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After happily being a passenger for many years, I took the CHP Motorcycle Safety Course at Cerritos College, got my MC1 license and much to my surprise, my very own bike! I couldn't wait to share my new ride and experience my first A.B.A.T.E. meeting as a rider/owner. Everyone at Local 20 was very supportive and encouraging of my recent endeavors and gave plenty of good advice. After the meeting many came out to view my new ride before I rode off into the moonlight forever addicted.

Yes, I have now been bitten by the riding bug and simply can't get enough "in the wind".



## **ABATE of CA Bill At a Glance**

### **CHP Lane Splitting Guidelines (FOR):**

- ABATE's Lobbyist delivered our response to the proposed guidelines - check out our Instagram & Twitter Feeds. We are a Voting member of this Committee.

### **AB 1027 Acosta Motorcycle Driver's licenses examinations (FOR):**

- This bill would authorize the DMV to accept any certificate of satisfactory completion of an approved motorcyclist training program, as specified, in lieu of a driving test on motorcycle license applications.
- ABATE's sponsored Bill has received no "no" Votes. It was set to be heard on the Senate Floor however as Cap & Trade was being brought to a Vote, they decided not to take Bills Authored by Republicans.

### **SB 672 Fuller Traffic-actuated signals - motorcycles and bicycles (FOR):**

- Existing law, until January 1, 2018, requires the placement and maintenance of the loop detector of a traffic-actuated signal, as to detect lawful bicycle or motorcycle traffic on the roadway. This bill would extend the operation of this requirement indefinitely.
- ABATE's sponsored Bill has received no "no" Votes but it was pushed back to late August. Expect updates as we move this along with meetings at the Capitol.

### **SB 249 & 159 Allen OHV Program (AGAINST):**

- SB249 would revise and recast various provisions of The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Act of 2003 which is repealed on 1.1.18 and also change the repeal date to 1.1.23.
- SB159 - Existing law requires that fees be deposited in the Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund, and requires moneys in the fund, upon appropriation, to be allocated for specified purposes related to off-highway recreation. These provisions are to be repealed on January 1, 2018. This bill would extend the operation of these provisions until January 1, 2023, if certain conditions are met.
- Negotiations are still on going, User Groups are still against this Bill. This most likely will go till the end of Session with many amendments. We are working on getting a 1 year extension and continuing talks with the Stakeholders into 2018.

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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 in the months that it is printed 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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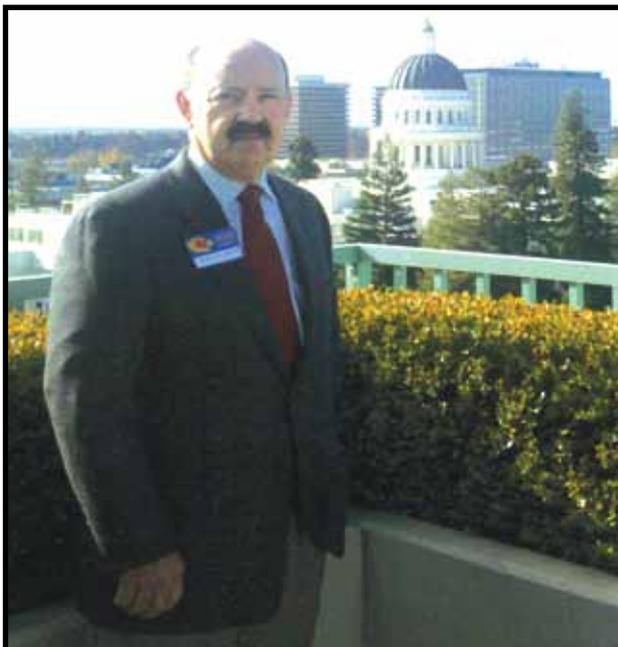
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## Lobbyist's Legislative Report



### by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

The Legislature returned from their summer recess on August 21<sup>st</sup> to finish up a final push to deal with a Major Water Bond proposal for the November ballot. It would add the first new storage dam in California since 1979, to be located in Yuba/Sutter Counties of Northern California.

Our bills are moving through the process having both passed their houses of origin by the July deadlines. SB 672, by Senator Jean Fuller (R-Bakersfield) makes permanent the requirement that cities, counties and Caltrans update non-detecting traffic signals

when doing repairs at intersections. It is being held in Assembly Appropriations on the Suspense File awaiting its final Committee hearing.

In the 10 years since the original legislation passed Caltrans estimates that 40 to 50 lights have been fixed each year. ABATE's Lobbyist met with Caltrans for three years during the development of administrative standards necessary to implement the original legislation. So, in essence, the law has only been in effect for the last 7 years to require the activation of traffic signals that can detect motorcycles and bicycles. Local agencies have already largely been complying with the provisions of this law and, to date, no municipality subject to this mandate has submitted a request for reimbursement.

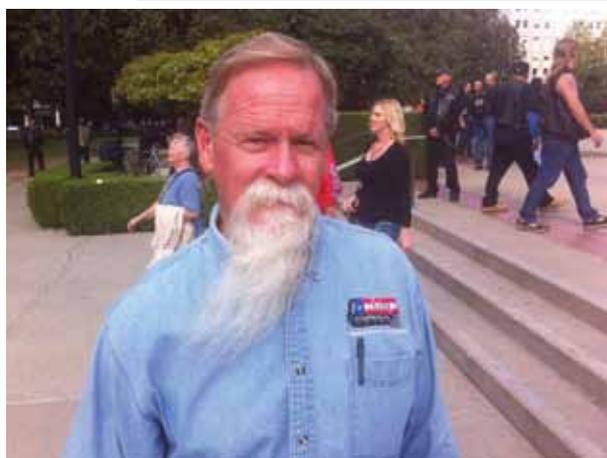
As of the mid-September Bailing Wire publishing deadline we can report that AB 1027 by Assemblyman Dante Acosta (R-Santa Clarita) is on the Senate Floor waiting a final vote. Coauthor Senator Scott Wilk (R-Santa Clarita) will present our bill on the Floor, and with its expected passage, it then goes to Governor Brown to await his signature.

I will have a yearly wrap up report at the October 21<sup>st</sup> Legislative Committee meeting in Fresno, where we will be discussing next year's Legislative Agenda. Make sure to look over ABATE's Social Media Sites (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) for weekly updates.

I hope to see you at the October Meeting in Fresno.

Thanks for contributing to the Dedicated Lobbyist fund! It keeps us in the Capital fighting for your Riding Rights!

## Executive Director's Report



### by Dave Hastings, Executive Director

We held our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Board of Directors meeting in Buena Park on July 29<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Local's 8 & 20. I would like to say "Thank You" to both of our hosting Locals and our members from all over the state who were in attendance. We had very good attendance, despite some last minute scheduling and location changes, with seven of our Board of Director members, four Regional Representatives, and thirteen of our eighteen active Locals represented at the meeting. Not bad, considering those last minute date and location changes due to a scheduling conflict at our usual meeting venue. All in all, everything turned out well and we had a very informative and productive meeting.

