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Lobbyist Report by Jim Lombardo Sr.

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Membership Report

by Jeff Bassler

With our fearless leader and membership sage, Sporty, temporarily down... but not out... I thought I would step in and offer up some thoughts on our current membership situation. First off, with ABATE being the last organization with full time lobbyist representation in Sacramento, it is critical to our rights that we are able to continue with our mission. EVERYONE that rides, and anyone that cares about rider rights, should join ABATE... IF ONLY to be contributing to having our lobbyist team there to sound the alarm as legislators target our rights.

That said, nothing brings people together like a common cause. We have one legislator in Sacramento that has authored AB 2496 to target PERMANENT removal of our bikes from the road, if they exceed a frankly unsafe sound level standard. This legislator is Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris. As fate, and redistricting, would have it, she is now in a tight race with a pro-rider incumbent from what used to be her neighboring district, Steven "Steve" S. Choi. Those in the know say this race is a toss up. If ABATE, and riders as a whole, can step in and help Steve win this race, while taking out someone less than friendly toward riders, it could instill a healthy respect for rider rights among other legislators in Sacramento. Nothing means more to them than election, or re-election.

This is an opportunity to reach out to ALL RIDERS for a common cause. Go to your local bike shops, and spread the word. Go to bike nights, dealerships, events and even biker bars. You have a message they need to hear. All through the state there is an opportunity for riders to donate to the cause. Go to www.StevenChoi.org to make donations. You can also phone bank from wherever you are. You can contact Steve's campaign manager Henry Abraham at (949) 294-2584 or abraham4cm@gmail.com. And for those who live near Orange Country, you can help get signs out and/or walk the district. Be sure to mention that you are a rider, or with ABATE, when you contact them. We want them to know that we helped carry them over the line.

We are in the single digits of weeks until the election... and even fewer for early voting. We don't have time for people to "get around" to doing something. The time is now. Get out there and spread the word that ABATE is trying to do this for them, and they should help ABATE in this effort. As we come together for the common good, we are spreading the word OF ABATE looking after their needs in a very concrete way as we do it. So we need to step up and spread the word ...AND help this campaign become a success. Such successes are how we best grow ABATE.

Mission Statement

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

Politics – Legislative: Bills At A Glance

Presented by The Lombardo Group, ABATE Lobbyist

SB-1079 Portantino (D – Glendale) *AMENDED Vehicles: sound-activated enforcement devices

This bill would authorize 6 unspecified cities to conduct a pilot program, as specified, using sound-activated enforcement devices to capture vehicle noise levels that exceed the legal limits. As part of the pilot program, this bill would require the participating cities to, among other things, adopt a Sound-Activated Enforcement Device Use Policy, administer a public information campaign, and prepare and submit a report to the Legislature, annually, on December 31, that evaluates and determines the effectiveness of the pilot program. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2028. (Assembly Floor)

AB-2496 Petrie Norris (D - Huntington Beach) Vehicles: exhaust systems

Existing law requires every motor vehicle subject to registration to be equipped with an adequate muffler in constant operation and properly maintained to prevent any excessive or unusual noise and prohibits a muffler or exhaust system from being equipped with a cutout, bypass, or similar device. This bill would require a court to require a certificate of compliance for a violation of the requirements mentioned above. The bill would require the court to notify the Department of Motor Vehicles to place a hold on the vehicle registration until the certificate of compliance is received by the court only if the certificate is not provided to the court within 3 months of the violation date. The provisions of the bill would become operative on January 1, 2027. (Oppose – Senate Floor)

AB 2125 Fong (R – Bakersfield) Driver's licenses: motorcycle licensing pilot program

This bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish a pilot program in order to evaluate the efficiency and safety, among other things, of using motorcycle safety program service providers and grant recipients to administer the driving demonstration portion of an exam to receive a license to drive a motorcycle, as specified. The bill would require the program to last 5 years and require a minimum of 25% of motorcycle safety program service providers and grant recipient sites to participate in the program.

(Support – Held, Senate Appropriations Committee)

SB 894 Jones (R – San Diego) Off-Highway Vehicles

This bill would require, a specified vehicle identification number/product identification number for OHV's that is model year 2022 and beyond, that is used solely for competition. This would require that a competition motorcycle display that identification plate or device on the left side of the motorcycle, commencing January 1, 2024. (Support – Assembly Floor)

SB What? AB Where?

