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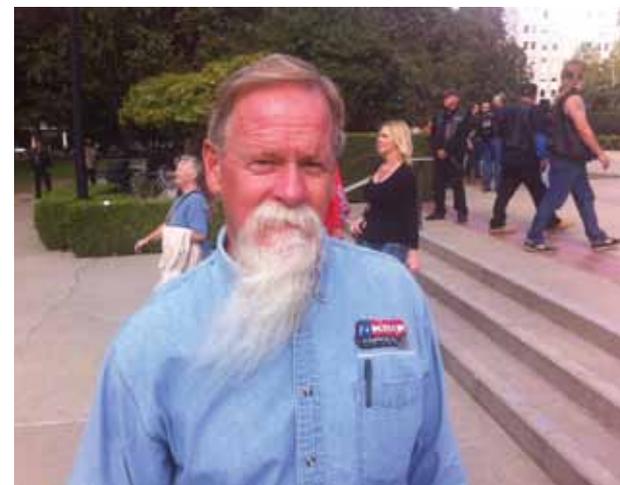
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Executive Director's Report



by Dave Hastings, Executive Director

I attended the ABATE State Run in Kernville last weekend, and, as usual, my wife and I had a great time. As you know we had *Notorious Entertainment* promote and operate the event for us this year and this is probably the first time that every ABATE member could actually just kick back and enjoy our weekend event. Yes, we did have an ABATE information booth in the vendor area staffed by a few of our members, but they offered and volunteered to run that booth. "Thanks" again to the dedicated individual's in our organization that always seem to give up their personal time so the rest of us can just have an enjoyable weekend!

I haven't seen any of the numbers from the event at this time so it's too early to even guess on the outcome but I do feel like the event was handled well and will

wait to look at the financial report to see where we ended up. I did talk with the promoter on several occasions during the weekend and we are both aware of some items that could have been handled differently and will need to be addressed before next year's event. We know there were a few things that "fell through the cracks", but this was the first time we have ever used a promotion company for our event. They, and we, are aware of those deficiencies and they are already looking forward to correcting those problems and making improvements to the event in 2016.

All in all, I feel our members were given the opportunity to listen to some great live music, have an enjoyable weekend camping along the Kern River and were greeted warmly by the business establishments in Kernville. The citizens of Kernville and the staff of Frandy Campground always treat us well and I hope everyone looks forward to returning next year.

In closing, I just want to say "Thank You" to our ABATE members and all of our M/C friends who attended and did their best to make our event a success. I hope to see all of you down the road again soon. Until then, ride safe and ride often! Dave H.

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What is ABATE?

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

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

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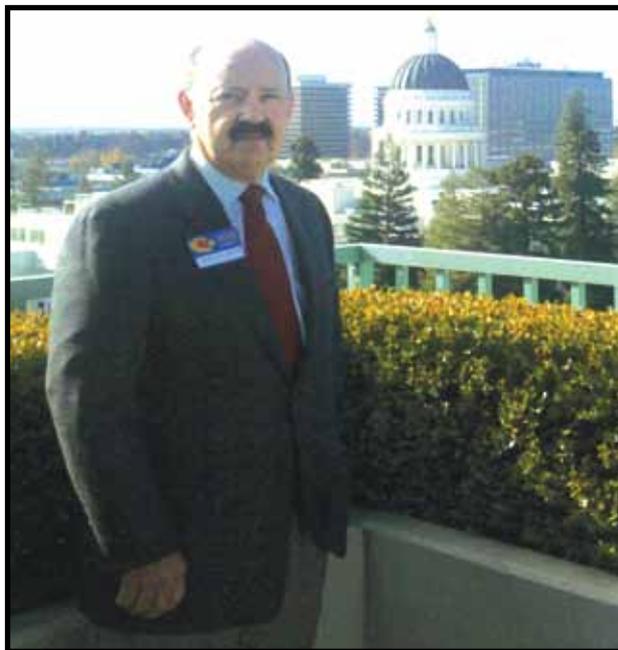
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Lobbyist's Report



by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

The Legislature is in recess until January 4, 2016, which also is a major **ELECTION YEAR!** Although the Legislature can return since Governor Brown already called for two Special Sessions for the Legislature that ran concurrently with the regular session that just ended. One dealt with transportation funding for our pathetic potholed road system and the second one to deal with health care funding. Neither session produced any legislation that reached Governor Brown's desk.

Now because of the disastrous Northern and Central California wildfires that have caused more property damage than any of the many fires this year in the Western United States, he could again call for the Legislature to return to deal with any or all three of these issues!

SB 350 was passed, but stripped of the mandate for California to reduce its petroleum use by 50% in only 15 years. If that would have passed, it would have likely affected motorcycle emissions and gas consumption, even though motorcycles already get two to three times the fuel efficiency than the average car or light truck. It would have ignited a battle for the motorcycle industry and us, California's motorcycle owners and operators, to demonstrate that our mode of transportation is already doing its fair share when it comes to carbon-based petroleum use!

SB 350 is now limited to increasing energy efficiency in buildings and calling for higher amounts of electricity from renewable sources.

Stay tuned and thanks to all who contribute to the dedicated Lobbyist fund to keep me in the Capital!

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

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All run flyers and ad copy will be camera ready. Deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication for ALL material for publication.

Business Card size	\$15.00/Mo	\$150.00/YR
Business Card with color	\$20.00/Mo	\$200.00/YR
Super-Size Business Card with color	\$250.00 Yearly only	

A Super-Size Business Membership includes Business card on our website with a web link to your business. ALL Yearly rates Includes a Business membership to ABATE Of California.

Business Memberships include two persons at the same mailing address, and a display plaque for the first year. Business cards need to be mailed to the ABATE State Office with membership application and appropriate fee.

Other Business Ads or NON-ABATE Event Flyers Rate:

¼ Page (5" w x 7.8" h)	\$150.00/Mo	\$1,500.00/Yr.
½ Page (10" w x 7.8" h)	\$175.00/Mo	\$1,750.00/Yr.
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Color ads are 25% extra.

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\$125 - One Year Business Member Listing, Couple Membership and Display Plaque. Add \$75 per year for color business card.

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Donations to ABATE Of California are not deductible for Federal income tax purposes. However, dues and fees may qualify as business expenses and may be deductible in limited circumstances subject to various restrictions imposed by the Internal Revenue Code.

To ABATE Members:

The 5 candidates listed are the only Members that submitted their 'statement of intent' by the September 15th deadline. Thank you so very much for Volunteering to serve the ABATE Members!

Your ABATE of California Board of Director's is comprised of (11) members. Because the election ballot was not filled the (5) candidates that did apply by the filing deadline will be accepted and instated as "walkover candidates" without a vote of the general membership. This will ensure the BOD has a quorum when they take office in January of 2016 and will be able to perform their designated duties for

ABATE of California.

We currently have (1) open seat for the 2016-2017 BOD and we will be accepting applications for those positions. Please consider running for this position and submit a short BIO and a picture of yourself, if possible, to the State Office immediately. Any current ABATE Member that has been a member for at least one year, is eligible for a BOD Officer position. Please contact the State Office or a current Board Member and let them know of your intent ASAP so

you will be eligible for appointment at our BOD meeting in January. The 2016 BOD will evaluate all candidate applications received and appoint one additional member to serve out the 2016-2017 term. The BOD will also retain any additional candidate applications received and place those candidates in the "alternate" BOD member selection pool for the 2016-2017 term.

Your 2016-2017 ABATE Board Members will be: Dan Buse, Mark "Dogman" Castillero, Dave Hastings, Adam Lutz, Gill Mellen, Lee "Sporty" Milligan, Mark Loudermilk, Glenn Phillips, Ed Rogers and "Spike".