One of the items that was discussed and approved was the establishment of new social media Apps for our members and the public to use. We now have our traditional printed Bailing Wire,

our email and Discussion Line, our Facebook App and we have established a new Twitter and Instagram account for our members and friends to utilize for communication. Also donations to ABATE of California can now be made directly through a secure Pay Pal account link.

Speaking of donations, our "Annual Appeal" is coming in the mail, so please respond to our request with as much generosity as you can muster. We are a "grass roots" organization and that is a simple term for "self-funded". So please help us protect your and our motorcycle freedoms in California with any amount you possibly can.

We are seeking nominations for our 2017 "Freedom Fighter of the Year" award and we have six Board of Director member seats up for election this year. Please submit your nominations for a Board of Directors position and Freedom Fighter award to Janet at the State office before September 15, 2017 so she can get the Bios into the Bailing Wire for statewide consideration and voting.

In closing I want to remind everyone that our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and final Board of Directors meeting of 2017 will be held at the Piccadilly Inn in Fresno on October 21<sup>st</sup>. So save that date and start making your travel plans now to attend. Do your best to be there.

Ride safely on whatever roads you choose to travel, and enjoy the remainder of our California summer season. Autumn and cooler weather is approaching, and for some, ride time will be diminished. Go out and chase some sun now because leather season will be here before you know it. Ride safely, ride often, and I hope to see you all in Fresno!

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

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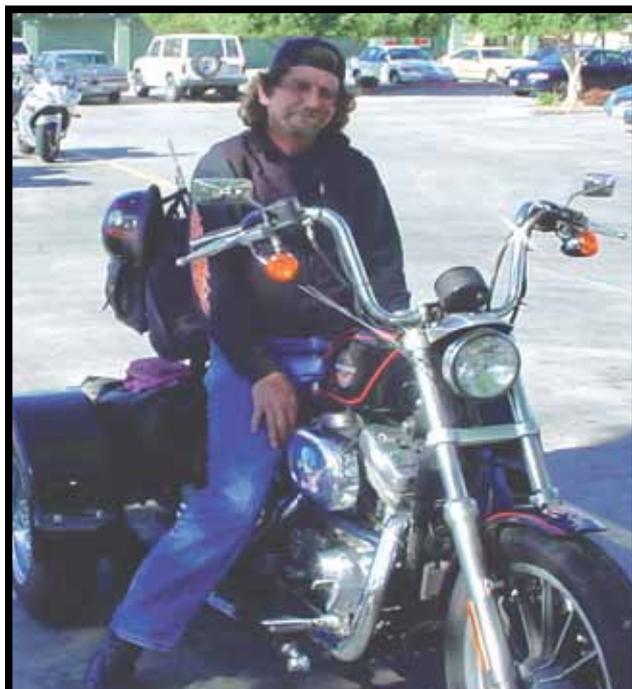
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# MEMBERSHIP REPORT



## by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hello all! At our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly Board of Directors meeting we drew the winner of the \$250.00 raffle drawing. **Congratulations to Kellie Shaffer** who is a member of Local 27.

Thank you to all who participated in the buying and selling of the tickets. Once again, because of your help with the Membership Drive's special raffle ticket sales, we are once again able to completely fund the drive plus have money left over to get renewal trinkets.

Again, thanks a bunch!

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, while we were at the Board meeting, ABATE Local 1 members had a membership booth at the Glendale Harley Davidson street fair. We signed up 2 members, Greg Andruk of Glendale and Alex Mayagoitia of Los Angeles. We also received a \$20.00 donation for the lobbyist's fund. I have several more potential members that I am following up on. Thanks to Debra Dunn, Shelia Lindsey, Dale Ferrans and Jim Nickla who worked at the booth.

The following day ABATE Local 8 had a booth at the Long Beach swap meet. Hopefully they had success signing up some new members!

I bring these events up because they illustrate what I have been saying all along, that making yourself present at events can result in getting new members.

So the Membership Drive is half over and according to Janet, our state office manager, in the month of July, statewide, 8 new members and 1 business member were signed up. Keep up the good work!

Again, do your best to keep your Local's renewals current and support ABATE business members. Remember there is strength and unity in numbers of members.

Regards, Sporty, Membership Chairman

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# LOCAL REPORTS

## Local #01 Los Angeles



Our meeting will be after the deadline for the Bailing Wire. Here's how it will go. We will start with the Pledge of Allegiance. The treasurer's report comes next. Then the president's message and PAC report. There will be a membership report and the VP's report. We'll talk about upcoming run and events. The president will ask for member's comments. Last is the 50/50 drawing. After closing the meeting, breakfast will be available from the good cooks at the Elks Lodge.

Regards, Sporty, President ABATE Local #1

## Local #02 Simi Valley



Once again, we had to hold our meeting at Pat and Scott's house as the VFW is still doing repairs to their building. Hopefully it will be done by our next meeting.

A great big thanks to Pat and Scott for being great hosts. We still had our great \$4.00 meal deal of BBQ hamburgers or foot longs with all the fixin's and then some.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 10049 at 4242 East Los Angeles Street. We start serving at 6:45 until 7:20 and then our meeting starts promptly at 7:30.

We started with the Pledge of Allegiance and our President, Guy, opened up the meeting. He talked about our Sweaty Buns run on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Everything was good and it went according to plan, and our end stop was Chuey's West. The weather wasn't as bad as it was last year, but we all still sweated! We had a good amount of raffle prizes and a great 50/50 as well as high and low hand games. Music was provided by the Original Gumball Factory again and they rocked.

We got 2 new riders for ABATE, Gary Nutt and John Pydrola - many thanks to you!

A giant thanks to all the volunteers, including Keith and Sharon from Local 3/13!

Pres Guy talked about the state meeting he attended and where we stand. He also talked about motorcycle rights and what's being done. Pat, our treasurer, went over our finances as well as the financial outcome of our run. We did good! If you

need more info, come to the next meeting!

PR Norm talked about ABATE, reading the Bailing Wire on line and to use ABATE's resources for searching websites, etc.

Frank and Jane were on vacation this month and Norm did the secretary stuff. Pigface Bob said we will do a surprise ride on the 19<sup>th</sup> - destination unknown! Be at PC's at 10 am.

Pres Guy read the list of merchandise we still have for sale. We also had our membership drawing and Stephanie didn't win because she wasn't here, so it rolls over to the next meeting.

We missed all who could not be here tonight. We had good conversations and fun with the meeting being the focal point of the night. We all know it's hard sometimes to come to our meeting after work and such, but this is one night a month for less than 2 hours, 11 times a year, totaling approximately 22 hours a year. Just think what you are representing and the impact ABATE has. Come on down to the next meeting!

PTL norm e.

## Local #08 Orange County



Howdy all from Local 8! Thanks to all of you who came out to the Quarterly Meetings on July 29<sup>th</sup>, visited our meeting place, the American Legion Post #354, and enjoyed the great lunch put on by the Women's Auxiliary. The meetings were pretty good, too.