Want more details about a bill? Whether it's in the Senate or Assembly in Sacramento, go to:

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Locals Reports

Local #02 Simi Valley

Attention All Local 2 Members! We have been having our meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and now we are changing back to the 2nd Tuesday of the month as we had previously been doing. This is mainly because the VFW will be open again on Tuesdays.

We meet at VFW POST 10049 at 4242 East Los Angeles Ave. We start our meeting at 7:30 promptly.

Our meeting tonight wished Patti Bock a Happy Birthday! Thank you for the years of ABATE membership and friendship.

The meeting was about where we're at. We talked about our Sweaty Buns run that was postponed and now has been cancelled until next year. We had numerous ABATE members with medical issues who couldn't help out this year. Hopefully, all will be healed by the next Sweaty Buns run and we can return to normalcy.

As for me, Norm the PR officer for Local 2 and Safety officer for ABATE, I'll be on medical sabbatical for 2-3 months. I'm preparing for my 7th operation in 18 months and, hopefully, it will be my final surgery and I will return to a somewhat normal life - riding my hog and jamming with every musician as much as possible!

I hope nothing but the best for ABATE and all ABATE members. It's a great lifestyle and needs your attention. Remember if you teach the younger people about you, then they will be the next ABATE members!

God Bless all of you and I'll see you in a few ... Norm e

Local #08 Orange County

Hello All! I hope everyone has gotten out to ride this Summer and you have been safe. At our meetings we have been figuring out plans for events we want to put on.

Who likes to get out and ride bikes to a sporting event? I wonder if that would be fun? If you have saddle bags or a trunk on your bike you can store all your gear and you have a D ring too. The bike parking might be easier to get into and in a better spot of the lot. At the end of the event, you might be able to slip out of the parking lot in less time. This might not be an ideal situation for everyone, but it is an idea.

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

Hey From Local 17! Been a little while since I took the time to update everyone on the happenings. It has been a tumultuous 3 years to say the least.

Please take a moment to say a prayer for our lost member Chuck Wilson, who was lost to Covid in May this year. Chuck was a member for 22 years! A very affectionate man and happy to volunteer for ABATE functions as well as my daughter Sarah's run. We miss ya man!

Our next event is our Memorial and Fall Bingo Run on October 2nd. This run adds a remembrance at the last stop for our fallen members as we reflect on what they meant to us. Our stops are still being set-up, but rest assured you will have fun if you attend and support your Local 17. There are winners at every stop!

We are finally bringing back our Holiday Party on December 10th at the Vacaville Moose Lodge – it's a Local 17 tradition! Tickets will be available soon. It's a gathering not to be missed complete with door prizes and good fun with friends. Dinner will be catered by Vacaville Buckhorn BBQ. Please contact Glenn at (707) 624-6310 to reserve your seat now. Tickets will be only a \$15 donation each.

Lastly, our Local board needs positions filled. Our Local has a rich history since being formed in May of 1990. Since our first President, Don Kopriva, we have had 15 leaders fighting for our rights and a voice at the Capitol. I am in my 9th year as President and am looking for some relief.

Our Local now is in desperate need of a President, Secretary, Event & Raffle Coordinator and Membership Officer for our upcoming year in order to remain a viable Local. Currently we only have a President, Vice President and Treasurer. A Secretary is required most urgently for our Local to remain open.

Please come to our monthly meetings on the 3rd Sunday, 11 am, at Judy's Wild Wrangler located at 4823 Midway Road in Vacaville and be part of the LARGEST ABATE Local in California!

See you around the next corner,

Glenn

Local #19 Pomona Valley & San Gabriel Valley

Although not officially a Local 19 event, many members of Local 19 help Tim and I put on the La Verne 4th of July Motorcycle Parade. At the parade this year we put out donation buckets for the Local to bring to ABATE. The result of that effort is parade participants, by way of Local 19, are donating \$325 to the ABATE Lobbyist Fund.

We are encouraging our membership to contribute to the effort to elect Steve Choi in Orange County. He is in a coin

toss race against Cottie Petrie-Norris, the author of AB 2496... which seeks to remove loud motorcycles from California roads permanently. We hope you will join us in the effort.

And we are continuing our effort to prepare for the 2022, 34th Annual Toy Run. After an event, exhaustion often leads to just throwing everything into storage. This month we also plan to go through all our Toy Run supplies, discarding what we don't need, and organizing what we will continue to use. Major efforts, at present, include the donation drive to allow us to buy bicycles for children who's families can not afford them. Have you ever known anyone to ride a motorcycle without first riding a bike as a child? We are also securing donations for the raffle at the event, as well as lining up vendors. The band and DJ are secured, as is the venue. Santa has assured us he will be there. If any of you would like to help with donation for either the raffle or the bike drive, don't hesitate to contact us.