Thank you to the outgoing Board Members: Nick Benson Sr., Tom Lubbers and Sarge Matthews. We truly appreciate the time that you gave to ABATE as Board Members. You will be missed and we do expect to see you in October at the last ABATE Board meeting of this year!

Sincerely,
Dave Hastings
Executive Director
ABATE of California, Inc.

by Lee "Sporty" Milligan, Membership Chairman

The membership report comes to you this month on the day after the State Run. I manned the ABATE information table where we got at least one new member. There is a possibility that we might even get a few more members. I like running these kinds of booths because I get an opportunity to run my mouth on the various political issues that affect bikers in California.

Meanwhile, it's the final quarter of the year and events like the Love Ride in October are the perfect venues to get members.

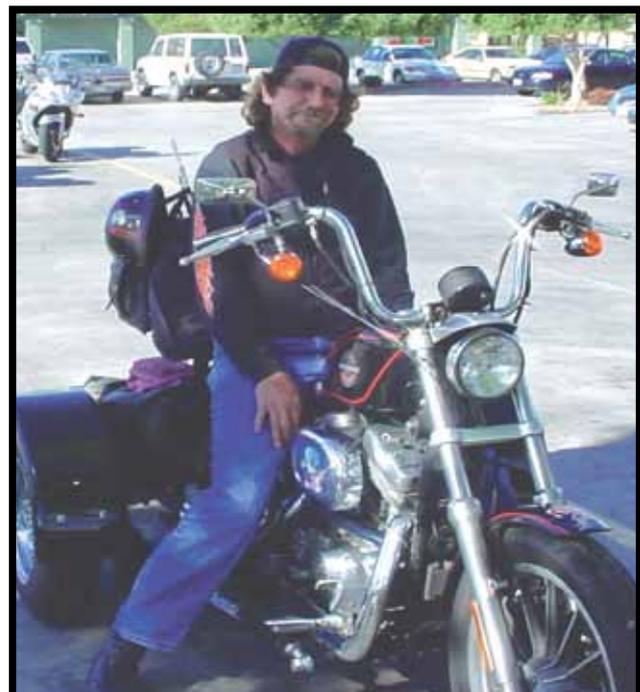
Remember, always keep your members informed. Give them membership renewal trinkets; that could be a thank you for sticking with your Local and ABATE of California email.

Again, do your best to get more members for the best MRO in the State of California, ABATE of California.

Regards, Sporty, your Membership Chairman.

ABATE of California Inc. neither endorses nor promotes the services of any particular Law Firm. We are committed to working with all MROs including NCOM, MRF, AMA, MMA, BOLT and any other motorcycle rights organization that strengthens our lobby on legislative issues and on motorcycle safety.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



ABATE "Brothers & Sisters" Lost in 2015

Frank Conard, Past President of Local 22, and a current ABATE Member;
Ernie "Godfather" Dorsey, Local 40 President, (passed in December 2014);
Sandy (Benjamin) Lake, Local 3/13;
Alan Molineux, Local 44;
Dave "Grumpy" Turner, Local 44;
Bruce Abbott Waldron, aka Long Distance Rider, L 24;
Brian Scott Wassell, aka Briman, Local 2;
Rocky White, Local 17;
Anthony Zappetta, Local 17;
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Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! Local 1 will have their monthly meeting at the ever popular Elks Lodge in Tujunga. The Pledge of Allegiance will start the meeting. At this meeting we will have the president's corner that will consist of stuff related to our Love Ride booth on October 18th in Castaic. Also the first preparations for the 28th annual LA toy run, the Fred Jordan Skid Row toy run. This is happening the second weekend in December (12/13).

We will also discuss plans for the Polar Bear run that will be the last Sunday in February 2016.

We'll briefly touch upon the political scene. Especially SB 350 authored by Senator DeLeon and the other bills we are following, AB 51 and AB 334 etc.

I will then turn the meeting over to my membership chair Glen Cheslock. That will be followed by a report on the t-shirt status by Jim Nickla. I will ask for opinions or questions from those in attendance, followed by Monkey business and breakfast. Sporty.

Local #02 Simi Valley



Tonight's meeting is very important. It's about the future of Local 2 - the nomination of new officers for our Local.

But first, the BBQ is rocking out, burgers, hotdogs and Italian sausage cooking and that smell! A culinary delight to our senses! NICE! Great thanks to our volunteer cooks, Scott and Ken. We serve a fantastic \$5.00 meal with all the fixin's you could want and a great bar as close as it could possibly be. We start serving our famous dinner from 6:45 until 7:30 and our meeting starts promptly at 7:30. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 10049 at 4242 East Los Angeles Street. Thanks once again to Post 10049 for the use of your facility! This was a great evening, it's getting darker earlier and cooler and the ambience is awesome. To all those who couldn't make it, we missed you and hope you'll be here for the next meeting.

VP Jim started our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pres Guy opened the meeting. Our secretary Jane read the minutes of the last meeting, Pat, our treasurer, gave us a great report on our finances, PR Norm talked about reading the Bailing Wire on line, Frank, our membership man, updated us on who's in and who he's pursuing, our run coordinator, Bob (Pigface), talked about the group ride to Wrightwood and a new mystery ride for this month and Scott, our merchandise man talked about our new long sleeve t-shirts and sweatshirts. If you want one or more than one, talk to Scott, he has started a pre-order and they will be limited, so call him soon!

Our visitor, Chuck from Local 3/13, was here and talked about their Trivia run on October 24th and upcoming ABATE issues.

We had our officer nominations this month and will elect them at the next meeting. If you want to be an officer, and couldn't make the meeting, call or e-mail Jane for more info.

Thanks to all of the officers for the last year, their dedication and positive energy made this year fly by!

Please come to our next meeting and vote for our new officers for 2016. You might be one of them!

We had a good stockpile of raffle prizes for all who participated and Frank was the opportunity winner and Norm won the membership drawing.

Enjoy the last few weeks of riding in the summer. Ride safe and smart, PTL norm e.

Local #03/13 Thousand Oaks/Ventura



It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups and organizations! Joining ABATE makes a statement and sends money to work towards fair and just treatment of motorcyclists, whether you ride with ABATE or ride with another group. We engage in communication and sharing our ABATE message with other riding groups. It's not just about hanging out with your own ABATE Local, but with other Locals and with members of other clubs and groups.

We're feeling the comradery and we're feeling the interest in our mission! It's contagious! To that end our Local 3/13 of Thousand Oaks and Ventura County continues to reach out to the motorcycle community and to other ABATE Locals to work together for an even bigger voice.

Our Local Bike Nights, held the first Thursday of each month at Azar's Sports Bar, enjoy the attendance of not only our members, but those of other nearby groups. It's been great to share our enthusiasm and to reach out inviting all motorcyclists to join our mission!

Our Local President, Chuck Pedersen, continues to network with various other groups building alliances to assemble a formidable voice in Sacramento. Issues we are working on include AB 334, the Anti-Profiling Measure, AB 51, involving defining lane sharing parameters, and AB 346, involving Full Identity Checks. Join us in support of these efforts! Get involved, write your legislators; everything we do does make a difference.

Our upcoming **Trivia Run, Saturday the 24th of October**, promises to be interesting and a load of fun! We will start at Azar's Sports Bar and end at a nearby location with BBQ, live band, lots of prizes and did we mention fun? Proceeds always go towards furthering the ABATE cause! See flyer in this Bailing Wire for all the details.

Our Local 3/13 is always welcoming new members. Bike Nights are held on the 1st Thursdays, 7 pm, at Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park; General Membership Meetings are on the 3rd Thursdays, 7 pm, at the Elks Lodge, 158 N. Conejo School Road in Thousand Oaks, and Sunday rides every Sunday, meeting at Azar's for a fabulous breakfast around 9:00 am and kick-stands up by 10:15. Come join us at any or all of these events and bring your friends!

Check us out on Facebook www.Facebook.com/ABATE313 to follow our events and issues. It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups and organizations! Kathleen B.

