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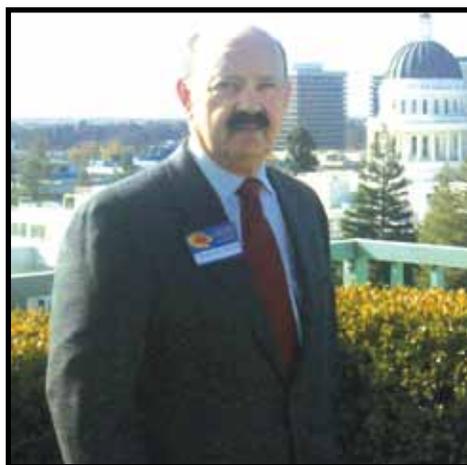
by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

The Legislature is finally in Summer Recess! Mark Twain once said something to the effect of: "Your Life, Liberty and Property are always in jeopardy as long as the Legislature is in session."!

Well, until August 5th for the Assembly and August 12th when the Senate returns, the things we value are safe! Once again, to remind all of our readers, the bill to add the DMV/Caltrans/CHP recommendations for safe lane sharing to the vehicle code as a law, rather than **JUST GUIDELINES**, has been put off until sometime in January of next year. Stay tuned to my articles here in the Bailing Wire as I will update you, each month, if anything changes.

Caltrans has posted more "Share the Road with Motorcycles" signs up on their freeway message boards, once again in July. That's the same motorist awareness program ABATE pushed to implement for over 15 years. With my efforts as your Lobbyist and a lot of pushing by our late ABATE Safety Office, John Del Santo, we were **FINALLY** able to see them up on the **STATEWIDE HIGHWAY SYSTEM**, three years ago. They continued to be broadcast earlier, this year, as well.

I will be attending the California Motorcyclist Safety Program annual meeting in early August, and will report on any actions



taken in my September Bailing Wire article. This year, we should exceed **1 million** California riders trained under our program. This, of course, as we all know is the reason accidents and fatalities continue to drop almost every year in California — **NOT BECAUSE OF THE MANDATORY HELMET LAW.**

Despite our pursuit to get relief for our Off Roaders (who use Side x Sides in their off-highway activities) through legislation — AB 64 by Assemblyman Donnelly, SB 334 by Senator Jean Fuller and SB 234 by Senator Mimi Walters, all were held up and did not reach Governor Brown's desk by the July 1 previous legislation implementation deadline.

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Walters' SB 234 should pass by mid August and receive Governor Brown's expected signature later in the month.

The OHV Division of the State Parks Department has released a statement asking law enforcement **not** to take action against Side x Side operators and passen-

gers until Governor Brown – **HOPEFULLY** - signs SB 234 into law as soon as he receives it after the legislative recess.

Thanks again to all for your **FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE LOBBYIST FUND!** That's what keeps me in the Capitol protecting motorcyclists' rights and freedoms!

Executive Director's Report

by Greg Covell, Executive Director

Greetings! Since we are temporarily short on a State Safety Officer I thought that this month I would put out some quick reminders. Lately, I've seen way too many bikes in need of a little TLC.

Some highlights from the past: Many of us do motorcycle checks as a matter of daily riding, but even the most conscientious of us ignore obvious problem areas and often a problem doesn't just occur it grows to a problem little by little.

So a little check list: 1) Check tires: tread depth, pressure, sidewalls; 2) Check oil and trans fluid levels; 3) Check brake fluid; 4) Check all lights; 5) Tap all accessory parts, fenders, and covers for loose connections; 6) Check exhaust connections and supports; 7) Check belt tension; 8) Are handle bars still where they should be? They tend to loosen and move over time; 9) Check cruise pegs - are they still comfortable?

This is an old list, but the ride is always more pleasant and a lot safer if you're not worrying about what might fall off your motorcycle.

MAIN POINT: If you are going to ride in a group **LEARN** the **SIGNALS**, what they **MEAN** and when to **USE** them.

Cold weather becomes a chore to ride in and definitely a challenge as we layer up to be comfortable. Hot weather leads to unexpected dehydration. Being sick, even a simple cold now has a serious effect on our reaction time. And medications for any illness now warn against driving or operating heavy equipment. Colds, flu, allergies, diabetes, heart problems, gout, kidney and liver problems all start to become more serious and are harder to recover from.



To quote Dirty Harry "A man's gotta know his limitations". This doesn't mean quit riding your motorcycle, just be aware of when you can ride it safely. Don't take on a 300 mile run when you know you are only up to a short scoot. Peer pressure is not as important as your health.

As we head into fall, rain will become more common. And again I emphasize "Stay off the front brake." The last thing you want on a wet slippery road is to lose traction with that front tire and end up sliding down the road. This is not only embarrassing but, can be extremely painful if not terminal.

Summary: 1) Be vigilant; know how your bike brakes and how much pressure is required in different circumstances. 2) Rely on the rear brake, but be prepared to use the front brake in emergency stops. 3) Stay on the rear brake when stopping on a hill. 4) Don't over use the brakes; remember down shifting will slow you down as well and give you better control of your steering. 5) In the rain, leave the front brake as a last choice. 6) When coming to a slow stop don't grab the front brake, use the rear or practice picking up your ride. 7) Again I say, practice won't make perfect, but will eventually make you more confident as a safe and proficient rider.

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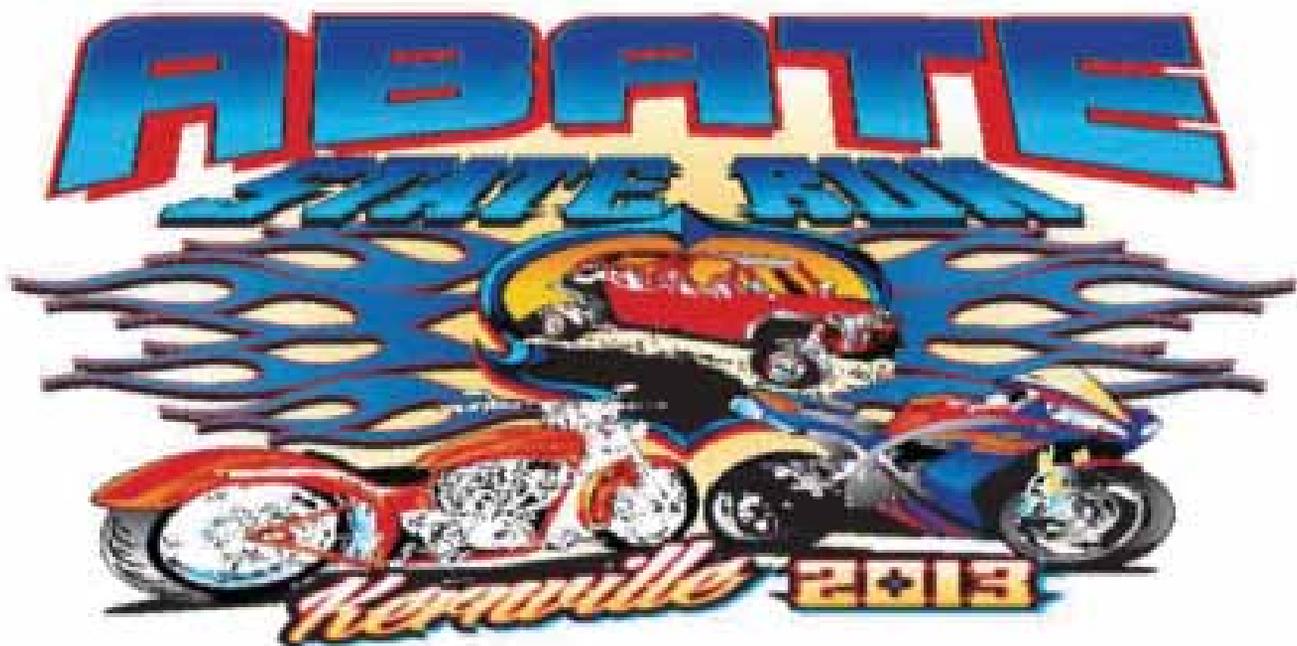
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LOCAL NEWS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Local 1's report is always after the fact. The usual will transpire at our meeting on July 21 at the Elks Lodge, 10137 Commerce Avenue in Tujunga.

