the Rally. I had some time with the Senator and her lead legislative assistant. It turns out discrimination and profiling are a particular thorn in both of their sides. And if we play our cards right, we MAY have an author for an anti-profiling bill in 2024.

Next up is our great distraction. Although not officially an ABATE activity, a friend and I head up to a motorcycle parade on the 4th of July, and I draw from many ABATE members to pull it together. This will be the 18th year of the La Verne 4th of July Motorcycle Parade. We typically have over 200 bikes, many two up, participating. We run the route at about 15 MPH BEFORE the City parade, which goes at a MUCH slower pace. We don't charge anybody anything to participate, expect their autograph on a waiver ... and patriotism, and all participants get a ride pin. It has become something people look forward to all year. We have a Facebook Group with an event for it at Friends of the 4th of July – Motorcycles, if you would like to know more about it. ...And things are coming together nicely for it.

Next up is ... we are in the midst of a Bicycle Drive. Huffy gives us a special non-profit wholesale discount on bikes for children, and we have a line on bicycle helmets at a great price. But thanks to COVID the bike and helmet pairing that used to cost us \$50 per now costs us \$80 per. We get these for our Toy Run partner, SCI (Santa Claus of the Chaffey District, Inc... a 501(C)3 charity...) to be able to give out to kids that would otherwise not have bicycles at Christmas. It is the rare person who takes up motorcycle riding after NOT riding a bicycle as a kid. So, I refer to the bike as the 'gateway drug' to motorcycles. We are building our next generation of riders. Therefore, we want to get as many out as possible. This year our goal has been scaled back to 75 bikes because of the increased costs. If you would like to help, you

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can Zelle money to (909)919-0783, or mail a check made out to SCI (as spelled out above) with "bike" in the memo to the State Office. Every bit helps.

The fourth thing in our list is preparation for the Toy Run itself. The flyer is in this issue of the Bailing Wire and has taken place on the first Sunday of December for 35 years. But instead of telling you about the event, I want to tell you about SCI. There are a lot of organizations out there that collect all kinds of money and pay out nice salaries with it. Nobody makes a dime helping SCI. Everything that does not go to their \$1 per month rent on the building, upkeep, electricity, and such bills, goes to getting stuff into the hands of the kids of some 1,600 families per year. Most organizations are picky about the donations they will accept, and ONLY accept "NEW" items. Well, Santa has elves. And you would not believe what these elves do with used items, and they don't even have to be complete used items. For instance, if they are given an incomplete Monopoly game, surely someone else will give another incomplete game they can mate together to get one good one. They get used and beat up dolls that... I can't tell you how... look brand new when they are done with them. They really spin straw into gold... and it is all done anonymously. The kids don't know their presents came from a charity. They came from Santa Claus. And THAT is why we have been supporting them in their mission for 35 years. It takes time and space to do all this elf magic, so they only accept used items through September. Then it is crunch-time. Our Toy Run location is DIRECTLY across the street from SCI. And if you come to the event, some of the elves will be happy to give you a tour through the facility to see what they do, hear a more detailed version of their story... and see the output they are about to give out. I hope that inspires you to want to attend...

Until next month, go spin your odometer the fun way, and keep the shiny side up.

Jeff Bassler, President Local #19

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE Members and Readers of the Bailing Wire,

I hope you have or had a good 4th of July. As of this writing in June, we are planning our annual 4th of July no host Breakfast Run to Alpine. We'll meet at the Chevron station on Imperial Avenue in El Centro at 7:00am, KSU at 7:15am. We're going to Franco's Flapjacks off of Tavern Road. After that, if you want you can join us as we head over to the Alpine Community Center, where they are having a 4th of July Festival. There will be a live band, a beer garden, vendors and a bounce house. Everyone is Welcome! Motorcycle parking will be in front of the Community Center.

We sent a check for \$3,000 from our proceeds of our recent Stimulus Run to ABATE of CA, to be split 50/50 between the lobbyist and PAC funds. We are often asked, for a small local, how have we been as successful, as we are. Our biggest assets are our members, always stepping up when needed. I want to acknowledge one member that has helped make Local #38 relevant, in this social media age. Rocio Green, with her IVmoto Facebook page, plus her networking, has led to billboards promoting our annual Turkey Run. She has also made flyers for different events, helped bring in new members and is helping to bring the different bike groups together. Teamwork makes the dream work. Oh, and Rocio is also one of my Local #38 VPs. She promotes ABATE's message on her page. She keeps everyone informed of all

the motorcycle happenings in the Imperial, Yuma, AZ and Mexicali areas. I could go on and on, but I'm pretty sure you get the picture.

