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Local 23 San Bernardino, CA

Lobbyist's Legislative Report

by James Lombardo Sr.

Hello, folks. The Legislature returned to work this week to find a new \$20 Billion budget deficit. Governor Schwarzenegger has revealed his deep cuts, so the bloodletting has already begun. Senator Fran Pavley's Motorcycle Smog/Noise bill, SB 435, was not being heard in Assembly Transportation in January, due to our efforts. I worked hard to not have it heard to give us some more time to defeat it. Keep gathering signatures on the petitions, and if you didn't bring them to the PAC/Board meeting on January 30, please continue to send them on to Carol at the state office.

As I write this article, I just learned that SB 435 has been amended. Supposedly, the provisions forcing motorcyclists to smog check their bikes are out. Or are they? Upon carefully reading the amended bill, future amendments will

concentrate on tampered motorcycles! How do you check for motorcycles with tampered emission systems? Maybe a biennial visit to a smog inspection station? That's why your petitions *against any kind of motorcycle smog check* are STILL important. I will keep close tabs on this bill, because there is no telling what it can be amended into.



We talked about strategies on defeating SB 435 and other anti-motorcyclist bills at the PAC meeting. I have heard rumors that a number of them will be

introduced before the February deadline! A bill to ban lane sharing/splitting will very likely be introduced because I heard the same thing from the insurance, CHP and DMV lobbyists. So get ready for lots of battles this year. **WE MUST BE ON THE DEFENSIVE TO KEEP OUR RIGHTS!**

THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR! We need to be involved in electing more Assembly members and Senators who are motorcyclist friendly, **SO WE CAN KEEP OUR FREEDOMS.** Many of our friends are not running again, passing on to other offices or will be in very competitive races. There are 24 open Assembly seats without an incumbent. The PRIMARIES, June 8, 2010, are where most of the candidates will win their seats.

Please send in your current PAC rep's name and e-mail information to
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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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the state office, so they are current for this new year!

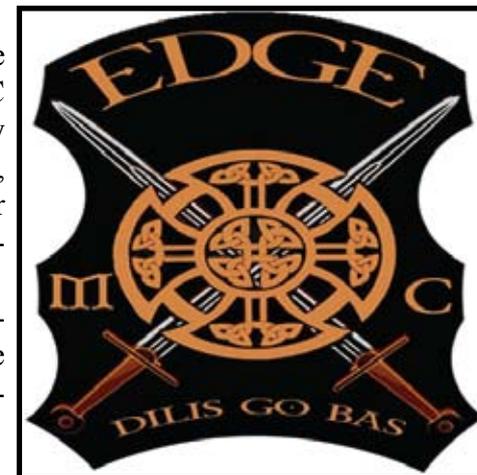
We must be involved in June. Because of the way the Districts are drawn, whichever party candidate wins June 8 is very likely to win the seat on November 2. On January 12, here in Sacramento, I attended a Republican leadership meeting sponsored by current Senate minority leader Dennis Hollingsworth and Assembly Republican leader Sam Blakeslee. They outlined their goals for this session and asked for our support for their list of candidates. I have been meeting with potential office seekers, so I will be familiar with them and their positions on our issues when we do our endorsement meeting in April. We are also being courted by the Democrats and I have met several of their candidates.

We will be working on the endorsement list for the April PAC meeting! We are also working on a potential Spring Freedom Rally in Sacramento. I have also been in contact with CHP Commissioner, Joe Farrow, to pressure Caltrans to put up freeway motorcycle safety messages, possibly as soon as May, for Motorcycle Awareness month. With efforts from John Del Santo, and others, it may just happen this year!

Red light camera bills will also be a hot topic, this session. Several anti-red light camera ac-

tivist groups have approached me asking for ABATE's help, and if PAC approves, we will need to be heavily involved with fighting that nameless, faceless government cash generator masquerading as a traffic safety measure.