We start off with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pres Sporty's remarks. There will be a Treasurer's report, a report on the July 20 Board of Directors meeting, a membership report from Glen C., a report on the State run's activities sign-up for tee shirt sponsors, and a publicity report from Jim Nickla.

We will have guest speaker Steve Kirby from the law office of Kirby, Kirby & Kirby. He will give a talk for up to 30 minutes if necessary.

We will end with members' input session and Monkey business. Then it will be time for breakfast. Sporty.

Local #02 Simi Valley



The heat of July is amongst us! I'm overheating just writing this! Here's the scoop on our meeting for this month. Big thanks to our volunteer cooks VP Scott and Me. It felt good for me to get back into it somewhat after missing the last few months. We meet at VFW Post 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Street, on the second Tuesday of the month. We start serving our infamous BBQ dinner at 6:45 pm - grilled cheese burgers or hot dogs with all the fixin's and then some! Our meeting starts promptly at 7:30. Thanks once again to VFW Post 10049 for letting us

use their facilities.

Our Pres, Ray, was out due to an illness - feel better bro. VP Scott took over and opened up with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had three guests this month and one of them joined ABATE! Thank you!

We talked about the Blessing of the Bikers event at the Live Ride Church. Our secretary Jane read the minutes and did the treasury report for Stephanie. Pat, our membership person, talked about renewals.

My safety report was on riding in hot weather and the perils of not realizing the dangers that lurk out there. It was a shortened version of my Safety article in this Bailing Wire.

Guy, our Ride guy, talked about the monthly fun ride they went on, and he also talked about the ABATE State Run in September. Hope you're all able to go - it's a good time.

Andi, our merchandise person, talked about merchandise and sold a few shirts! Pattibock, one of Local 2's long time members, rode her bike to the meeting - it's been 7 years since her accident! Speaking of Pattibock, she won the membership drawing! All you have to do is be present to win.

We had a fast meeting this month, I think we got out 15 minutes early, but it was fun and educational. For all of you who couldn't make this meeting, we missed you and hopefully we will see you all at the next meeting!

Please ride safe and smart, it's sometimes like a box of chocolates, you never know what yer gonna get!!! PTL norm e.

Local #11 North San Diego County



Hey all! Missed you last month! Nice and warm (hot) here in So Cal. The meeting today started with the Pledge of Allegiance and then with Prez Dan Buse's report. He reminded us of the ABATE Quarterly Board of Directors meeting at the American Legion Hall Post 295 in Cypress on July 20.

It's open to all members from 0900 to 1500.

Dan also reminded us of the State Run on September 13th, 14th, and 15th in Kernville and what a great time it is. Treasurer Tim Clark reminded us that this is one of the big fundraisers for the year and if some of us cannot go to purchase tickets anyway, if you can.

Dan mentioned the local Democratic convention will be held at the Pala Casino and Resort in August. He asked that ABATE make our presence known.

Our meetings are at the American Legion Hall Post 149 in Escondido. Dan asked that we support the Post by attending their breakfast prior to our meeting and the Friday night dinner.

He also mentioned some other upcoming events such as Chucky from Sons of Anarchy will be making Chili at Biggs Harley Davidson in San Marcos on August 10th. Too funny. You know if you watch the show.

Tim Clark gave the treasurer report. We made 137 bucks on the can drive. (I still have a bunch to recycle). We are still in the process of getting another fundraising event put together.

The opportunity drawing was won by Linda last month and Prez Dan won this month. (We need an investigation). There was no COC report this month.

We had a secondary meeting after the main meeting with Dave the Regional Director. Our guest speaker was Fran Del Santo from Local 6 who discussed the legal issues of your rights' when stopped by law enforcement.

Talk at you next month, Gary

Local #19 Pomona Valley

This has been busy time for riders; the Tri-Local Picnic and Pot Luck for Locals 19, 23 and 27 took place on June 29 and had a few people show. The weather was very hot and the shady spots were being well used. Plenty of food was laid out and no one left hungry. Our own Robert Cuthbertson was handling the grill.

Our monthly meeting at Round Table Pizza had us discussing the upcoming Toy run and Road Safety. For the Toy run there were some fund raisers being held at various restaurants such as Zendejas, Flo's Airport Diner and Legends Burgers.

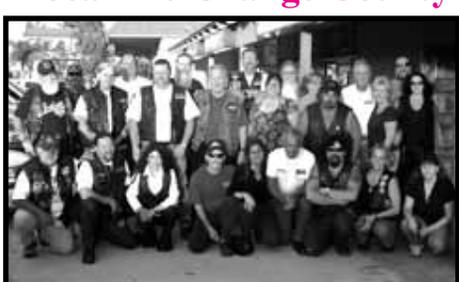
Not a whole lot more to add but this; there

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are some new bike nights popping up here and there in the area. So keep an eye out for them. They are a great opportunity to get out and meet new riders and hopefully get new members.

Be safe out there. Donald Kline, Local 19.

Local #20 Orange County



28 members and 2 guests attended our meeting tonight. Gill was back from his surgery and he seems to be recovering very well, up and walking like nothing ever happened.

The local police are doing all they can to help us with our fight against harassment by giving us some good ammunition. A group of members were pulled over without cause and they did exactly what Gill and Spike has been telling us to do. As soon as possible after the stop they each sat down and wrote in detail about the stop, made copies and brought copies to the meeting. The more of these writings we have, the more proof of harassment we have and the better able we are to fight against it.

We would like to invite everyone to the following events: Crestline Mountain Run by Soldiers for Jesus on July 27, Charity Fundraiser for Military Family by Azrales M/C on August 24, and the 7th Annual Downed Biker Rally by Bikers for Christ on October 5. And MOST IMPORTANTLY the 25th Annual Golden State Rendezvous at the Frandy Campground in Kernville on September 13, 14 & 15.

The dollar draw was won tonight Jody Maxwell for a total of \$32.00. Submitted by: ~Leenie~

Local #24 Fresno

I didn't make the last few meetings - maintenance on my old body. Our July meeting was very well attended with more than 50 in attendance. President Doug opened with the Pledge to the Flag. Then he welcomed members from the "Women in the Wind" and "Star Riders" to our meeting.

Doug and all of us gave a BIG THANKS to Ursula for doing a very successful Fireworks Booth. We made more money on the booth than we usually make with all other events in a year. Doug gave Ursula an award plaque and gift card for a local restaurant. The CVS Store where our booth was set up was very helpful to us with water and restrooms. Stop by there - Kings Canyon & Peach - and thank them. Wouldn't hurt to buy something you need like Chap Stick, eye drops, and suntan lotion. Hey, you can never have too much.

