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Lobbyist's Report

by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

Governor Brown has signed Assemblyman Bill Quirk's AB 51. After many meetings over the past two years, his bill puts into Statute the LEGAL AUTHORITY for the CHP to publish new guidelines for Motorcycle Lane Splitting! That means that the Public Service Promos that were once on television can resume, and the DMV can post flyers in their offices and add questions on the written driver and rider operator tests regarding lane splitting. The DMV can also change their Driver Handbooks with information explaining that motorcycles can Legally Split Lanes. It also makes it a crime for autos and trucks to cut off motorcycles that are splitting lanes, which is already illegal under other statutes.

This was a really BIG effort by all California motorcycle groups to compromise and a BIG WIN for ABATE — which LED THE WAY! WE WERE THE ONLY MOTORCYCLIST GROUP THAT SUPPORTED AB 51 WHEN IT PROVIDED 15 MPH Minimum SPEED WITH A MAXIMUM MPH OF 50 SPEED FOR LANE SPLITTING!

AB 51 contains a provision that a state-wide motorcycle rider organization will be a part of developing the CHP guidelines for lane sharing. Hopefully, that group will be ABATE, since we were the ONLY organization supporting the prior provisions of AB 51. The passage of AB 51 should help ABATE

organizations, around the country, legalize lane splitting in their state!

ABATE's other bill, AB 1932, authored by Assemblyman Jay Obernolte, will allow motorcycle riders who receive a moving violation ANOTHER OPTION to take a motorcyclist safety course instead of just traffic school that has little, or no, motorcycle safety content. Successful completion erases a point on a rider's driving record. Our bill awaits Governor Brown's expected signature.

As always, I am tracking both Transportation Committees' Omnibus and trailer bills for motorcycle manufacturer trade association attempts to add roadside noise testing of motorcycles in late amendments. Our efforts and connections at the Capitol have blocked them, once again, so far.

Please attend, or send someone from your Local, to our Legislative Committee and Board of Directors Meeting in Fresno on September 17th. We will be discussing these bills, a new helmet law repeal effort, anti-profiling Legislation, and the upcoming 2016 Elections.

We need to ELECT MOTORCYCLE-FRIENDLY LEGISLATORS TO MAKE ALL OF THIS HAPPEN!

THANKS to all the Locals and individual members who contribute to the DEDICATED LOBBYIST FUND — THAT'S WHAT PAYS FOR ME TO REPRESENT YOU IN THE CAPITOL.

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What is ABATE?

ABATE is a motorcyclists' rights organization (not a club) dedicated to preserving freedom of choice and freedom of the road, with emphasis on education and safety. Our members are active in programs for public awareness and motorcycle safety, and in supporting many types of charity events.

Included with an ABATE membership are a sew-on patch, membership card, and our monthly newsletter THE BAILING WIRE. There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclists' rights and safety with payment of the appropriate fees.

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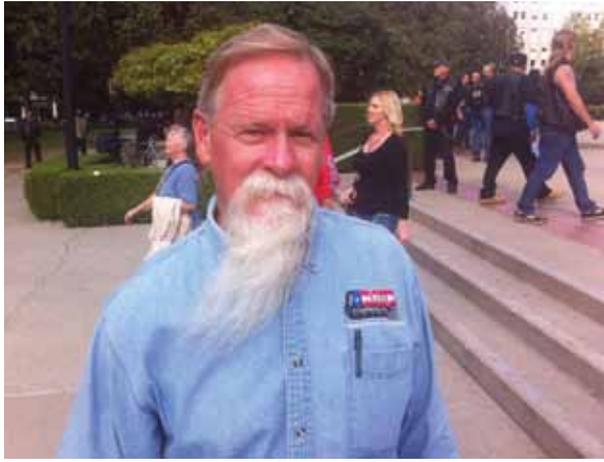
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Executive Director's Report



by Dave Hastings, Executive Director

In last month's article I discussed our upcoming ABATE of California Board of Director and Officer elections and encouraged every member statewide to consider running for a position at either your Local or our State level. I have held some type of officer position since my first year of joining ABATE and I feel the benefits have far outweighed the work required. I have made lifelong friendships with some of the best people you could ever have for a friend, my fellow riders. Some of them had given up riding before I met them and some have stopped riding since. Either way, I don't think hanging up your jacket really changes the person you are.

Riders or bikers, whichever term you personally prefer, are unique in the fact that they are all very independent, self-sufficient, strong (some might even call them bull-headed), determined, and sometimes brutally honest with each other. On the same hand they love life, cherish their friendships, will do anything for a friend in need and often help total strangers, too. They demand honesty and respect but do not judge people by their social/economic status. If you are a friend, you are a friend, and they will always be there for you, expecting nothing in

return. Why? Because they know you will do the same for them if the need ever arises.

Motorcycle people are my people and they come from all walks of life and occupy many different positions in the pecking order of everyday life. Each is unique and yet all are cut from the same mold and have the same simple, but important values deep inside. "You get what you give" sounds simple, but I know if I ever need a helping hand the friends I've made will always be there for me.

ABATE has been a part of my daily life for over twenty years now and I'm seeking a balance of time. I'm preparing for retirement from my "day job" and will be selling my business so I can move on into a slower lifestyle and do some traveling without caring when I have to be back home. When that time comes I will need to step back from my daily ABATE duties also.

Yes, I'm going to run for re-election this year. So, today I'm asking for your vote in our upcoming ABATE elections and I promise to perform my duties until the day I finally head out on the open road.

But I hope someone out there will garner more votes, have more energy and enthusiasm, and ultimately allow me to hang up my ABATE jacket. I also hope someone will step forward and let me do my best to help them take my place when that time comes. If you are interested make sure your name is on the ballot and call me.

ABATE has been good to me and my friends but, we will all be hanging up our jackets one day. Now's it's up to you. Does ABATE continue to be the premier motorcycle right's organization in California or does it slowly, one by one, watch us hang up those jackets? My friends and I aren't getting any younger and it's going to be up to you.

We will always be there for you, it's the biker way, but it's your turn to be out front and lead now. Put your name on that ballot and continue the lifestyle that we all cherish. I really don't care if you're a biker or you just call yourself a rider - ABATE has its hand out and is waiting for your help.

Top off your tank and get ready for the ride. Kickstands up soon. Dave H.



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ABATE of California now has their off road division up and running!

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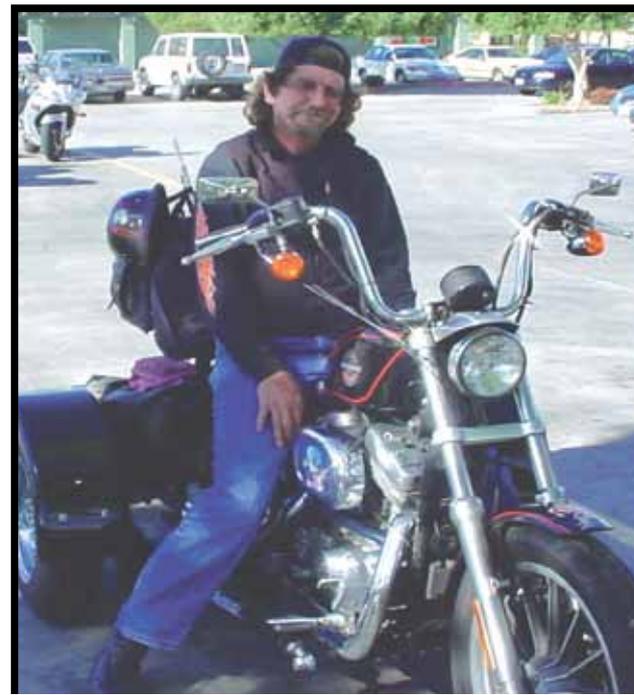
by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hi all! This month's membership report will focus on what happens to members when a Local closes. It happens in all organization that there will be some closures of the Locals. When this happens the members who remain get sent to the closest Local.