Jeff Bassler, P – Local 19

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE Members! We are gearing up for our Turkey and Toy Runs. The Turkey Run is celebrating its Silver Anniversary, 25 years! It seems like only yesterday Barbara and I were talking about doing a run for Thanksgiving. My how time flies. Please help make our Runs a success.

Our Local would like to thank ABATE Local 6 for their continued support and for being our first Turkey Run t-shirt sponsor for this year. A minimum of a \$100 will put your logo on the back of our run shirts. There should be a copy of our Turkey Run flyer in the Bailing Wire.

Our Toy Run turns 31 this year! Ken Samples and myself have been to all or most of them. Bob and Alicia Brown do a great job organizing the Toy Run. The auction is worth the ride over.

We are looking for donations for both Runs, large or small.

The monthly meetings for November and December will be the Thursday before each run instead of the last Thursday of the month. So come to our meetings, volunteer and donate. Check out ivmoto.com for updates and happenings down here.

Well bye for now, ride safe and we'll see you down the road.

Ed Aranda, President ABATE Local 38

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MOTORCYCLIST KILLED BY SELF-DRIVING CAR

"A motorcyclist was killed on I-15 in Draper, Utah when a Tesla crashed into the back of the bike," reported Fox13 News in Salt Lake City on July 24, adding that "the driver of the Tesla said he had the 'auto-pilot' setting on...he told police he didn't see the motorcyclist."

"Wow, and even in a driverless vehicle, the 'I didn't see the motorcyclist' gets a rider killed," commented NCOM Board Member Ed Schetter, who recently presented a "We Just Want Our Place on the Road" seminar at the National Coalition of Motorcyclists' NCOM Convention in Nashville that examined the inevitability of driverless cars, relating the impact on motorcycling.

"Such an incident stresses our need to protect our space on the road, as I pointed out in my presentation," said Schetter, a veteran of the auto industry and Executive Director of ABATE of Ohio. "I wonder who the biker's family gets to sue? The Driver? Tesla? The Software Company? Sometimes you just shake your head."

UN SET TO ALLOW INCREASED SPEED FOR AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

The United Nations (UN) is set to allow for an increase in speed for the operation of self-driving vehicles, as well as new tests focused on how well they can detect motorcycles.

Until now, the speed limit for the autonomous driving of vehicles has been 60kph (@37mph), but that is now set to increase to 130kph (80.7mph) thanks to an amendment to UN Regulation No. 157 adopted by the UNECE's World Forum for Harmonisation of Vehicle Regulations. The amendment also allows for autonomous lane changes, and is set to be implemented from January 2023.

The regulation also states, according to the Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (FEMA), that "all tests that

need to be conducted for a system like ALKS (Automated Lane Keeping System) or LCP (Lane Change Procedure), have to be carried out with a passenger car target as well as a powered two-wheeler target."

This means that, although the autonomous technology is able to operate at a higher rate of speed, the safety for bikers when approaching an autonomous vehicle should now be improved upon, because their ability to detect motorcycles should (hopefully) be improved.

HONDA DEVELOPING LANE ASSISTANCE SYSTEM FOR THE BIKES OF THE FUTURE

Recent patent filings from Honda for camera- and radar-enabled lane assist for motorcycles across its roster would keep their bikes in-lane via AI.

"Lane assist" is a commonality now in modern cars, but not so common in motorcycles, as electronic aids which detract from the actual riding of the motorcycle for the person holding the handlebars are generally avoided by the manufacturers, who do not want to lose their core enthusiasts, which is also why autonomous technology has not advanced far in the two-wheeled world, especially compared to the much larger automobile market and tech-hungry car culture.

Honda is developing their lane-keeping assist system (LKAS) with the aim of making accidents a thing of the past, but if they are to reach their goal of slashing car and motorcycle deaths by half in the next eight years and bring the number down to zero by 2050, we can expect to see a massive influx of rider-assistance systems like this in the very near future.

The plan combines driver assistance tech with a predictive AI computer system that can spot situations which lead to driving errors before they happen, and is intended to be introduced in the second half of this decade.

Further ahead, the intention is to introduce "Safe and Sound Network

Technology" that allows cars, bikes, roadside furniture and even pedestrians (via their phones) to communicate, allowing a server to create a virtual model of traffic movement to predict and prevent accidents before they even start to unfold. The system is scheduled to be phased in from the 2030s.