Doug also reported the October State ABATE Board meeting will be here in Fresno and hosted by us. Let us work to get every ABATE member within 100 miles to attend.

Ray said our July Day ride on the 20th will be to Three Rivers. The August Run will be sponsored by Christy's. Meet at Mathew's HD at 1000. We'll go to Skyline, Stone House and end at Christy's. All money to be donated to ABATE.

We're looking ahead to our End of Summer Run to Santa Cruz on October 5 and 6. We'll stay at the same place, Ramada Limited on Water Street, which provides a scenic slice of Santa Cruz life.

Ursula reported our bank account looking good. We sold over (lots of dollars) of fireworks, and after all expenses netted more than (lots of dollars). It took lots of hard work by all members, but it was fun. Just ask Doug about tossing water when it's hot.

Phil reported membership at 120 and 18 Business members. Remember to support our business members whenever you can.

Dex reminded all to bring Christmas cards for donation to the Vets that are in the hospital's assisted living quarters.



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Local #25 Sacramento



The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. We didn't have any guests. The reading of the minutes from the last meeting was waived. We didn't get a treasury report as Joe wasn't at the meeting. But Linda reported that we made \$103 from our Bake Sale.

Ron reported that our merchandise inventory is low and Linda proposed making neck coolers for the Redwood Run next year.

Gary H gave the PAC Report. The author of SB 350 made it a 2 year bill. So it won't be discussed until next January. There are 3 bills that affect the Off Road folks. Brian Jones introduced bill AB 899. This bill doesn't affect ABATE but it benefits dealers.

The Belden bike run will be put on by Rich, see flyer. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. David Smart.

Local #52 Grass Valley



Hi Folks! By the time this goes to print the summer will be winding down. That most definitely will not mean the winding down of the riding season. Please keep membership in the forefront of your mind. If you're out and about at the multitude of bike events drum up some conversation about ABATE and other MROs. Keep a few of those membership cards in your saddlebag.

Speaking of events, the BUB Motorcycle Speed Trials at the Bonneville Salt Flats are coming up 24-29 August. Come out and see us and witness history in the making. If you have any questions, give me a shout.

Last year we skipped the Christmas party. Hard to start thinking about Christmas while mom nature is baking us with triple digit temps, but start giving it some thought. If I get enough positive responses I would like to plan one this year. Let me know what you think!

Cheers! Craig.

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by Norm e. Newiger,
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Riding in Hot Weather - Heat Exhaustion & Heat Stroke

Have you ever been riding in hot weather and started to feel lightheaded, a little faint, or maybe tired and or weak all of a sudden? How about getting a headache or hallucinating as well? If so, any of these conditions could lead you into making a life threatening decision for you and or a friend! Riding in hot weather (90+ degrees) can be a challenge to your body without you knowing it.

Your body has natural means of regulating its own temperature, but failure to do so in the face of extreme heat is called heat-stroke! Depending on the severity it could lead to organ damage and possible death, everyone is susceptible. It doesn't matter if you are in a desert, jungle, mountains or in your backyard! It doesn't matter if you're walking, jogging, doing yard work, working out doors or even riding your bike, you could be in the shade or on a hot tin roof, and Heat Exhaustion can and does happen, real quick if you're not paying attention to your body. Heat waves result in more deaths in the USA than hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, lightning, and earthquakes combined.

Here are some examples of possible Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke symptoms: Headache, nausea, muscle cramps, profuse sweating, dizziness, confusion, exhaustion, high body temperature, rapid heart beat, dry skin and hallucinations. Some symptoms can be more prevalent than others, everybody's body is different, as well as the location in which you are at. You also have to factor in your medical condition as well, i.e. certain medications you are on play a big roll in how your body re-acts to hot weather.



ing in hot weather is a big deal to me.

Heat Exhaustion can progress to Heat Stroke when the body's temperature regulation fails. The affected individual develops a change in mental status, becomes confused, lethargic and may have a seizure, the skin stops sweating and the body temperature may exceed 106F (41 C). This is a life threatening condition and emergency medical attention is needed immediately.

If you or someone you are with are experiencing any of these symptoms, here's what you should do: Get yourself or the person into a cool shady area or an air conditioned building, remove clothing to include boots and socks and apply cool water to their skin or if possible a cool bath or shower, possibilities are endless, but sometimes you have to use what you have at the location that you are at, even a cool concrete floor helps. You can accelerate body cooling by using a fan to blow cool air on the person. Drinking cool water will help with hydration and certain sports drinks can help as well.

Riding in hot weather above 90 degrees

can be dangerous if not properly addressed, you could be riding and not notice any sweat on your arms or head, but you have to think about evaporation as you ride, (remember dry skin) you could be blow drying yourself at any speed, and this is very misleading to your brain because other symptoms may happen in due time when you think it's all right, that is for now. Wearing shorts, no helmet, or no shirt will not make you any cooler than if you were fully dressed. In fact it's better if you knew you were sweating than not knowing, i.e. you sweat because your body is trying to cool down and now you know it. At this point you can make a decision to prevent Heat Exhaustion or Heat Stroke. If you or anyone riding with you feel unsure about yourself or the other person, always call 911, the severity of Heat Exhaustion may be unknown at the time and it's better to be safe than sorry.

Hot weather truths or myths: 1) Mesh gear will keep you cooler. Yes and no is the right answer! Mesh gear will keep you cooler to a certain degree and provide just a little relief from the heat, in the temperate zone in the 80's mesh type clothing works good, but in the 90's it's a different story. Riding in temperatures in the 90's won't provide any cool options with which your thyroid can work with (your thyroid regulates your body temperature). While riding in temperatures at about 90 plus degrees you need some skin surface moisture (sweat) and some air. Remember this, Lots of hot air and no skin moisture is potentially a very bad thing that can happen to anyone, it could lead to Dehydration, Heat Exhaustion, and/or Heat Stroke. As you ride with mesh type clothing on your body, the air is quickly wicking away any moisture coming to the surface of

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the skin which will leave you dry and hot!

2) While riding with no shirt or sleeveless type of clothing and no helmet will not keep you cooler, you see this all the time (mostly male riders), and this could promote Dehydration and Heat Exhaustion faster. Plus you can get sun burnt and thus raise your body temperature as well. Keeping your skin covered will help reduce the chances of skin cancer down the road. Sweating is a good thing, moisture is released through the surface of your skin and transfers excess heat away from you via the needed air flow, or shall we say controlled air flow.

3) Will a cool wet neck tie or wrap cool me down? "Yes" is partially correct, but "No" is truer! While riding in real hot weather a neck tie/wrap cools you down just a little bit and it might feel good but your body is still hot. The body's core is what is really hot, from your shoulders to your waistline. If your body's core is hot, and I mean Hot, then the blood moving to all your extremi-

ties is overheated. You need relief at the core not your neck! An evaporative type of cooling vest that allows you to control airflow will assist your thyroid and body with keeping your blood at a far more acceptable temperature than any type of wet neck tie or wrap, try it, your body will thank you.

4) Can you drink too much water? Yes, drinking a lot of water real fast can make you sick at first. So be careful on your intake - you should drink water continuously throughout the day. When you are riding in extreme hot weather pull over and drink water even if you feel okay. You have to be smart and remember this. Everybody's body is different and you might be feeling okay, but the other person(s) may not. The worst that could happen is that you pee more, and that's better than being whisked away in an ambulance with intravenous lines in your body. Yes you do need electrolytes in your body while sweating your ass off! Be careful of what liquids you put into your body.