Presidents, when that happens you need to consider how you are going to invite them to your meetings and make them feel welcome. When you do this it will help strengthen your Local. If you get a new member in your Local from a Local that has closed, do the following:

1. Put them on your Local email list. That way you can send them meeting reminders and stuff pertaining to the Local.
2. When they show up at your meeting, Welcome them and introduce them to all your attending members.
3. Send out an email that announces the new member to your current members.

What this all boils down to is making the transferred member feel a part of your group.



Remember to take care of your renewals. They are the bread and butter of the Local. Also try to get new members for your Local and the membership drive.

Ask your members if they would consider running for a position in the Local and/or some position at the state level.

I would like you to consider helping ABATE make the membership program better. If you have questions or ways to make the membership program better, send your ideas to my e mail: williammilligan285@yahoo.com

Finally, remember there is unity and strength in numbers of members.

Regards, Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

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LOCAL REPORTS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Hello all! Sporty reporting. Local 1 will have a meeting on August 21 and will discuss the issues that are important to ABATE and the Local 1 membership. Hopefully the meeting turn-out will be reasonably good.

With that said, I hope that your Local's meetings are going well with good attendance and the members are being urged to sign-up some new members.

Regards, Sporty Milligan, Local 1 President

Local #02 Simi Valley



Hello Local 2 members! We decided not to have a meeting for the month of August. The majority of our officers were on vacation. We had an alternative solution to this by having a movie night instead.

We had a great time with our 21st Sweaty Buns run and will talk about it at the next meeting in September. It was fantastic! We missed those that couldn't attend. Check out our run article in this issue of the Bailing Wire online.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW POST 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Ave. We serve a great \$5.00 BBQ meal with all the fixin's you could want. We start serving at 6:45 until 7:25. Our meeting promptly starts at 7:30. We miss those of you that don't get to our meetings. Hope you'll be able to attend the next one. PTL norm e.

Local #03/13 Thousand Oaks/Ventura County



We are happy to enjoy continued membership growth and the enthusiasm continues! Many of our inactive members have been coming to meetings again and joining in on rides. Pretty soon

we're gonna need to give our Prez a gavel just to keep order, since everyone seems to have a lot to contribute and are enjoying each other during our officer's and monthly meetings. We are proud of and thankful for the energy and dedication exhibited by our members!

Upcoming events: Come ride with us on the Zombie Hunter Paintball Train on the famous Fillmore Western Railway, Sunday, October 16! This event is getting huge interest. We still have a few tickets left. See flyer in this issue for details and to register. Don't miss this fun time!

Also in October is our 8th Annual Trivia run on Sunday, October 23! This run is always a huge success and this year's will have a special honor tribute to our late treasurer and longtime brother, Don Martin. Find the flyer in this issue for details! This will be a great run and make some money for ABATE.

We're riding, meeting up and spending time with friends in other clubs and groups. Spreading the word that ABATE helps everyone! It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups and organizations! Joining ABATE makes a statement and sends money to work towards fair and just treatment of motorcyclists whether you ride with ABATE or ride with another group. Participating in these events contributes to those funds.

Our Local President, Chuck Pedersen, and some of our officers continue to network with various other groups, building alliances to assemble a formidable voice in Sacramento. Issues we are working on include AB-334, the anti-profiling measure and AB-51, defining lane splitting parameters, which should be through the Governor's desk by the time you read this! Join us in support of these efforts! Get involved, everything we do does make a difference.

Our Local 3/13 bike nights are held the 1st Thursday of each month at 7 pm at Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park; our general membership meetings are on the 3rd Thursdays at 7 pm at the Elks Lodge, 158 N. Conejo School Road in Thousand Oaks; and Sunday rides every Sunday, meeting at Azar's for breakfast around 9:00 am and kick-stands up by 10:15.

Come join us at any or all of these events and bring your friends. Check us out on Facebook at www.Facebook/ABATE313 to follow our events and issues. It's all about motorcyclist' rights across all clubs, groups and organizations. Kathleen B. P.R., Membership, & Treasurer, Local 3/13

Local #08 Orange County



Greetings from Local 8! Our meetings are getting more popular as the months go by. We were happy to have 13 regulars and one visitor this past month. We discussed the legislative issues and bills in waiting. It's always a good idea to sign up for the Legislative alerts on the ABATE website to stay in the "know". Know your legislators!

Local 8 is working hard for the upcoming motorcycle swap meet Sunday, August 28 at the Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis Street in Long Beach. We are collecting donations to sell, with the proceeds being donated to ABATE of California.

If you are reading this before Sunday, August 28 and you have donations, please contact the Hawgete at the.kopps@verizon.net or Steve Howe at Santabeard@yahoo.com. We can make the necessary arrangements to pick up or provide a drop off.

Let's keep the funds rolling in to support everyone that steps forward in support of the issues we find near and dear to our own hearts.

Our thoughts are with our member "Tricker" who is dealing with an unexpected illness. We all hope he's back at the next meeting.

Don't forget there are several runs upcoming and the quarterly meeting in Fresno.

With the weather so hot, be on your game and remember to hydrate. The symptoms of overheating are leg cramps, tired muscles, headaches, dizziness, and even fainting. The various symptoms are trying to tell you how overcooked you're getting.

Brought to you by Local 8's very own Hawgete

Local #11 North San Diego County



Hot day at our ABATE Local 11 meeting. Welcome back Phillip Sanchez and thanks for renewing your membership!

We had a small crowd, but a lot of great conversations. Local 11 presented Eddie from Local 38 with a check to be a sponsor for his Turkey run in November. There's just not a lot going on, but we talked a lot about up-coming runs.

The winner of our party basket raffle was Ken Clarence! He was not present so a picture will be taken at a later date. Get out and ride and be safe!

Cheers! Robin Buse

Local #20 Orange County



19 members and 8 guests were present at our August meeting. Various topics were covered including AB-51 lane sharing, profile, helmet bills, E-15 fuel, and the knife law to name a few.

Spike asked everyone and their friends to fill out the profile survey because it gives a good cross section of demographics for all riders. Be sure and get those letters to Governor Brown. ABATE does more for the community than the AMA.

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Doreen spoke of the various events that will be taking place over the next few months. The fundraiser in August will be for American Legion #295. She networks with a wide variety of people who in turn help out the communities. If you need to contact Doreen, please contact Spike or Gill for her number.

