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## Capitol Update by the Lombardo Group, ABATE of California Lobbyist

As Spring approaches the Legislature is taking up bills in Policy Committees. Governor Newsom passed on giving his State of State to the Legislature by touring California instead and talking on the needs of the State at locations where he would get the most Press coverage...A first since Governor Earl Warren gave the first State of State address in 1948!

One of the bills we are currently tracking would require a Human Safety Operator to be in Autonomous Trucks over 10,000 LBS. We are very aware that autonomous Vehicles do not easily detect Motorcycles - bicycles or People! The bill passed the Assembly Transportation Committee and now will be heard in Communications & Conveyance Committee. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is monitoring this closely in Washington DC as well. To the left are proposed Bills we are currently tracking, the ABATE Legislative Committee will formulate positions at our upcoming meeting. Stay tuned for more in depth analysis in next month's Bailing Wire!

Mark Brunell of the MRF will be Speaking at the Rally May 21st - so plan on attending to get the latest on DC bills and others we are involved in to protect the Safety of Motorcyclists!

The Board is meeting in Fresno on April 8th - Clovis Veterans Memorial District, 808 4th St, Clovis, CA 93612. Please attend or send a local representative to get the latest information. See you there! Thank you to all the Locals and Individuals who Support the Dedicated Lobbyists Fund to Keep Us in the Capitol!



**Pictured above from L to R: James Lombardo Jr., ABATE Lobbyist, US Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy (R - Bakersfield), and Jim Lombardo Sr. ABATE Lobbyist**

*Politics: Legislature Proposed Laws Tracking 2023 - Presented by The Lombardo Group*

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

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

**AB-645 Friedman Vehicles: speed safety system pilot program\***

**AB-1188 Boerner Horvath Vehicles: bicycle helmets\***

**SB-50 Bradford Vehicles: enforcement**

**SB-381 Min Electric bicycles: study**

**SB-503 Alvarado Gil Off-highway vehicles\***

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

**SB-847 Dahle Vehicles: motorcycle: safety helmet religious exception**

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2023 ABATE Hybrid Board Meeting April 8th

## Clovis Veterans Memorial District

808 4th St. Clovis, CA 93612

Presidents Meeting 9AM, PAC Meeting 10:30AM, Noon  
Lunch Break, 1PM ABATE Board Meeting

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The deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication for ALL materials. All run flyers, photos and ad copy must be camera ready.

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Members may advertise in the Bailing Wire at no charge and their ad will be run up to (3) issues.

### PHOTOS

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## Legislative Corner

by Bobby "T" Tabaldo

As the first quarter 2023 comes to an end, although we were unable to secure a legislative champion for our Motorcycle Anti-Profiling bill in this session, I am quite happy with how far we have come as an organization and am encouraged as I look forward to the second quarter and the rest of this legislative year. The fact that I was able to



come onboard in January, re-brand and retool our statewide coalition from a motorcycle centric focus to an all-inclusive united motor vehicle focus shows how ABATE of CA can change with the times and adapt our focus on issues that affect all riders and drivers across the state. This approach provides ABATE with significant opportunities to penetrate into new markets and infuse our membership with our sisters and brothers in the auto industry and supporting communities.

The Unification Rally in May is designed to be a showcase for both motorcycle rider and auto driver rights. In some ways, this rally will seek to unite for the first time, manufacturers, dealerships, repair shops and supporting organizations from both industries to work on common issues, combining resources and becoming a larger political force leveraging our strengths, passion and will to remain free from government overreach.

Most of our efforts through the 2nd quarter will be spent developing presentation and media materials based on the two key legislative bills that will capture the attention and interest of the countless number of drivers who, with the proper motivation, can become allies the likes we in the motorcycle community have never had.

This is not to say that we are abandoning our core mission to protect the rights and freedoms of motorcycle riders. Au contraire! Motorcycle profiling remains a goal that we intend on working on this fall in preparation for the second half of the legislative session. The upcoming sound cameras and DMV certification stations as well as the risks brought on by autonomous vehicles are key issues which fuel our engine and drive our legislative and political action agenda.

Storm, ABATE's Assistant Legislative Director, and myself working closely with our Lobbyist(s) from the Lombardo Group, are committed to advancing our lifestyle and sport for generations to come. That said, we need your help, your engagement in the political process. Because it will take all of us to be successful. Please consider joining ABATE's PAC and help us evolve into the leaders we are destined to be and what our members need now more than ever.

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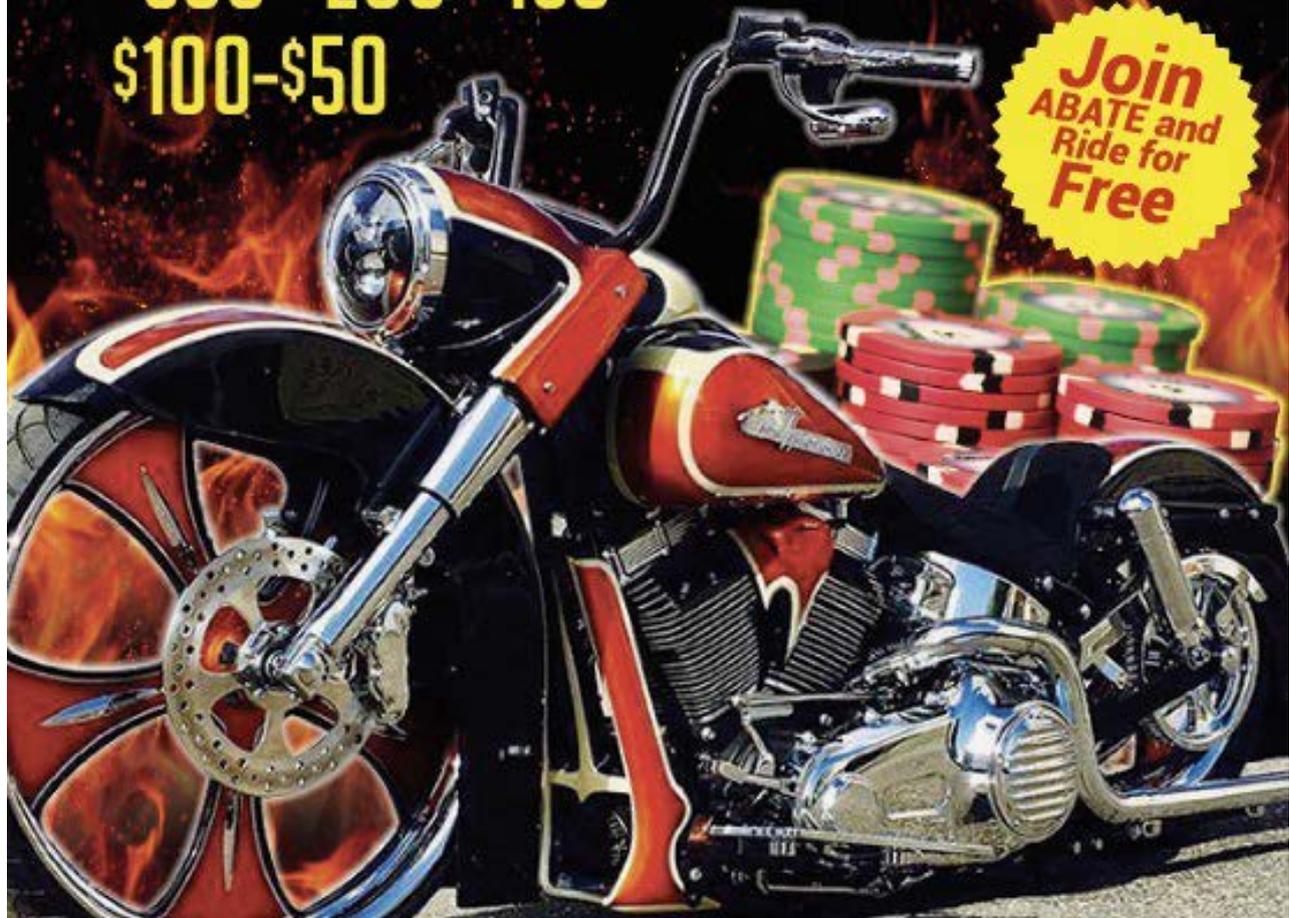
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## Meet Your ABATE Officers