Thanks for your continued support! Ride safe this new year; I'll be busy fighting for our Rights and Freedoms in Sacramento!



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LOCAL NEWS



Local #01 Los Angeles

Our December meeting was interesting as Sporty got the stomach flu the night before the meeting. Veep Sarge was out of town so I received a phone call an hour and a half before the meeting asking me to run the meeting. Under the circumstances I think my fellow Local officers, Glen Cheslock, Jim Nickla, etc., did a great job with so little notice. Thanks to all the Local 1 members who contributed info at the meeting.

Our LA Toy Run, aka The Fred Jordan Mission Run was a huge success! Nothing like seeing the kids actually getting the toys.

President Sporty was back for our January meeting and we discussed our (Local 1's) Polar Bear Run which will be held on February 28. This run will only be a success if YOU attend the run. All the dough we collect goes to ABATE. Again, ALL the money we collect goes to ABATE. We need the support of ALL the Locals in Southern California. Sacramento business was discussed as well.

Attendance was great, so a big thanks to all that showed up and participated. Thanks to Pete "Prof" Heckler for coming to the meeting. Over the years Pete has served ABATE Local 1 in so many ways as a volunteer and as a Local officer. Pete joined ABATE in 1987 and it was great to see him and hear him address the Local.

Please attend the Polar Bear Run on February 28. See our flyer in this edition of the Bailing Wire!

Local #02 Simi Valley



Happy New Years to all! I can't believe it's already 2010. We had our first meeting

of the New Year with all the newly elected officers at the helm. Our new President, Ray Arsnow, and new Vice President, Scott Burton, started everything by being the first volunteer cooks of the New Year, thanks guys! Pres Ray got us going with the meeting and talked about more ABATE stuff, and handed out some ABATE literature. Our VP, Scott, talked about spreading the word of ABATE. This means as a group we are going to go to places where bikers of all kinds congregate and spread the word about what ABATE does for you, kind of like Bible thumping.

Our faithful Secretary, Jane, read the minutes and filled in for Moxxie and whoever else was not there! Our membership report by Pat Burton says we are hanging in there with room to grow. Our Treasurer, Stephanie, says we got the money but could always use more. Guy Corrigan, our Merchandise guy, told us all about the ABATE clothing deals that Local 2 has. We have our own clothing line which does help out ABATE! Norm, the Safety coordinator, gave his outstanding safety report as usual. You have to be there to hear his words of wisdom. Norm is also the PR person for ABATE Local 2 and is working on getting Local 2 their own web site started very soon.

Thanks again to the volunteer cooks, the President and VP; we serve a very good \$5 dinner starting at 6:45 pm on the second Tuesday of every month at the VFW Post 10049 located at 4242 E. Los Angeles Ave in Simi Valley. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm and lasts for approximately one hour.

Denny Mortensen won the 50/50 drawing (major bucks!) and gave all the cash back to ABATE, thanks! Bob Tanger could have won the membership drawing but wasn't there, so it rolls over till next month.

Our first meeting of the year was a little light on people; we really missed all those who couldn't make it and hope to see you all next month. Remember we do these only 12 times a year including our fabulous Christmas party at the end of the year.

When ever I talk to a potential member about what ABATE does, a lot of them didn't even know ABATE existed, but they knew what rights they enjoyed. This makes me think we need to get out and re-establish our movement; strength is in numbers and unity. Ride safely and have a great New Year! PTL norm e. new

Local #05 San Gabriel Valley

Hey, from Local #5! We didn't have a meeting in December so we have nothing to report. With that said, we would like to say, we hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! God Bless America, Glen (Professor) Pine

Local #06 San Diego County



It was another good meeting up in Kate Sessions Park overlooking beautiful Mission Bay in San Diego. There were a couple of drops of rain and it has been so long since we've seen any that some of the riders thought it was finally fallout from some nuclear mistake!