Sports drinks can help, but read the ingredients so as you know what you're putting into your body. A lot of energy drinks pump you up with caffeine and sugar, which promote Dehydration! And beer is not the answer! The alcohol will help in Dehydrating your body as well - true! I know not drinking ice cold beer is an unpopular answer, but you have to be smart about this and know when it's the proper time for beer. The key word is electrolytes; you can get the sport drinks that provide them as well as additives that you can add to any drink.

Finally, use common sense. If the heat is intolerable, stay indoors when you can avoid activities in direct sunlight or on a hot asphalt highway. Pay special attention to the elderly, infants, kids and anyone with a chronic illness, as they may Dehydrate easily and are more susceptible to heat related illnesses. Always ride safe and smart.

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1. Q. I’ve noticed lately that some drivers have the year sticker on the left side of their license plate and the month sticker on the right. Essentially, the stickers are reversed. What’s the correct way to place stickers on license plates?

A. Manufactured California license plates indicate “Month” on the left side of the license plate and “Year” on the right side of the plate. Vehicle owners should place their registration year and month stickers/tabs correctly as indicated on the plates.

2. Q. Depending on the waiting time during my next visit to the DMV, I might need to check emails from work on my smart phone while I wait in the lobby. Is this allowed in the DMV office?

A. Excellent question! More customers than ever before have cell phones and mobile electronic devices. We simply ask customers to please put their phones away while they conduct transactions at the DMV customer service window. You can still use your mobile device while you wait in the DMV lobby, but once you approach the counter, we need your complete attention. Remember to make an appointment before visiting the DMV. “Save Time, Go Online,” at www.dmv.ca.gov or call 1-800-777-0133.

3. Q. I paid for my vehicle registration well before the expiration date but am go-

ing to be moving out of California before the new registration period begins. Is it possible to receive a refund now that I’ll need to register my vehicle in another state?

A. It depends on the circumstances. You must register the vehicle in the other state **before** the prior California expiration date, in order to be eligible for a refund. For your convenience, visit www.dmv.ca.gov/online/refund/refundprograms.htm and click on the “Refund Application” link. Once you have completed and submitted the Application for Refund, you will be notified of the status of your application within 30 days of its receipt. Don’t forget to include the unused registration and sticker with your application and the date the vehicle left the state.

4. Q. Does California use facial recognition technology in driver licenses and ID cards?

A. No, the California Department of Motor Vehicles does not use facial recognition technology in its issuance of driver licenses or identification (ID) cards.

5. Q. When is the best time to visit the DMV? I’m trying to avoid having to wait in line as much as possible.

A. California’s Department of Motor Vehicles continues to make significant improvements in overall wait times at our field offices. The best time to visit a field office is with an appointment. You can make an appointment by visiting the DMV website at www.dmv.ca.gov or by calling 1-800-777-0133.

6. Q. What happens to people who attempt to cheat on their written tests at the DMV?

A. The use of testing aids is strictly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: The California Driver Handbook, cheat sheets, electronic communication devices such as a cell phone, hand-held computer, etc. If any testing aid is used during the

written test, the written test will be marked as a “failure.” DMV may also take an action against your driving privilege or the driving privilege of anyone else who assists you in the examination process. When a driver is suspected of cheating, the test is confiscated by Field Office personnel and is referred to the Driver Safety Branch for investigation. DMV may:

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If the driver is revoked, the action will remain in effect for a period of one year.

The driver is eligible to retest at the end of the action.

If the application is cancelled for a higher class license the driver may be redirected to take all applicable tests under observation.

7. Q. My father gave me his old car as a birthday present. Since it was a gift, do I still need to get a smog inspection?

A. Maybe. If you acquire a vehicle from a spouse, domestic partner, sibling, child, parent, grandparent or grandchild, you may be entitled to an exemption from the smog inspection. If you are renewing your registration during a biennial period, a smog exemption for the family member transfer **does not** apply. Other family members or relations, however, are not exempt and are still required to obtain a transfer smog inspection certification. For more information on the requirements of transferring a vehicle between family members, please visit www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/brochures/howto/htvr1.htm.

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Pac/Lobbyist Report

by Dave Hastings, Treasurer



I've just spent the last three hours trying to return my computer to a normally functioning piece of electronic aggravation so this article can be sent out on time. Sometimes I wonder why we continuously put up with devices that are supposed to "simplify" our lives when they seem to cause us so much grief. Anyway, I won today's battle, but I'm not quite sure about the war. Sometimes I swear my computer is just waiting to fight another day!

There has been some discussion lately on the possible benefits of changing some of our ABATE By-Laws, updating the Policy and Procedures Manual and even changing the words that describe what the letters in ABATE stand for (American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education). Some of these suggestions may be of some benefit to us and I'm sure some will not. The only reason I bring this up is that we, your Board of Directors, listen to your ideas and if we can substantially improve our organization by making affordable and necessary paperwork changes we will submit those ideas to the general membership for a ratification vote.

While I'm on this subject, I'm going to be honest and give you my own personal opinion. I was raised on a farm and we had quite a few hunting dogs. Paperwork on a dog describes his breed, lists his bloodlines and any awards (champion dogs) that may be in his family tree, and generally guarantees that the purchaser is getting a recognizable value for his money. Paperwork offers the purchaser bragging rights on his dog's pedigree, but never guarantees the dog itself will be a good hunter. That is the responsibility of the owner.

ABATE's paperwork is the same. We have survived, expanded, and are very successful at what we do with the paperwork that we have. A new pedigree (paperwork) is not really going to make us more successful hunters. This can only be accomplished by training, desire on our part, and the inbred, inherited, taste and hunger for freedom that every ABATE member carries in their heart and soul. This is what makes us successful, not paperwork, not awards, and certainly not any monetary value or bragging rights.

Some of our ABATE members may have a pedigree lineage, but most of us have a Heinz 57 pedigree in our family tree and are very proud of the wolf blood that still runs through our veins and our souls. We are successful hunters because that's the only way we will survive in the real world. So be proud of your ABATE heritage and what we have accomplished and always remember that being an ABATE member does guarantee success because all of us work as a PAC to accomplish our goals. The paperwork just gives us a pedigree.

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COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish

EMISSIONS TESTING NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR MOTORCYCLES: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has dropped its requirement that Phoenix-area motorcycles undergo annual emissions inspections, the last place in the country to require such testing. The federal agency has approved a request from state environmental officials in Arizona that motorcycle tests be discontinued, effective immediately.

The request to drop the testing requirement came in response to a 2008 state law requiring the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to do an analysis of pollutants emitted by motorcycles and make a proposal to the federal agency. "Our analysis has determined that the cost and inconvenience is not providing a significant environmental benefit," said Trevor Baggione, deputy director of air quality at ADEQ.

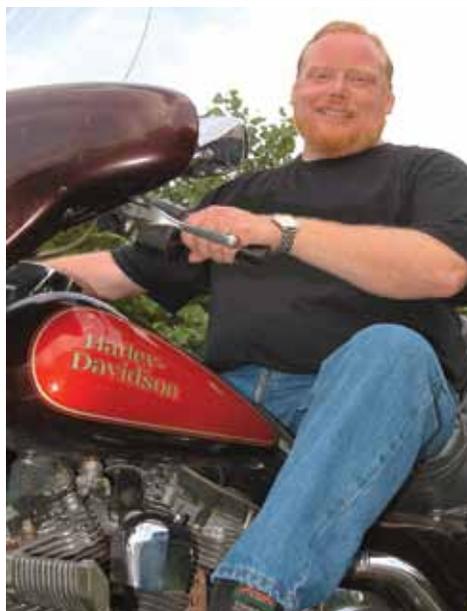
Even though motorcycles account for 3.5% of vehicles on the area's roads, the department's analysis determined that they emit "insignificant" amounts of pollution, accounting for less than 1% of total emissions in the Phoenix metro area.