Local #08 Orange County



We at Local 8 are proud to be the largest represented Local at this year's Annual State Run. Way to go! We rock at Local 8!

Arriving on Wednesday, we enjoyed the parade of bikes and RVs rolling in for the next few days. Friday brought us to the anniversary of 9/11. Taking time to remember our fallen, we gathered near the stage. A local group of ladies sang, their songs honoring our country and every branch of service. The evening closed with a moment of silence. A very emotional moment for us all. After the ceremony many strolled along the vendors and listened to the band as they rocked the evening away.

Saturday morning greeted many with an early ride, while others left a bit later on the day's organized run. The biker games kept others busy. Saturday night the band was rocking loud and proud. Now Local 8 took on the task of monitoring the river. So with chairs in hand we settled into the chill of the river. We admired the local wild life, drafting a curious crane as a new member to Local 8.

Speaking of new members, we did have two new members join Local 8 at this rally! Welcome aboard!

We always enjoy the State Run; it never fails to provide good fellowship and good times. We enjoyed amazing sunsets and beautiful scenery. A good time was had by all.

Local 8's Hawgete

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



We are active, informed and involved! Our membership continues to grow, and we have lots of activities coming up. One of these activities is our Annual Memorial Run on Sunday, October 4th. Our Local has lost many beloved members and we urge everyone to come out and join us at 11 am at Judy's Wild Wrangler, 4823 Midway Road.

October 10th is our Fall Bingo Fun Run, starting at 9 am at Miss Darla's, 110 Peabody Road. The 4th Annual Poker Tournament takes place on October 24th at the Vacaville Moose Lodge, 6585 Gibson Canyon Road. Registration begins at noon, cards fly at 1 pm. For more info, call Ron at (707) 761-4058 or Glenn at (707) 624-6310. This is a fundraiser for our Local - come on out and have fun!

Also on October 10th is the 1st Annual Thunder for Vets Run at Iron Steed Harley Davidson. Registration takes place from 9 to 10 am; the cost is \$40 per person. Proceeds benefit the Wounded Warriors Family Support Project.

November 9th marks the 4th Annual Remember, Respect and Honor Bike Run, 8 am, at the Buckhorn Bar & Grill. Proceeds benefit the Wreath Project.

Our brothers in the Rough Riders M/C are once again seeking assistance in the Wreaths for the Youngville project. The goal is to place wreaths on each of

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the 5700+ headstones at the Yountville Veterans Home in December. Send an email to Wreathsfor-yountville@aol.com.

From the reports on pending legislation at our August meeting, it appears that AB 51 has been pulled out of process and is now a 2 year bill, as is the anti-profiling bill. The Hit and Run bill is in Safety committee. We will watch for any upcoming activity on those. AB 346 passed, the facial recognition bill - removing your helmet when requested by an officer.

The summer weather has been brutal with 100+ days. Please make sure to stay hydrated and watch for signs of heat stroke or heat exhaustion when you are riding. With the wildfires burning across the state, the air quality has deteriorated and that can affect your riding as well. The heat can't last forever, so prepare for the colder weather and possible heavy rain coming later in the year. Check your bike, check your gear - and ride when you can!

Ride safe - Ride FREE! Shauna M.

Local #23 San Bernardino



Abate Local 23 San Bernardino

Our next Bike Nites will be on Oct. 9th, Nov. 13th and Dec. 11th from 7-9 p.m. Please see the flyer in this issue. We have been growing and the word is spreading. If you are out for a ride then stop by and say hello. We play a few bike games and raffle off some cool stuff. The food is

plentiful at Tam's Burgers as well.

We are also planning a Christmas Party which we hope will become an annual tradition. It will be a potluck and we will play the gift exchange for some laughs. Families are always welcome.

As always, we are discussing ways to make money and get new members. We have decided that by going to other Bike Nites, we can network and spread the word. We have also planned a Yard Sale. Everyone is going to donate items; anything left over will go to the local Goodwill.

The Holidays are coming up fast and so are all the Toy runs. These are all good charities to donate to so I encourage all of you to participate and donate for the less fortunate and the children. Tammy Odell

Local #52 Grass Valley



Hi folks! Fall is officially here, but as I write this there's no sign of it anywhere! Hopefully by the time you have this in your hands the rains will be cutting loose with a little snow for our members in the higher country. Not great for riding, but desperate times etc....

I have been saving my report for the months that are going to print as the distribution will be greater. The exception will be the occasional month where there's enough material to cover those alternating month's that are on-line only.

I want to start off by introducing our newest business member, Lou Freschi Construction. Lou and

his crew have been in business since 1986 and can do everything from small home improvement projects to full-on custom home builds. You'll see his signs around the Grass Valley area. If you need a contractor, give Lou a call! His business card is in the Bailing Wire. See his website at <http://freschiconstruction.com/>

October isn't just for Halloween. Get your nominations for our Local's Officers on your list of things to think about. We'll get them on the table for this month's meeting and vote in the November meeting. If you are getting the itch to make that next step, consider one of the seats: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, and Public Relations. Although many of these slots are combined under the same individual, we can divvy them up individually. As an example I'm holding the seat for Pres and PR (they kinda go hand in hand anyway), but if you're chomping at the bit to do a little public speaking, we can have a dedicated Public Relations Officer. Mary has been assigned the Secretary/Treasurer job, but with her long term absence helping her folks back home in Wisconsin, I got used to handling those duties as well. Consider one of these duties. We may have some incumbents wanting to run for re-election as well!

Another item of interest is the Quarterly Board of Director's meeting is in Fresno, October 17th. Members are welcome to attend. If you're thinking about it, get your reservation in at the Piccadilly-Inn Airport and let them know you're with ABATE to get the discount.

The spring and summer runs and bike nights are tapering, off but look for information on the local toy runs. Our Local toy run (December 12th) is always looking for sponsors. If you have or know somebody that has a business that might be interested in sponsoring, contact me or Thom Staser at: <http://thom@toyrun.org/>. Outside of sponsorship, your attendance is a great way to support as well. Hope to see ya there!

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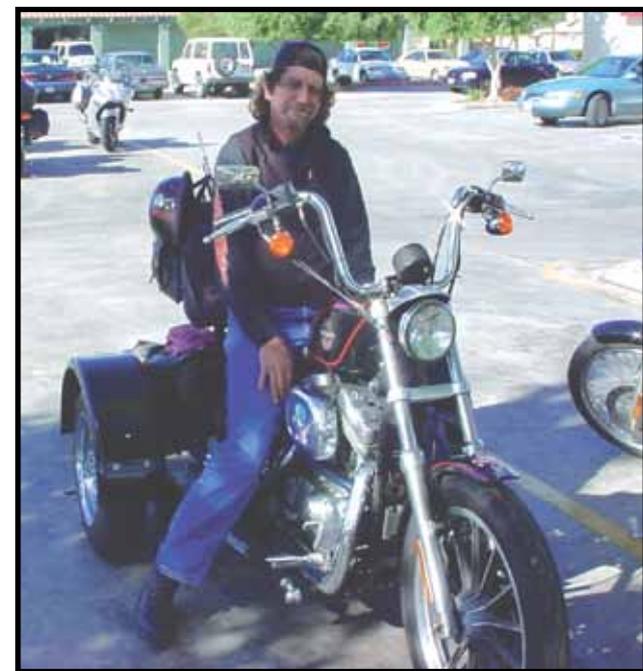


ABATE Member of Local 11 since July 2009. Currently the Local PAC representative, ABATE Board of Director and the ABATE State Treasurer. I am active with a lot of other Motorcyclist's groups, and a member of the MMA, AMA and the MRF.

My goals for ABATE of California are:

- 1] To **promote** our Motorcycle Rights by legislatively working with our State legislature to accomplish our legislative goals.
- 2] To put the word out to All motorcyclists to get involved and speak out and **join ABATE**.
- 3] To work towards motorcyclists **uniting** to become a strong political voice.