### Jeff Bassler, ABATE of CA Board Member & President of ABATE Local 19

Growing up I did some pretty aggressive BMX riding for the day. And, of course, there was minibike, moped, ATC and low power motorcycle riding. I had never so much as put on a helmet or pads for any of my misadventures. I have always believed in freedom, including the freedom to be stupid. But by high school most two-wheel adventure was in my past. That all changed when I saw the Discovery Channel show on The Making of the V-Rod. I had always liked Harleys, but perceived them as the old guy's bike. I was too smart to want to get on a sport bike, the young guy's bike, because I knew I would be too tempted to be stupid on it. And that did not bode well for my lifespan. But the V-Rod seemed to be the happy medium for me.



From there, the itch grew to get back on two wheels. I started going to Harley Dealer events to see people with V-Rods to ask what they liked, and did not like, about them. The 3.5-gallon tank was the universal dislike. But in 2006 Harley came out with a version of the V-Rod with a 5-gallon tank. My excuses not to buy were starting to run out. So, I got a used Enduro to get re-acclimated to life on two wheels. I still was not sure about obligating my family to \$20K, just because I wanted to have fun. My wife saw the itch and knew exactly what I wanted, down to the color. She surprised me with an anniversary gift of a brand new 2006 V-Rod Street Rod (the one with the 5-gallon tank).

Being a new Harley owner came with a year membership in SGV-HOG, so I took advantage of that. There I met members who became friends that were multi-million-mile riders who were BIG ABATE evangelists. They recruited me into Local 5. Over the years I got more and more involved with the Local and their annual Joy Ride event, ultimately becoming the Local secretary.

Unfortunately, that Local closed. I then joined Local 19. The Local's leadership had been in place for a while and were looking to step back from their roles. It wasn't long before I stepped up to be the Local president.

I had always worked on the local level, and not really related with the State portion of the organization, until I was asked to join the State Board about four years ago. Since then, I've been getting more involved at the state level. As such, I have become much more familiar with the workings of legislation, and how it affects our freedom on the road. That has led to my involvement with helping edit the Bailing Wire, and handling many of the state office functions.

ABATE is enjoying a renaissance, where people are stepping up to share rolls and responsibilities. There is a saying that "Many Hands Make Light Work". And as we make these changes at the state level, we are building a better, and stronger organization. I welcome you ALL to come join the effort, to be sure we are looking out for the freedoms most important to you.

## 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.

## What is ABATE?

ABATE is a Motorcyclists' Rights Organization dedicated to preserving freedom of choice, freedom of the road on or off with emphasis on education and safety. Although not a club, our members are active in programs for public awareness, motorcycle safety and supporting charity events throughout the state. There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclist's rights and safety through Membership.

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**For Those Members who want to help or hold office contact your Presidents or Board Members (see page 3 & meeting info page)**

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## Executive Director's Corner

by Chuck Pedersen

Presidents, my responsibility is to support the directions of the Board, as well as Chair the Presidents' Meetings. I hope to see all Local Presidents at the upcoming April 8th Presidents' Board, and PAC Meetings in Clovis. I hope and expect you all to speak your mind. We will listen.

Bailing Wire. I am very impressed with the efforts of a small team. Their dedication is nothing short of incredible. When I recently received my renewal mailing, I was blown away by the image representation and graphic improvements. This effort is also evident in the Bailing Wire. Content has improved significantly. Take the time to read it. Be a part of those improvements. Send your articles in ... share the love, the work and the success of your Local. Also, Pictures! Pictures! And More Pictures! No one buys a motorcycle to be political. Show examples of why we are passionate about ABATE. To have fun, while making a difference in the fight for motorcycle rights.

May will be Motorcycle Awareness Month. I hope that each Local and our PAC moves Resolutions to declare such. I wrote about the process in last month's report. Let me know how I can help support you. My phone number is listed on page 3 of every Bailing Wire

Unification Rally. Please mark your calendars and plan to show up in Sacramento, for the California Unification Rally – May 21st. There are several issues the Rally will speak to. Profiling and sound will be two of them. On the following day, many of us will walk the Capitol hallways, to meet and talk with legislators about our concerns around motorcycle rights. Come join us and make your voices heard.

Presidents' Monthly Meetings. I have committed to starting a monthly online Presidents' meeting. This is a two-fold effort. To show the Board's dedication to the promise to hear your voices, and to create a meeting frequency that better serves the Presidents, rather than just a quarterly meeting. Allowing us to have more open and frequent conversations will bring us closer as an organization and I think the better we will become. Planning for the first Wednesday of each month, starting April 5th, look for an email notice for time and log in info.

Discussion Group. How many of you know about or use the Discussion Group?

It is a Gmail group that was started some time ago, to facilitate casual conversations about the ABATE organization and decisions, and importantly to share opinions. At one time, it resulted in useful dialogue.