On the following day, July 30<sup>th</sup>, Local 8 held our annual Sale/Outreach at the So-Cal Cycle Swap Meet. The sale was a great success. We reached our dollar goal, but the outreach was even better. We took contact info from eleven new prospective members. This is the best we have done in years!

Thanks to all the members who donated merchandise to the cause, came out and worked the booth talking up the public, and those who came by to socialize, too. A special thanks to Janet at the state office for getting us fresh August Bailing Wires to distribute, getting the ABATE keyrings to us in time for the event, and for having come up with the fantastic and timely idea of donating unsold t-shirts to the Locals for their upcoming events.

Local 8 continues to participate at Bike Nights around town. This week on August 18<sup>th</sup> we have another booth at Third Friday Bike Night at Lifestyle Cycles in Anaheim. September 22<sup>nd</sup> tentatively sees us back at Lifestyle Cycles for a salute to the military.

On October 31<sup>st</sup> we will not have a booth, but will have a presence at Watch 4 Motorcycles bike night at Lamp Post Pizza in Yorba Linda benefiting a fallen motorcyclist. This will be an outreach to sport bike enthusiasts. Local 8 is looking for space at additional local sport and touring bike dominated events, both for the end of this year, and for the upcoming riding season. Local 8 is looking to expand ABATE's presence in the entire motorcycling community.

We held our Local meeting last night and, though it was not heavily attended, we had a very good discussion regarding the Swap Meet and the things that went very right and things we will improve. Through all our community outreach this year we have re-learned a couple of important lessons; we have remembered to soft sell and, just as importantly, we have come to understand we can't just hand out blue cards hoping they will be sent in. We must ask for contact information! And when we get it, follow up!

By tradition, at the end of the meeting we held our Opportunity Draw. Our newest member, Cesar's, name was drawn, but he was not present. Opportunity rolls to next month.

That's all for now. Ride Safe! Steve

## Local #20 Orange County



Lorri, Spikes girl, rode her first bike to our meeting! We had a good turnout - 21 members and 6 guests - even without those who went to the Sturgis Rally. John spoke of what happened at the Cerritos Mall last month - profiling Christians. Gill wants those emails, letters and phone calls regarding the bills to continue - so get family and friends involved. Boomer told us about what's current on the East Coast when he was there. Spike updates us with Waco and other current topics. Congratulations to Moonie on her winning \$120. See what happens when Rick's out of town!

## Local #25 Sacramento



Lil' David called the meeting to order at 7:00. There were 9 members present and no visitors. There isn't much to report.

Mac Henderson is no longer helping with tickets for helmet violations and since Mark Temple moved to Arizona we aren't sure who can assist people.

The Sons of California - Gold Country are sponsoring a poker ride on October 14<sup>th</sup> starting at West Sac Sports Bar and Grill and ending at the Valencia Club.

We adjourned the meeting at 7:35. David Smart

# Attention!!!! ABATE of California Members – It IS ELECTION TIME!!!!

## 2018/2019 ABATE Board Members Election

It is that time again! We need 2 willing people to step up for our Board of Directors. The current Board Members who are up for re-election are: Mark “Dogman” Castillero; Sporty Milligan, Glenn Phillips and Daniel “Boomer” Humber. This leaves 2 seats open and available.

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. The nominee needs to have been a member in good standing for at least 1 year. These nominations should be made at any Local meeting preceding the cutoff date of September 15, 2017.

Information the state office needs on a candidate: Name, Membership #, Local #, Full Address, Phone # & Email.

All candidates need to submit a biography and picture of themselves to be published in the October issue of the Bailing Wire. All bios must be less than 450 words and submitted in a Word document to [bailing.wire@abate.org](mailto:bailing.wire@abate.org) by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Your pic must be in (.jpg) format and submitted along with your bio.

Here's some info that should be included in the Bio: Number of years a member, Local #, past and/or current positions held, other qualifications, goals for ABATE, other info that would be useful for members to know.

## 2017 ABATE of CA Freedom Fighter Nominations

Know someone that goes above and beyond for the organization? Nominate them for the 2017 Freedom Fighter award.

Candidates for the ABATE of California Freedom Fighter for 2017 need to be submitted by September 15<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Please write something about your nominee describing their contributions to promoting ABATE's aims and purposes along with a photo in (.jpg) format.

Email your nomination to [bailing.wire@abate.org](mailto:bailing.wire@abate.org).

## Board of Directors Meeting July 29 2017



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## Looking for a Volunteer

ABATE understands the importance of continuity in our leadership roles and supports mentoring people as they move into these roles. In that context, ABATE is looking for a volunteer to work assisting in the administration of our online presence. We are beginning a new expansion of our online exposure to include:

- ABATE webpage [www.abate.org](http://www.abate.org)
- ABATE of California Facebook page
- Instagram
- Twitter

In the short term, we are looking for someone to assist as needed in keeping these four locations current, accurate, and coordinated with each other.

In the longer term, we are looking for someone to replace Mark Loudermilk when he resigns the position. The details and requirements are as follows:

**Title:** Computer Dude or Dudette

**Location:** This is an online job. Doesn't matter where you live.

**Compensation:** The appreciation of management and all those we keep informed.

**Skills:** Proficiency with the following

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# Sarah Renee Phillips



## 18th Annual Memorial Run

Saturday, August 26th, 2017

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# Local 02's 2017 Sweaty Buns Run by Norm e Newiger

This year our run was different, way cooler than last year's more than sweaty buns run! It was pleasantly hot, but very manageable.

We had a very good run that started in Simi Valley and ended in Simi Valley. It was a great 100 mile ride with no complaints from any rider! Our end stop was at Chuey's West where all the festivities were. Things got going around 1:00 pm and lasted until 4:00-ish.

The list of "Thank You" starts with

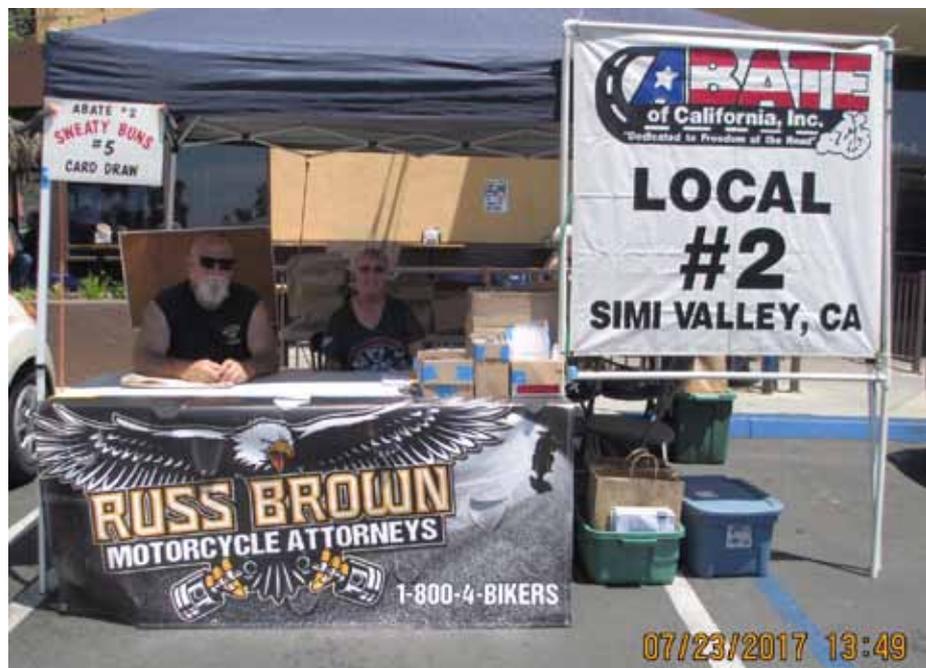
our own brethren, Local 2 volunteers - YAY! This run cannot exist without the hard work and dedication of our members to ABATE. This was our 22<sup>nd</sup> run, and let me tell you, most runs will never get to 20 let alone 22! Great Job to All our volunteers!