\$90 was collected for the lobbyist fund from Local 20. Sky Green, a junior member (Squirt's granddaughter) was picked but wasn't present so \$56 goes back into the treasure chest!

Secretary Squirt & Not Politically Correct Gill

Local #21 Antelope Valley



Hi guys! Mark came over with the monthly \$ so here we go. Every month Mark pitches in \$15 for the Lobby and \$5 for the Local to sponsor runs and sheet. That Local account builds and every once in a while we send most of it to the three ABATE funds. Well it's getting there again so we need a vote and I'll send it off.

Mark said he went down to the Sweaty Buns run so our Local was represented.

I've been shooting video for decades of a bunch of ABATE runs. I'm going over them and some have some young bikers.

Later for now, Daryl the plumber

Local #23 San Bernardino



Just a quick one this month. For the first Friday of the month dinner some of our Local ended up going to Lotus Garden for some Chinese food.

Our monthly meetings take place at 9:00 am on the first Sunday of the month at Vicky's Restaurant in San Bernardino.

The discussion covered the usual topics and, in particular, the lane splitting bill, which, at the time I'm writing this, was waiting for action from Governor Brown.

Our Local is going through a few changes. One, as you might know, is that we no longer have our bike night. We have now decided to take turns hosting a potluck at different houses once a month.

If you would like to join us for any of our events, feel free to contact us. We do have a Facebook page, [ABATE of California Local 23](#).

Until next month, P.R. Donald Kline, Local 23 San Bernardino

Local #25 Sacramento



Lil' David called the July meeting to order at 7:00. We had 7 members and 2 guests. We received a small donation from the Black Widows.

Lil' David reported that Gary Haller is back to work after his accident. His wife, Theresa, is in extended care, but can now get into a wheelchair and is in good spirits.

AB 51 has been amended to require the CHP to develop educational guidelines for lane splitting. The Off-Highway Division has a call to actions; helmets are required if you are driving your quad on your own property.

Nick Blosie has announced that he is running for Assembly in District 8, currently held by Ken Cooley.

At the last President's meeting, before the Board of Directors meeting, they reviewed their forms and obligations. The next meeting will be September 17th in Fresno. The 4th quarter meeting will be on-line.

The Sons of CA Gold Country are having an event to benefit WEAVE on October 8th in Auburn. The Black Widows are having their annual poker run on October 1st to benefit the Shriner's Burn Hospital for Kids.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm. David Smart

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Greetings ABATE members and friends! I have donation letters for the Turkey run, which were handed out at our August meeting. If you need more, get in touch with me.

Speaking of meetings, I went to Local 6's meeting in San Diego. I asked for and received a check for \$200.00 donation for our Turkey run on November 19th, 2016. Snowman and I had our picture taken with the check. The next weekend Barb and I attended Local 11's meeting in Escondido. It was like Deja Vu or something. Dan's lovely wife Robin gave me a check for \$200 on behalf of Local 11. Dan and I had our picture taken with the check.

ABATE Local 38 really appreciates these donations from Region 12. If other Locals are reading this report, we are located near the Mexican border and our unemployment rate is a little above 30% for the Imperial Valley. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

Now is the time for our members to start working on the Turkey run and our Toy run, which will be its 25th year - the number of years that our Local has been in existence.

We need to recruit new members as well as retain our existing members. Boy, Sporty must be rubbing off on me! Come to the meetings, bring a friend, and volunteer. These events will be here before we know it.

Alright, bye for now, ride safe and try to stay cool.

Eddie Aranda, President Local 38

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2017-2018 ABATE Board Elections & 2016 ABATE of CA Freedom Fighter Nominations

It is getting to be that time again... it's for the odd numbered year, so there are 5 seats to vote in for this term.

The purpose of the Board of Directors is to keep ABATE unified and strong as an effective membership organization that promotes safety and encourages and defends the rights of all motorcyclists.

The State Board has represented Local membership in fairly equal proportions. Similar to a business corporation, the Board relies on volunteers from the membership to provide the most qualified State Officers.

Any current Member may nominate another member to be placed on the Election Ballot. The nomination must be seconded by another ABATE Member in good standing (current membership). These nominations should be made at any local meeting during the two months preceding the cutoff date for the October Bailing Wire (September 15, 2016). All candidates are encouraged to submit a biography and picture of themselves to be published in the October issue

This is YOUR organization and your time to have a say in who runs the ship ... The deadline for candidates names to be submitted to the Bailing.wire@abate.org is September 15, 2016, along with the candidate's statement and a picture of themselves.

The Qualifications to serve on the Board are:

A current member of ABATE Of California for a minimum of 1 year.

The dedication to promote motorcycle rights and help to build the organization.

The Following Board Members that ran for the last odd numbered Year Election and are up for re-election if they so choose are: Dan Buse, Dave Hastings, Gill Mellen, Mark Loudermilk and "Spike".

If you need a little help in what to write this might help ...

ABATE of California, Inc.

Board of director's candidacy Paper

2017 - 2018 (two-year term)

Name (including nick name): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____, CA Zip code: _____

Phone # with area code: _____

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ABATE Local # _____ ABATE Membership # _____

ABATE Member for how many years? _____

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

Past or current ABATE Positions held?

Other Qualifications?

What are your goals for ABATE of California?

Do you attend your own Local's meeting, if yes, How often?

Have you attended an ABATE Quarterly Meeting in the past year? (Does not apply to a Board Member.)

You can also add additional info that you would like Our Members to know about you (and still stay within the 450 words). Submit in a word document.

And submit a "selfie" in a jpg file.

Email to Bailing.Wire@abate.org deadline is SEPTEMBER 15, 2016.

Candidates for the ABATE of California Freedom Fighter for 2016 also need to be emailed in by September 15th 2016. Please write something about your nominee describing their contributions to promoting ABATE's aims and purposes.

LOCAL #02's 21st SWEATY BUNS RUN 2016

ABATE Local 2's Sweaty Buns run is done! It was one hot day and you all know how this run got its name! I guess late July is a given. Our 21st Sweaty Buns run was a success anyway. We did have a few issues with the fires and extreme hot weather that limited our anticipated crowd from far away.

We started the day with the sign-ups at Simi Valley Harley Davidson and the end stop was Chuey's West in Simi Valley. To get from point A to point B was the adventure! It was over a 100 miles of twists and turns with plenty of stops along the way.

Our \$20.00 sign-up was the best deal of the day. You got a really nice run shirt with our sponsors on the back and sleeves. When you got to the final stop you got a free lunch from Chuey's West. The good news was that Chuey's West had a/c, ice cold drinks and great food! They also have a covered patio, if you were too cold inside. We provided live music - a Big Thanks to the band, The Original Gumball Factory!

We had plenty of raffle prizes and cash money drawings. We got plenty of positive compliments for our event and the time sure went fast.

We'd like to thank Simi Valley Harley Davidson and Chuey's West (they were the point A and B), all the sponsors on our run shirts, The Original Gumball Factory, all of the riders that participated and guests who came, and last but not least, Local 2 volunteers who made this run a success!

We have been working on this run since April of this year and it paid off. Everyone who volunteered knows that this is our big run of the year and the dedication it takes.