Our Halloween Poker Run last month, which was designed, planned, and carried out by Moe Giacalone, (what a woman!) brought in enough money for our treasury to keep our heads above water.

Boozefighter, 'Slammer', won this month's 50/50 and donated it all back to the treasury, too. Jeff Diamond signed up seven new members last month, and won the Local 6 prize of a certificate entitling him to a free 8 x 10 professional photograph of him and his bike!

Patty Wilber volunteered to be our Recording Secretary, and she has some new ideas to make that position more interesting and workable. Way to go, Patty! Thanks!

We discussed the 2010 EPA guidelines, and included part that ended up better than usual because of rider involvement. We discussed the 2010 California Highway Safety Plan, including how it can improve the safety for motorcyclists on the road or how it can turn into financing for a "motorcycle trap" if the wrong police officers get to run it. There are three towns in Southern California doing that already. We are sharing information with our local BOLT chapter to watch for these unconstitutional acts.

There is a really neat pocket-sized copy of the U.S. Constitution available from www.nccs.net. They cost 30 cents each. Locals 6 and 11, and Chapter 3 of the Boozefighters MC have purchased a bunch and distributed them to all of their members. If you don't know your rights, you don't have any.

We advised the troops that a vote on SB435 is coming soon, and if they haven't contacted their Assembly Members, It's time to get on that! We're still working on turning the highway Changeable Message Signs into part-time Motorcycle Awareness Signs, and our members have started to distribute motorcycle awareness pamphlets to the public. John.

Local #09 South Orange County



Greetings to all! Hope you all had a wonderful Holiday and wish you all a prosperous New Year. At our December meeting we had our elections for our 2010 officers. Our new President is Cory Toroian (AKA Red Fox), Vice President is Alex Van Leeuwen, Secretary is Judy Dore, Treasurer is Jim Jungwirth, Membership Secretary is Louie Hernandez and Public Relations is Dave Anderson. **See above photo.**

On December 12 we had our annual toy drive at the Swallows Inn, which benefited multiple charity organizations in the Southern Orange County area.

As we move forward into the New Year increased membership is a major priority with our new officers. To start the New Year off right, our guest speaker was Jack Riggs the director of Saddlebacks' Motorcycle Safety Course. The program outline was, "Are you ready to ride?" It pointed out many safety tips and potential hazards that quite often experienced riders overlook.

At our February meeting (first Tuesday of the month at Denny's on Ortega Hwy off the I-5) we have scheduled a CHP officer to

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be our guest speaker. Officer Christopher Goodwin will share and discuss matters of importance that affect all motorcycle enthusiasts. We would encourage all bikers to participate. Dinner (off Denny's menu) at 6 pm and meeting at 7 pm.

In an effort to generate more interest and participation in our meetings we will have a variety of guest speakers in the near future. Please look for future announcements in the Bailing Wire news letters. As always run safe, be safe, Bad Bones Dave

Local #11 San Diego County (North)

The December turnout was still holding at 30+ members present even though it was raining - excellent. The new rainy day location at the Escondido Moose Lodge worked out very well and will continue to be our designated Rain Location. Tim covered phone tree ops and we voted to send donations to both the ABATE General Fund and the Lobbyist Fund for the next Quarter.

Reserve May 7-8-9, 2010 for the Southern California Regional Rally to be held in Anaheim at the Canyon RV Park Campground - details in future reports. Also, don't forget to use the portal www.goodsearch.com when you run Internet searches - ABATE will benefit.

It has been reported that the cities of Escondido and Oceanside received grant money for the purpose of advancing Motorcycle Safety Awareness programs but may be using the funds to fund motorcycle "harassment" type stops. Riders who think they may have been affected by this activity are asked to contact ABATE or BOLT with details.

Just a reminder that SB 435 and AB 1205 will most likely come back alive in January and we need to keep pressing our legislators - NO on SB435 and YES on AB1205. Also in the news, Assemblyman John Perez has been elected Speaker of the House (CA State) and as mentioned before, he is biker unfriendly.