We made this ride worth the \$20.00 ride fee. With plenty of prizes, poker hands and a 50/50 drawing your chances were good to win something. The fee included our custom ride shirts for this event and lunch at Chuey's - and let me tell you the lunch was great!

We would also like to thank our business sponsors, if you have a shirt you will know who they are! A special thanks to Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys for all that they did for us - they are a great sponsor for ABATE and the motorcycle community.

A big thanks to the Original Gumball Factory for providing great live music, PR Norm's band. It was a very festive day and it went quick.

Next year it will be number 23!



**SB What? AB Where?**  
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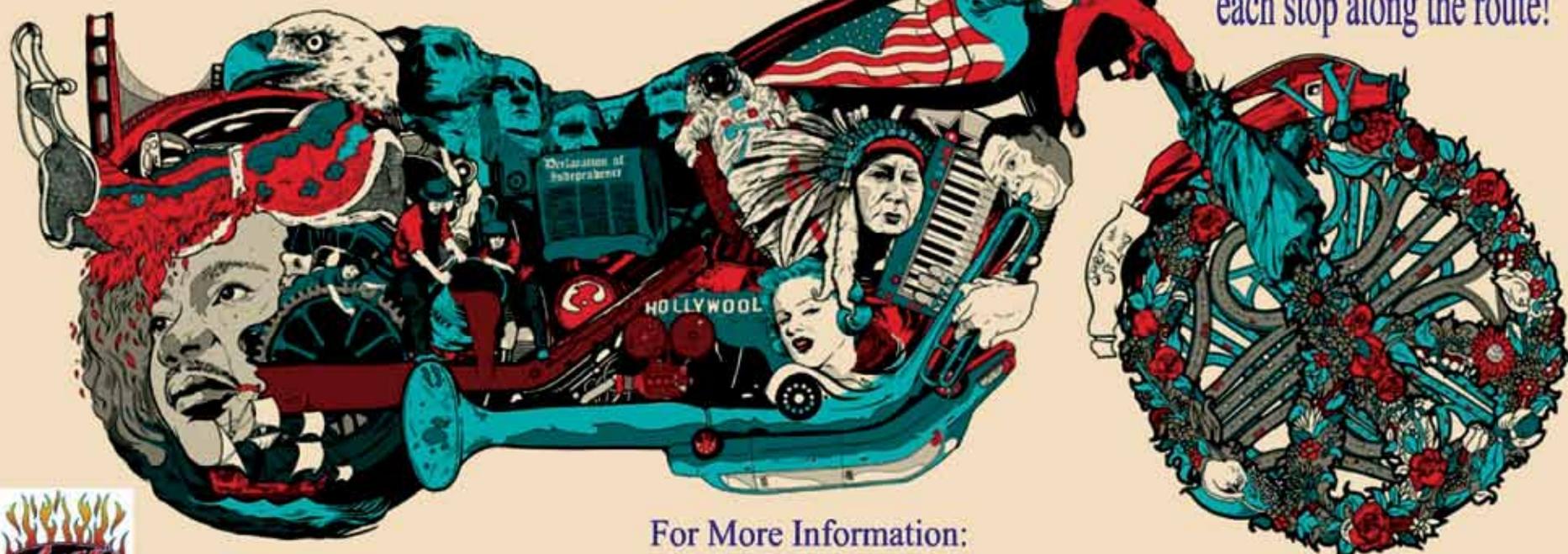
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#### Bill At A Glance (continued from page 1)

#### California Air Resource Board (CARB) Red Sticker Program & Motorcycle On-Road Emissions (AGAINST):

- The Red sticker program established in 1998 says that beginning with the 2003 model year, OHRVs that do not meet emissions standards receive a red registration sticker from the DMV. During peak ozone season, the red sticker limits operation at certain off-highway recreational vehicle parks.
- CARB is discussing getting rid of this program. They will be looking at this sometime in 2018, we are monitoring.

#### SB 660 Newman Vehicle exhaust systems: exemption (FOR):

- This bill would amend the existing law that allows CARB to regulate pollution control devices. The amendment would create the Aftermarket Parts Account in which monies deposited would be used for the purpose of hiring additional staff for the implementation of approved devices.
- This would get aftermarket parts approved quicker for sale. This is a Two Year Bill, more to come next Year.

#### California Motorcycle Safety Program (CMSP) Hi-Vis Subcommittee (CHP) (AGAINST):

- The committee is recommending that all riders wear Hi-Vis vests. ABATE's Lobbyist has emphatically voiced that we are against this and is a waste of the CMSP Fee that Motorcyclists pay during Registration.

Want more details on a bill?

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# Local 8 at the Long Brach swap meet - spreading the word..... And gathering donations.



## L44 Pancake Breakfast and Membership Drive

With the support of Victorville Harley, Local 44 had a very successful Pancake Breakfast and Membership Drive on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Local 44 folks wandered the shop and parking lot talking to everyone about what ABATE is working on and how we can help them. It paid off in a big way.

Great weather and too much food was only capped off by the signing up of 13 new members along with 2 renewals from long lost members.

Great job Local 44!



# Fall Bingo Fun Run

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### NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish,  
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**MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY WELCOMES BAN ON GAS POWERED VEHICLES:** The Motorcycle Industry Association (U.K.) has welcomed reports of a ban on new fossil fuel-powered vehicles starting 2040, saying it will be a "tremendous stimulus" for bike makers.

The Government is due to announce a ban on the sale of new petrol (gasoline) and diesel vehicles from 2040 as part of an effort to tackle air pollution, according to several national newspapers. The measure is expected to include a ban on new hybrid vehicles and "could mark the beginning of the end of the prevalence of the internal combustion engine in automotive transport," reports [www.BritishDealerNews.co.uk](http://www.BritishDealerNews.co.uk).

The announcement will be in line with a similar commitment already made by France.