Pima County (Tucson) and Maricopa County (Phoenix) were the only areas in the United States that required motorcycles to pass yearly emissions inspections at a cost of \$19 per test, and Pima County halted motorcycle testing in 2007.

Congratulations to ABATE of Arizona, the MMA of Arizona and the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs (ACMC) for their years of stalwart efforts to relieve Grand Canyon State riders of these unnecessary costs and burdensome time wasted in long lines.

ANTI-ABORTION MEASURE RIDES MOTORCYCLE BILL THROUGH N.C. HOUSE: In controversial political maneuvering, the Republican-controlled North Carolina House recently pushed through anti-abortion legislation, using as their vehicle a motorcycle safety bill that lawmakers had stealthily gutted and turned into a measure to further regulate abortion clinics.

Republicans introduced the legislation (S.B. 353) in the House Judiciary Committee the previous morning by attaching the abortion provisions to a motorcycle safety bill -- without first notifying either the public or their Democratic colleagues. "This bill came hurriedly through the Senate, re-routed through the House on a motorcycle,"



lamented state Rep. Alma Adams (D). "No input from stakeholders, no public scrutiny, no transparency, no fiscal note."

The final vote was 74-41 on July 13; the bill now heads back to the GOP-led state Senate for approval, then on to Governor Pat McCrory (R) who says he will sign the measure into law if it reaches his desk.

GUAM ENACTS "LIMITED HELMET LAW": Originally, Senator Tommy Morrison's bill called for universal helmet use for all motorcycle riders in the U.S. protectorate of Guam, but the revised version of his proposed helmet law makes it mandatory only for riders under the age of 18 and for those with less than 3 years riding experience.

After a lengthy public hearing and receiving input from the community, Bill No. 87 "Limited Helmet Law" passed unanimously, and also requires new riders to first complete a defensive driving/motorcycle safety education course prior to being licensed and prohibits licensees from operating a motorcycle or scooter of larger engine size than that which they take the motorcycle exam on. In order to operate a motorcycle with a larger engine, the operator must apply and test for a new license under that engine size.

AMENDED HELMET LAW HAS POSITIVE ECONOMIC BENEFIT IN MICHIGAN: Changes last year in Michigan's mandatory helmet law have had a positive effect on motorcycle riding in Michigan, according to ABATE of Michigan. There has been an increase in motorcycle travel in Michigan since April of 2012, said ABATE in a recent press release.

"Motorcycle tourism is up. Motorcyclists across the country are coming to Michigan in droves. Very few out-of-state motorcyclists were seen in Michigan before the adult helmet requirement was modified," according to ABATE. "Cyclists from across the country are discovering the beauty of the lower and upper peninsulas of Michigan. There is an increase of out-of-state participation in Michigan motorcycle events by as much as five times during the summer of 2012."

"Our members have reported an increase in motorcycle tourism since the enactment of the rider choice law," added Scott Ellis, executive director of the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association, which represents more than 1,800 restaurant, bar, party store, hotel and casino establishments across the state. "From Monroe to Muskegon to the Keweenaw Peninsula, more out-of-state motorcyclists are stopping, staying and spending money at our restaurants, hotels and attractions," he told the Midland Daily News.

Motorcycle sales also are up in Michigan, and ABATE says that 2012 was the safest riding season in 10 years for licensed motorcyclists in the state.

MOTORCYCLE CHECKPOINTS IN NEW YORK NET NEARLY A HUNDRED TICKETS: More than 80 motorcyclists and their vehicles were checked by specially-trained State Police motorcycle inspectors near Buffalo, NY in mid-June, with two checkpoints resulting in the issuance of 92 traffic tickets for offenses that included helmet and equipment violations.

New York has been the epicenter for the Motorcycle-Only Checkpoint debate, which has resulted in four states; New Hampshire, North Carolina, Virginia and California, passing laws to prohibit law enforcement agencies from establishing motorcycle-only checkpoints.

In addition, on the federal level Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) has introduced H.R. 1861 "To stop motorcycle checkpoint funding," and also contains language "to force the DOT to focus motorcycle safety efforts on crash prevention programs, not national helmet mandates."

MOTORCYCLE CLUB SUES CITY OVER DISCRIMINATION: A local motorcycle club said it was just doing things by the book when it filed a permit to hold a

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BBQ fundraiser at a local park in Rio Vista, California, but the city and the police chief turned that simple request down. Now, the motorcycle club is filing suit, claiming it was discriminated against.

"No one other than us has ever tried to put in a permit," Saxon Creed MC President Rob Anderson told News 10/KXTV. "We thought we were doing the right thing."

Last July, the club wanted to hold its fundraising pig roast at Blackwelder Park, the same park where dozens of other community events have been held. So, the group filed for a permit with the city. But, the request was declined by the police chief and the city.

The group held their pig roast this year without problems at a Veteran's Hall, right next door to the park they applied to last year.

Members of Saxon Creed MC say they feel like the request was denied because they are bikers. The group has filed a discrimination lawsuit, claiming its civil rights were violated. They're suing for \$250,000 in damages on behalf of their 15 members. "It makes me very angry," Anderson said. "This is America. We all have rights. I don't like seeing anyone's rights trampled on."

MAN ON A MISSION: "This will be the most important thing I have ever done," says Tim King, founder and news editor of Salem-News.com, in regard to his scheduled 48-state motorcycle ride for Veterans. "I am riding 48 states this summer to educate Vets through talks and media appearances about health issues that are taking lives; we're talking about PTSD/TBI, Agent Orange and the effects of serving aboard toxic military bases."

A former Marine who has covered the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, Tim and his wife Bonnie received the NCOM Silver Spoke Award for Media in 2011 for advocating on behalf of motorcycle clubs and riders and their civil rights, and they have also been recognized by the Oregon Confederation of Clubs for Excellence in Journalism.

Tim is riding thousands of miles to share the information he has accumulated over his journalism career and nine specific years reporting for Salem-News.com and he's doing it by himself, so your help can make Tim's trip safer and more effective.

Tim's covering an ongoing war here at home where Veterans are fighting for their rights, and he'll be checking in with motorcycle riders who are busy defending their civil rights in regard to club membership and other issues, so he's enlisting the support of the motorcycle community to pub-

licize and help fund his mission. Along the way he'll be writing stories and posting photos and videos of the places and people he visits, and you'll be able to track his progress at Salem-News.com and also via this dedicated Facebook page at www.facebook.com/tim.king.146612?ref=tn_tnmn.

VERTICAL MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATE BILL CLEARS PA HOUSE: Legislation allowing the vertical display of registration plates on motorcycles was recently passed by the state House and now heads to the Senate for consideration.

House Bill 1060 is sponsored by state Rep. Mark Keller (R-86). "This legislation is specific to motorcycles," explained Rep. Keller. "Currently, the state vehicle code does not specify how a vehicle registration plate may be mounted. However, regulations in Title 67 of the Pennsylvania Code require horizontal mounting of vehicle registration plates and do not give the option for vertical mounting."

HB 1060 would also "authorize the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to produce, upon request, registration plates for motorcycles which display the identifying characters in a vertical alignment."