Be aware that since approximately 36% of M/C deaths occur with operators who do NOT have an M1 class license. The DMV is beginning to cross-reference CA registrations with driver's licenses to locate and

send inquiry letters to M/C owners who appear NOT to be M1 licensed.

The 49 states are about to adopt the CA emission standards, and although CA standards are tighter than the 49 states used to be, they are at least less than what was previously being pushed by the Feds. M/C emissions for 2010 will affect all new motorcycles and will probably cost an additional \$45 per M/C. Remember riders, if SB 435 passes next year, that \$45 is going to look like nothing when you see what complying with SB 435 is going to cost you.

Future reference: There is a movement afoot for a nationwide "Ride to the Courthouses" run in the April 17 timeframe - watch for details.

In the 50/50 raffle, Cheryl won \$35 - she donated \$30 back to Local 11 - thanks Cheryl. Ride Safe, Dave

Local #17 Solano & Napa Counties

Happy New Year 2010! We are planning on having another great year. First and foremost I would like to introduce our new and old officers for 2010. Once again we are honored to have Elmer "Smitty" Smith as our president and Scott "Scooter" Leech as our vice President and Ron Vonsild as Membership Coordinator. We would like to welcome our new officers Curtis "Weasel" Fuson as Treasurer, Michele Stuart-McInnis as Secretary, Mike Southward as Run Coordinator, Betty Jaynes and Morgan McInnis for Merchandise.

Our next event will be our 22nd annual Freeze Your Ass Off Poker Run on March 6. This event is one of our larger events and we take great pride in putting it together, so we hope that everyone can come join us for a great day of riding, music and food.

Saturday, March 6, ABATE Local 17's 22nd Annual Freeze Your Ass Off Poker Run. Sign in 9-11 am at Miss Darla's, 110 Peabody Road in Vacaville. Run ends at Winter's Community Center, 201 Railroad Ave in Winters. Food, beverages, music, Hi/Low Poker hands and prizes. \$20/person. Rain or Shine! For more info call Smitty at 707-448-6614 or go to www.abate17.org.

We are still working on getting our website up and going, but we would still like you to check it out at www.abate17.org

and give us feedback. You can also look for us on Facebook under 'Abate Solano' and Myspace under 'Abate 17'. You can keep in contact with friends that you meet on our runs and exchange pictures.

Stop in and join us at one of our meetings. The meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon, 4826 Midway Road in Vacaville at 10:00 am. Spring time is almost here!! Ride Safe!! Michele Stuart-McInnis

Local #19 Pomona Valley

Happy New Year to all of you! By the time you are reading this, January is already gone. It looks like we are off to another fast paced year. I have just a couple of things from the last article to note. Our Toy Run came off with good weather and a good time was had by those who attended. I don't know how much money we actually made yet, but the folks at Santa Claus Inc seemed very pleased.

I would also like to say "Thank You" to Doug S and his wife for donating a bunch of stuff for our raffles at the meetings coming up starting this month. I haven't asked Doug for permission to use his last name or his company so, for right now, I just want to say thanks.

Some of us just spent two days at the Easyriders Bike Show at the fairgrounds in Pomona. We were able to collect hundreds of signatures against SB 435. It was awesome to see people taking a few minutes to sign the sheets. Of course, spending a Saturday with Sporty is always a treat. He was there working the booth, promoting ABATE and even sold a couple of raffle tickets for the Harley that will be given away. We also handed out a lot of ABATE literature to people who were interested.