We are going to think about doing a "frozen buns run" this winter and the good thing is that we have the experience to do these runs successfully - after 21 years I think we got it nailed!





NCOM Biker Newsbytes

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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES
Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish,
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H-D CEASES SALES OF PERFORMANCE DEVICES THAT ADD TO AIR POLLUTION:

Without conceding, Harley-Davidson will pay \$15 million in fines and penalties to settle a federal lawsuit brought by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) accusing the American motorcycle-maker of selling illegal performance devices that increase pollution.

Under terms of the settlement on Thursday, August 19, 2016, Harley is to stop selling its "Screamin' Eagle" Pro Super Tuners by August 23, and to buy back and destroy all such tuners in stock at its dealerships. H-D must also deny warranty claims if owners continue to use the "illegal devices."

The consent decree resolves government allegations that Harley-Davidson sold roughly 340,000 "super tuners" since 2008 that, once installed, cause motorcycles to emit higher amounts of certain air pollutants than what the Milwaukee-based manufacturer certified to the EPA. According to the EPA, the modified settings increase power and performance, but also increase the motorcycles' emissions of hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides.

Harley did not admit liability, and said in a statement it disagrees with the government's position arguing that the devices were designed and sold to be used in "competition only." The Motor Company said the settlement represents "a good faith compromise with the EPA on areas of law we interpret differently, particularly EPA's assertion that it is illegal for anyone to modify a certified vehicle even if it will be used solely for off-road/closed-course competition."

An EPA spokesman said that the vast majority of these tuners were used on public roads, and the sale of such "defeat devices" violates the federal Clean Air Act. Harley was also accused of selling more than 12,600 motorcycles that were not covered by an EPA certification that ensures a vehicle meets federal clean air standards.

"Given Harley-Davidson's prominence in the industry, this is a very significant step toward our goal of stopping the sale of illegal after-market defeat devices that cause harmful pollution on our roads and in our communities," said John Cruden, head of the Justice Department's environmental and natural resources division.

The EPA has been investigating after-market part emission issues for more than five years. In 2012, Suzuki Motor Corp paid an \$885,000 fine to EPA for selling 25,458 ATVs and dirt bikes because they were built to allow for the installation of an after-market part that increased horsepower and emissions.

CALIFORNIA LEGALIZES LANE SPLITTING, GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL INTO LAW:

California has become the first state to formally recognize lane splitting as a legal maneuver for motorcyclists, as Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 51 into law on Friday, August 19, 2016.

The legislation does not specify rules for lane splitting, but simply a) defines lane splitting as "driving a motorcycle, that has 2 wheels in contact with the ground, between rows of stopped or moving vehicles in the same lane, as specified"; and b) authorizes the California Highway Patrol (CHP), in consult with other agencies and organizations, to "develop educational guidelines relating to lane splitting in a manner that would ensure the safety of the motorcyclist, drivers and passengers."

Lane splitting has long existed in a legal gray area in California, without being expressly prohibited nor allowed, but permitted by law enforcement. The CHP published educational guidelines on lane-splitting in 2012, but regulators later ruled the agency had no authority to make public policy.

The bipartisan bill, sponsored by Assembly members Bill Quirk (D-Hayward) and Tom Lackey (R-Palmdale), passed unanimously through the state Senate 38-0 and the Assembly 74-0 and essentially clarifies that the CHP does in fact have the authority and permission to devise guidelines for splitting lanes.

Many studies have found proper lane splitting to be safe, and the practice of "filtering" through traffic to reduce congestion is legal in much of the world.

RESTRICTING ETHANOL LIMITS IN AMERICA'S FUEL: NCOM Board Member

Dave "Animal" Reid (Touring Groups Liaison to the National Coalition of Motorcyclists) recently reported that; "I sent a letter to my congresswoman about the EPA's desire to increase the ethanol content up from E-10 to E-15, and what it might do to all manner of small and air cooled motors."

"She responded, saying that a congressman from Texas had introduced a bill that would prohibit the EPA Administrator from introducing anything greater than 9.7% into the fuel supplies."

"Folks of both our Confederation of Clubs (COC) and ABATE inquired about the bill, and I've tracked it in the U.S. House of Representatives - it's fresh and has quite a list of co-sponsors, so with other changes happening in the world, with the bipartisan support it seems to have, it may see some forward movement."

That measure, House Resolution 5180, was in-

troduced on May 10, 2016 by U.S. Representative Bill Flores (R-TX) "to alleviate the ethanol blend wall under the renewable fuel program," and has been referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 5180 currently has 103 cosponsors from both sides of the aisle.

The bill effectively circumvents the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) mandates for increasing levels of ethanol in our gasoline, capping the level at E-10, stating "the Administrator shall not determine any renewable fuel obligation for a calendar year that would result, directly or indirectly, in the introduction into commerce in the United States of a total volume of ethanol contained in transportation fuel that is greater than 9.70 percent of the total volume of gasoline projected to be sold or introduced into commerce in the United States for such calendar year."

ILLINOIS OKAYS BLUE-DOT TAIL LIGHTS:

"Blue Dot" tail lights, so-called because a blue crystal mounted in the center of the red lens cover emits a violet hue when actuated, have become popular with motorcyclists for both customization and conspicuity, but most states' traffic codes specify that a tail light must be red in color, and therefore they are illegal.

Supported by ABATE of Illinois, House Bill 4105 amends the Illinois Vehicle Code to "Provide that motorcycles may be equipped with a blue light or lights of up to one inch in diameter located on the rear of the motorcycle as a part of the motorcycle's rear stop lamp or lamps," and was signed into law by Governor Bruce Rauner on July 22, 2016, becoming effective January 1st.

RIDERS AND DRIVERS NOW HAVE OPTION TO "RIDE ON RED" IN PENNSYLVANIA:

Motorcyclists and motorists in Pennsylvania will no longer have to wait at a traffic light that is locked on red, as Governor Tom Wolf signed into law a bill sponsored by Rep. Stephen Bloom (R-Cumberland) that allows drivers of all vehicles the option to proceed with caution through an intersection when a traffic signal is unresponsive, only after exercising due care as provided by law.

"If the vehicle detection system fails to recognize the vehicle and the driver has come to a complete stop, the driver must then make sure it is safe to continue, and only then would they be able to lawfully proceed with caution through the intersection," Bloom explained to FOX43 News in Harrisburg, PA.

Originally intended only for motorcycles, which often fail to trigger traffic lights due to their smaller size, Senate Bill 1267 was expanded to apply to all vehicles.

Deemed "Ride on Red," Bloom added that the goal of the legislation is to solve practical problems while ensuring safety. "This law does not give drivers a free pass, but ensures a safe and legal option to avoid the danger and inconvenience of being trapped in perpetuity at a locked red light," Bloom said. "This issue is more common than many people realize, especially on rural roads or during late hours when long periods often elapse before a heavier vehicle comes along to finally trip the unresponsive light."

Signed into law on July 20, 2016 as part of Act 101, the new law takes effect 60 days after the bill-signing, near the end of September.