"Owners of custom-made or vintage motorcycles are sometimes reluctant to mount the registration plate horizontally on the rear fender because doing so interferes with the custom paint job or other custom work done on the cycle," according to Keller. "Many of these owners have approached ABATE of Pennsylvania, the motorcycle advocacy group, about making this legislative change, and ABATE supports my legislation."

MORE RULES PROPOSED FOR CANADIAN RIDERS: Saskatchewan is considering more requirements for new motorcycle licensees, supervision for new riders and the possibility of mandatory gear. The ideas are among more than a dozen changes to motorcycle safety, training and insurance rules proposed by Saskatchewan Government Insurance as it looks for ways to reduce claims, save money and quell the roar of angry riders.

One suggestion is for potential riders to pass a basic skills test or complete a motorcycle training program before they're issued a learner's license. New riders who don't take the training courses could see an additional \$500 a year fee or be restricted on the size of the bike they use.

Helmets and eye protection are currently the law in Saskatchewan and similar rules apply across the country, but no other jurisdiction in Canada has mandatory rules for

wearing gloves, ankle-covering boots or clothing that cover arms and legs, according to SGI.

The review was launched earlier this year after a proposed rate increase which would have seen insurance costs for motorcycles go up by an average of 73% to cover a \$9 million gap between what SGI takes in from motorcyclists in fees versus what is paid out for collisions.

The public has until the end of July to comment on the proposals and SGI is to report to the government in the fall. The goal is to have the new rules in place for next year's riding season.

MOTORCYCLE BAN LIFTED IN PAKISTAN: After five years, Pakistani authorities have lifted the ban on motorcycle riding in Bajaur tribal region. The ban on motorcycle riding was imposed in 2008 when the Taliban stepped up their activities in the region, and the ban was aimed at controlling insurgency and preventing targeted killings because motorcycles were being used for attacks against anti-Taliban forces.

The announcement about lifting the ban was made by Brig Ghulam Haidar, a sector army commander, during his speech through the security forces-run FM radio channel (Radio Aman FM 88). "The lifting of the ban on motorcycle riding is a gift for the tribesmen on the eve of the holy month of Ramadan. This good news may enhance happiness of Ramadan," he said.

Brig Ghulam said that imposing the ban on motorcycle riding was a difficult decision, but it was taken only in the larger interest of people of the tribal agency.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Success is not final, failure not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts." ~Winston Churchill (1874-1965), British Prime Minister and inspirational WWII leader

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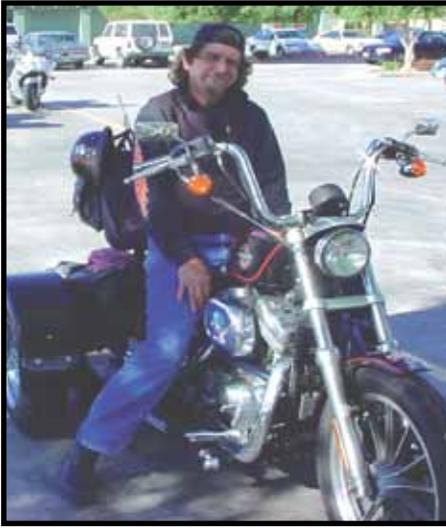
by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan

Well it's time for another progress report regarding the mad-capped adventures of Sporty. However I need to know if the latest editions are relevant. I guess what I am saying is do you want to continue reading about my recovery from my accident and what transpires during that recovery? That question is for you to decide later in this broadcast writing.

Apparently the bone stimulator that was hooked up to my leg was not doing its job. I now have a date for the next surgery on my leg, July 11, by the time you read this in the current Bailing Wire I will have had the surgery and begin the long process of healing. Crashing sucks! So please be careful on the road. I should also remind you that you must have a clear head as well when you ride. Mind distractions can cause you to have momentary lapses of judgment and you have accidents.

I am not sure I mentioned it, but the police aka San Fernando PD wrote me a ticket. Problem was they did not send it to me until May 30 and my wife picked it up June 2 at the San Fernando post office. I figured that I could pay it on line as you can with a lot of the tickets. Wrong! Went on line and found "NOT IN SYSTEM". Well until my court appearance scheduled for June 28, I kept trying to see if it got on line. The result? "NOT IN SYSTEM" Darn! Means a court appearance.

My wife and I had to go to Superior court in Chatsworth and waited an hour and a half in line. While in line, of course, I made



comments, which folks were somewhat amused by. Ok, reached clerk handed him ticket and he also said "NOT IN SYSTEM"! You're asking how did this get fixed? The clerk wrote on a form that I made an appearance for the ticket and if within a period of 10 months it was still "NOT IN THE SYSTEM", then it would be treated like it was NOT WRITTEN.

There will be a pause in continuing this column while I go out to get dinner at Apple Bee's restaurant in Northridge.

It's 9.25 pm and I am back to finish my column. When I got home my wife, Renee, had to do the prep on my leg for my upcoming surgery; change the dressings by the holes where the external fixator was put in. Renee had to use an alcohol swab to clean around the hole where the incisions for the fixator are. WOW! Does that sting when she applies the alcohol swab! She also has to put cream where the doctor told her the inci-

sion for the surgery will be because the skin looks like a lobster skin. Actually because it's swollen it reminds me of the lady Jerry Seinfeld dated with the big hands.

I recently requested and received more State run flyers from Carol Cromwell at the state office. She has been a Godsend. She has sent me other ABATE state newsletters. Our Bailing Wire is one of the more impressive news letters around the country because it's in color. Now I asked some of my Local 1 members to come by the house and get flyers to pass at the local shops. When they come by, I have two chairs set out in my front yard so they don't have to come inside my house as my dog's barking is very annoying. I just hope if you are able to attend you can attend the ABATE state run in Kernville. You will have a good time - I guarantee it.

So I hope after my surgery I can attend the 3rd quarterly Board of Directors meeting in Cypress on July 20.

That's it! Please support ABATE events because that's what I would do if I was able to ride. Also try to get new members.

Till next time, see ya! Regards, Sporty

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August 17 – ABATE Local 44 – Hot August Night with ABATE Local 44 (see flyer this issue)

September 13 – 15 – Golden State Rendezvous – (aka) ABATE ANNUAL State Run – Kernville, CA. (see flyer this issue)

October 6 – ABATE Local 17 – Fallen Riders Memorial Run (flyer this issue)

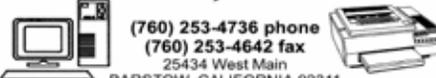
October 13 - ABATE Local 17 – Annual Fall Run (flyer this issue)

November 23 – ABATE Local 38 – Annual Turkey Run

December 8 - ABATE Local 17 – Annual Toy Run

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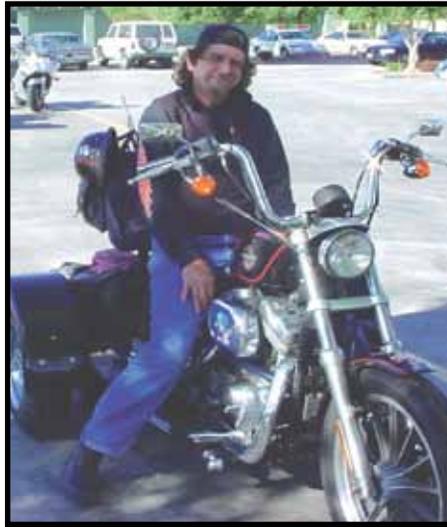
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by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan, State Membership Chairman

Hi all! It gets harder and harder to write the column as I don't know if the stuff I write falls on deaf ears. I am hopeful that some of you folks are taking heed to what I have been preaching over the years of being your Membership Chairman. Our membership is the life blood of ABATE. Without membership, there is no ABATE.