Lee "Sporty" Milligan



Hi all! This is to announce that once again, I your current Board member, Sporty Milligan, will be submitting my candidacy for another two-year term.

An ABATE member since January 1991, I believe the fight for preventing tooth decay (bad laws against motorcyclists in California) is never over. We have to stay diligent in our efforts as a Motorcycle Rights Group to see that there is fair play TOWARDS ALL THE VARIOUS STYLES OF RIDERS IN THIS STATE. From the cruiser rider to the sport bike rider to the touring rider and the off roader.

You know where I stand. I play no bullcrap. With that said, I respectfully submit to you all that I am running again for ABATE Board of Directors.

Regards, Sporty Milligan, Current Board member, Membership Chair and President of ABATE Local 1.

Adam "The Lion" Lutz



I have been an ABATE Member in Local 6 (San Diego) since February of 2015, and currently hold the position as the Local's PAC representative. Since volunteering for that position I have attended the State Board Quarterly meetings.

I am interested in serving our ABATE Members state-wide as a Board Member because:

- 1] I feel that my age and influence amongst the younger sports bike clubs will help bring ABATE into the new age of members and keep this great organization alive.
- 2] My goals are to increase membership and to strengthen our community through the use of education and facts.
- 3] I grew up in this community and I don't like seeing our rights trampled on and/or taken from us and I will take my last breathe before I let some suit wearing monkey of a politician take away our freedoms so that they can have the votes of those who are blind to our way of life.

Glenn Phillips



Glenn has served as President of ABATE Local 17 for 4 terms and has volunteered to run for a 5th term. He has been an ABATE member for 9 years and also has served as Local 17 Run and Event Coordinator.

Coming into the presidency under difficult circumstances, he has brought the Local back to a strong and striving organization. His outstanding leadership has met the challenges he was faced with and turned the Local into the largest Local in California.

Glenn's skills as a spokesman for ABATE has continued to bring in several new members each year. He has signed up the most new members for the 2013 and 2014 Membership Drive and is in line to win again for 2015. He was also nominated and chosen by members throughout California for the 2014 Freedom Fighter of the year.

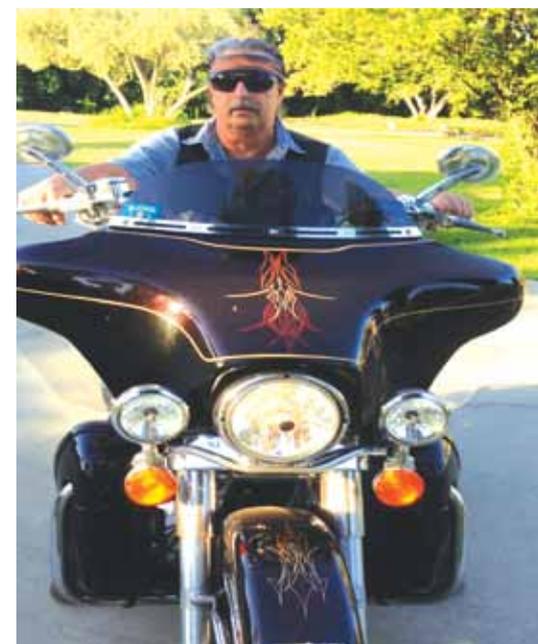
Glenn works tirelessly planning and organizing Local 17 events. This has proven to be very successful. Through his leadership, Local 17 has been able to donate substantial amounts of money to the ABATE treasury.

Glenn has attended all the quarterly State Board and PAC meetings during his presidency. By attending these meetings, he keeps the Local up to date on important issues and listens to the membership on their views and comments. Glenn keeps in contact with other motorcycle rights groups and has maintained a respectful and positive relationship.

He is a very honest man and a great asset to ABATE. He is a positive and generous leader and always has ABATE's best interest at heart. Glenn will be a great asset to the State Board and therefore it is with great honor and pleasure that I nominate Glenn Phillips as a candidate for the ABATE of California Board of Directors.

Respectfully, Tom A. Lubbers

Ed Rogers



My name is Ed Rogers. I'm seeking re-election as a member of the Board of Directors. I served as president of Local 24, Fresno, for approximately 12 years and a member of Board of Directors for last two years. I am also serving as the Assistant Executive Director and am the Regional Representative for Region 6.

I have been an ABATE member and supporter since 1992 and a business member for approximately 9 years. I am dedicated to supporting ABATE and other motorcycle clubs in fighting for motorcycle rights.

I am asking for your consideration to vote for me once again in protecting our motorcycle rights. Thank you, Ed Rogers.

2015 Freedom Fighter Nomination:

Anthony Michael "Sonny" Zappetta

Anthony, "Sonny" Zappetta, has long been a part of A.B.A.T.E. Local 17. Sonny has been a member for 25 years as of this year and was one of the founding members of the Local. He has always contributed in any way he could to help make our Local successful. When asked to help with a function he most always was there to be a part of the function. He absolutely is a friend to every person in '17". He has shared the love of riding and fighting for the Freedom we all want. Sonny has always been available to his friends and family when they were down and needed a friend/Bro. Sonny always considered the ABATE Local a part of his family. Sonny will surely be missed going forward. We are a Family of Brothers and Sisters. Ride in Peace Brother. 5/24/1951 – 9/14/2015 "No More Worries".

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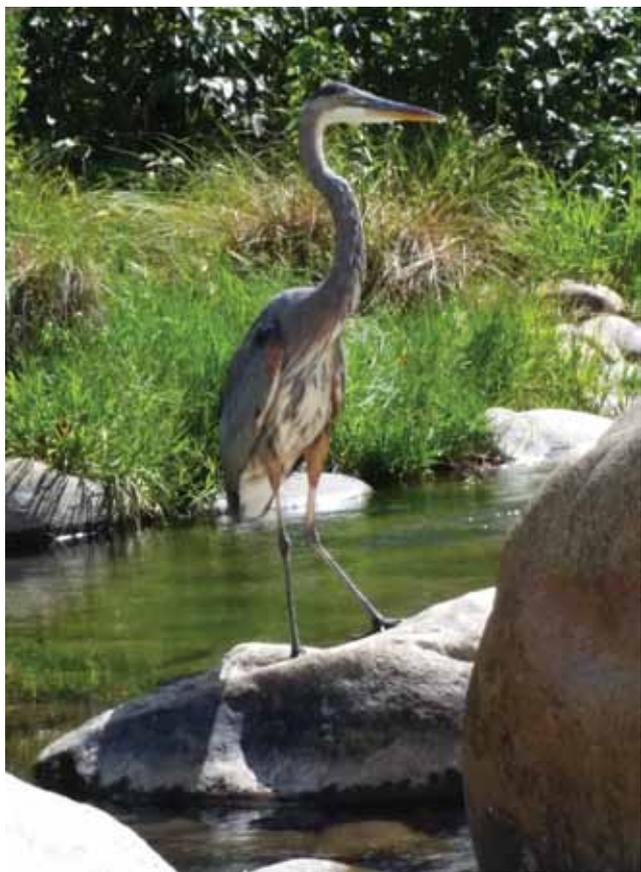