JURY ACQUITS TRUCKER CHARGED WITH SEVEN-COUNT MOTORCYCLE HOMICIDE

On the morning of June 21, 2019, truck-driver Volodymyr Zhukovskyy admitted to driving under the influence of fentanyl, heroin and cocaine before crashing his 2016 Dodge Ram 2500 Tradesman crew-cab pickup into a pack of Marine Corps veterans riding their motorcycles near Randolph, New Hampshire, killing seven members of the Jarheads Motorcycle Club.

Prosecutors argued that Zhukovskyy, who had previous DUI convictions and should have had his license suspended, repeatedly swerved back and forth before the collision and told police he caused it. But the judge dismissed eight charges related to whether he was impaired, based on a contested blood test, and his defense attorneys blamed the lead biker for causing the accident, claiming that "he was drunk and not looking where he was going when he lost control of his motorcycle and slid in front of Zhukovskyy's truck."

Following a 2-week trial, jurors deliberated for less than three hours before finding Zhukovskyy, 26, innocent on seven counts of manslaughter, seven counts of negligent homicide and one count of reckless conduct, setting him free after being held in custody since the accident.

This high-profile case has garnered staggering coverage across the country, and the surprising verdict has been soundly criticized by many, including New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu (R) who said he shares in the "shock, outrage, and anger that so many have expressed" since the crash. "The Fallen Seven did

not receive justice today, and that is an absolute tragedy,” Gov. Sununu stated.

New Hampshire Attorney General John Formella said he believes the state proved its case. “Mr. Zhukovskyy should have been found guilty of the charges in this case and held responsible for causing seven deaths and numerous injuries,” he said. “We thank the Court and the jurors for their service, and while we are extremely disappointed, we respect the verdict and our system of justice.”

PETITION CALLS FOR PROPER PUNISHMENT FOR BIKE THIEVES

A petition has been launched on the Change.org website calling for tougher sentences for bike thieves. The petition was started by British biker, Xander James from Hull, U.K., and has already amassed thousands of signatures -- enough to draw attention of local news.

“As we know, motorcycle & vehicle theft is the highest it’s ever been, this is partly due to the minimal sentences from the Crown Prosecution Service,” explains James on his petition to the U.K. Parliament and Scotland Yard. “We need change. We can’t safely park our vehicles outside our own homes anymore! But with the Crown Prosecution Service handing out cautions & early release they keep doing it.”

Along with tougher sentencing, James wants to see Operation Yellowfin receive more support from the Government, a police operational initiative which was launched locally in 2018 to tackle motorcycle crime and anti-social behavior.

STURGIS TRAFFIC DOWN, BUT STILL HIGHER THAN AVERAGE

The good news is; the Department of Transportation counted over half a million vehicles entering Sturgis, South Dakota during the 82nd annual Black Hills Motorcycle Rally week, but the bad news; that’s down 4.4% from last year.

The city of Sturgis estimated the 2021 attendance at 555,000. Although down from 2021, the 2022 total vehicle count is still higher than the five-year average of 492,535.

Sturgis City Manager Daniel Ainslie told the Black Hills Pioneer that 2021 was far better than expected because people had been in lockdown during the pandemic and just wanted to get out and travel. “It was a significant Rally last year. It was actually the largest Rally we had other than the 75th for more than a decade,” he said. “Given that last year was such a large Rally, it’s not unexpected that numbers are down.”

Some worried initially that gas prices -- which hovered near \$5 a gallon mid-summer -- might have deterred people from attending this year’s Rally, but according to Ainslie; “With a lot of individuals that come here, no matter what, they’re going to be coming. But, I think they are being a little more careful with what they are spending.”

BONNEVILLE MOTORCYCLE SPEED TRIALS CANCELED DUE TO FLOODING

On August 13, 2022, the Bonneville Motorcycle Speed Trials organizers officially announced that the 2022 event is canceled. This year’s speed trials had originally been scheduled to take place from August 28 through September 1, 2022, but due to flooding on the Bonneville Salt Flats, the BMST, FIM Land Speed World Records, and AMA Land Speed Grand Championship is officially canceled for 2022.

Heavy storm systems brought flooding to the salt flats, and when organizers did an aerial assessment of the state of the standard track area on August 12, they found that “the entire length of our tracks and beyond are flooded,” and noted that “Although the area is drying, it is unfortunately not drying quickly enough for the event to take place.”