We have an active membership and thankful for it!

See you down the road. Take care and ride safe.

Ed Aranda, President, Local #38

TRAILBLAZING STORY OF JESSICA WISE, FOUNDER OF THE LITAS AND HELL BABES

by Olivia Goheen | Mar 12, 2023. Pictured Right: The Litas Group Ride (Photo owned by Jessica Wise)



Whether you're new to riding or a seasoned veteran, chances are you've heard of "The Litas." This motorcycle group has become a global movement empowering women motorcycle riders around the world. Jessica Wise is the leading woman behind the riding collective and the founder of the motorcycle apparel brand Hell Babes. Her unwavering determination and passion for motorcycles have not only shattered stereotypes but paved the way for a new generation of female riders to feel confident on the road and look stylish doing it. In this article, we dive into the inspiring story of Jessica Wise and how she's revolutionizing the motorcycle industry one ride at a time.

Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys: Tell us a little bit about yourself.

Jessica Wise: I'm living in Salt Lake City right now. I'm from Washington State. I've been here for about 13 years, so quite a while. I started The Litas because I really wanted to find my own community of women riders. I love motorcycles. I've been in this [motorcycle] world for a while, but I'm especially passionate about getting more women into riding.

Pictured Right: Jessica Wise, Founder of The Litas (Photo Owned by Jessica Wise)

Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys: Tell us how you got started in motorcycles?

Jessica Wise: I was going to the University of Utah and I was sitting there waiting for the dorm bus to pick me up and take me back up to the dorms. I saw a girl ride by on a motorcycle and I think that was the first time I'd ever seen a woman riding a motorcycle. She was younger, like me. She had this really cute leather backpack on, and it just made an impression. Six months prior, I was in Montana driving with my family. There I saw a bunch of motorcycles ride by, and I was like, "I think I want to get a motorcycle." My family was like, "oh yeah, you want to get a hog? That's really crazy." And I was like, "yeah, I think I want to do it." There's nothing that motivates me more than people thinking I can't do something. I think that fueled my fire a little bit.



Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys: Talk to me a little bit more about the genesis of The Litas.

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Jessica Wise: Where it started was, I was dating a guy that I was totally head over heels in love with and he broke up with me and I was super brokenhearted. It was Thanksgiving break. I was hanging out at my parent's house for a couple of weeks, and I saw a post on Instagram of a bunch of women riding together. It was probably 15 women. I can't remember what women's group it was. But I was like, "that looks really cool. I think I need that in my life." I think I also just needed something to throw myself into. College can be kind of lonely. I didn't have a ton of friends at college. I guess I was wanting more connection. And that just sparked the idea — 'I want to start a women's riding group.' And I think because of the place I was at in my life with the heartbreak, and things were kind of hard, I especially needed it.

Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys: I love that. The Phoenix rises from the ashes. And honestly, that's one of the best ways to go about heartbreaks — doing something you love and then looking where it's turned. Thank you, guy, for breaking up with me because look where I am now.

Jessica Wise: Also, the funny thing is, he is now my husband!

Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys: Why do you think this has been such a global success in such a short time? And how has it exploded? Talk to me about how and why you think that happened.

Jessica Wise: I think there are a lot of factors. Honestly, I feel like the success of anything is really a combination of the right timing opportunity and the ambition to figure it out and get it done. And at the same time, I think there were a lot of women who were in the exact same place that I was — looking for connection and community and a place to belong.

Pictured Right: The Litas members join together for a ride (Photo Owned by Jessica Wise)



Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys: If someone wants to start a chapter, what's the process on how they can do that?

Jessica Wise: Usually three riders come together, and they submit through The Litas website to start a branch. Then we get to know them a little bit and onboard them. Once we get them up on the website, they can start accepting members. I say that loosely because we are an open-riding group. But riders can go in and submit their info, so they'll get branch communication about rides and events.

Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys: So, what's something about the motorcycle community that you really love, and something that you really don't like?

Jessica Wise: One thing I love is that I feel like, because of The Litas, there's so much inclusivity. Hmm, something I don't like — that might be a hard one. Honestly, I feel like I can't think of anything. To get where I am now, I really had to keep a very positive optimistic mindset because there are so many roadblocks.

Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys: What was the best advice you ever got when you became a rider?

Jessica Wise: Some of the best advice I ever got was, if you ever hop on a motorcycle that's not yours, don't think that you can just ride it.

Approach it slowly and feel it out and get a feel for it. I think that's really important in order to stay safe. And then another one is to always ride within your comfort level.



Pictured Left: Jessica On Her Chopper (Photo owned by Jessica Wise)

Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys: Let's talk about Hell Babes. Was this something that ricocheted from the development of The Litas or was this always in the works?

Jessica Wise: So, I had actually started this little vintage resale clothing shop before I started The Litas. It was called Gold Dust Clothing. And I was getting vintage Harley tees and reselling them. I always had an interest in that area, but it really grew after I started The Litas.

Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys: Have you ever gotten into a motorcycle accident?

Jessica Wise: I've dropped my bike a few times. One time stopping in gravel and then many times when I was already stopped in gravel.

Pictured Right: The Litas Logo (Owned by Jessica Wise)

If you are interested in learning more about The Litas or starting your own branch, check out the group's website and Instagram.



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First off, the key to use of the rear brake is to NOT lock it up. The secret is practice. Every time you use your front brake you should also use a little of your rear brake. Practice doing this to get the feel for how much rear brake you can use under different situations. This will develop muscle memory. Rear braking should always be smooth and gradual. Now that you have the skill, you need to know and practice the application where it is invaluable.

When you apply the front brake the weight of the bike shifts heavily onto the front tire. Only if you are doing that to the extreme of some racing, your rear tire will have little to no weight on it. That is when you don't use the rear brake. If you apply a little rear brake just before the front brake, that shift will not be as significant. If you are riding with a passenger, this leads to less of their weight transferring to your arms holding them back. If you are on a curve, but are in too hot, most training that we remember tells us to bring the bike up, then brake, and HOPEFULLY have enough left to be able to get back on the curve in time and enough to safely complete it. However, if you

had just applied a little rear brake, that would allow you to take a little speed off, tighten off the curve and avoid that dropping of the front end from applying front brake while still in the lean... and more safely take that corner. The same technique applies if the bike in front of you brakes a little more than you expected into a curve, and you need to drop speed to avoid hitting him. Remember that rear brake.

In slow speed applications, such as parking lots, use of rear brake exclusively enables much more control of the bike without risk of dropping the bike from a front tire lock with handlebars turned. That same concept applies to more aggressive maneuvers. You have seen the police officers participate in Motorcycle Rodeos, where they are constantly taking corners tighter than you can. They only use the front brake to quickly slow when ending a straight away. Otherwise, they are constantly making adjustments of the rear brake, throttle and clutch. Optimally they can set the throttle and clutch at one setting and adjust speed and lean with their rear brake.

And the rear brake is excellent for situations of reduced traction. You can be on dirt, gravel or even wet surfaces that will reduce tire traction. In such situations it is easy to accidentally apply just a little too much front brake and lock that tire. If this happens, you are likely going down. However, if you

are applying a little rear brake instead you can slow the bike with better control.

Here are some articles you might want to look at for more information on better use of the rear brake:

<https://www.sportrider.com/riding-skills-series-using-rear-brake>

<http://www.motorcycle.com/ask-mo-anything/should-i-use-the-rear-brake-or-not.html>

<http://motorcycles.yoexpert.com/advanced-riding-techniques/what-is-the-best-motorcycle-rear-brake-technique-a-30545.html>


<http://www.therideadvice.com/the-motorcycle-back-brake-is-there-for-a-reason-use-it/>

<https://www.asphaltandrubber.com/lifestyle/use-your-rear-brake-motorcycle/>

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Sporty's Rides

By Lee "Sporty" Milligan

This month's theme stems from one hell-of-a band, The Grateful Dead. Driving my train high on cocaine ... watch your distance ... hold your speed. That was good traveling music, back in the day. Another moving road song was Freeway Jam, by the late great guitar player, Mr. Jeff Beck.