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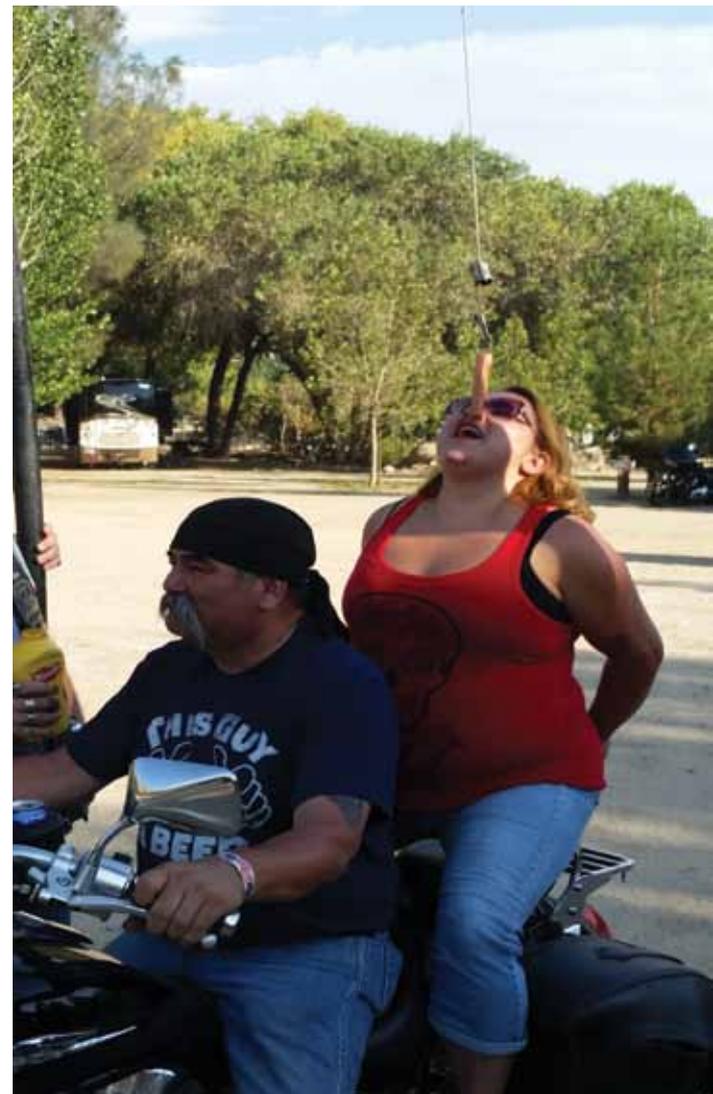
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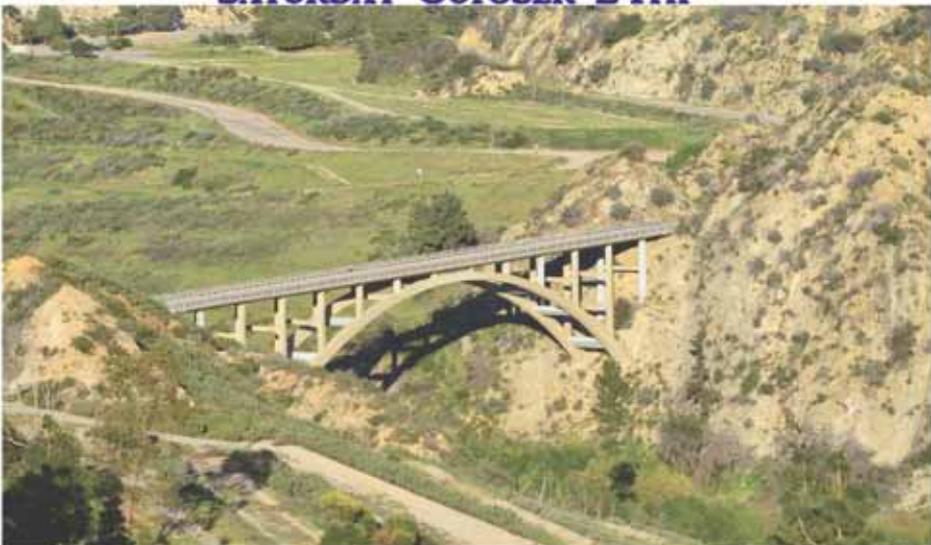
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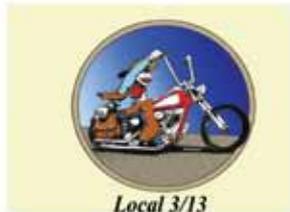
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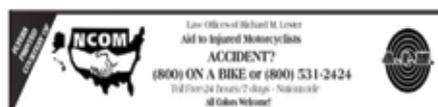
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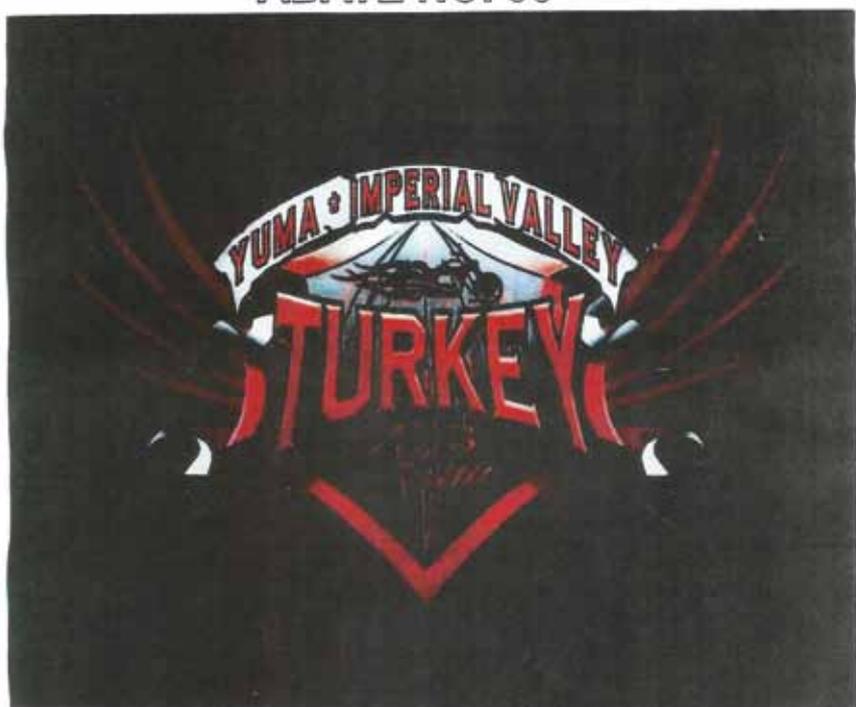
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Sporty's Rides

by Lee "Sporty" Milligan

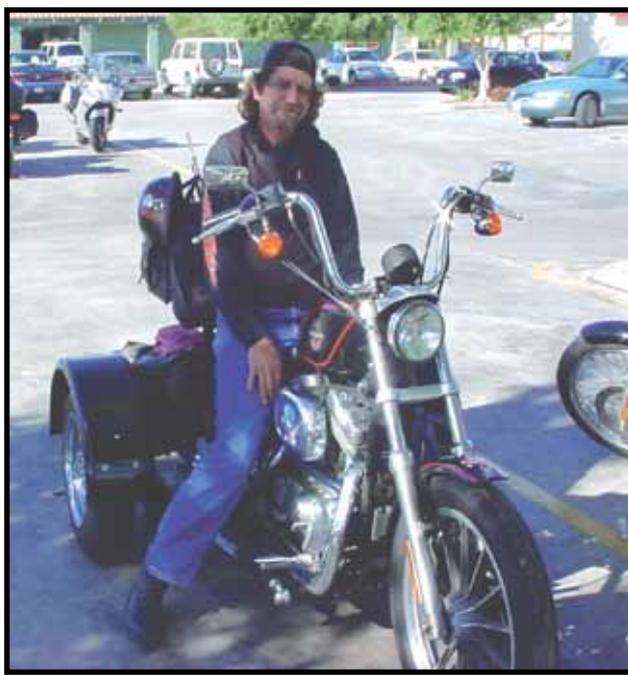
Hi all! That time again. Sporty's Rides brought to you by the able body of Sporty Milligan.