Local 19 is actively promoting the fund raiser for Casa Colina Hospital that is known as Thunder In The House. The event will be at the Chino Fairgrounds this year on June 19 and we are getting excited. There will be a bike show, car show, poker run, vendors and live music. All money collected, after expenses, will go to Casa Colina Hospital to benefit physical rehabilitation services for our nation's heroes. I have to admit that I am a bit partial to this place. They took me there last year in February when I could barely move and couldn't talk due to a car

that took me out. I left there two months later walking and talking. Casa Colina and their people are amazing. This event is also the Cameron Nelson Memorial Ride. We lost Cameron last year and miss him more than can be expressed. He was responsible for making Thunder In The House happen in past years.

We've got the weather, so get out and ride. Be safe, have fun and, as always, keep the shiny side up! Ed

Local #21 Antelope Valley



Well by the time you're reading this, December will be gone and it will be a New Year. Although right now it's only December 4 and I still have a little shopping to do. Hope every one had a great Holiday Season and New Years.

We had 8 people at our December meeting with \$79 bucks sent to the main office, but it could be more. Roz bought me a Birthday dinner and it was good. Thanks Roz and Happy Birthday to Ron, my brother. Mark pitched in the lobby money as usual and Steve Miller tossed in, too. Bless his biker heart.

Glen's thinking of a possible poker run later in the year. Also we're changing the date for our next year's toy run to maximize participation. So for now, later. Daryl the plumber and Local 21.

Local #22 South Bay



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Pac/Lobbyist Report

by Peter Daniels, Treasurer

I hope you all had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. Now it is time to get back to work. This is an election year and we need to get back to basics and work campaigns. 2009 was a year of survival. Thanks to your dedication and perseverance we did survive. But we are not out of the woods yet. 2010 promises to be a tough one, too, but perhaps a little less challenging. I sure hope so!

Our New Year's resolution should be to whole heartedly support ABATE of California. We have an opportunity to support ourselves by getting behind our 'motorcycle raffle' and sell, sell, sell tickets. If your Local does not have tickets, call Cynthia Withans 760/946-0366 and get some NOW! Host some events in your areas with ABATE being the recipient of the assets! Be inventive and help us support OUR organization financially. Support the Northern and Southern California Regional Rallies big time. Support the State Run big time.

To the Locals that do not support the General, PAC, and/or Lobbyist funds, please join the Locals that do! To the Locals

and individuals that support this organization year end and year out, and month end and month out THANKS! We couldn't do it without you!



Thanks to the members of the Board of Directors, the State officers, the Local officers. Thanks to all the hard working people 'behind the scenes'.

We need more members, a lot more members. Every Local MUST contact every Local member that did not renew and talk to them personally. It's time to get back to BASICS!

Donations from Locals & folks since last month to the Lobbyist Fund were from: Locals 1, 3, 5, 6 (on behalf of H. Moseby), 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 24, 27, 28, 36, 40, Rick Mullaly (L60), Ron Sundquist & Rosalinda Holmes (L21), Carol Mayner (Sporty's sister L00), Gary Wright (L33), David Jones (L12), Ken Jackson (L8), & Sporty (L1).

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LOCAL NEWS

Meeting kicked off for December as usual at Walkers Café. The meeting was slightly smaller than has been in recent months as we head into the holidays. It seems everyone gets pretty busy this time of year, so hopefully many of you include some time to ride out to some great toy runs.

Since we are talking of toy runs, we had a booth set up at the Ironworkers MC Toy Run on November 22. The run was a success with a very good turnout and it gave Local 22 the chance to get information to a large number of riders on the importance of ABATE.

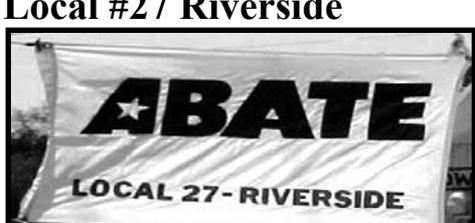
As far as the meeting went we really spent the majority of the time discussing how we can improve our efforts during 2010 to increase awareness on fighting for our freedoms and also aid in the Membership Drive. We had many thoughts on how to accomplish gaining new members. We all understood that we need to do something new or out of the ordinary if we want to really grow Local 22 with a substantial amount of new members. We felt like we also need to try and appeal to a couple of segments of the motorcycle riding market to include sport bike riders and women riders.