By now you can assume that we're not just going to a poker run or bike show somewhere close. We're going to an event that is some considerable distance away from my home base in San Fernando. I was heading out to the Unification Rally in the Capitol building in Sacramento, CA. "But Sporty, you're leaving kinda early" says my 'best one.' She never wants me to go more than 250 miles per day. So, to keep her worry at a minimum, I only went halfway the first day. It's nice to have someone to care so much.

This trip I am riding my 1200 L 1997 Sportster, with its new starter. On the road, I stopped at the T&A truck stop off Hwy. 99 and Merced Road for gas. I continued to my next destination, Visalia Harley Davidson, where I dropped off Bailing Wires. They were pleasant and friendly. They allowed flyers and events to be posted at the coffee area. Bidding my farewell, I made a dash to Fresno where I stayed at a Motel 6. I slept comfortably, thankfully!

The next day I woke up refreshed and texted the wife, so she doesn't worry. Saturday was a pleasant day, and so was the ride. I arrived at my Motel 6 in Sacramento by 4:00 pm. At 6:00 pm we had a gathering and dinner with ABATE boards members and other Coalition people at the Mexican restaurant on motel row in Sacramento. We enjoyed the camaraderie and made plans for Sunday's Rally.

Sunday, I prepared for the Rally, found the parking area at the Capitol where the bikes were being parked, and made my way to the ABATE booth. The Rally had keynote speakers, such as NY Myke and our very own Lobbyist Jim Lombardo, plus speakers from The MMA, MRF and others, talking about the importance of being unified in our work on issues that affect us. We had over 3000 bikes show up. Impressive day! When the Rally was over those who were going to be staying over for meetings with legislators on Monday went back to their motels. I had dinner at Denny's near where I was staying. Decent meal.

Monday was important, as we were going to present our issues to the legislative assembly members or senators who were willing to see us. My assembly person, Luz Maria Rivas was unable to see me, and the staff member also got called away for a committee meeting, so I left information to Mrs. Rivas with her staff secretary. We paired up in threes. I went with Local 25 ABATE member Dave Battles and Bill McClennen. We went to three appointments, presenting our issues with our elected officials. The bitchen part of the day was when we were in the Senate gallery and were recognized as being there representing ABATE of California. That, in itself, was important!

So, at 3:00 pm on Monday I left for home. I stopped in Fresno for the night. The next day left to finish the journey home. Ate a nice breakfast in Delano. Then stopped for gas at the Shell station off Grapevine. Took a picture of a cute bird, that was near the gas pumps. Cool deal. Before the end of the day, I stopped at Santa Clarita HD for a cup of coffee and then arrived home about 4:00 pm. All in all, a good trip to the Unification Rally in Sacramento.



Saturday, June 3rd, I rode up to the Messengers of Recovery SFV Chapter at the Verdugo Oaks Boy Scout camp. I came for the Saturday pass that included dinner. This is a fun event with the Messengers and other sober clubs. I got to be with my Shagger pals and that was cool. What was cool was that I felt I was treated well. I had a nice lunch and a great dinner, and an enjoyably day. Thanks to the Messengers SFV Chapter for providing a nice time and to be able to spend time with my Shagger buddies.

The next day, June 4th, I attended the poker run for veterans at the Elks Lodge in Tujunga. When I arrived, it appeared to be a sea of baggers all lined up. I signed in and paid the \$35. That seems to be the charity admission going rate these days. This event had an actual poker run route we took. The route went through the Angeles Crest mountains, and then exited through Aliso Cyn. Road, which then led to the 49er Bar & Grill in Acton. Check point 2. I stayed for a coke, chatted with one of the locals, then took off to check point 3, off Sierra Hwy. There I drew a 'pissy' card. On to another Elks Lodge off Mint Cyn. and Sierra Hwy where I drew still another 'pissy' card. Then back to the starting location, the Elks in Tujunga. Food and drink, street tacos – all very good. Then a rock band played to entertain everyone. I worked the crowd, including the Elks Riders, trying to get members. Always plugging away.