In your Locals it is imperative you treat your members fair and square. You need to determine what the roles of your members will be in your Local. Make the members feel a part of your Local and you may see the benefits with their renewals. When you get a renewal, be prompt in getting the renewal off to the state office. In the interim - that is the period before the renewing member receives his membership stuff from the state office - send them a note with



a small trinket item that thanks them for renewing their membership with ABATE and your Local.

We had the first phase of our membership drive happen at our Board of Directors meeting held on July 20. The lucky winner of the drawing won \$250.00. Thanks to all that sold the

special membership funding tickets that were allocated to your Local. If every Local sold their allotment, then we will have enough money to fund the entire membership drive as we have in the past.

Finally, getting new members is job number one. New members, especially younger members, will keep this organization going and will help continue to make ABATE your one stop for all your biking needs. By being a member of ABATE you are part of the force that helps bikers in California prevent tooth decay aka bad laws against motorcycling in California. Remember there is unity and strength in numbers of members.

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Sharon Quirk-Silva is a school teacher of 27 years who was elected to the California State Assembly in 2012 to represent California's 65th Assembly District, which includes her lifelong home of Fullerton, as well as the communities of Anaheim, Buena Park, Hawaiian Gardens, Cypress, La Palma and Stanton. Prior to her election to the Legislature, Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva was elected to the Fullerton City Council in November 2004, where she was selected by her peers in 2007 to serve as Mayor for two terms. Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva is a strong advocate for transparency, innovative thinking and collaboration.

Spike and Gill introduced ABATE, its function and talked about Biker issues and concerns with Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva, a Transportation committee member. Her primary jurisdictions are Transit Authority, California Highway Patrol, vehicles, aircraft, and vessels; operation, licensing and registration, and drivers licenses.

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TECH TIPS

by Craig Griswold

Gas

When I was a kid I worked at Mel's Chevron, located in the little one horse town of Colfax, CA. The full service gas station was a dying breed back then, but there were still a few around. Mel was my first real mentor in work ethic. Man, if you were on the clock you had better be doing something productive. Standing watch over the gas station was not one of the tasks. No customers to help? Start washing windows or scrubbing oil spots. When a car pulled in they got damn near everything but a tune-up along with a tank of gas. That sounds like the old days, but it was only the early 80's. Since then, gas stations have evolved into primarily self serve outfits. Gasoline has changed as well.

This month we'll hash over some gougou on the fuel that feeds our scoots, an interesting topic in more ways than one. Several years back, when we thought two and a half bucks a gallon was appalling, I heard somebody say that a gallon of gas is still cheaper than a gallon of milk. Nice analogy, but I don't consume 150 gallons of milk per month! Either way, the more expensive this precious commodity becomes, the more inclined we'll be to get out on two wheels. Let's talk about some of the "ingredients" in gasoline and what they mean with regards to performance.

Breaking fuel down to the degree of a chemistry lecture would not only bore most folks to tears (including me), it would be counterproductive. Who cares? But there are a few elements that have significant importance to folks. The first thing that comes to mind is octane.



For starters, a fuel's octane rating is nothing more than that fuel's ability to resist detonation. Detonation, the great engine destroyer is also known as pinging and spark knock. Ideally, combustion is a controlled, uniform event. A nice clean flame front traveling across the top of the piston at just the right time is the intent. When fuel burns in more of an uncontrolled manner, due to insufficient octane, it results in detonation. The sound could be characterized as marbles banging around in the cylinders. Higher octane ratings by themselves will not give you better performance. Higher octane does allow an engine to operate with higher compression and the result, with all other things equal, is higher performance. I used to run 87 octane all year round in my stock, cool running EVO. Compression was 8.5:1 and the oil never seemed to get above 180 degrees. My Twin Cam has a bit more compression, so I can get away with 87 in the coldest months of winter, but I'll start running 91 as soon as the weather starts to warm up. It's safe to say that you can run the lowest octane fuel that doesn't cause your engine to ping. Here comes the big HOWEVER, the cost difference when filling the tank on your bike is certainly less significant than that of an auto, so it goes without saying that it's always better to err on the side of engine safety and run what your manufacturer recommends.

While at the pump, if you're not watching the price readout spin through the numbers in an unreadable blur while the gallons ticker is barely moving at all, you might wonder

what all the mumbo jumbo is under the octane number. It is the formula that was used to calculate the octane rating, which by the way, is not a true octane number. It is what is called an "antiknock index" number (AKI). This number is the average of two octane numbers arrived at by two different kinds of tests. One is called ASTM Research Method and is often abbreviated R or RON. The other is the ASTM Motor Method, M or MON. The antiknock index number on the pump is then this average, or $R + M$ divided by 2 = AKI. A rule of thumb is that the Motor Method octane number (MON) is approximately five points less than the AKI. That's a fun fact, but gets us down in the weeds quite a bit.

To round off the topic, we should discuss what additives are used to set the octane level of a given fuel. Lead was the major ingredient from the early 20's up until the late 90's. It also served double duty as a valve wear preventative. Due to health and environmental concerns, it was phased out. Valves and seats were redesigned with harder materials. Additives to replace lead such as MTBE, ETBE, and Ethanol were introduced.

In conclusion, running race fuel in your stock Harley is wasting money. You're still not going to outrun that Hayabusa. If you're not sure which is best, check to see what the manufacturer of your bike recommends or just run 91 in the tank and play it safe!

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Fresno 559/264-2891

24 Skyline Club Cocktails &
Eatery
Clovis 559/250-7531

24 Steve's Boat & Propeller
Repair Serv
Madera 559/432-9407

24 Studio Motors
Clovis 559/287-1256

24 Tamarack Machine Works
Sanger 559/876-1703

27 AJ Barile's Chicago Pizza
Yucaipa 909/435-5489

27 American Metal Recycling
Riverside 951/776-4080

27 Bail Bonds
Riverside 1-888-GET-BAIL

27 Biker Sports.com
Moreno Valley BikerSports.com

27 BMW Motorcycles of
Riverside
Riverside 951/353-0607

27 DanKat Industries
Norco 951/315-3905

27 Discount Hydroponics
Riverside 951/689-4575

27 Duke's Bar & Grill
Riverside 951/248-1143

27 Harrison's Koi Farm
Riverside 951/369-9998

27 Heart-N-Soul mc Riders
Riverside 951/941-4484

27 Jerry's Brake & Alignment
Riverside 951/371-5390

27 Kim's Sports Bar & Grill
Riverside 951/634-3015

27 LVR Racing
Riverside 951/500-6068

27 Matrix Tacos
Riverside 951/880-3494

27 Mihali Cycles
Riverside 951/788-2453

27 Motopia Moto
San Bernardino 909/885-8900

27 Music In Motion
Riverside 909/286-8927

27 Riverside Scooters
Riverside 951/534-0411

27 Shane's Auto Dynamics
Riverside 951/688-3596

27 Skip Fordyce Motorcycle
Center
Riverside 951/785-0100

27 The Chopper Gallery
Temecula 951/699-9090

27 The Chopper Place
Riverside 951/687-6655

27 The Lucky Greek
Riverside 951/737-3162

27 Union Air Conditioning
Costa Mesa 866/352-1987

27 Wright Bros Customs
Redlands 909/794-1593
27 Zorba's Restaurant
Riverside 951/662-9189

31 Halls Harley-Davidson
Chico 530/893-1918

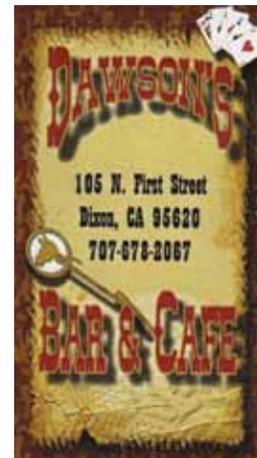
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Hesperia 760/947-2000