However, it doesn't seem to be used much anymore. There has been no moderation of it for quite a while. The Board is weighing the value of the Discussion Group, and whether to shut it down. Consider this Notice, and a request for your input. Please contact me directly if you oppose.

Finally, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the efforts of so many people who have stepped up in the last six months to help in the revival of ABATE. To the observer, it may not seem like much. But when in the trenches, it is quite evident! I am proud to be part of this dynamic and dedicated team.

If you are not active, we could use your help. Step up. There's still so much to do. Be part of the Team!



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Chestnut & 99—Southbound ramp

\$30 per rider

Depart: KSU 10AM

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*\*Sign up for ABATE membership today and your ride entry is free.*

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Drawing for Prizes: 6:30pm @ Sirens Bar in Morro Bay

# ABATE #17

## Spring Bingo Run



**April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, 10am**

Starting at Miss Darla's,  
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## Locals Reports

### Local #01 Los Angeles

We've had a lot going on since the last meeting. We had a great time getting the ABATE message out at the David Mann show. We had a good monthly meeting, with some board members attending, sharing important information, D-Man brought flyers and posters for the Unification Rally. The rally is May 21, 2023 at the Sacramento Capital 10am-2pm. Lee Milligan and I also visited Local 2's meeting Simi Valley, with Chuck and Kathleen Pedersen. Let's help support them,

MMA has the 23rd annual Bike Show April 22nd hosted by the Sundowners (Info: Robbie 310-247-9047). We worked on our ride getting the details sorted, our members stepped up and created a route that is easy enough for all riders, but not too easy.

Our Polar Bear Run was a fun day and great success. We had great weather and good attendance. One of the stops was at Born Free Cycles and they talked with many riders about bikes and repairs, and their business. It was a good event. (see pictures in this issue)

Our next meeting is March 19, 2023 after our ride at Noon. Thanks to all who helped make this possible... Jim Local 1

### Local #02 Simi Valley

Well, they've 'Officially' voted me in as President of our Local #2. I've been filling in for our ailing President, and it looks like he won't be able to come back. It's been a challenging time in the last few months, but things are looking up. We are happy to have two NEW members and support from our friends in nearby Locals.

We had a nice monthly meeting last night at a family restaurant in Simi Valley. Friends from Local #3, Chuck & Kathleen Pedersen, joined us. We're still looking for a more suitable location for our meetings. We'll keep everyone informed when we find one. We missed one of our members, who had a little surgery on his hand. We're wishing him speedy recovery. He is an integral part of our group.

We are planning our 'famous' Sweaty Buns Run for mid-July. We always have a good turn-out, successful for our Local ... and just plain fun!! With our 'growing' membership, we are hopeful to be able to pull it off again this year!

That's it for now. Looking forward to more good news next month.

Jane Warthen, President

### Local #3 Thousand Oaks/Ventura

The ABATE Revival continues! Our Local #3 is enjoying membership renewals and renewed enthusiasm! Our upcoming Leather Weather Run on April 2nd promises to be well attended! We'll update you in May on our success.

On April 22nd, we'll be attending the Downed Rider Fundraiser event, put on by Ventura Black Sheep at Ventura Harley (see flyer in this issue). This motorcycle ministry group

has been very supportive of ABATE. We'll have a booth at the event and look forward to seeing you there!

You've undoubtedly been hearing about the Unification Rally in Sacramento, coming up May 21st (see flyer in this issue) This will be a HUGE opportunity to participate in making our voices heard ... and witnessing your motorcycle rights organizations at work! If possible, try to attend this important event! For Our Freedom of the Road!

Supporting ABATE makes a statement, we send money that works towards the fair treatment of motorcyclists. Whether you ride with ABATE or ride with another group, being a member of ABATE and/or just participating in these events, contributes to the work we do protecting our motorcycle riding rights.

Our President, Chuck Pedersen, Exec. Director of ABATE of CA, along with Bobby T., ABATE's California State Legislative Director, and others, continue to network with various other groups, building alliances to assemble a formidable voice in Sacramento. We are a group that is making things happen... being instrumental in passing Lane Splitting legislation just a couple of years ago, and now working on the Anti-Profiling Bill and noise bills this year! (see the flyer in this issue outlining ABATE accomplishments.) Join us to be an effective voice in matters of motorcycling rights!

Our Local #3 is always welcoming NEW members. Bike Nights are held the 1st Thursday of each month, starting @ 6:30 pm @ Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park; our General Membership Meetings are on the 3rd Thursdays @ 7pm @ Elk's Lodge, 158 N. Conejo School Rd. in Thousand Oaks; and Sunday rides are EVERY 4th Sunday.

Come join Us ... to any or all of these events ... and bring your friends ...

Check us out on Facebook @ [www.facebook.com/ABATE313](https://www.facebook.com/ABATE313) to follow our events and issues.

IT'S ALL ABOUT MOTORCYCLISTS' RIGHTS – ACROSS ALL CLUBS, GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS!

Ride Free! Kathleen "MamaBear" P. P.R. ABATE Local #3

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

Our February meeting had a few new faces, and that was nice to see. After our monthly salute to the flag, Glenn started the meeting and we discussed the upcoming events for our Local, that are listed below. The upcoming Rummage Sale is a fundraiser for Local 17, Rogue Militia MC were kind enough to volunteer their clubhouse for us to use for this event. Look for the flyer in this month's issue.

As always, we are looking for other members to step up and help with events. Please let any board member know if you are interested in helping out.

## Locals Reports

*Local 17...continued*

Spring Bingo Run - April 22nd at 10:00 am -starting at Miss Darla's 110 Peabody Rd. Vacaville

Rummage Sale - May 7th - 9am to 2 pm - at Rogue Militia Clubhouse 1101 Horizon Dr. Fairfield

Larry Miller's name was called for Biker Bucks and he could have been \$40 richer if he attended this meeting. It rolls to \$50 for the next meeting in March and goes up \$10 every meeting afterwards until there is a winner. Please show up because the next name that is called could be yours!

Down the road ... Greg

### Local #19 Pomona Valley

This month several members who regularly attend meetings had life get in the way. But despite being a little lighter in attendance, we had a fruitful meeting, and expect everyone healthy and in attendance for the kick-off meeting of The 2023 Toy Run next month.

We shared disappointment with not getting a sponsor to carry our bill in Sacramento this year, but optimism that we might be able to get it folded into another transportation or civil rights related bill.