We also threw around some ideas that may or may not entice new members to sign up for ABATE. Would a sign up gift be reasonable enough to give away with a new membership sign up and would it effectively increase our number of new members?

We felt we definitely wanted to have an event in 2010 as well. It has not been done for a little while now so we wanted to get that back on track. It was left open as to what that may be right now but the seed has been planted.

By the time you read this the holidays will be over, so I hope you had a great ending to 2009. See you all in 2010. That's all for now, Zap.

Local #27 Riverside



Hey! Happy and Free New Year, we hope, at least we'll try. Well we're off to a running start out here. We moved our month-

ly meeting place and that worked out so good we had to go out and find another place! We had two guests at our January meeting. Welcome Larry Lavalley and John Moses. They are re-forming an old MC and hope to bring the club to help us on our issues.

Ida, the Membership Siren, said we are currently up three members from last month. That's something to build on. Treasurer Greg C says we got dough! Secretary Kenny Nuttal's daughter, whose husband is deployed to Afghanistan, has asked if we can gather up gun/hunting, motorcycle, and hot rod magazines so she can send them to her husband's unit. Bring them to the meeting.

On a sad note: Long time Local 27 member, Louis "Doc" Rodriguez, succumbed to prostate cancer. He would have been 80 on April 15. He served in the Army as a Medic in the Korean War and finished his working career in the employ of the City of Corona as a landscape maintenance worker in the Parks and Recreation department. I can remember him and his lady, Jay Rood, occupying the same spot every month at the Local meetings. Jay became ill, went into a long term care facility and Doc visited her every day until his own health prevented him from doing so.

So long Doc, Ride Free.

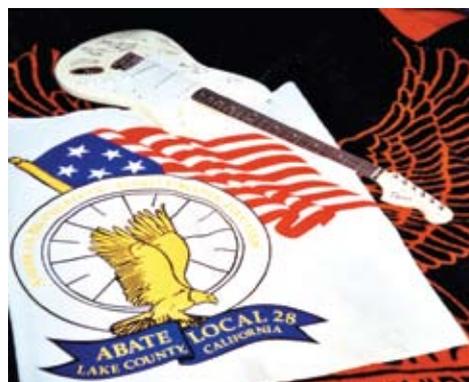
Sad note 2: Local 27 business member, Renegade Classics', owner, Corey Miller's friend and regular fixture at the Renegade Bike Night, Don Endraski, was run off the road by assailants unknown and killed on his way home from Renegade. The January Bike night was more of a Memorial for him. He will be remembered and missed.

The Renegade Christmas event to benefit the Salvation Army that Jack Howell put together turned in a respectable 263 family turkey, with fixins, dinners and \$470.00 cash. Jack is to be commended for the hard work he does on this event. We had some help from Local 23 and even some folks from way over in Local 19 made the sojourn to help out. Great to see you all.

Gary Oly would have won the membership drawing of \$3900.00 if only he'd been present. Do not put off signing in at our website www.abatelocal27.org so you can be "Up on Things" and, if you not sure about whether your membership is up or not, RE-UP just in case.

NEW MEETING PLACE: Flo's Farmhouse Café, 5620 Van Buren Blvd in Riverside (951) 352-2690. Same time, 7:30 pm, same day, 1st Tuesday. C'ya, HR.

Local #28, Lake County



Local 28 members turned out for the two lighted holiday parades in Lakeport and Kelseyville. Our 18th annual Lake County Toy Run for Kids was a huge success. Thanks to the Clear Lake Road Riders for all their efforts to make this the largest Toy Drive in Lake County. Thanks also to all the Local 28 members who always show up to support the run, the toys and clothes were more needed this year than in the past. You all did a great job!