47 Nick's Computer Works
OHV
Barstow 760/253-4736

52 The Willo
Nevada City 530/265-9902

52 Two Gunners Custom Iron
Penn Valley 530/263-8071

52 Wild Fire Construction
Nevada City 530/265-5493



Los Angeles County - Local #01-Reg#8
 Sporty Milligan 3rd Sun-9 AM
 1616 4th St Elk's Lodge #2098
 San Fernando 10137 E. Commerce
 818/ 361-8800 Tujunga, CA 91042

Simi Valley - Local #02-Reg#8
 Steamer Arnow 2nd Tues 7:30 PM
 661/251-8360 VFW Post#10049
 4242 E Los Angeles Ave.
 Simi Valley

Thousand Oaks-Local#03-Reg#7
 Chuck Pedersen 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
 Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge
 805/496-0323 158 N Conejo School
 Thousand Oaks

San Diego County - Local #06-Reg#12
 Snowman 1st Sun - 12 Noon
 C/O Boozefighters M/C Kate Sessions Park
 P O Box 501946 Pacific Beach
 San Diego CA 92150
 619/855-9981

Orange County - Local #08-Reg#11
 Daniel Pfaffly 2nd Mon.7:30PM
 American Legion #354
 8071 Whitaker
 Buena Park
 714/649-2516

South Orange County - Local #09-Reg#11
 Cory Torioian Meets with L#20
 949/496-2936

San Diego County (North) - Local #11-Reg#12
 Dan Buse 2nd Sun - 11 AM
 buse13@att.net American Legion #149
 760/807-7294 230 E Park Ave
 Escondido

Ventura County - Local #13-Reg#7
 David Blackburn 2nd Thurs. - 7:30 PM
 VFW #3935
 300 Surfside Dr.
 Pt. Hueneme CA 93041
 805/402-3943

Alameda County Local#14-Reg#3
 Houdini 1st Wed 7:30 PM
 510/575-1500 The Florence
 37349 Niles Blvd., Fremont

Contra Costa County - Local #15-Reg#3
 Dennis Seace 1st Wed - 7:00 PM
 P.O. Box 269 Fuddruckers
 Concord CA 94522 1975 Diamond Bl.
 925/827-9973 E260 Concord

Solano & Napa Counties - Local #17-Reg#3
 Glenn Phillips 3rd Sun.- 10:00 AM
 P O Box 148 Judy's Wild
 Vacaville 95696 Wrangler Saloon
 707/624-6310 4826 Midway Rd.
 Vacaville CA

Pomona Valley - Local #19-Reg#9
 Chris Stowers 4th Wed - 7:00 PM
 POB 2033 Round Table Pizza
 Rancho Cucamonga 1020 N Mountain
 91729 Ontario, CA
 909/525-6950



ABATE MEETINGS

Orange County - Local #20-Reg#11
 Gill Mellen 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
 2104 Continental Ave. American Legion
 Costa Mesa 92627 5646 Corporate Ave.
 949/632-9787 Cypress CA 90630

Antelope Valley - Local #21-Reg#13
 Ron Sundquist 2nd Thurs - 7:00 PM
 37230 52nd St. East Moose Lodge
 Palmdale 93552 44545 Dvision St
 661/586-5555 Lancaster 93535
 ron.sundquist@sbcglobal.net

South Bay - Local #22-Reg#11
 Suzanne Palmiere 2nd Thurs - 7:30 PM
 310/245-0543 Chowder Barge
 611 N. Henry Ford Ave.
 suzpalmiere@aol.com Wilmington 90744

San Bernardino - Local#23-Reg#9
 Kevin Sorrell 1st Sun 9:00 AM
 909/793-1112 Vicky's Restaurant
 502 S Waterman Ave
 San Bernardino CA

Fresno - Local#24-Reg#6
 Doug Biggerstaff 2nd Tues. 7:00 PM
 559/222-5306 Yosemite Falls Cafe'
 Shaw & Blackstone, Fresno

Sacramento - Local#25-Reg#2
 Lil' David Morena 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
 916/616-9605 Denny's
 3520 Auburn Blvd.
 Sacramento 95821

Riverside - Local#27-Reg#9
 Greg Covell 1st Tues - 7:00 PM
 P.O. Box 7070 American Legion
 Riverside CA 92513 2979 Dexter Dr
 951/522-3434 (in Fairmont Park)
 www.abatelocal27.org Riverside, CA 92513

Morongo Basin - Local#29-Reg#10
 Marty Rapp 2nd - Thurs - 6:30 PM
 P.O. Box 2334 Odd # Months
 29 Palms CA 92277 Call Marty for Location
 760/367-1694

North Valley - Local #31-Reg#2
 Larry James 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
 Last Call Lounge
 530/893-4827 876 East Ave. Chico

Yuba City - Local #33-Reg#2
 Steve Katen 3rd Thurs. - 7:PM
 530/749-1003 American Legion
 5477 Feather River Blvd.
 Olivehurst

Imperial Valley - Local#38-Reg#12
 Bob Brown Last Thurs - 7:00 PM
 616 Tangerine Dr Puerto Nuevo Restaurant
 El Centro, CA 92243 201 N Imperial Ave
 760/352-7995 El Centro

Bakersfield - Local#40-Reg#6
 V.P. Robert Zamora 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM
 661/330-9366 Rusty's Pizza
 5430 Olive Dr
 Bakersfield 93308

High Desert - Local#44-Reg#13
 George Butterfield 2nd Sat. 9:30 am
 P.O. Box 3094 Eagles Order #4181
 Victorville CA 92392 16195 Main St
 760/954-1227 Hesperia 92345

Barstow - Local #47-Reg#13
 Yermo Eddy Meet with L#44
 PO Box 521
 Yermo CA 92398
 760/254-3833 or 760/953-7353

Grass Valley - Local#52-Reg#2
 Craig Griswold 3rd Wed - 6:30 PM
 21183 State Hwy 20 Alta Sierra
 Penn Valley Pizza & Grill'
 530/263-8071 15690 Johnson Place
 Grass Valley

Ridgecrest - Local #58-Reg#13
 Dave Cornelius 3rd Sat 10:00 AM
 760/447-4342 Call for meeting place

Regions With Local info:
 Region 2: Director Lil' David Morena
 25, 31, 33 & 52.

Region 3: 14, 15 & 17.
 Region 6: Director Ed Rogers
 24 & 40.

Region 7: Director - Vacant
 3 & 13.

Region 8: Director Tom Lubbers
 1 & 2.

Region 9: 19, 23, & 27

Region 10: Director Vacant
 29.

Region 11: Director Gill Mellen
 8, 9, 20 & 22.

Region 12: Director Dave Connors
 6, 11 & 38.

Region 13: Director Yermo Eddy
 21, 44, 47 & 58.

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