It was shared that this year the Southern Route and the Central Route of "Run For The Wall" would go off on Wednesday, May 17, as we would expect. But the Midway Route was going to leave on Tuesday morning, the day before. As Local 19 normally provides coffee and doughnuts for those at the send-off, the organizers asked if we would be willing and able to also provide either coffee and/or doughnuts for Tuesday. The Local has made the commitment to be there both days with coffee and doughnuts. And as bonus information, my wife's latest love is Bad Ass Coffee from Hawaii. As it turns out, I know a friend of the owner of the new Bad Ass Coffee location in Orange County. Through that connection I was able to get a donation of the coffee for this year's Run For The Wall. We will definitely have some happy riders this year.

Until next month, Happy Riding from Local 19...

### Local #25 Sacramento

Minutes of the ABATE Local 25 meeting, Thursday, February 16, 2023.

Lil' David called the meeting to order at 7:02.

There were 6 members attending and 2 guests, including D-Man, David Seiler Chairman of the Board, ABATE of California.

David Battles made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Lil' David, motion carried.

David Smart gave us the checking account balance as of the end of December, plus deposits for January and February he is holding. Tomorrow David Smart and Lil' David are meeting at Union Bank to complete the transfer of signature authority. The

bank sent us two e-mails, each containing six documents to complete, and was requesting the original incorporation papers and the current documents filed with the Secretary of State's Office. D-Man checked two other banks to see if the process might be easier, but it wasn't.

PAC Report - This week is the deadline for introducing bills, including our Anti-Profiling bill. Our lobbyist should have an updated report in March. David Battles passed out cards that have a QR code that takes you to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, National Profiling Survey. There was discussion about the planning effort for the Unification Rally. Since the Chairman of the Board was present, he discussed the new board members and their efforts to get the state office back on track since the departure of Janet, the office manager.

Runs/Events - Check the MMA webpage for local events.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30

### Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE Members,

I hope everyone is doing well and in good health. We are gearing up for our annual fundraiser and membership drive, which we call our Stimulus Run. We will have raffles totaling \$1,000: top prize is \$500, then \$200, \$150, \$100, and then \$50. Tickets are \$5 each. There should be a flyer in this issue of the Bailing Wire. I want to thank Gabriel, from the Law Tigers for donating the flyers. They look awesome.

I'm seeing a lot more motorcycles on the road, now that the weather is getting better. We're looking forward to our Stimulus Run. We will be doing a pre-ride, sometime after Easter. We are still selling more raffle tickets. Remember the Stimulus Run is a membership drive, so bring your friends! Also, potential members can join ABATE and attend the run event for free.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month, thanks to ABATE lobbying & member advocates!

Come to our monthly meetings, last Thursdays of the month, @6:30 pm, @ Denny's, 1445 Ocotillo Dr., El Centro. Get involved and informed on what ABATE is doing to protect your motorcycle riding rights. Plus, receive our monthly newsletter.

See you down the road. Ride safe & often!

Ed Aranda, President ABATE Local 38

### Local #24 Fresno

President Joel Ross presenting a \$1500 check to the Lombardo Group for the Lobbyist Fund



## Meet the New Owner of Classic Easyriders Magazine

by Olivia Goheen | Mar 5, 2023 (for Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys)



Classic Easyriders Magazine has grabbed the attention of many motorcycle enthusiasts for five decades. They have managed to keep chrome addicts in the loop of the customization industry, publicize the best biker events, and interview the most iconic people, all while making readers feel like they are part of an exclusive club. Dream machines, hot chicks and custom bikes have always been the foundation for the famous biker bible. The publication went through a period where that steady foundation broke — the content did not compare to what it used to be. As a result, the faithful readership was declining. That's where savior Ray Pelosi comes in to rewrite the New Testament of the magazine to resurrect it to its former glory.

Ray's professional background in digital publishing and archiving has served well in preserving and reviving the works of one of the most influential motorcycle magazines. Surprisingly, Ray is not a rider but has always appreciated the culture and passion within the bike community. He promises to bring back the look, charm and feel of the 70s and 80s motorcycle magazines by adding a modern twist with even better interviews, photography and more.

**Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys:** Congratulations on becoming Classic Easyriders' new publisher. Tell us a bit about your professional background and how you seized this opportunity at Classic Easyriders Magazine.

**Ray Pelosi:** My background is from film-making. Not movies, but film and photography. I've always had an interest in the field for archiving stuff, stuff that you don't want to see lost. And one of the biggest things that we've done over the years with GIT Corp., my company, is help pioneer the digital market in the digital publishing industry. Back in 2003, we picked up a digital license from Marvel Entertainment to produce all their comic books in digital.

We got an opportunity and a call from the Sports Illustrator guy, saying, "Hey, look, we have a friend who just bought Easyrider Magazine, and he would like to see if you guys want to do some licensing." I knew it had a very long history, 50-plus years. So it was 554 issues over 50 years — and we did that as a digital collection. When they started to have trouble with the publication, because they didn't

publish for almost two years, [because] they brought out two new publishers at the time in 2019 and 2021. People weren't happy with the magazine. It was just a 180-degree difference. So we spoke with the publisher and were able to actually step in and get a license deal to bring it back to where we thought it would work. It's been tough because it's starting from scratch.

**Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys:** Since Classic Easyriders is considered the biker's bible, what can readers expect with your fresh beginnings in the New Testament of the magazine?

**Ray Pelosi:** The first thing that we did was, we brought back some of the great talents, like Dave Nichols, who was fired when the new publication took over. Dave Nichols is a 25-year iconic piece of furniture which made the magazine actually run. That was their biggest mistake getting rid of him.

We brought it back to the old-style format. What we did do was eliminate nudity. We toned it down and got rid of the nudity. We use one girl, which is the cover girl with a feature, still 5 bike features, still all your events are there, mechanical type stuff.

**Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys:** Since you are not a rider, what draws you the most to work in the motorcycle industry?

**Ray Pelosi:** You know, these are great people. Like bike builders. I'll tell you, I've never seen so much talent and passion for something. That's something that I've seen early on that really made me feel good and I knew that I was in the right direction. Just amazing people.

**Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys:** Name one person you want to be featured in the magazine and why?

**Ray Pelosi:** I was watching American Pickers. I love Mike Wolfe. He's just so passionate about what he does as far as picking but loves motorcycles. He loves the brands, loves the knuckleheads and loves Harleys. That's the type of person I would love to do an interview with. That's somebody you know that has the love and the passion for it.

**Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys:** What is it about the 70s & 80s biker culture that is so important to keep alive within the magazine?

**Ray Pelosi:** The biggest reason is to try and branch the old generation with the new generation. I think that the importance of being able to hold on to the 70s and 80s is to show the younger generation, "Hey look, here's what you have. Here's what we see." There's got to be a way of joining those two.