I am still working at my job with LA County Agriculture in the Malibu and Topanga area. I am on the 30 day temporary assignment gig. Hopefully they can either keep me at my present position or find me something else to do. It is extremely frustrating to have to go like this month to month. However the only good part is I am getting a pay check. So I still have a steady cash flow. Rest assured I will keep you all informed on the latest developments. Also I have decided to run again for the Board, so consider the rest but stick with the best.

So on to the rides or adventures: The last Thursday of the month was a Bike Night at Corky's in Sherman Oaks. It's put on by a motorcycle club and several years ago I got thrown out for some minor stuff. I was taking a chance this time, but maybe because I was a peg leg they ignored the previous stuff. Things turned out reasonably well as I won some plastic brass knuckle cell phone holder and had a nice meal inside Corky's. Good deal! I'll go again this month.

My 1200L Sporty was giving me fits as the engine check light and battery light kept coming on every so often. Old Road could not seem to figure out the problem. We replaced the voltage regulator and battery, but, yaks, the lights came back on. I figured I would give Glendale HD a shot at fixing it so I was the first bike at their first come first serve Saturday deal. It was disclosed that my type of problem is not a Saturday fix, but they would squeeze me in. So I got to be at the dealers all day long. It was determined that I would need to have \$300 worth of parts to fix the problem. They also said that I would be able to ride because everything checked out on the tests as being in compliance. I had an appointment for Friday, September 4th. So I got there in plenty of time, but they did not have the parts. So I had them check out the bike so I could ride it to the State Run in September 11th - 13th. During this time every so often the problem with the lights come on and I just shut down the bike and the problem goes away temporarily.

Friday, September 11th, I packed up and prepared to go to Kernville. I was able to ride my



bike as a promoter was putting on the run for ABATE so all I needed was my camping gear. Sweet. The trip to Kernville was warm, but it felt good to be able to ride to the event. When I arrived at the gate I was greeted by Steve B. Sweet.

My only chore was to man the ABATE booth along with help from Board member Mark Loudermilk. We used a picnic table as our booth. I hung the ABATE banner on a tree adjacent to the ABATE table. Worked great. First order of business was a member from Bakersfield who had let his membership lapse. So he signed up. Good deal. At this point I was getting hungry. No food vendors - bummer! Went into town and bought greasy food - so greasy you could lube your car with the grease. Any-

way Steve ate the chicken breast.

The band for the evening was Fuzz Box - groovy. They were a good band. During the evening I ran into Shelia Lindsey and Elizabeth, fine ladies from Local 1. They were going to stay at a resort a few miles away. Ok, bed time as I was tired. Took a shower before bed as I have to wash my leg because if I do not wash the rubber part it stinks.

Next day worked the ABATE booth and had Steve get lunch at Cheryl's dinner - go fly I'll buy. Things are going smoothly seeing friends and acquaintances. All of a sudden Blazen shows up (aka Jeri Alexander) - Good Deal. I got a picture of myself and the ladies of Local 1.

Also Iceman was there and he took Carol on her first passenger ride in ten years. Another good deal. Carol had to do nothing this time as a promoter did the run and even with the glitches it was worth it.

I entered the tire toss and it was fun. Blazen from Local 1 also entered and won the women's competition with a throw of over 27 feet. Later that night Steve Miller, Little David, Steve B and myself went to Cheryl's diner for their pork rib special - pig out time. After dinner, back to camp to watch the band Left Coast - groovy - do their stuff. I danced with Shelia.

Next morning I said good byes. I stopped by Steve B's house in Lake Isabella. It's a nice house that has been remodeled. Got home several hours later. I was tired but had a smile on my face.

That ends this month's rides. Hopefully I have that bike problem fixed and hopefully I have my other bike finally done and out of Casey's Cycle. Regards Sporty.

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MONGOLS MC PATCH FORFEITURE CASE DISMISSED:

In a long-awaited decision with ramifications that could affect all patch-wearing clubs, on September 16, 2015 Federal District Judge David O. Carter issued a dismissal of the government's most recent attempt to seize the Mongols Motorcycle Club's name and patch.

In the case titled United States of America versus Mongols Nation, Judge Carter saw the key legal question in the case as the "distinctness" between a "person" and "an 'enterprise' that is not simply the same 'person' referred to by a different name."

In layman's terms, the good news is that the government's indictment is hereby dismissed pending appeal, which appears unlikely.

"We won," said Richard Lester, a California-based attorney who has rallied support for defense of the patch forfeiture case through various Confederations of Clubs around the country and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists, organizations he helped to establish. "We didn't win the day on key legal points, and the court's decision didn't make the statement we wanted to make in defending the patch, but we won."

The protracted litigation against the Mongols MC on racketeering charges began October 21, 2013 when the indictment against the club was unsealed. Although the club won its first trial, the judge's ruling was poorly written and welcomed the charges to be properly re-filed.

While the constitutionality of seizing the Mongols insignia -- or the insignia of any motorcycle club -- remains unresolved under the dismissal, Judge Carter did rule that the government cannot indict a club as an "enterprise" for racketeering without also indicting a group who can be actually punished; noting that the indictment makes "no meaningful distinction between the association Mongol Nation and the enterprise of the Mongols Gang," which is good news for



all motorcycle clubs.

The prosecution, and subsequent persecution, of the club as a whole was designed to bankrupt the Mongols with mounting legal fees, but money has been raised by both the Mongols club and through the "Save the Patch" effort launched by the COCs and NCOM, and the Trademark Defense Fund I will continue to accept donations until the enormous debt is retired or if needed for a governmental appeal.

CONGRESSIONAL MEASURE ADDRESSES MOTORCYCLIST SAFETY:

A Congressional sub-committee has approved two motorcycle safety measures for inclusion in the federal highway bill; one to de-fund motorcycle-only checkpoints, and another to prohibit the DOT from lobbying on any pending legislation.

On September 10, the Subcommittee on Research and Technology of the U.S. House Science, Space and Technology Committee passed the two amendments to the "Surface Transportation Research and Development Act of 2015" to be incorporated in the House version of the surface transportation authorization bill.

Amendment No. 036 directs a study to be conducted to determine the most effective methods of preventing motorcycle crashes, and further bars federal funding to states to conduct motorcycle-only checkpoints until the research is completed.

Amendment No. 037 prohibits the Department of Transportation from lobbying on any pending federal, state or local legislation. The current "NHTSA Lobby Ban" only prevents the federal DOT from lobbying at the state level.

The U.S. Senate's version of the highway funding bill already contains language to prohibit federal funding of motorcycle-only checkpoints.

NTSB CALLS FOR COLLISION AVOIDANCE SYSTEMS FOR ALL VEHICLES:

In a report released June 8, the National Transportation Safety Board outlined the life-saving benefits of currently available collision avoidance systems, and recommends that the technology become standard on all new passenger and commercial vehicles.

"You don't pay extra for your seatbelt," said Chairman Christopher A. Hart. "And you shouldn't have to pay extra for technology that can help prevent a collision altogether."

NTSB's Special Investigation Report, "The Use of Forward Collision Avoidance Systems to Prevent and Mitigate Rear-End Crashes," stresses that collision avoidance systems can prevent or lessen the severity of rear-end crashes, thus saving lives and reducing injuries.

According to statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), rear-end crashes kill about 1,700 people every year and injure half a million more. More than 80% of these deaths and injuries might have been mitigated had the vehicles been equipped with a collision avoidance system.

Citing slow progress as a major safety issue, the report notes that a lack of incentives and limited public awareness has stunted the wide adoption of collision avoidance technology.

Only 4 out of 684 passenger vehicle models in 2014 included a complete forward collision avoidance system as a standard feature. In the report, the NTSB recommends that manufacturers make collision avoidance systems standard equipment in newly manufactured vehicles.

MISSOURI MOUNTED PLATES: In a measure signed into law on July 13 by Missouri Governor Jay Nixon, SB254 modifies provisions relating to motor vehicle license plates, allowing trailer and motorcycle license plates to be mounted horizontally or vertically on the left rear of the motor vehicle.