Steve Kenward, CEO of the Motorcycle Industry Association (MCIA), pointed out that no specific mention had been made of motorcycles but added: "I think there's a great opportunity."

"For all the congestion-busting abilities of motorcycles and the abilities to make electric bikes I think it's a tremendous stimulus for the motorcycle industry," Kenward predicts. "It's a tremendous commercial trigger to push on with electric motorcycles."

Motorcycles made before 2007 are already set to be hit by a £12.50 (\$16.10 USD) daily pollution toll for entering London beginning in 2020.

**INDIA BECOMES WORLD'S LARGEST MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURER:** India has dethroned China from a long reign as the world's largest motorcycle manufacturer, having already overtaken China to become the largest domestic motorcycle market three years ago. The growth curve is continuing, as India's growing domestic market and partnerships with English and European bike builders have put the country at the forefront of worldwide two-wheeled production.

While overall new motorcycle sales in the U.S. have been about 500,000 a year, and around

125,000 are sold in the United Kingdom, the total sales of machines made in India for the last financial year came to 17.6 million - more every three days than are sold in the UK in a year; more every 11 days than are sold annually in America.

Meanwhile, China's domestic motorcycle market has been in decline for five years as government policy has incentivized electric bicycle sales and denied motorcycles access to city centers across China.

Conversely, the relentless growth of motorcycle sales in India is beginning to reshape the global marketplace. According to New Atlas, sales within India grew 6.9% last year, thanks to a fast-growing 1.32 billion domestic population that is quickly urbanizing and emerging from poverty - India has the fastest GDP growth of any major country. A massive India-wide road construction program is also fueling car and bike sales, just as it did in America a century ago.

Currently India's domestic motorcycle marketplace is dominated by sub-125cc scooters and motorcycles, but larger capacity "luxury" classes are taking an increasing share as the market matures. Royal Enfield, built in India for the past 62 years, sold more than 700,000 motorcycles last year, a figure nearly equal to the combined worldwide sales of Harley-Davidson, KTM, BMW, Triumph, and Ducati, and their production target for this fiscal year is 900,000.

**MILLIONS OF LICENSED MOTORCYCLISTS DON'T RIDE:** Nearly 8 million Americans have a motorcycle license, but don't own a bike. These phantom riders, referred to as "Sleeping License Holders," have come to the attention of motorcycle manufacturers seeking new customers as baby boomers age out of riding; wanting to wake them up.

Many of these 'sleepers' were active motorcyclists who had things happen in their life that caused them to quit riding: marriage, kids, financial pressures, a job that demands most of their time or simply a change in interests. Others completed rider training, got their license, but never bought a bike.

All of which has led Harley-Davidson, Indian and other bike makers to devise new marketing strategies.

Harley has set a goal of attracting 2 million new U.S. riders in the next decade and says it's committed to introducing 100 new motorcycles over the next 10 years, including an electric bike, and that effort is expected to bring some sleeping license holders into bike ownership.

Indian Motorcycle Co. is also digging into why the sleepers aren't taking that next step to become motorcycle owners. "I think, collectively as an industry, we need to answer that," said Kevin Reilly, vice president of motorcycle marketing for Indian.

The median age of U.S. motorcyclists is about 45, according to a report in Cycle World magazine, with an overwhelming number of new bike buyers over the age of 50.

**'E-DUI' LAW TARGETS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ELECTRONICS:** Washington state has enacted a new 'E-DUI' law that imposes stiff penalties for driving under the influence ... of electronic devices. Under their new distracted driving law, referred to as "E-DUI," drivers in the Evergreen State will no longer be

able to use a cell phone or any electronic device while driving, even when stopped at a traffic light. The bill was drafted in response to a 32% increase in deaths from distracted driving from 2014 to 2015.

"Put the cell phones down, preserve life," Gov. Jay Inslee said on the steps of the Capitol in Olympia, according to Q13 Fox News. Inslee says the bill is called "electronic driving while impaired" for a reason. "When you are driving with a cell phone, you are a more dangerous driver than if you are driving drunk with a .08 blood alcohol level," he said.

The first citation will cost drivers \$136, nearly doubling for a second offense within five years. Tickets issued for driving while using hand-held electronics will go on a motorist's record and reported to their insurance provider, says a website set up by the state explaining the new law.

In addition, according to the new law, drivers can also get a \$99 ticket for other types of distractions like grooming, smoking, eating or reading if it interferes with safe driving and you are pulled over for another traffic offense.

### NATIONWIDE ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN TO CURB DRINKING AND RIDING:

A nationwide campaign to crack down on motorcyclists driving drunk or impaired is underway until Labor Day, with local police and Highway Patrol out in force until after the holiday weekend.

The end of the summer is universally celebrated by millions of Americans on Labor Day weekend, and for many motorcyclists the weekend is a chance to close down summer with that last long ride.

So ride aware that this high-visibility national enforcement campaign, "Ride Sober or Get Pulled Over," runs from August 18 through September 4, 2017. During this period, local law enforcement will show zero tolerance for alcohol or drug impaired riding. Increased state and national messages about the dangers of riding impaired, coupled with enforcement and increased officers on the road, aim to drastically reduce death and injuries on our nation's roadways.

Anyone caught riding impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, license suspensions and other expenses that can exceed \$10,000.

### STURGIS-BOUND BIKE-RIDING MUSIC EXECS BECOME HIGHWAY HEROES:

A group of Music Row power brokers bound for Sturgis from Nashville helped yank 10 people from their cars and trucks August 4, 2017, just before fire raced through the scene of a crash in southern Illinois.

A semi-truck had plowed full speed into cars that had stopped for construction on the highway, explains a newspaper article appearing in The Tennessean, causing a chain-reaction eight-car pileup. Just in front of that pileup: A 10-person crew of music industry executives riding bikes from Nashville to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota.

Two of the bikers, brothers from a talent agency who were paramedics for 10 years in San Diego, got in touch with 911 operators and immediately began organizing bystanders, while the amateur

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rescuers went quickly vehicle by vehicle pulling victims to safety: First, a family of six with children ages 6 to 11; then, a couple of guys in a pickup truck, one with a bad head wound; finally, a woman, screaming, stuck in a car that looked like a crushed beer can.

The Nashvillians couldn't get her out of the car, so they got about 10 guys together and dragged the entire car, 3 feet at a time, across the highway into a grassy median away from the fire. And like in the movies they did so just before flames ripped through three vehicles that already had been emptied of passengers.

"It was a trip. I'm still tripped out by it," one of the highway saints was quoted as saying in USA Today. "There's no doubt, had we not sprung into action like we did, there would've been fatalities."

**ROLLING ADS PROMOTE MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS ACROSS NEBRASKA:** Eight delivery trucks will carry a motorcycle awareness message for 10 weeks this summer while traversing the Cornhusker State as part of a Nebraska Highway Safety Council campaign.

Signs on the delivery trucks' panels warn motorists to "watch for motorcycles everywhere," by checking mirrors and looking both ways when at intersections and changing lanes.