If you are interested in a print or digital subscription of Classic Easyriders Magazine, visit their website, [easyriders.com](http://easyriders.com) for more information. Ride safe, and thanks for reading!

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# Membership Marches Forward & Business Member Spotlights

By Bill McClennen, Asst. Membership Chair

Those participating in the Membership Committee are mighty and moving forward in so many ways. One of the many goals is to reach out and touch the many, so we can increase our numbers, which will improve how our message is received by those in Sacramento and Washington D.C. and by you.

This is where you come in! Join ABATE of California and make sure your voice is heard. One more vote, one more voice and one more body to assist in getting the message out that OUR motorcycle rights, the ability to ride free and not be restricted, may be trampled on. We have to fight for those rights.

ABATE of California is reaching out to you, the motorcycle community to spread the word and assist in making an impact. Our members are regular attendees at Bike Nights. Others have been reaching out to the local motorcycle shops, where you purchase your motorcycles and buy parts that keep them running. The Bailing Wire, our full color magazine, is packed full of members' advertisements ... and let us not forget the QR CODE, where all you have to do is scan it and sign up.

Suffice it to say we are a force that is awake to your needs of how important it is to Ride Long and Ride Free! If you have any concerns or questions about ABATE of California, your membership or how to join, feel free to reach out to me via email at [wam50@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wam50@sbcglobal.net).

Till next time ...

## Business Member Spotlight - Harley Davidson of Fresno, CA

Fresno Harley Davidson is an exceptional motorcycle dealership in the central valley, known for having the largest



inventory of new and used motorcycles in the valley.

Their dedication to providing top-notch customer service and excellence in all

aspects of their business has earned them recognition throughout the industry. In 2022, Fresno Harley Davidson was named one of the top-performing dealerships in the nation, a testament to their commitment to quality and customer satisfaction. Their service department has also been recognized for their expertise and dedication, having won the Gold Service Award.

Fresno Harley Davidson boasts an extended parts & accessories department, offering a wide selection of components to customize and enhance any motorcycle. Their motor clothes department features all the latest apparel, ensuring that riders look and feel



their best on the road. Fresno Harley Davidson truly offers a one-stop-shop for all motorcycle needs, with an emphasis on quality and customer satisfaction.

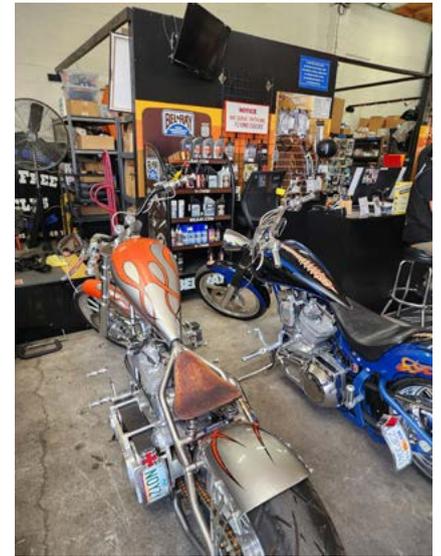
## Business Member Spotlight - Born Free Cycles



For those of you who don't know us yet, I'm Alex, Owner and Operator of Born Free Cycles. We are best known for being San Fernando Valley's #1 Harley-Davidson dealer alternative. But you might also

recognize us from TV! Last year we finished up 5 seasons as the motorcycle shop that the character "Lip" worked at in Showtime's, Shameless. We've also had our bikes featured in shows, Sons of Anarchy, Mayans and Lethal Weapon.

Hollywood aside, we are a homegrown shop that I started with my wife, Karri, in 2011. After graduating MMI as a certified Harley-Davidson technician, and working as a Service



Manager for a local dealer for close to a decade, I was ready to branch out on my own to give customers another option.

We are a state-of-the-art maintenance facility. We use the latest high-tech diagnostic equipment and our technicians are Harley-Davidson certified to care for your motorcycle. Whether you have a newer model or older, we are the shop that can handle your maintenance, repair, and customization needs!

Thank you!

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**82nd Annual Daytona Bike Week**  
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[www.bikerbeach.com](http://www.bikerbeach.com) or call Daytona Beach  
Chamber of Commerce at 386-255-0981

**MARCH 16-19—DEPEW, OK:**  
**Route 66 Spring Fever Rally**  
Info: [www.route66bikerrally.com](http://www.route66bikerrally.com)  
or 918-645-9029

**MARCH 29-APRIL 2—SCOTTSDALE, AZ:**  
**Arizona Bike Week**  
Info: [azbikeweek.com](http://azbikeweek.com) or 480-644-8191

**MARCH 31-APRIL 2—CLEVELAND, OH:**  
**I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama**  
Info: [pistonpowershow.com](http://pistonpowershow.com)  
or 216-265-2528

**APRIL 19-APRIL 23—UNIDILLA, GA:**  
**Angel City Spring Motorcycle Rally**  
Info: [angelcitymotorcyclerrally.com](http://angelcitymotorcyclerrally.com)

**APRIL 28-APRIL 30—LEESBURG, FL:**  
**Leesburg BikeFest**  
Info: [leesburgbikifest.com](http://leesburgbikifest.com)  
or 352-365-0053

**MAY 3-7—PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL:**  
**25th Thunder Beach Spring  
Motorcycle Rally**  
Info: [www.thunderbeachproductions.com](http://www.thunderbeachproductions.com)

**MAY 5-6—FT. SMITH, AR:**  
**Steel Horse Rally**  
Info: [www.thesteelhorserrally.com](http://www.thesteelhorserrally.com)  
or 479-414-3775

**MAY 12-21—MURRELLS INLET, SC:**  
**Annual Myrtle Beach  
Spring Bike Week**  
Info: [www.myrtlebeachbikeweek.com](http://www.myrtlebeachbikeweek.com)  
or 336-643-1367

**MAY 15-16—WASHINGTON, D.C.**  
**Motorcycle Riders Foundation's  
Bikers Inside the Beltway  
National Motorcycle Lobby Day**  
Info: 202-546-0983 or [www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org)



**MAY 17-30—CA-DC-IL:**  
**Run For The Wall XXXIII**  
Info: [www.rftw.us](http://www.rftw.us)

**MAY 18-21—HURRICANE MILLS, TN:**  
**Tennessee Motorcycles  
& Music Revival**  
Info: [www.motorcyclesandmusic.com](http://www.motorcyclesandmusic.com)

**MAY 18-21—RUIDOSO, NM:**  
**Annual Aspen Cash Motorcycle Rally**  
Info: 800-452-8045 or [www.motorcyclerrally.com](http://www.motorcyclerrally.com)