NEW YORK ADVENTURE LICENSE PLATES: The New York State DMV has unveiled the 9 new "I LOVE NY Adventure Custom Plates" designed especially for motorcycles. There are three themes (hunting, fishing, and parks) for a total of nine new designs that are available to anyone holding a valid Department of Environmental Conservation sporting license or Parks Empire Passport.

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PAINTED MESSAGES AT ACCIDENT SCENES TO SPARK AWARENESS:

Coroners in six counties in North Carolina will soon use a stencil to spray paint on the road a cross and message that says; "Look Twice Save A Life" at the scene of all deadly motorcycle accidents.

Anderson County Deputy Coroner Don McCown said he hopes this warning message prominently displayed at fatal accident sites will increase awareness and decrease the number of accidents involving motorcycles.

"We're hoping it will remind the public that someone died at this location, and more than likely they died of distracted driving or someone not being aware of their surroundings," explained McCown, adding that the number one reason given for most deadly motorcycle accidents is that the driver never saw the rider. "There are a lot of motorcycle riders out this time of year and we have to share the road."

ALLSTATE DONATES WARNING SIGNS AT DANGEROUS INTERSECTIONS:

Allstate insurance company and its engineering partners are working closely with local traffic authorities to review available crash data and to identify intersections with a high number of multi-vehicle crashes involving motorcycles. Allstate then donates warning signs to be installed at the site with the intent of elevating awareness of motorcycle incidents that would not be readily apparent to a driver.

The warning signs used in the campaign are yellow diamond warning signs that read "Watch For Motorcycles." Allstate worked in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration to design the current sign to ensure compliance with section 2A.06 paragraph 13 of the M.U.T.C.D.

The NHTSA (National Highway Safety Administration), in their Fatality Analysis Reporting System, supports the Hurt Report's findings, showing 46% of all multi-vehicle motorcycle crash fatalities

(8,107 out of 17,470 fatalities from 2006-2012) occurred at intersections. This data shows that, on average, three motorcyclists are killed every day from multi-vehicle crashes at intersections in the US.

MOTORCYCLE HELMET CAMERAS "ILLEGAL" DOWN UNDER:

A motorcycle rider "down under" unsuccessfully challenged a citation for using a camera attached to his helmet, setting an important legal precedent for riders in the Australian state of Victoria.

Victorian police cited a technicality within the rules to argue the camera was an "unauthorised alteration" to an otherwise Australian Standards-approved helmet. Items that protrude more than 5mm from the helmet surface are deemed illegal attachments, the police argue, and therefore render the helmet non-compliant with the Australian Standards.

In other words, as far as Victoria Police were concerned, it's as if the rider wasn't wearing an Australian Standards-approved helmet at all. In all Australian states and territories, motorcycle riders must wear a helmet approved by Australian Standards while riding.

As a landmark ruling by a Victorian court, the decision effectively bans motorcycle riders in that state from wearing helmets with cameras attached, but meanwhile police in other states enforce the laws much differently.

So while riders in Victoria are now fair game and have even reportedly been fined for attaching tinted visors to their helmets, and New South Wales police have already been targeting riders for wearing cameras, police in Western Australia and Queensland wear helmet cameras themselves -- the very act that has seen motorcyclists fined in NSW and, now, Victoria.

"Riders tell us they wear helmet cameras to improve their safety while on the roads and that drivers and other road users show more care when there is a camera in use," said the rider's lawyer, who is considering an appeal. "Riders should not be penalized for trying to improve the safety of their riding," he said, adding that cameras are also ideal for capturing evidence during a collision.

CIVIL FORFEITURE LAWS LEGALIZE PROPERTY SEIZURES:

The recent attempt by the government to seize the patches of motorcycle clubs has focused attention in the motorcycle

world on civil forfeiture laws. What started off as a measure to cripple drug kingpins and crush their criminal empires by confiscation of their property has morphed into an often abused law enforcement tactic that harms blameless citizens.

"Civil forfeiture" is the legal procedure which allows police to seize property suspected of being related to a crime, and in testimony given before a citizen commission, one police chief was surprisingly frank in referring to assets seized as "pennies from heaven," and said the money acquired was sometimes used to buy "toys" that the department could not usually afford.

Under state and federal law, police departments can seize and keep property that is suspected of involvement in criminal activity. Unlike criminal asset forfeiture, however, with civil forfeiture, a property owner need not be found guilty of a crime -- or even charged -- to permanently lose their cash, car, home, or other personal property merely on suspicion that a crime might have been committed.

No hearing is held prior to seizure, which occurs abruptly without any notice or warning whatsoever. Although civil forfeiture doesn't draw criminal charges against the owner, it does deprive him of his property without due process based solely on an officer's "reasonable suspicion," and a portion of the assets seized typically is retained by the police departments who seized the property in the first place.

In 2012, \$4.5 billion was acquired via civil forfeitures in tens of thousands of instances nationwide, and in most cases the value of the assets seized was less than what it would cost to hire an attorney to go to court to win it back.

Asset forfeitures have been abused by many police departments, but like the Mongols MC and other motorcycle clubs, citizens are starting to fight back. Americans from all sides of the political spectrum have started to expose the dangers of civil forfeiture, and members of Congress from both sides of the aisle have introduced legislation to reform the federal civil forfeiture laws. Reforms of state laws have also been called for.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools." ~ Plato (428-347 BC) Greek philosopher, student of Socrates and teacher of Aristotle.

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Tech Tips
by Craig Griswold

Cruel Shoes

While designing the Twin Cam engine, the Motor Company was faced with several challenges, not the least of which was reducing emissions. When we think of emissions, we usually think of exhaust. While that is at the top of the list, noise emissions are a significant challenge to the engineering process. Ever increasing EPA restrictions on noise and exhaust emissions force manufacturers to rethink the design process.

Harley's reason for going back to two cams was simple. This allowed a reduction in the angle of the lifters and pushrods. The pre-Twin Cam engines had significant side loading of the lifters due to the angle of the pushrods, especially the front cylinder exhaust lifter. It was not uncommon to have one or more of those lifters go south before the 50,000 mile mark. The system to drive the new two cam set-up had to be different than the previous gear drives of the past in order to pass noise emissions. The answer was a "silent chain drive." Picture 1 shows the set-up used from 1999 to 2005.



(1)

The first systems from model year 1999 to early 2000 had trouble with cam bearing failures. It was discovered that the rear cam bearing, which was a ball bearing, could not handle the radial tension or side forces. The fix was a replacement with a roller bearing. It was also discovered that the tensioner shoes were wearing out beyond service life as early as 30,000 miles. There was no consistency in the shoe longevity. Some would last over 60,000 miles while some were completely gone by 30,000. The problem then becomes a cost issue as most shops charge one half to a full hour of labor to inspect the shoes. Most shops will recommend inspection every 20,000 miles.

In 2006 (Dynas only, 2007 all big twins), HD redesigned the cam support plate, chains, shoes, and oil pump. The new shoes are now utilizing a hydraulic tensioner, a much improved design over the spring tensioner it replaced. The chains were also changed to a roller style, which are less abrasive (see picture 2).



(2)



(3)

The good news for all you pre '06 folks is that there are several options to retrofit the new hydraulic system to your bike. Andrews sells conversion cams that can be used with the new plate and tensioners. Harley's Screamin Eagle line has a complete kit which allows the use of the pre 2006 cams. This is a nice option if you want to continue to use your existing cams.

Another option is the gear drive system offered by S&S (see picture 3). Although a bit more costly, there are no concerns with wear. They can be a bit noisy. Depending on gear fitment, a whine or tick similar to worn lifters may be heard. Gears should be measured to ensure the best fit possible. Pinion shaft run-out is a criteria with gear drives as well. Pay close attention to S&S's instructions. If run-out exceeds specifications, the gear drive system cannot be used (see picture 4).