The state Department of Transportation, law enforcement and motorcycle safety groups created the campaign to counter a spate of fatal accidents.

Nebraska Highway Safety Administrator Fred Zwonechek said similar campaigns funded by federal motorcycle safety grants have been used in the past to push awareness. "You want to reach drivers, and this is a way to do it," Zwonechek told the Journal Star newspaper.

**HARLEY-DAVIDSON POLLUTION FINE REDUCED:** The U.S. Justice Department has rescinded a requirement that Harley-Davidson Inc spend \$3 million on a project to reduce air pollution as part of a \$15 million fine the Obama administration levied last year for selling illegal tuning kits that cause its vehicles to emit too much pollution.

Under direction from the Trump administration, however, the Justice Dept. has determined that the \$3 million to retrofit wood-fired stoves

was not appropriate, saying: "The original consent decree would have required defendants to pay a non-governmental third-party organization to carry out the mitigation project. Questions exist as to whether this mitigation project is consistent with the new policy."

The move followed a recent decision by Attorney General Jeff Sessions to halt a longstanding practice under which polluters could be compelled to pay for environmental or community projects, in addition to fines and direct compensation to victims.

Now, a bill working its way through Congress could make AG Sessions's policy law. The bill, sponsored by Representative Robert W. Goodlatte (R-VA) would prevent the government from using settlement money from civil cases for purposes other than direct victim compensation or remediation, like cleanups of environmental disasters.

**OVER A QUARTER OF DRIVERS FEEL "BIKER ENVY":** If you've ever come across one of those drivers who seem determined to prevent you from passing on your bike, you may feel a sense of satisfaction in knowing that they're probably just jealous ... and it's going to take them some time to calm down after they arrive late for work.

A recent survey has found that 27.8% of drivers experienced 'biker envy' when motorcyclists passed them in traffic and it took them an average of 34.2 minutes to feel calm and in control again after getting to work late.

The survey of 2,000 commuters by British motorcycle insurer Devitt Insurance also found that employees lose on average 29.6 minutes of work a week because of heavy traffic, costing the U.K. economy £203,846,153 (\$261,351,152 USD).

Almost 13% had missed a job interview while stuck in traffic, while 32.3% said they would try to sneak into work unnoticed on arriving late. Here's a better idea: get a bike!

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "We have but one flag, one country; let us stand together. We may differ in color, but not in sentiment...and I assure you that I am with you in heart and in hand." ~ Lt. General Nathan Bedford Forrest C.S.A., in a Fourth of July speech in Memphis in 1875; today his statue is targeted for removal.

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## ABATE Events for 2017

You can also go to our website [www.abate.org](http://www.abate.org) and Events Calendar to download available flyers.

**August 26** – ABATE Local 17 – Sarah Renee Phillips Run (see flyer this issue)

**September 23** – ABATE Local 52 – Cheeseburger Run (see flyer this issue)

**October 7** – ABATE Local 17 – Fall Bingo (see flyer this issue)

**October 21** – ABATE of CA. 4th Quarterly Meetings – Fresno – Piccadilly Inn Airport

**October 22** – ABATE Local 3/13 – Trivia Run (see flyer this issue)

**November 18** – ABATE Local 38 – Turkey Run

**December 2** – ABATE Local 17 – Christmas Party

**December 3** – ABATE Local 19 – 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Run (see flyer this issue)

**December 3** – ABATE Local 17 – Toy Run

### Bike Nites:

ABATE Local 3/13 – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month (See flyer in this issue for details.)

If you have a date for your event, and no details or flyer yet, 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.

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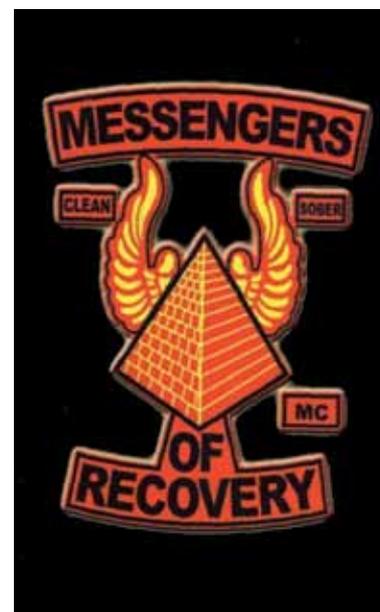
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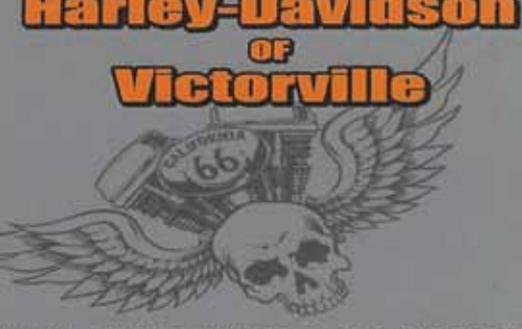
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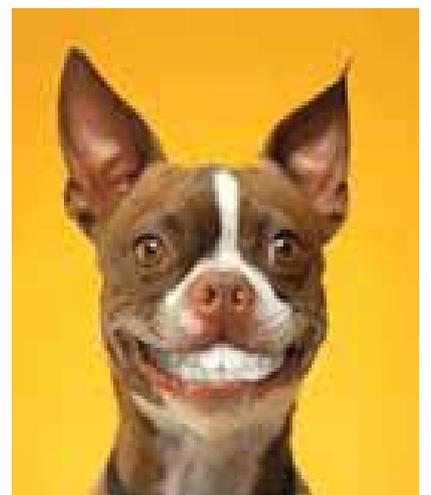
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# Sporty's Rides

the prizes .Oh well, I did have a good time.

Next stop on the bike ride tour was ABATE Local 2's Sweaty Buns run. Yes, this is one of my favorite rides! As usual we met at the Park and Ride across from Pierce JR College at Winnetka and Victory. Local 1 members Jim Nickla, Odie, and Glen C were there. So off we rode to the Sweaty Buns starting point at the Old Susana Cafe.

I met the Local 2 crew there. We got Sweaty Buns t-shirts instead of run pins. Sweet deal. After some of my guys had breakfast we took off for check point 2, which was Top Rocker. The short route was back to the Simi Pass then turn right onto Box Canyon. Then a right turn onto Lake Manor Road, then left onto Roscoe Blvd. And on to Top Rocker HD, 22107 Sherman Way.

Check point 3 was leaving Top Rocker to go to the Rudder Room in Oxnard. Check point 4 was from the Rudder Room in Oxnard to the Institution Ale Company in Camarillo. Check point 5 was in Simi Valley off First Street at Chuey's West. There we were treated to the lunch of either a chicken or beef taco plate.

Local 2 is famous for its bag raffle prizes. You pick up a sealed bag and the prize you win is inside the closed bag. Kinda like the prize you won in your cereal box when you were a kid.

We had a good day of fun with Local 1 members, some Top Rocker HOG members and a gentlemen riding a Sportster who was visiting from Sacramento. Plus all the other attendees. We would have had a group picture, but a thumbprint got in the way. Oh well, grown men don't do selfies!