**\*MAY 26-JUNE 4—SANDUSKY, OH:**  
**Ohio Bike Week**  
Info: [www.ohiobikeweek.com](http://www.ohiobikeweek.com)

**MAY 28—WASHINGTON, DC:**  
**Rolling To Remember**  
Info: [www.amvets.org](http://www.amvets.org) or [rollingtoremember.com](http://rollingtoremember.com)

**MAY 28—NATIONWIDE USA:**  
**Rolling Thunder XXXV Ride for  
Freedom**  
Info: [www.rollingthunder1.com](http://www.rollingthunder1.com)

**MAY 31-JUNE 4—LAKE GEORGE, NY:**  
**2023 Americade AMA National Rally**  
Info: Bill @ 518-798-0858 or [www.americade.com](http://www.americade.com)

**JUNE 2-4—RENO, NV:**  
**Street Vibrations Spring Motorcycle Rally**  
Info: [www.roadshowsreno.com](http://www.roadshowsreno.com) or 775-690-2035

**JUNE 8-11—CAVE-IN-ROCK, IL:**  
**HogRock River Rally**  
Info: [www.hogrock.com](http://www.hogrock.com) or 866-464-7625

**JUNE 9-12—AUSTIN, TX:**  
**Annual Republic of Texas (ROT) Biker  
Rally Circuit of The Americas**  
Info: [www.republicoftexasmotorcyclerrally.com](http://www.republicoftexasmotorcyclerrally.com)

**JUNE 10-18—LACONIA, NH:**  
**100th Annual Laconia Motorcycle Week**  
Laconia Motorcycle Rally & Race Week Assn:  
603-366-2000 Info: [www.laconiamcweek.com](http://www.laconiamcweek.com)

**JUNE 16-18—PHOENIX, AZ:**  
**National Coalition Of Motorcyclists  
38th Annual NCOM Convention**  
Info & Registration: 800-531-2424  
or [www.ON-A-BIKE.com](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com)

**JUNE 22-25—PATTERSONVILLE, NY:**  
**Harley Rendezvous Classic**  
Info: 518-864-5659 or [www.harleyrendezvous.com](http://www.harleyrendezvous.com)

**JUNE 22-25—JOHNSTOWN, PA:**  
**Thunder in the Valley**  
Info: [www.visitjohnstownpa.com/thunder-valley](http://www.visitjohnstownpa.com/thunder-valley)  
or 800-237-8590

**JUNE 29-JULY 1—ALGONA, IA:**  
**Freedom Rally**  
Info: 641-858-5001 or  
[www.abateiowafreedomrally.com](http://www.abateiowafreedomrally.com)

**JUNE 30-JULY 2—CARROLLTON, OH:**  
**26th Annual Freedom Rally**  
Info: 330-327-3513 or  
[freedomrallyregion8@gmail.com](mailto:freedomrallyregion8@gmail.com)

**JULY 6-9—GETTYSBURG, PA:**  
**Gettysburg Bike Week**  
Info: [www.gettysburgbikeweek.com](http://www.gettysburgbikeweek.com)  
or 717-873-6181

**JULY 12-16—STURGIS, KY:**  
**Kentucky Bike Rally**  
Info: 270-333-7244 or  
[www.kentuckybikerally.com](http://www.kentuckybikerally.com)

**JULY 20-23—SPRINGVILLE, IN:**  
**The Boogie**  
Info: 800-232-2283 or [www.abateonline.org](http://www.abateonline.org)

**JULY 21-23—LEXINGTON, OH:**  
**AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days**  
Info: [www.americanmotorcyclist.com](http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com)  
or 800-MID-OHIO

**AUGUST 1-6—MEMPHIS, TN:**  
**46th Annual National Bikers Round-Up**  
Info: 901-512-0835 or  
[www.nationalbikersroundup.org](http://www.nationalbikersroundup.org)

**AUGUST 4-13—STURGIS, SD:**  
**83rd Annual Sturgis Black Hills  
Motorcycle Rally**  
Info: 605-347-4422 or  
[www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com](http://www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com)

**AUGUST 18-19—WOODLAND PARK, CO:**  
**Annual Salute to American Veterans  
Motorcycle Rally**  
Info: 719-487-8005 or [www.theveteransrally.org](http://www.theveteransrally.org)

**SEPTEMBER 7-10—GENEVA-ON-THE-LAKE, OH:**  
**17th Annual Thunder On The Strip Rally**  
Info: [www.thunderonthestrip.com](http://www.thunderonthestrip.com) or 440-466-2361

**SEPTEMBER 13-17—LAKE OZARK, MO:**  
**Bikefest Lake of the Ozarks**  
Info: [www.lakebikefest.com](http://www.lakebikefest.com) or 800-386-5253

**SEPTEMBER 15—BRIDGEPORT, AL:**  
**30th Anniversary Trail Of Tears  
Motorcycle Ride**  
Info: [www.al-tn-trailoftears.net](http://www.al-tn-trailoftears.net)

**SEPTEMBER 20-23—ROGERS, AR:**  
**Annual Bikes, Blues & BBQ  
Motorcycle Rally**  
Info: 479-527-9993 or [www.bikesbluesandbbq.org](http://www.bikesbluesandbbq.org)

**SEPTEMBER 21-24—RENO, NV:**  
**Street Vibrations Fall Rally**  
Info: [www.roadshowsreno.com](http://www.roadshowsreno.com) or 775-690-2035

**SEPTEMBER 21-24—HARRISBURG, PA:**  
**Motorcycle Riders Foundation's  
39th Annual Meeting of the Minds**  
Info: 202-546-0983 or [www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org)

**\*SEPTEMBER 21-24—RUIDOSO, NM:**  
**54th Annual Golden Aspen  
Motorcycle Rally**  
800-452-8045 or [www.motorcyclerrally.com](http://www.motorcyclerrally.com)

**OCTOBER 2-8—MURRELS INLET, SC:**  
**Myrtle Beach Fall Rally**  
Info: [www.myrtlebeachbikeweek.com](http://www.myrtlebeachbikeweek.com)  
or 336-643-1367

**OCTOBER 5-8—CAVE-IN-ROCK, IL:**  
**HogRock 'toberfest**  
Info: [www.HogRock.com](http://www.HogRock.com) or 866-464-7625

**OCTOBER 5-8—COLONIAL BEACH, VA:**  
**Colonial Beach Bike Fest**  
Info: [www.ColonialBeachBikeFest.com](http://www.ColonialBeachBikeFest.com)  
or 804-224-8145