The final track of this month's Sporty's Rides was the Golden State Hog Chapter meeting. We met at the dealership where we had our meeting upstairs. It lasted about an hour. We had a ride planned to go to the 49er Bar & Grill in Acton for lunch. We had about 10 of us show up for the meeting. Usually, after the meeting we have about 15 minutes to get coffee then line up for the ride. After getting my decaf, I noticed a guy with a Sportster, 48 model with the white gas tank. Nevertheless, I paid no mind, at the time.

So, we lined up and took off. However, we got going and then noticed that part of the group was missing. So we circled back to the dealership and discovered that the guy with the Sportster 48 had had an accident! Apparently, something caused him to grab his throttle instead of the break and he hopped the curb and crashed into the building. All the participants, FD, PD, and ambulance showed up to render assistance. We were stunned for a bit, but then continued on our journey to Acton. Once we arrived there, destination achieved, I ate a great lunch of chicken tenders with lovely mustard sauce. A 20-dollar bill covered the food cost and tip. We parted ways and after being with the Glendale HD Hog Chapter, I said my goodbyes to Peter and the gang and headed for home.

Sporty's Ride Continued & Legislative Corner

On the way home I decided to take little Tujung home from Sand Cyn. It was a nice journey. At the end, I stopped at the 7-11 at the end of Osborne in Lakeview Terrace for a coffee and a pretzel. After that, went home to my house in San Fernando.

This ends this month's installment of Sporty's Rides. As you can see, I love to ride and am always going somewhere, usually representing ABATE. Thanks for coming along.

Keep trying to do ABATE events, keep working on sharing the ABATE message and getting new members ... and be careful out there.

Sporty out.

Legislative Corner

by Bobby Tablado,

Legislative Director of ABATE of California

May was a transformative month for ABATE and Motorcycle Rights in California. Just weeks before the Unification Rally at the state capitol,



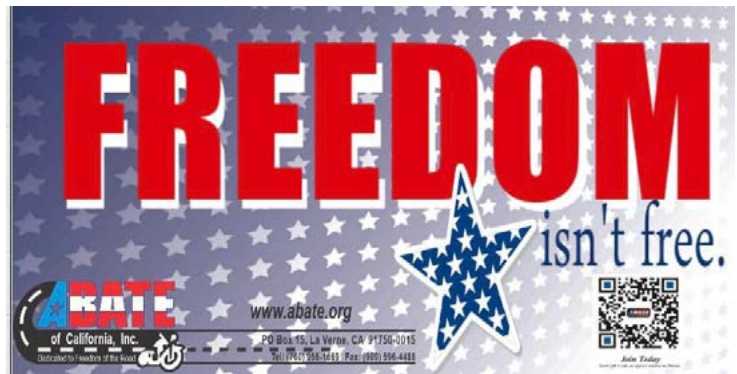
the California Air Resources Board (CARB) released draft changes to regulations and emissions standards for on-road motorcycles. These changes, as well as CARB and the EPA's influence over motorcycle manufacturing, sound and emissions standards can't be overstated. ABATE has historically been focused on Safety, Education and Legislation. In light of the challenges facing the future of motorcycles and all motorized vehicles in California, ABATE must broaden its scope to include sound, emissions and manufacturing regulations and standards.

The use of the term motorized vehicles also represents a paradigm shift to include other forms of transportation than just motorcycles. New laws introducing sound regulation and enforcement technologies do not discriminate

and apply to motorcycles, automobiles and trucks alike. Because of this, UN, EU and now EPA and CARB focus to eliminate noise and internal combustion engines in favor of electric vehicles. ABATE, as well as all state MROs, clubs and independents must not only work together to slow down and push back on many of these changes, but to establish new alliances and partnerships with our auto industry counterparts, who also face these same challenges.

As we finally come to this realization, the magnitude expanding our scope can seem overwhelming. The good news is that ABATE has the vision and the leadership to help navigate through the complexity of this expanded focus on sound, emissions and manufacturing regulation and standards. For the first time in California State Motorcycle Rights Organization history, ABATE, MMA and BRO are working together with the clubs, as well as the MRF, to combine resources and leverage our strengths to focus on anything and everything that impacts our ability to choose what we ride and drive, as well as the form of energy, technology and safety features we may or may not wish to use.