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CRASHES INVOLVING DISTRACTED TEEN-AGERS ON THE RISE: Not only have inattentive Pokémon GO players caused accidents with everything from motorcycles to police cars, it gets even more dangerous when teenagers get behind the wheel with their phones. The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety reports that 59% of teen crashes involve distractions behind the wheel, and highlights a disturbing trend showing that texting and social media use are on the rise amongst teen drivers.

In collaboration with researchers at the University of Iowa, as part of the most comprehensive eight-year research project ever conducted into crash videos of teen drivers, the AAA Foundation analyzed the moments leading up to a crash in more than 2,200 videos captured from in-car dash cameras:

- Talking or attending to other passengers in the vehicle: 15% of crashes
- Talking, texting or operating a cell phone: 12% of crashes
- Attending to or looking at something inside the vehicle: 11% of crashes

This supports findings by Pew Research Center, which shows text messaging has become a key component in day-to-day interactions among teenagers. Fifty-five percent of teens spend time every day texting, sending an estimated 80 text messages per day.

Research by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute found that texting creates a crash risk 23 times worse than driving while not distracted. A recent AAA Foundation survey shows that nearly 50% of teen drivers admitted they had read a text message or email while driving in the past 30 days.

NHTSA's National Occupant Protection Use Survey also shows that from 2007 to 2014, the percentage of young drivers seen visibly manipulating a hand-held device quadrupled.

Some states have laws against using a cell phone while driving for any reason, but most do not.

Of states, 39% ban cell phone use for under 18 and 46% ban texting while driving.

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS PSA WARNS: ONE MISTAKE CAN HAUNT YOU FOREVER: "This has been a bad year for motorcycle crashes," says Annette Torrez, chair of the New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization (NMMRO) and member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Board of Directors.

"Please take a moment to watch this PSA on motorcycle safety awareness.... ONE MISTAKE CAN HAUNT YOU FOREVER (www.youtube.com/watch?v=Edzg4XjDPZY).

Richard Sturgeon, a New Mexico Motorcycle Safety Advocate from Los Alamos National Lab, stars as the Dead Zombie biker in this powerful film produced by Sam Crooks of Sam's Commercials to be presented at the Reel Deal movie theater in Los Alamos.

"I am hoping NM DOT will use this PSA," Torrez said, adding that "we are also waiting to hear about the LOOK OUT FOR MOTORCYCLES signs to go up soon in high motorcycle crash locations in the Albuquerque area, all purchased with private donations."

YAMAHA TO USE A.I. TO ENHANCE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY: Yamaha Motor Co. is working on the use of artificial intelligence to enhance motorcycle safety. The system, developed jointly with a U.S. research body, is based on the same one revealed last year that allows humanoid robots to test ride motorcycles.

The objective is to reduce motorcycle spills, said company President Hiroyuki Yanagi. "We want to facilitate driving operations of our motorcycles and reduce the burden on riders to allow them to pay more attention to safety," said Yanagi.

Yamaha hopes to reverse slumping domestic sales by adopting advanced technologies to reduce motorcycle accidents such as overturns and collisions.

We'll use the expertise we've acquired from robots for our motorcycles," Yanagi said. "We'll

promote the development of technologies to make motorcycle driving easier."

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "In any free society, the conflict between social conformity and individual liberty is permanent, unresolvable, and necessary." ~ Kathleen Norris (1880-1966) novelist and columnist

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Pac/Treasurer's Report

by Dave Hastings, PAC Treasurer

If you haven't figured out by now that this is an election year, you are probably still holed up in a cave somewhere and only come out long after dark on a stormy night. We've all been inundated with election year hype and by now most of us are already getting tired of the constant information and political propaganda that we are exposed to on a daily basis.

I, like most of you, have already decided who I'm voting for in November. I'm keeping that info private - we are non-partisan and you are entitled to your own choice when you enter that polling booth. But I, too, sometimes feel overwhelmed and tired with the long electoral process and I'm thankful the election is only a few short months away.

In the meantime we will still be bombarded daily with new info and fresh dirt on every candidate seeking an office in 2016. What does all of this have to do with ABATE? Plenty!

ABATE has our own Political Action Committee or PAC as we call it, and our PAC investigates, makes recommendations, and distributes information year round on political office holders, legislation, and anything else we feel will have an impact on motorcycle riding here in California. Some of this info is good news, but more often than not, we are banding together to fight something that we feel will be detrimental to our riders.

We do our best to keep you informed and aware of what's on your motorcycle horizon and waiting for you just around the next curve. However, if you really want to become an educated rider, you need to join and attend our PAC functions which are held in conjunc-



tion with our ABATE State Board of Directors meetings. Yes, we will fill you in on the latest info and fresh dirt going on in our motorcycle political world.

Attend our PAC meetings and get involved. The meetings are only four times a year and you will actually have a say in the course of action we will pursue. Every active member has a vote and helps us chart a course as we

steer our boat through the political waters of California. Don't let someone else make a decision for you, make sure your voice is heard and make your vote count.

Sometimes the best way to win in an election year is to exert some control over the political process that occurs before you enter that voting booth. Small choices made early in the game can have a big impact on the eventual outcome. Go for the gold and join your ABATE PAC on the winner's podium.

This is an election year and, truth be known, they are already gearing up for the next one four years down the road. Get involved with ABATE PAC and help us map our motorcycle route to Freedom of the Road. Legend says it's just around the next corner. Top off your tank and ride with us - we're going to find it. Dave H.

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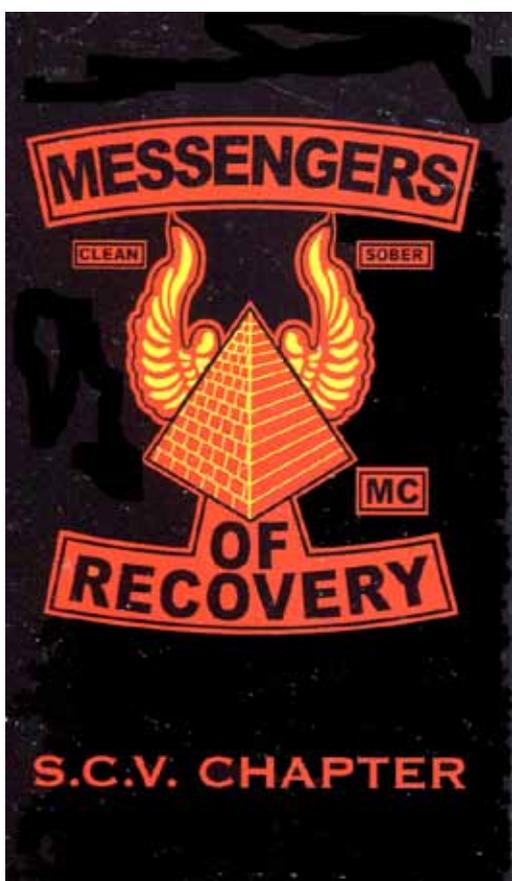
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September 17 – ABATE of CA – 3rd Quarterly Meetings – Fresno - Piccadilly Inn Airport; 5115 E. McKinley Ave; 93727. For Room Reservations Call 559-375-7760. Tell them you are with ABATE for the room rate to apply.
Room rates: \$84.00 + tax/night and includes Breakfast .