**OCTOBER 19-22—DAYTONA BEACH, FL:**  
**31st Annual Biketoberfest**  
Info: [www.daytonabeach.com/biketoberfest/](http://www.daytonabeach.com/biketoberfest/)  
Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce: 866-296-8970

**\*OCTOBER 23-29—PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL:**  
**23rd Thunder Beach Autumn  
Motorcycle Rally**  
[www.thunderbeachproductions.com](http://www.thunderbeachproductions.com) or 850-249-7627

**NOVEMBER 2-5—GALVESTON, TX:**  
**Lone Star Rally**  
[www.lonestarrally.com](http://www.lonestarrally.com) or 832-437-2318  
or 386-682-9582

**NOVEMBER 16-19—CLEARWATER, FL:**  
**St. Pete Beach BikeFest**  
[www.stpetebeachbikefest.com](http://www.stpetebeachbikefest.com) or 727-527-9672

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\*Unconfirmed Event - TBA

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## Membership Report & ABATE is About Safety

### Membership Report

By Lee  
Sporty  
Milligan,  
Membership  
Chairman &  
Board Member

Well, what can I say that has not been said before. It's true that ABATE is experiencing a come-back, but we still always need to keep up our membership recruiting focus.



Presidents and Local Membership Chairs, do your best to keep your membership intact, following up on renewals. I have been helping Local #1 President, Jim Nickla, as Local Membership Chair for his Local. I send out the renewals each month from our membership list. Included in the packet is the membership renewal card and a brief note from me asking the member to continue to support ABATE. I have been reasonably successful with our Local #1 member renewals. Sometimes it takes a bit of reminding. It's a matter of how you do things. Our Local has a lot of members that are out of meeting range, so I have them on e-mail list so we can send them a review of what transpired at the meeting. Keeps them involved.

Something we're doing is getting involved at Bike Nights, as well as going to spots and events where motorcycle riders hang out. I always have Bailing Wires and membership cards with me. Nothing like in-person visits, talking about the many benefits of supporting ABATE, and inviting riders to become members. This is what I am doing on my end of the membership group. I also keep connected with the other Locals, to see where I can help them retain and increase their membership.

I'm thankful for the help of Bill McClellan, our new Asst, Membership Chair, for his technical assistance with membership records, and additional ideas he has on bringing in the bigger motorcycle dealer partners. Friendly reminder – we are still selling our membership drive raffle tickets. The winner will be drawn at the 3rd Quarterly Board Meeting in July. So please send your raffle ticket money and the stubs to the state office by beginning of July. The address is ABATE of CA, PO Box15, La Verne, CA 91750.

### Safe Riding Standards...In Groups or Alone

By Jeff Bassler, President Local 19 & ABATE of CA Board Member

There are two types of riding, and we approach them very differently. They are solo riding and group riding.

In solo riding we are, of course, riding without any other motorcycles as part of our group. We are responsible for our own bikes and riding style when doing this. You can ride slowly or fast. You can ride defensively or aggressively. You can split lanes, or not. You are not responsible for other members of a group, so you are free to ride as you like. ABATE encourages safety and recommends you being alert, safe and responsible. In group riding, you are riding with others. This can include Run events, pick up rides with other members, riding with friends, or even riding with people you have never ridden with before. Regardless of how you choose to ride in these groups, it should be agreed upon by the group. If some don't like lane splitting, I don't recommend anyone doing it. You are safer from other vehicles as a big group, rather than splitting up. You need to make the decisions and agreements of your riding style with the other members of the group in mind.

Other recommendations for group riding include riding in a staggered formation, not breaking any other traffic laws, and no alcohol being consumed until kickstands are down, and the official ride is over. That said, our individual safety, and that of other members of the group are in our hands. This starts with proper maintenance of our motorcycles. Our mechanical failure becomes the next bike's hazard. We need to know the agreed upon standards for riding, and ride in accordance with them. And we need to recognize hazards and take actions to correct or communicate them. If you observe that someone else's bike is not roadworthy for some reason, it is your responsibility to take action. If you are not comfortable approaching someone and pointing out something about their bike, please point it out to a member of the leadership. Riders have been asked not to participate in rides due to issues that can become unsafe to other riders. You don't want to kick yourself after an accident because you could have prevented it.

Similarly, if you observe someone not riding within group standards, something needs to be done before that creates an accident. Sometimes it is just an issue of the rider not being aware of that particular standard of the group, as many ride differently when not riding within a group. Again, if you don't feel comfortable addressing this, please be sure one of the leadership is aware.



We will be sharing some of our other safety standards in future articles.

Remember, our objective is to ride safely ... and have fun.

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## Sporty's Ride

by Sporty Milligan

As I begin my column, we've had ANOTHER rainstorm. Raining all day Tuesday and part of Wednesday. We've had rain on and off for the past two months -- kinda puts a crimp in your riding. So this month's column is going to focus on the Polar Bear Run, development of the route, and the success of the day. Since I worked for LA County for 34 years, I got to know the canyons and roadways where I can create wonderful routes.

I created a route that I felt was acceptable, except it was too long, due to requirements of the insurance we're using this year. Any route over 50 miles and the rate goes way up. So I had to figure out something shorter. ... and I did. I started out at the Moose Lodge in Reseda. The next objective was to find a route to check point #1, The Cowboy Palace. Leaving the lodge, right turn on Saticoy until we got to Desoto Ave. Then a right turn on DeSoto, to Devonshire Blvd., left turn on Devonshire, right on Owensmouth, then a right turn into the parking lot of the Cowboy Palace, Check point #1, where they drew one card. Leaving the Cowboy Palace was a left on Owensmouth, right on Devonshire to Topanga Cyn, right on Topanga Canyon, next right Chatsworth St., then a left on DeSoto Ave., followed by a right on Rinaldi St. From there the riders continued to Balboa Blvd. where they made a left and continued to Foothill Blvd. Right turn on Foothill and they rode all the way to Sunland Blvd. Right and straight down Sunland Blvd., right on Tuxford St. crossing Glenoaks Blvd., then a left on San Fernando Rd. They followed this road until it changed into Victory Pl. Continued to Lake St., left, and then followed the route to the alleyway that we marked with a sign, turning right and stopping at



Check point #2, at Born Free Cycles ... where they drew a poker card. From Born Free Cycles it was a backtrack through the alley, right on Lake, right on Chestnut, right on Victory, left on Burbank, right on Hollywood Way. Left on Victory Blvd., then a right on Coldwater Cyn. and finally, a left on Saticoy St., ending at 13026 Saticoy St., where there were orange directional flags. The route was about 47 miles.