July 29<sup>th</sup> was the ABATE Board of Directors meeting in Buena Park. This was the 3rd quarterly meeting. It contained the important business of ABATE and the winner of the special membership raffle. To find out the \$250.00 winner read my Membership column in this issue. Thanks to all who bought tickets.

We are trying to do an anti-profiling bill, but can't find a senator or assemblyman who will stand up and support this effort by carrying our bill. Just does not seem right.

Local 8 & 20 hosted the Board meeting, and the American Legion #354 did a great job providing good food and a great place to have our meeting. Also a "Thank You" to all who bought and brought stuff for the raffle to help defray the cost for the use of the hall. By the way, I won the 50/50 raffle - \$60.00. Sweet.

August 5<sup>th</sup> another Top Rocker HOG chapter meeting. Good food and at the raffle portion of their meeting, I won a scarf that can be used in many different ways. Bitchen.

The CHP guys were there to show us how to properly go over speed bumps. I can say I did the bumps well. After the meeting was over we went to Top Rocker to mess around.

I have been busy getting my bikes in shape. I bought newer seats off ebay for both of my Sportys. So they look sharp. On Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, I had an appointment

for service on my 1200L 2007 Sportster. I had a \$150.00 coupon so I opted to get a 1,000 mile service. This bike has 107,450 miles or so on the speedo. I got the service plus I had requested a check for leaks. They found some hoses that need to be replaced, which they'll do around August 16<sup>th</sup>.

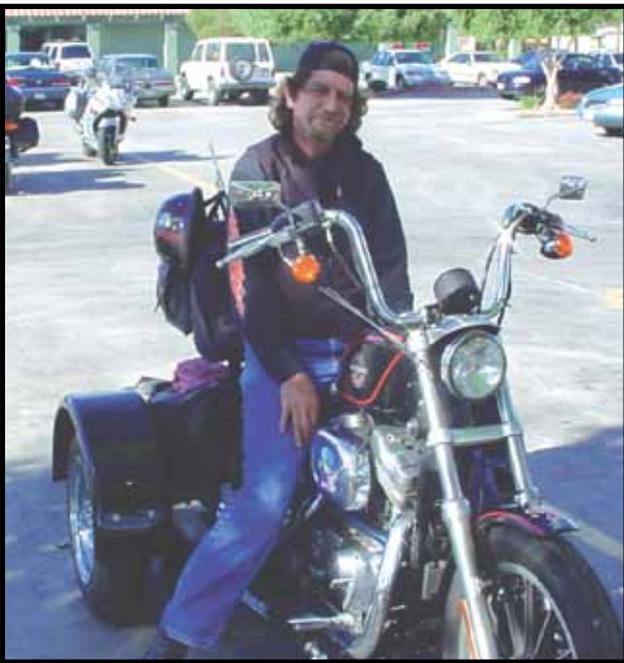
The last portion of this month's column is the weekend trip to the Tehachapi Mountains for the Shaggers 3<sup>rd</sup> annual weekend campout and run. This is a great event and maybe more of you should try and attend. I left on Friday with all my camping gear and got there at noon or so. I put my tent up on the flat. Surprise! There was Louise Rinke, a Local 1 member. She had brought her family, which consisted of 2 female dogs and 1 male dog. The little dog was a female Miniature Pinscher and the other 2 were pit bulls or something like them.

The Shaggers put on a great weekend. Good food, a nice poker run that I went on and I did some of the bike games. There were some nifty raffle prizes, and, yes, I did win a bitchen knife, which went to a member of the Messengers of Recovery. The weather was ok. Thanks to the Shaggers for making the run a success in this man's heart.

I had breakfast Sunday morning in a nice restaurant in Tehachapi and stopped at Antelope Valley HD and Old Road HD in Santa Clarita. Got home and watched the Angel - Mariners game. The Angels won!

Till next time, be safe on the roads and attend ABATE runs and events. Be on the look-out for new members for ABATE.

Regards, ABATE Scribe, Sporty



## by Sporty Milligan

Greetings all! This summer has flown by at rapid speed. As I write this column it's almost the middle of August. Time flies when we're having fun.

Well I was going to write the sad note of this column later in the column, but I guess I'll do it now. I got an email from Glen Phillips, Chairman of ABATE's Board of Directors. It was about "Deacon" David Phillips, the founder of ABATE of California. Deacon and his wife, Kay, had driven their motorhome to Oregon to visit family. While there, Deacon became ill. He was placed in the Creswell Health and Rehabilitation Center. With all the things that are wrong with Deacon, it is just a matter of time before he moves on. Lady Kay will let me know when he will be going to Hospice.

A while back my wife, Renee, said, "You have a call from Deacon." This was while they were still in Arkansas. Deacon asked if I wanted his California "ABATE 1" license plate that was on his Panhead. Yes! Of course this was truly a great honor. After going round and round with the CA DMV, I finally got the plate. It is attached to my 2007 1200L Sporster. I am so honored to have been chosen to keep this license plate alive. I ride with this plate as a testimonial to what Deacon has meant to ABATE of California. I will cherish this honor the rest of my life.

July 8<sup>th</sup> was the Top Rocker HOG chapter meeting at the Canoga Park Elks Lodge. I gave them the ABATE political information. Had a good breakfast and good fellowship. Thanks to the HOG members for letting me attend their meetings. After the meeting went to Top Rocker for a little rest and relaxation.

July 20<sup>th</sup> was the July date for Bike Night at Top Rocker. It usually goes from 6 pm to 9 pm. There was a small rock band and they played a ton of Tom Petty tunes. Gee, that was swell! They had raffle prizes, but I did not win any of

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# Motorcycle Safety Report

by Norm e. Newiger, Safety Officer

## Let's Roll with the Changes

As I write this article, it's almost mid-August. The heat and air pollutants are still with us and I can't wait until September because it's the decline of summer weather and the start of the transitioning to fall/winter. It's a great change. Even the night lights start coming on earlier as the weeks pass until one day you say, hey it's dark outside and it's only 5 pm!

A lot of us change as the seasons do and some of us don't even care. Our attitudes change and our bodily needs change with these seasonal changes. Our mind slowly catches up with reality. We all find our own way of dealing with life. I gave myself a dose of my reality a few weeks back when it was hotter than all heck. I decided to check myself so I couldn't wreck myself in the future. I went out for a ride and hit the freeway and the mountain zone of hotness. I was paying attention to my body while being slow cooked at 65 mph. I was wearing a tank top shirt so that I could see how much I sweated as I rode. I knew that my sweat was being whisked away as I rode and that did bother me somewhat because I know that sweat cools you down and no sweat means you're not cooling down. If you think that you are okay, then you could be in for a real surprise. Heat related injuries happen because we misinform ourselves thinking it's all right when actually we need to treat ourselves as soon as possible. Drinking water or other liquids frequently can and does help and you gotta do it, not because you're in dire need, but for safety.