We had a respectable amount of Presidents/Members attend our June BOD meeting and we hope to see the same or even more attend our scheduled September 17th BOD meeting. The Horsemen MC volunteered to cover our conference room cost for our June meeting, and we sincerely appreciate their contribution! However, we cannot always

count on a group or Local doing this for every meeting, so to help pay for the conference room “PLEASE” bring raffle prizes and then buy tickets and participate in the raffle so we can lower the overall meeting expense/cost to our State General Fund. Thank You, ABATE of California, Board of Directors.

Tentative Quarterly Meeting Schedule:
Presidents & State Officers Meeting 9:00 a to 10:00a;
PAC Meeting 10:15 a to 11:45 a.
Lunch – Noon
ABATE Board Meeting – 1:00 pm to conclusion of business

October 8TH – ABATE Local 17 - Fall Bingo Fun Run (See flyer this issue page 19 for details).

October 15th – ABATE LOCAL 52 – 1ST Annual “Ride In for Cheeseburgers” (See flyer page 10 for details).

October 16th – ABATE Local 3/13 – Zombie Hunter Paintball Train (See flyer page 14 for details).

October 23 – ABATE Local 3/13 –Trivia Run & Tribute to Don Martin (See flyer page 5 for details).

November 19 – ABATE Local 38 – 19th Annual Turkey Run (Details TBA).

December 4th – ABATE Local 19 – 28th Annual Toy Run – New Location (See flyer this issue page 13 for details).

December 17 – ABATE Local 38 – 25th Annual Los Niño’s Toy Run (Details TBA).

BIKE NITES:
ABATE LOCAL 3/13 – 1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH (SEE flyer in this issue page 11 for details)

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

ALL ABATE Events must have event insurance – contact the ABATE State Office for information.

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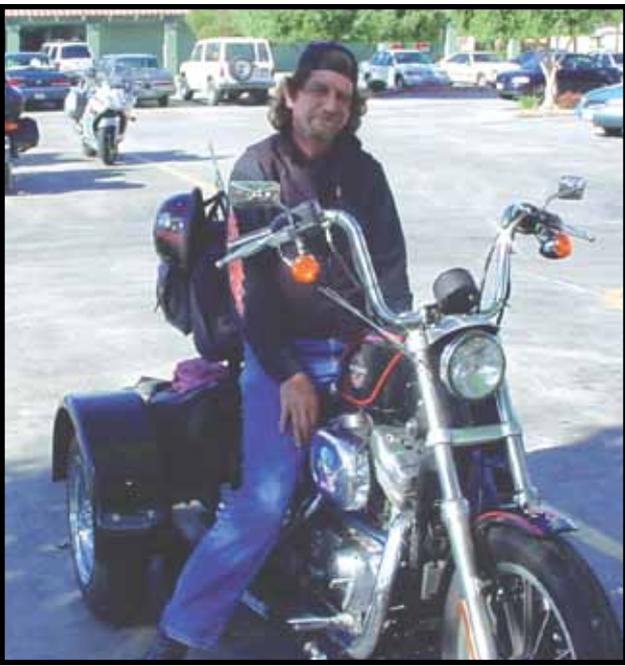
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by Sporty Milligan

Greetings all! This report comes from the retirement villa known as 1616 4th Street. I will start out by commenting on our adventure to Local 2's annual Sweaty Buns run.

I had arranged to meet several of the Local 1 members at the Park and Ride across from Pierce College. When I arrived there was only one member, Buzz aka Pops. So after waiting until 8:45 am for Odie to show up, we took off for Simi Valley HD. Upon arriving there we saw the gathering of folks who had shown up for the ride. Instead of a run pin you got a run tee shirt. To cover the cost of the shirts they had sponsors on the back of the shirt. Good deal.

The route took us around Simi Valley, then Malibu, then Oxnard and back to Simi Valley. I was riding my 2002 883 as my 2007 1200l was still being worked on. More on that in another column. The 2002 883 at this point has over 105,000 miles on it.

Our group consisted of Jim Nickla, myself,

Odie, Buzz, Little Rex and his friend. Little Rex, his friend and myself were riding Sportsters. Buzz rides a Volkswagen trike, Jim was on his Road Glide and Odie was on his Super Glide. This time I was not in the lead except when we went through Malibu. I know all the many ways you can make a route through Malibu and the canyons.

The end spot was at a Chuy's in Simi Valley and we were treated to a nice lunch. The raffle prizes were once again packaged in brown bags and I won a \$25 gift card from Simi Valley HD.

Our Local 1 group enjoyed ourselves very much. Thank you, once again, to Local 2 for doing another fine Sweaty Buns run.

Since I am the Regional Director for Locals 1 and 19, on July 28th I attended the monthly ABATE Local 19 meeting at the Round Table Pizza in Ontario. Jeff Bassler is their president and Diane Davis is the Secretary. They have a spirited group that attend their meetings and are not shy in giving their opinions on the issues that face ABATE. That in itself can be a good thing.

It's a little easier to attend their meetings since I have retired. Ontario is about 50 miles or so from my house in San Fernando. So I understand the possible difficulties the Regional Directors might have attending meetings other than their own Local. To those Regional Directors throughout the state, KEEP ON TRUCKING!

This year there was no Guide Dogs run in May. So in order to give the Guide Dogs support my Local's VP, Jim Nickla, set up a day for us to go to the Guide Dogs of America office in Sylmar and buy raffle tickets for a 2016 red HD Road Glide bike that they will

raffle off later in the year. This was kinda like a donation run. Since I live in San Fernando I went to the Guide Dog Office to alert them of our arrival.

They had at least 10 dogs waiting for us and the group from Glendale HD. Total bikers that showed up was about 50 folks. Donations and raffle ticket purchases for the bike went on for about an hour. Then the group departed to Top Rocker HD in Canoga Park to a free BBQ. The West Side HOG chapter did the BBQ and gave all their donation money to the Guide Dogs' donation fund. Thanks to them!

Local 1 has several members of the West Side HOG and Glendale HOG chapters as members of ABATE Local 1. That's a positive thing!

Thanks to Jim Nickla for getting this together and to those who participated, a Big Thank You.

Last month I ended my column by saying that on August 10th I was going to the Jeff Beck 50 Years of Jeff Beck Concert with Buddy Guy, Beth Heart, Steven Tyler and Billy Gibbons. I just want to say that it was a fun, bitchen evening.

On August 12th-14th I was with my Shagger brothers at their second annual Tehachapi mountain run. They are a sober club. I had a good time, slept under the stars and enjoyed good company, good food and good times. Since I have to watch my salt intake Renee, aka wife, packed me food so I would not eat all the food they would be serving as it probably would have too much salt. I had salt free turkey corn tortas, Ensure and trail mix. Renee will pack me another health food kit for my trip to Kernville next month.

Ok that's it! Thanks for reading! Till next month, Regards from Sporty the scribe.

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Motorcycle Safety Report

by Norm e. Newiger, Safety Officer

The Motorcycle Life

First of all, the majority of riders that I hang with and or interact with are serious riders and most have been riding all their lives. I kind of gravitate to that type of riders because that's how I grew up. My dad, with the iron fist, gave me the freedom to learn by my mistakes and that made me a better rider than I would have been otherwise. No matter what kind of bike you ride, road experience is the best teacher, it doesn't make you infallible, just wiser. I did have help along the way with other experienced riders, even if some of them were my dad's psycho, really mean old men with more scars than most small towns had roads.