Needless to say ... Responsibility for increasing our understanding of these new environmental components not only rests on ABATE leadership, but on all members and followers, as we cannot achieve our goals without everyone's participation and engagement. Apathy has always been one of the biggest challenges to advancing the preservation of our beloved motorcycles,



our lifestyle, sport and culture. Only together can we move the needle to reclaim our power over our elected officials. It all starts with the decision to prioritize rights equal to other things that are important in our lives – our jobs, our security, our privacy, our ownership of property and our pursuit of happiness. Because without our rights, we risk losing control over our own lives.

To initiate these broader areas of responsibility, I will be proposing a mid-year revision to our 2023 legislative goals during this month's PAC meeting. I encourage all of you reading this to join (if you haven't already) ABATE's Political Action Committees and help guide our direction, priorities and initiatives for the remainder of the year and future years to come. No MRO is capable of success without its most important resources – our membership and our grass roots partnerships. Now more than ever, we must all get off the bench and get into the game. The stakes are too high to remain apathetic in our resolve to take back control over our lives and preserve the things that bring us joy in the present and into the future.



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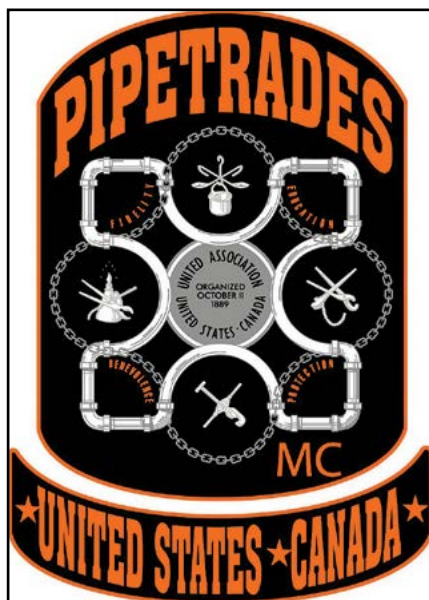
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CORNHUSKERS REMOVE LID LAW

"Nebraska becomes 33rd state to repeal mandatory helmet law!" blasts a headline across the top of the ABATE of Nebraska website (www.abatene.com), heralding the passage of Legislative Bill 91, which was amended to transportation measure LB138, overwhelmingly approved 30-5 and then signed into law by Governor Jim Pillen (R) on June 1, 2023.

"Glad to have played a role in allowing the riders of Nebraska to ride free," Facebooked State Senator Ben Hansen (R-Blair) who carried LB 91 through the unicameral legislature, touting that people should be free to decide if they want to take the risk of riding without a helmet.

Under Sen. Hansen's bill, any motorcyclist or passenger over age 21 who has completed a basic certification course by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation would be able to ride without a helmet, effective on January 1, 2024.

Riders from out of state could also ride without a helmet if they have taken an equivalent course and carry proof of completion. The bill would also require riders and passengers to wear protective glasses or have a windshield on their bikes.

CALIFORNIA SENATE APPROVES EXEMPTION FOR SIKH RIDERS FROM HELMET LAW

Sikhs and others whose faith requires them to wear a turban or patka could soon be allowed to ride motorcycles in California without a helmet as mandated by state law, as the State Senate voted 21-8 on June 1st to grant a religious exemption for the headwear.

"Freedom of religion is a core foundation of this country," said State Senator Brian Dahle (R-Bieber), who sponsored Senate Bill 847. "We, as Americans, have the right to freely express our religion and I believe that right should equally extend to everyone."

Sikh turbans and patkas are considered articles of faith for believers.

"Although other countries and our own military make accommodations for Sikhs' deep beliefs, out of the U.S. states that require helmets, none has exemptions for Sikhs or any other group based on religious practice," according to Sen. Dahle. SB 847 now moves to the Assembly.

WASHINGTON STATE TO PROTECT VULNERABLE ROAD USERS

House Bill 1112, signed into law on May 16, 2023 by Washington Governor Jay Inslee (D) creates a new gross misdemeanor penalty for negligent drivers who kill "vulnerable user victims," which can include pedestrians, cyclists, and people riding tractors, horses or motorcycles on the roadway.