We had the perfect route for the Run. I did the run a week before the actual run event, and I got rained on in some spots, but it was light rain. I was nervous about the weather and certain sections. I wanted to do the route one more time Saturday March 11, but the streets were wet in San Fernando and I opted to take my little 89 Toyota pickup. First to the Calabasas HOG Chapter breakfast meeting. Yummy. After the meeting I did the route once more to make sure there were no goof-ups. There were none.

Here are the details on the route, and the 36th Annual Polar Bear Run. The weather was in our favor. We got set-up at the Moose Lodge. Jim brought the pop up with the Russ Brown logo on it. Russ Brown's office sent a representative who set up a table with

lawyer goodies. The Moose Lodge served breakfast burritos, sold at a reasonable price, and which everyone said were great! We had a decent turn out. The check-in tables were staffed by Jim Nickla and Mended Sisters members Shelia and Kathy.

People from the Calabasas HOG Chapter, Messengers of Recovery SCV and SFV Chapters, Shaggers, and various other groups and independent riders came to enjoy the day.

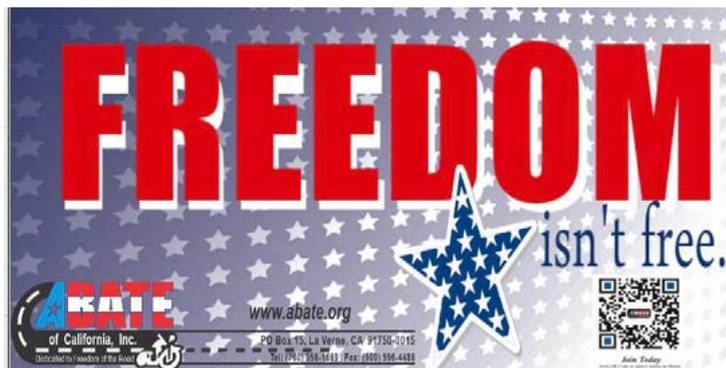
My job was to be running sweeps. So when the sign-in was over, I rode the route, closing each check point as I arrived at them. When I arrived at check point 2, Born Free Cycles, there was still a good-sized crowd there. Odie, Local #1 member, and Alex and his wife of Born Free Cycles were busy handling the check point chores. The Shaggers followed me to the end spot.

Before departing, each check point business received a plaque from ABATE Local #1, thanking them for their involvement in helping make the 36th Annual Peter Daniels Memorial Polar Bear Run a success! Also, it was a special privilege to have Peter's daughter and her husband join us at the start and at the finish.

At the finish, we were treated to hot dogs, brats, and macaroni salad for a nominal donation. We drew and gave out the 50/50 raffle money and winners of high and low poker hands were awarded, plus a couple of extra raffle prizes, donated by Jim and Me. A special thanks goes to Lil' Jon and his club for allowing us a place to have the meetings and events.

Well now if it starts raining again, I'll be able to practice my version of the classic song by Gene Kelly ..."I'm singing in the rain, just singing in the rain. What a glorious time I am having in the rain. I am laughing and singing in the rain."

Scribe, Sporty – out.



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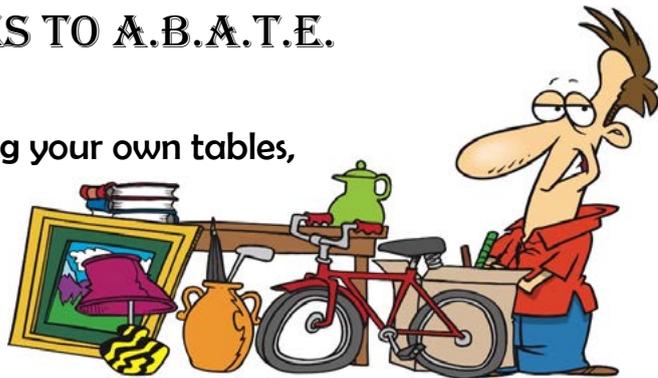
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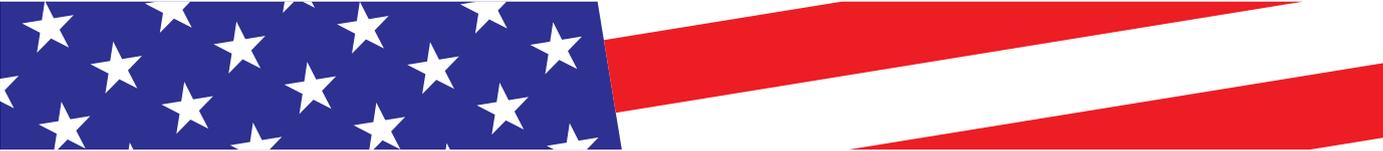
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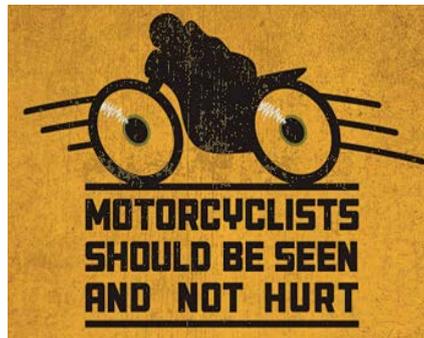
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### **ABATE - Lobbyist Accomplishment Highlights**

- Steered CHP committee providing safety guidelines and legalizing Lane Splitting
- 
- Passed yearly "May is Motorcycle Awareness Month" Resolution in the CA State Assembly & Senate
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- Passed Senate Resolution 41 by Senator Caballero (D – Salinas) Anti-profiling Resolution
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- Forced Caltrans to post "Look Twice for Motorcycles" and "Share the Road with Motorcycles" on their Freeway Message signs
- 
- Stopped Transponders on Motorcycles for Autonomous Vehicle Recognition from advancing thru Strategic Highway Safety Plan Advisory Committee
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- Passed Bill legalizing Motorcycles use of HOV lanes in California
- 
- Defeated a bill by Assemblywoman LaFollette outlawing Lane Splitting by Motorcyclists in California
- 
- Passed a bill requiring riders under 21 taking the Motorcycle Safety Program Training Classes
- 
- Passed bill diverting Court fees on Helmet Violations to Support Motorcycle Safety Program
- 
- Protect Yearly the Motorcycle Safety Trust Fund, where Motorcycle registration Fees are deposited
- 
- Blocked a bill allowing Cameras to issue Motorcycle Noise tickets
- 
- Defeated a bill allowing Cameras to issue Speeding Tickets
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- Defeated bill requiring all Motorcycles pass an annual Smog test
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