The barroom talk, as I call it, was more of an education than you would ever think. The more beer that was inhaled, the smarter they got and they wouldn't let you go until you heard it 20 times! I just had to filter what they were saying and use what little information I could get. It was good stuff, besides sometimes I had no choice.

I've learned that experience doesn't save you. It might help you, but because things happen, who's to say what could happen to anyone. The governments look at this as a way to try and control the bad things that happen with laws, even if the majority of said accidents were not the motorcyclists' fault. It's about our vulnerabilities.

We are targeted with this even though there's way more vehicle accidents than motorcycle accidents. I should just say there are way more cell phone accidents than motorcycle accidents, let alone the other types of vehicle accidents. (There are over 4,000 young teenagers killed a year, let alone adults and hundreds of thousands injuries as well.) So why pick on us bikers? I don't know why. It is something that needs attention immediately and education needs to be in the front - safety is for everyone!

The season for riding is almost over with maybe a few plus months of good riding weather and maybe more depending on where you live, but the fact of the matter is we still have to ride just as safe as when the riding season started a few months ago.

I've talked about our bones and guts in the previous articles and I was thinking about this: What do you do when you come up to an accident scene, whether it's a fallen biker or a vehicle crash? Do you provide assistance in helping? Do you know how to help?

It's a very big issue nowadays and with more cars and motorcycles on the road it only gets worse if nothing is being done about motorcycle awareness or for that matter all safety on the roads to include all vehicles. There are many people that will just do a drive by and some will call for help and then there's the one that will get involved before any type of emergency help arrives - this action could save lives! But sometimes the price to be a Good Samaritan scares people into doing nothing and that's a sad but true statement because of lawyers. Not all of them, but the facts are about money and who is vulnerable to lawsuits. I understand what you can do could make it worse, but gut instinct can make a difference as well.

What do you do if you witness an accident or come upon one or you just happen to see a biker down? This is what I've learned; the first thing you can do is secure the scene to prevent further accidents. Although this could be dangerous, you have to use good judgment and don't think that other people in vehicles have seen it or had a chance to avoid it. If you have others with you, have someone call 911 while you or somebody checks out the person. Once the area is secure, start a communication dialog with the person to see if they are conscious and alert. Talk to them without being hysterical or telling them that they are really messed up. If you stay positively calm and reassuring, then they will be as well. Before you do anything ask them if they are hurt and need your assistance. They can say do not touch me or help me without even knowing their injuries. If you help them against their wishes, then



you could be liable without protection from the Good Samaritan laws. If they say yes, then help them to your best abilities. If the person said no and loses consciousness, make the best assessment you can. In these cases Good Samaritan laws will protect volunteers who provide aid or assistance in emergencies from legal liability for injuries or damages.

Ask them where they hurt and see if you can get them comfortable without hurting them even more. Let them know that emergency services are on the way. You should inspect their body to make sure there's no excessive bleeding or compound breaks without moving their body. If the ground is really hot (remember that black asphalt could be 30 plus degrees hotter than the air temperature) and they are complaining about it, try and roll him/her on their side and put down clothing or a blanket under them and roll them back onto to it. Always make sure they stay conscious while doing any type of first aid. Don't try and remove their helmet or clothing unless you and him/her know that they don't have any upper body injuries. Blunt force trauma is hardly recognizable in the midsection of the body. If they are complaining about pain, do not move them, leave that to the professionals unless you have no choice.

Try to get others involved such as a person making sure traffic is warned of an accident and assisting you if needed. Sometimes another person might know something you don't etc. If the person turns pale, then they could be going into shock and you will need to elevate their feet and cover them to keep them warm. Also you should be on your knees while administrating first aid, this helps them keep calm.

If the person is bleeding profusely, put pressure on the wound using a bandage, rag or clothes. You can even use just your hand. If the person is conscious see if they can do it, it will help them stay calm. If a main artery is bleeding and applied pressure won't stop it then you can use a belt, bungee cord or rope to make a tourniquet - severe bleeding can be deadly if not attended to immediately. Just remember to keep talking to the person that's down and reassure them that help is on the way.

If you happen to be at an accident site and the person is unconscious then you should do this: Make sure the site is secure from other vehicles that don't know what's happening. Approach the person cautiously (they might wake up freaking out on you), kneel down and gently nudge him/her to see if you get a response. Check to see if they are breathing, if they are not then check to see if there is anything obstructing their airway. Also look at their chest to see if you see movement. You should start CPR if the person isn't breathing and you know how to do it. If you do not know how to do CPR, DO NOT attempt it. Ask if anyone else knows how to do it. If nobody knows how to do CPR, then roll the person onto their side and make sure the airway is clear using your two fingers and wait for emergency services.

The only time you should move an unconscious person

is if they are in danger from a vehicle fire, crazy drivers who don't know what just had happened or a person tangled up on their bike and it's burning them etc. If you or someone else is on the phone with emergency help, keep them on line and tell them everything you are doing, including the traffic conditions.

These are hard things to do. It's not an everyday thing for the majority of us and we can have reactions from seeing blood and guts that would turn our stomachs real fast, but you can save somebody's life. To me that's worth it! If you can't do any type of first aid, ask others if they know how to help. The more people you get involved, the easier it will be for everyone.

As I have researched first aid etc. online, I've seen a lot of sites that offer training for first aid and CPR. They even have apps for your cell phone for first aid instruction and steps on what to do in the event you need to perform first aid to a downed motorist. Many adult night schools offer CPR and first aid training, as well as private enterprises. It's something worth looking into as a person or group. You just never know if you will need to help someone, or you could be the one that needs help. It's good to be educated - period!