The traffic infraction of negligent driving in the second degree with a vulnerable user victim is renamed negligent driving with a vulnerable user victim in the second degree, and effective January 1, 2025, following a public awareness campaign, the scope of the infraction will be modified: A person commits the infraction if the person "operates a vehicle in a manner that is both negligent and endangers or is likely to endanger any person or property, and proximately causes great bodily harm or substantial bodily harm of a vulnerable user of a public way."

Negligent driving with a vulnerable user victim is punishable by up to 365 days in jail, a \$5,000 fine which may not be reduced below \$1,000, or both. A person convicted of this crime will also lose their driving privileges for 90 days.

The bill was a bipartisan effort by State Rep. Paul Harris (R-Vancouver) and will allow judges, at their discretion, to hold negligent drivers to greater accountability and impose criminal penalties to protect vulnerable victims of accidents.

ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE PARITY ACT

U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Bob Casey Jr. (D-PA) announced that they would introduce the Electric Motorcycle Parity Act in the Senate which,

if enacted, would expand available tax credits to riders who purchase qualifying electric motorcycles in the U.S. with the same qualifications required for four-wheeled electric vehicles that previously passed into law as part of the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act.

In the United States, electric motorcycle purchases that met certain conditions were previously eligible for tax credits before the 2022 calendar year, but unfortunately for riders those tax credits expired at the end of 2021. Although some individual states have opted to offer tax incentives for electric motorcycles purchased in 2022 and 2023, nothing has existed at the federal level for the past year and a half.

According to Sens. Casey and Baldwin, the Electric Motorcycle Parity Act of 2023 would make vehicles with fewer than four wheels (potentially two- and even three-wheeled vehicles) eligible for the clean vehicle tax credit that is part of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, which awards up to \$7,500 to customers if both the vehicle and the taxpayer meet certain requirements.

BIPARTISAN CALL TO RE-ESTABLISH MAC AS REQUIRED BY LAW

Several members of the U.S. House of Representatives are urging Department of Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg to re-establish the Motorcyclist Advisory Committee (MAC). The MAC was supposed to be re-established within 90 days of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council Reauthorization Act of 2021 becoming law, expanding membership seats to include manufacturers, motorcyclists' rights organizations and safety professionals, yet over a year has passed since its enactment with no action thus far by the DOT.

In the joint letter to the Transportation Secretary, the group of Congressmembers write in part; "Unfortunately, despite the requirement that the MAC be established within 90 days of enactment it appears no such action has been taken. While we understand the many priorities

you manage at the Department of Transportation, this critical Council must be instated to ensure the safety of motorcyclists.”

“DANGEROUS” AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

A former federal transportation safety advisor warns, “It’s very dangerous for motorcycles to be around Teslas” in a Washington Post article acknowledging the vehicle’s Autopilot driver-assistance program “has been involved in far more crashes than previously reported.”

The June 10 article notes that “The number of deaths and serious injuries associated with Autopilot also has grown significantly... The most recent data includes at least 17 fatal incidents,” with four of those involving a motorcycle.

Last year, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) opened two consecutive special investigations into fatal crashes involving Tesla vehicles and motorcyclists.

Former NHTSA senior safety adviser Missy Cummings, now a professor at George Mason University’s College of Engineering and Computing, called the surge in Tesla crashes “troubling” and said the number of fatalities compared to overall crashes was also a concern.

An uptick in crashes coincides with Tesla’s aggressive rollout of Full Self-Driving, which has expanded from around 12,000 users to nearly 400,000 in a little more than a year. In February, Tesla issued a recall of more than 360,000 vehicles equipped with Full Self-Driving over concerns that the software prompted its vehicles to disobey traffic lights, stop signs and speed limits.

EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLE MARKET EXPERIENCING DOUBLE-DIGIT GROWTH

Sales figures for the first quarter of 2023 are in for the European PTW (Powered Two-Wheeler) market, and things seem to be looking up for the international motorcycle industry. In total, there was a 15.5% increase across the top five European markets as compared to the first quarter of 2022.

It goes without saying that the European motorcycle market is considerably more diverse than what we see in the U.S. With a wider selection of motorcycles due to stricter licensing

parameters, manufacturers need to expand their model ranges with bikes in the 125cc, 300cc to 500cc, and 650cc+ categories. On top of that, more and more people are hitting the road on electric motorcycles.