When I got home into my garage I started sweating profusely and knew I was good. My whole body was sweating and cooling down. The temperature that day was in the mid to high 90s. I stood in front of my fan while downing a sports drink loaded with 4 electrolytes, sodium, potassium, calcium and magnesium to replenish my body. I did this because of what I sweated out while riding, not from just sweating in my garage. I love beer and such but at any age you need to take care of your body correctly - it's a must for any type of recovery. This was a lesson I knew too well. On the way to being dehydrated comes weakness, dizziness, possibly becoming lethargic and a bunch of other things and that's why I stay constantly hydrated. I try to eliminate any foreseeable medical issues when just a drink or two will prevent the issues.

Two days later I got a sinus infection, probably from riding. I didn't wear any kind of pollen/pollutant protection and I wore just regular non-riding glasses - man I'm a dumbass! It was a test I was doing on myself for the benefit of you, the rider!

I did do a quick bike inspection before my



ride. My tire pressure was good. When was the last time you checked your tire pressure? It might be hot outside, it might be cool, you could ride through different temperature climates and your tire pressure could fluctuate a pound or two. You never know unless you check. Just a simple reminder about this; low tire pressure is the leading cause of losing control of your vehicle. Proper tire pressure means proper road wear and handling, better gas mileage and most important, handling on the road with confidence! We like to lean, we like twisties and canyons of non-straight lines and with proper tire pressure you won't wobble as you weave.

In last month's article I talked about hard braking. If you have the proper tire pressure, then you have a better chance of stopping sooner than if you had underinflated tires, and possibly crashing because, as I said earlier, improper tire pressure is the leading cause of losing control of your vehicle. Don't be lazy about this, it takes only a few minutes, that's it! The main reason for practicing hard braking is not just about accident avoidance, it's about being as successful at avoiding accidents as possible and not with other vehicles only. I've talked about objects on the road you're traveling. The biggest obstacle to avoid is a stalled vehicle in any lane or even up around a bend with very little time to react. A lot of times traffic will be backed up and many drivers become very aggressive changing lanes to get around the stalled vehicle. We all see this because by the time you've passed that stalled vehicle you're pissed off like everyone else. As a motorcycle rider you have to stay focused on your position in traffic, front and rear as well as the left and right of you. People are making snap judgements really quick and they can't see you as well as a car or truck.

We were taught to drive defensively. Well you have to ride defensively, too. Rubbing fenders car to car is one thing, but when your bike gets rubbed by a car you can get rubbed by asphalt real quick. Side banging is not fair to the motorcyclist and I don't want to ever be a motorcycle pin ball on the freeway! Line of sight is very important because you can

see way up there in advance and make the right adjustments prior to getting in that zone. I've seen it all on the freeways and roadways. Sometimes objects on the road appear out of nowhere (mostly when traffic is fast and light), refrigerators, washers, ladders, construction stuff of all sorts, dead animals - this list goes on and on and then some. One thing to remember is accident avoidance is totally on you, the rider. You cannot look for blame when going through any type of bad traffic jams. Stuff happens and the best thing to do is be only as aggressive as necessary and stay focused. You cannot freak out people to the left or right of you because you don't know how they are going to react. The last thing you want to do is cause an accident while maneuvering around another one.

Line of sight is very important when riding the mountains and twisties. These can be more than a challenge, when to gas out and when to downshift only while maintaining proper rpms to get you through the turns. A lot of people hold their clutch in and brake, thus they lose momentum coming out of a turn. Losing 1,000 rpms while engaged in a banking turn will make your bike heavy and you can lose control because it's so heavy you can't lean it properly. I have seen too many less experienced riders do the dirt shoulder dance because of this, true stories! It's okay to slow down and be safe around turns and twisties. This is where you gotta know your limits. Just because one person can fly and lean inches away from the asphalt doesn't mean you can, it takes practice and then some.

New roads will also challenge you and, if you're in a safety mode, then stay there. There's nothing wrong with being extra safe, it's your ride and your mind. Don't worry about name calling, at least you get to hear it and that's as equally important! With all that, you have wash outs and live animals and them dang falling rocks! This is why I stress practicing power braking. You just never know what's up around a bend or heavily foliaged roadsides that can change without any notice. And tire pressure really ties into this. It's kind of funny thinking that the cheapest thing you can do to ensure your safety is free and requires very little time to do, go figure!

For me there are too many roads and highways out there that I've never ridden and, yes, I'll be somewhat cautious, but I will always know my abilities - just like you should. After all, I wanna talk about my adventures, not my mishaps, along the way. Ride with safety in mind and you'll be just fine!



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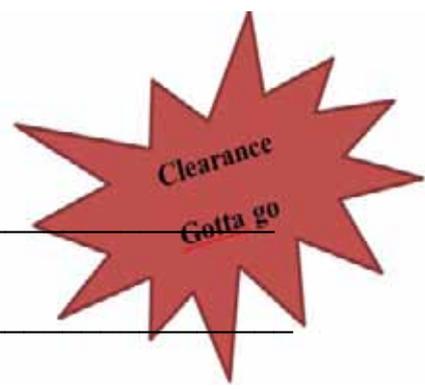
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Dear Board of Directors and ABATE members,

I want to share some saddening news about one of our Founding Fathers. "Deacon" David Phillips is very ill. This news was relayed from his wife Kay. He was admitted to a care home late yesterday afternoon after speaking with his oncologist. They could do radiation and chemo, but given his other health conditions, it would neither improve the quality of his life nor extend it significantly. He will be on hospice care when the pneumonia has been controlled. Kay is staying busy and trying to help him maintain some sense of normalcy.

They were visiting family while on vacation in Oregon when he took ill. Thankfully he is with his wife and family. Kay is trying to find someone with a trike or sidecar that will be able to take him for a ride soon. She also mentioned if there is anyone wanting to head that way to visit there's a bed and bunk available in their RV to stay. "Lil" Dave spent some time with him recently.

For those newer members, or those that do not know - "Deacon" David Phillips broke away from the MMA in 1981 and was elected by the existing Board of ABATE of California taking over the founding charter from Bob Bitchin. According to Deacon the organization consisted of a small box of receipts and a list of a few dozen members. He reincorporated the organization as ABATE in California and membership voted to change the acronym to American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education from A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments. Later he changed the name back to ABATE of California, and that is the organization of which we are a part of today. Please visit the ABATE history at [ABATE.org](http://ABATE.org) to learn more about Deacon's work.

Please send cards and thoughts to:  
"Deacon" David Phillips  
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Please join ABATE of California in our quest to repeal this poorly written legislation and help us restore the rights of side-by-side owners statewide who use these vehicles for safe and responsible family off-road recreation.

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 4242 E Los Angeles Ave.  
 Simi Valley 93063

Crashman1@sbcglobal.net

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 Thousand Oaks  
 91362

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 P O Box 501946 Pacific Beach  
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Ed Aranda Last Thurs - 6:30 PM  
 Edward\_A12@yahoo.com  
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