(4)

Deciding which system to use depends on performance requirements, cost, and even annual mileage. If you're mostly interested in keeping your bike stock, and put very few miles on the odometer, why spend the cash? More radical set-ups would be better served with gear drives. Ask a reputable shop before spending that hard earned cash.

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Motorcycle Safety Report

by: Norm e. Newiger

Preparation is a Good Thing

We've had a great summer of riding. At this time of the year it's still hot during the day and it gets darker earlier. In some areas it cools down 20-30 degrees after the sun goes down, especially in the mountain zones and on the coast. Do you prepare for these changes of temperatures or do you grind it out? I have been caught in the Big Bear forests at sunset and the temperatures change fast. As soon as the sun goes down, it's suddenly jacket time. Me and my bud got caught and nearly froze our asses off while riding down the back side of the mountains. It was a race we were forced into. We never thought about checking out the weather conditions because it was still summer - at least in our city 150 miles away.

As soon as the sun was eclipsing the mountains, we felt it. As soon as the shade hit us, so did the weather. We hopped on our bikes and rode as fast as we could. We thought the high desert would warm us up, but it didn't. We had to ride even faster because we thought being cold for a shorter time would be best. It wasn't until we reached Little Rock that it started warming up. We stopped for some hot coffee and laughed at ourselves - we both had saddle bags and nothing in them! We were prepared for the hot day and didn't think about bringing a jacket or extra layers of clothes; it was definitely a mistake.

I guess you can say we learned the hard way; to grind it out while practically freezing as we rode. It really hurt and I had to focus on riding even more because I was feeling thick and sluggish. I knew we had no other choice because the back roads were dark and they had no asphalt shoulders to pull over onto and the sand/dirt shoulders just didn't look good enough for me while riding at a fast speed (so fast I can't tell you because it would be an admission to guilt!) As we rode south past Palmdale it warmed up and I was thinking to myself how unprepared I was. We didn't plan this road trip, we just decided to go thinking it was all good.

Being prepared is now my first agenda! Knowing where I'm going, checking the local weather report and road conditions, especially when the season starts changing or when you're going somewhere that has climate changes from day to the evening. With all the modern technology out there it's very simple to do. My cell phone is the best pocket companion that one could want, with all the apps it has all I need to do is remember to keep it charged and bring it with me. You all know you have the whole wide world at your access pretty much anywhere you ride. When I think about it, my cell phone is actually a tool that I use. You could even claim it as a safety device, with all of its features and apps you just can't go wrong. I, like many others, have made that techno jump even though I'm considered an old fart of a distant generation. If I have modern day technology issues, I have kids that can square me away easily. My favorite riding zones is the high desert (not when it's blazing hot)



and the mountains. Now that I know how to plan them out, I am always fully prepared.

Because I have family in the Apple Valley area, the high desert calls me to ride or drive out there year-round. The Pear Blossom Highway (138) is always an awesome ride. The last few months I've been going out there (July & August) I've noticed a small sign, out in the middle of nowhere, on the side of the highway, one word, "Flooded"! My brain clicked and I remembered they talked about flash flooding in the high desert areas. I was concerned because they reported it the night before. I started to notice in all the depressions mud and water and some wash out that leached out onto the road. Some areas were bad that I changed my mindset about how I was riding. All of a sudden I noticed that the deeper depressions had more dirt/mud still on the roads. I didn't see any clean up crews and now I had to approach these depressions with caution. It seems that the depressions were kind of like creek beds to the left and right of the highway and, as we all know, it hardly rains out here, but it does. Because I saw the sign, and no clean up crews or work that had been done (at the time), it was all on me, as well as anybody else, to ride safely.

I remember back in the day when I only had a motorcycle for transportation. I was working in New Mexico and living in El Paso. It was an 80 mile roundtrip ride that was in the high desert on only a two lane highway. It was raining, I don't mind riding in the rain and I have a lot of experience. I was cruising around 80+ miles per hour (NOT a safe speed in the rain) on a straight stretch of road when I saw it from about a quarter of a mile out, a flash flood crossing the highway. It was as high as a car rooftop then flattened out real fast. The mountains were on the right side of the road about a half a mile from the road, but had a good grade to the highway. I kinda freaked out, but then my brain kicked in real fast. I started braking and down shifting, then I braked harder as I felt I had good control of my bike while still downshifting. I made sure I was not downshifting at too high of a speed that would cause my rear

tire to lock momentarily. Because of the wet road, I knew if I did my bike would probably slide out from me or I would lose control (I learned while dirt bike riding, the dirt is the same as a wet road). I couldn't stop before I hit the wash out. I was doing around 15 mph and I didn't panic as I was now in the mud running over small rocks and other debris, I didn't stop at all, just kept it going until I cleared that wash out, then I stopped. I got off my bike, lit a cigarette and calmed down while looking at what I just went through. I was glad I didn't over react or panic. I thought about all the trials and errors of my dirt bike riding days and I was glad that what I had learned in the past helped me out that day.

I always say, "It happens that fast!" Riding in the rain is dangerous, but can be done safely. I'm pretty sure we've all been caught in the rain, from light to heavy. You've got to have confidence and trust in your skills. I know some people who freak out and won't ride in the rain even if they're caught in it. It's not a bad thing if you know your limitations, then stick to them. In one of my previous articles I talked about practicing hard braking and downshifting at different speeds. I also talked about locking your rear tire from low speeds to higher speeds so as you can feel what your bike does when you do these things. It's important to do, it's how you raise your skill level to handle any situations that could happen really fast and build your confidence up to handle them!

As the seasons change, just be prepared in advance. With all the talk of us having a big El Nino' season, who knows what we will be riding in. This is a great time of the year to ride, second only to spring. Ride smart, and ride safe!



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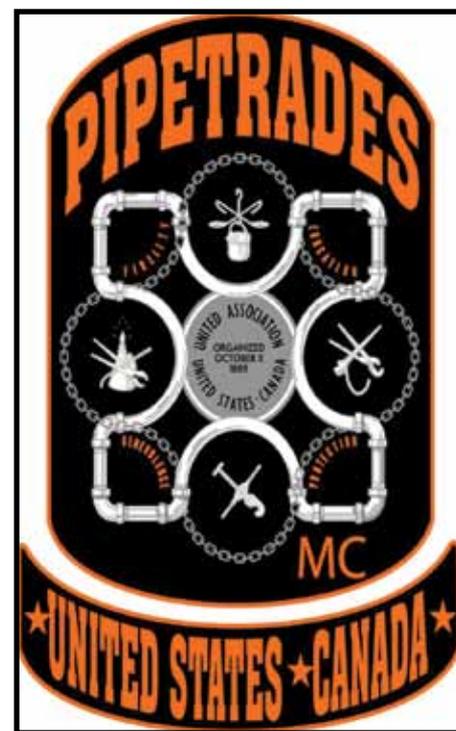
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October 4 - - ABATE Local 17 – Memorial Ride (Details TBA.)

October 10 – ABATE Local 17 – Annual Fall Run (See flyer this issue.)

October 17 – 4th Quarterly ABATE meetings (Presidents/Officers/Members; PAC meeting (PAC Members Only); ABATE Board of Directors Meeting (All ABATE Members are Welcome to attend).

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October 24 – ABATE Local 17 - Poker Tournament (Details TBA.)

October 24 – ABATE Local 3/13 – 7th Annual Motorcycle Trivia Run (See flyer this issue for details.)

October 24 – ABATE Local 6 – End of Summer – Motorcycle Awareness party (See Flyer this issue for details.)

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December 6 – ABATE Local 17 – Toy Run (Details TBA.)

December 12 – ABATE Local 52 – Annual Toy Run Contact Craig Griswold 530/263-8071 for details.

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