GWRRRA CALLS IT QUITS

Putting down their kickstand for good, the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRRA) is waving farewell after 45 years of meeting the nicest people, and ceased operations following this year’s Wing Ding 43 in Shreveport, Louisiana at the end of July.

Founded in 1977 with the motto, “Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge,” the GWRRRA called itself, “the world’s

largest single-marque social organization for owners of Honda Gold Wing/Valkyrie motorcycles” that once boasted nearly 80,000 members across 53 countries, with 800-plus chapters staffed by 4,000 volunteer leaders.

GWRRRA Founders Paul Hildebrand and Shirley Stevens-Garcia made good on the ‘60s era ad slogan “You meet the nicest people on a Honda” by creating a non-profit, non-religious, non-political organization “that advocated for rider education and safety, motorist awareness, and leadership training.”

SAVE THE DATE - 2023 NCOM CONVENTION IN PHOENIX

Next year’s 38th annual NCOM Convention is now scheduled for Father’s Day weekend, June 16-18, 2023 in Phoenix, Arizona, so plan ahead to join with hundreds of like-minded bikers’ rights activists from across the country for a weekend of learning, sharing and camaraderie!

Concerned advocates from the ranks of Motorcycle Rights Organizations (MROs), clubs (Confederations of Clubs) and independent riders will gather together for the betterment of biking, with agenda items dealing with legal and legislative issues, so check back at www.ON-A-BIKE.com for further details from the National Coalition of Motorcyclists as they are announced.

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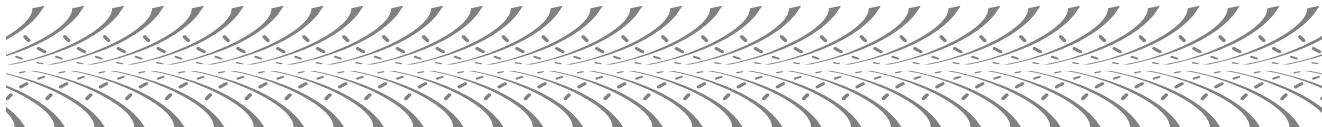
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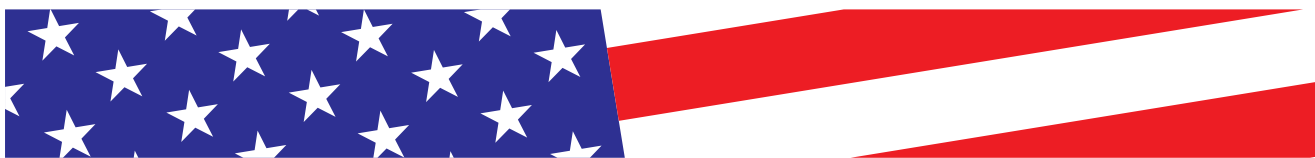




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Splitting, Sharing, and Filtering

There has been a lot of buzz around the interwebs about the various legislation around the west allowing riders to move between lines of traffic. There are two major versions, lane splitting or sharing and filtering. (Yes, there is no real difference between lane sharing and lane splitting, just the terminology.) The major difference between the two methods lies with the speed of the traffic. With lane splitting/sharing the traffic being passed is in motion, while in filtering the traffic being passed is stationary.

So how is the average rider suppose to deal with each method?

Filtering is fairly straight-forward. When the traffic is at a dead stop, such as at a traffic signal, motorcycles gently move between the stopped lanes of traffic, ideally to the intersection, until traffic begins to move again. At that point the motorcycle melds back into the regular flow of traffic. The only imperative in target tracking is to locate the vehicles that might close off the path of travel and be prepared to check up.

Easy, peasy, lemon squeezy.

There are more moving parts with lane splitting/sharing. There are vehicles on either side of the rider that need to be monitored, as well as the traffic gaps in each lane. As per the studies, the optimal speed differential while splitting is 10 mph faster than the traffic being overtaken, ergo the most vehicles that you have to track on either side is two. Under normal circumstances the biggest worry is that someone will move to tighten the gap, which means checking up until they get bored. It's not the last lap at Talladega, so just have a bit of patience.

The gaps are a bit more problematic. They open and close as traffic moves, and it is moving temptation to folks in the other lane, therefore a rider needs to be ready for the unannounced lane change. There are tons of intangibles that come into play to help discover who might make the sudden lane change, but that will be reserved for a later discussion. The important point is how we do predictive analysis on potential incursions.

See y'all next time, and until then ride it safely and make it home with no new scratches.

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