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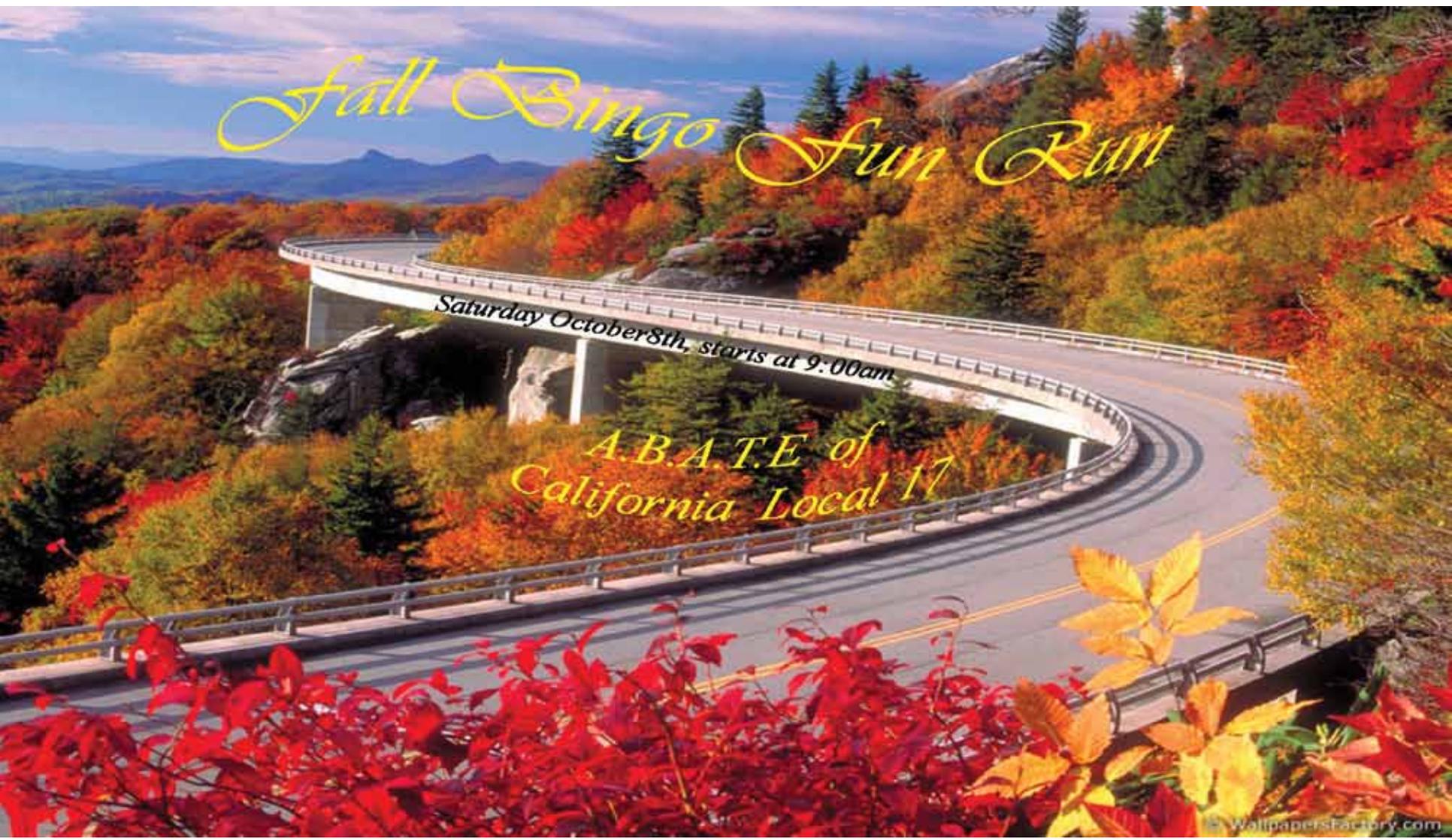
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Alan was the owner and sole craftsman of Iron Mountain Leather in Chico. He was a Specialist 5 in the Army during the Viet Nam war. He was the former Director of the Chico HOG Chapter and member since 2004. He was a drummer and one of the most well-known and respected musicians in Northern California.

Alan was a modern day cowboy, a local legend and an all-around community treasure. He was a loving and giving soul and embodied the true spirit of our community.

He leaves his wife of 21 years, Tammy Meigs of Chico, California; his son, John Cody Carter (Privitt) & wife Stephanie; grandchildren Joseph, John Brandon Alan and Jessica. He also leaves his brothers Dave Meigs, Ken Knighten & wife Gail and Jerry Knighten & wife Robin.



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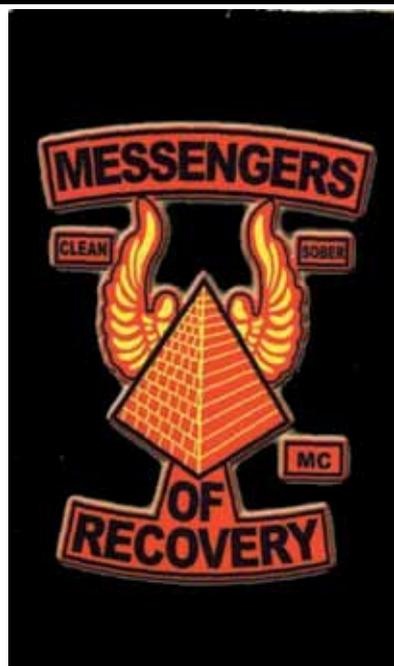
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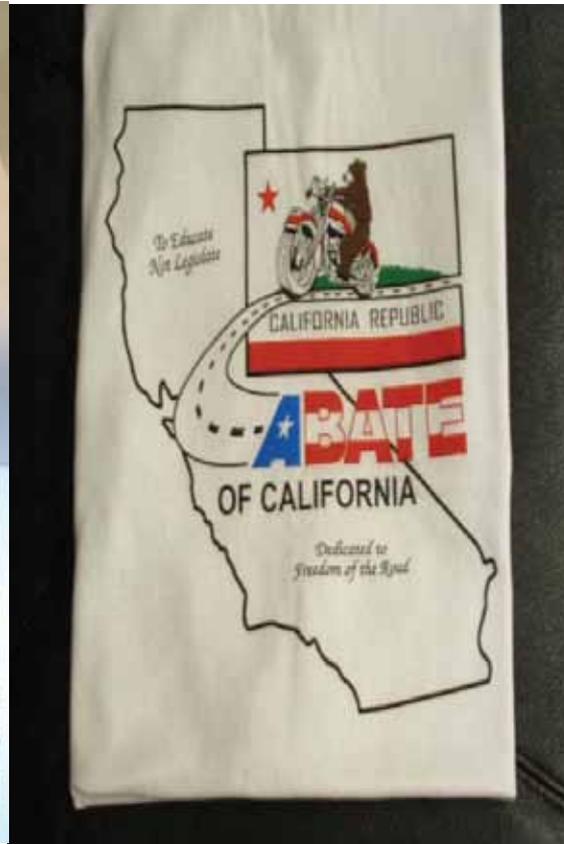
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 4242 E Los Angeles Ave.
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 Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge
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 Thousand Oaks
 91362

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 P O Box 501946 Pacific Beach
 San Diego CA 92150 92109
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Steve Howe 2nd Mon.7:30PM
 562/298-6236 American Legion #354
 8071 Whitaker
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 90621

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 2104 Continental Ave. American Legion
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 37230 52nd St. East Text 661/789-7502 for
 Palmdale 93552 meeting place.
 661/586-5555
 ron.sundquist@sbcglobal.net

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 626/513-6314 Vicky's Restaurant
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 San Bernardino CA 92408

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Kenny Nuttall 1st Tues - 7:00 PM
 P.O. Box 7070 American Legion
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 Riverside, CA 92501

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Marty Rapp 2nd - Thurs - 6:30 PM
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 29 Palms CA 92277 Call Marty for Location
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 Olivehurst 95961

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Ed Aranda Last Thurs - 6:30 PM
 Edward_A12@yahoo.com
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Robert Zamora 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM
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 5430 Olive Dr
 Bakersfield 93308

High Desert Local 44/47-Reg #13

Dave Hastings 2nd Sat. 9:30 am
 16782 Danbury Ave. Eagles Order #4181
 Hesperia, CA 92345 16195 Main St
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Grass Valley - Local#52-Reg#2

Craig Griswold 3rd Wed - 6:30 PM
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