Italy leads the pack with an impressive 31.1% growth versus the first quarter of 2022, with runner-up Germany experiencing 13.2% more moto- sales than the same period of last year. In third place, France marked a 7.1% increase over Q1 2022, while fourth and fifth places went to Spain and the U.K., respectively.

The European motorcycle industry appears to be rebounding from a rather lackluster 2022, and should the current trend continue, could result in an excess of one million new motorcycles sold there by year’s end.

RIDER SETS DISTANCE RECORD

Spanish Enduro Champion Iván Cervantes has set a new Guinness World Record for the longest distance ridden by one person on a motorcycle, by riding 4,012km (2,493 miles) in 24 hours on April 30, 2023 aboard his Triumph Tiger 1200 GT Explorer.

The previous record, set at 3,406km (2,116 miles), was achieved by American rider Carl Reese on February 26, 2017, recording an average speed over 24 hours of 141.9kph (88.2mph). Cervantes’ record therefore extends the record by 606km (377 miles), and with an average speed of 167.8kph (104.3mph).

There was a total of 18 pitstops, around every 1.5 hours, with 520-litres of fuel used.

When asked if he slept during the event, the five-time Enduro World Champion and Triumph Global Ambassador admitted: “Believe me I tried, but after 10 minutes I couldn’t sleep because of all the adrenaline inside my body.”

NEW RECORD SET FOR MOST COUNTRIES VISITED IN A DAY BY MOTORCYCLE

A prominent motorcycle journalist has broken a world record for visiting the most amount of countries while riding a motorcycle in one 24-hour period.

Moto-writer Thierry Sarasyn started his ride in southern Poland, strategically chosen because of its close proximity to

a significant number of other countries before ending his trip in the Netherlands.

At the end of his record-setting journey, Thierry racked up an impressive 1,367 miles, visiting 15 countries, and completed the feat in just 22 hours, yet breaking no speed limits and no local road traffic laws. That meant he had to basically ride 1,300 miles, through different countries all with varying traffic laws, in less than 24 hours.

FIRST-EVER WOMEN’S RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS COMING

The Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM) has officially announced the beginning of an entirely new racing series for 2024, and this time the circuit will be all about women racers, and will be called the FIM Women’s Motorcycling World Championship.

Women from all over the world will be invited to race in this new Championship, and tentative plans for the opening season will include at least six rounds, with two races held per round, and will “primarily run alongside the MOTUL FIM Superbike World Championship” starting in March or April of next year.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at best, knows the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.”

– Theodore Roosevelt, “Citizen in a Republic”, April 23, 1910

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Membership Report

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

Hello ABATE Members & Readers of the Bailing Wire,

As your Membership Chairman, I am happy to report that I now understand the spread sheet concept for the membership reporting, as administered by our Assistant Membership Chairman, Bill McClennen. Yes, you really can teach this old dog new tricks!



As a reminder, we will be drawing the winner of the special membership raffle, at our 3rd Quarterly Board Meeting, coming up on July 8th. We hope everyone can make this important meeting. (details included in the flyer in this issue)

Reminders for getting new members:

1. Attend Bike nights and try to have a table with ABATE info available.
2. Attend Dealership events and get their permission to have an ABATE booth or table.
3. Go to places where riders hang out, like the Rock Store, Cook's Corner, etc.

Your membership information kit should include Membership cards, Accomplishments list and Bailing Wire newsletters.

A reminder for the Presidents of the Locals: please update your membership lists and submit any changes to Bill McClennen. His email address is Bill@abate.org. Your cooperation in this local membership list is imperative to keep things organized and up to date, on the state membership level.

One final note ... when you're out recruiting new members, be sure to speak to potential 'younger' members. You might be surprised by their willingness to listen and take our materials we offer them. They often will copy the QR code from the front of the Bailing Wire.

Good new membership hunting to you all.

Sporty – Membership Chairman, Reporting

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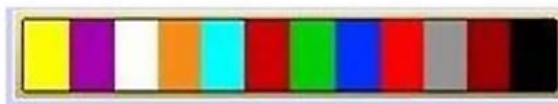
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Fall Bingo & Memorial Run Local 17: October 1st (Vacaville, CA)

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The Toy Run Local 19: December 3rd (Page 9)

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