Local 28 has some runs penciled in as soon as the weather allows. Right now we're getting some much needed rain and hopefully the drought will be over when spring arrives. Local 28 past President Lori Adams is rounding up some help for the Northern California Regional Rally in Lake County, with 3 other Locals stepping up to help us. We are waiting to see what the date will be, attempting to schedule it when there are the least number of conflicts with other Local's events. Several of our members have already put their names on the line to make sure we have a fun event, most likely at Kelly's Kamp in Upper Lake again. New Rally activities are on the horizon to keep the motors hummin' and the senses alive this year and when you're ready to rest, there's always the swimming hole! Watch for the flyer in the March Bailing Wire! Melissa Fulton, President.

Local #29 Morongo Basin



Happy New Year everyone from ABATE Local 29! Highlights of November's meeting were the nominations of officers for the 2010 year, a detailed report from our treasurer about the 2009 Laughlin run, and the voting on sending \$400.00 to the ABATE general fund

At the December meeting we elected new officers for 2010. They are: Marty Rapp - President, Bernadette Ingalls - Vice President, Mary Lou Rapp - Secretary, Thomas Bruce - Treasurer, Safety and Political - Chuck Pepple, Membership - Ed Folts and taking up post together are Mark and Lu Ann Correa as Ride Captains! Mark and Lu Ann have some great ideas for rides this year so come on out and join us for our monthly rides!

Thank you to all our past officers and a special thank you to all our officers who opted to stay with us for another year and a big welcome to all the new officers who stepped up to fill vacancies!

Our Laughlin run for 2010 will be October 16 (same weekend as always) at the Aquarius Laughlin. Save the date and let's make this the biggest run ever!

This year the \$500.00 gift certificate will be from one of the major credit card companies. Tickets are still \$2.00 each, but there are a limited number of tickets available! Don't miss out! To get yours, call Marty Rapp at [760] 367-1694 or talk to one of the Local 29 members!

We have a fantastic room rate of \$50.99 + tax per night for Friday and Saturday nights. For those who want to stay longer, we have a room rate of \$27.00 + tax per night for Thursday and Sunday nights! Hurry and make your reservations early! There are a limited number of rooms available at this rate!

This year we also have a limited number of trophy sponsorships available for the bike show. If you are interested in this please give Marty a call.

Our February ride is a mystery ride that falls on Valentines Day this year! Please bring your sweetie and have a wonderful day with friends. Our meeting time and place is the usual - Yucca Valley Park and Ride at 9:00 am. Please have gas in your tank and be ready to ride at 9:00 am! For further information please call Marty Rapp at [760] 367-1694.

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Don't forget to join us for our meetings every second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at Las Casitas Restaurant in Yucca Valley!

This sure looks like it's going to be a terrific year for ABATE Local 29! Let's make it the best year ever! Miss Lou.

Local #35 Monterey Bay

It's been a bumpy ride for our Local this last year. We had our annual Teddy Bear run in October, which was a great success. We were able to raise over \$2,800.00 and all proceeds went to Visiting Nurses Association.

We were not able to get anyone to step up to the plate to become new officers to continue on with Local 35. ABATE Local 35 of Monterey Bay will no longer exist. Our last meeting was in December. It was a great meeting. We reminisced with many fond memories of our Local. Mike McIntyre was the president when I joined some 16 years ago. He did a great job and was very informative about the bills being introduced. Talk about energy, he had it!

The Teddy Bear Run was started with a collective group of clubs about 20 years ago. They were the Clean and Sober MC, Lonesome Fugitives MC, Soul Brothers MC, Ephesians MC and ABATE Local 35. As years passed by, some clubs came to an end. Local 35 with the grateful help from Bill Enders and his club members, the Ephesians, were able to carry the annual tradition of the Teddy Bear run. The stuffed teddy bears and other stuffed animals were given to children from battered women's shelters and later to children in medical centers. It was a great pleasure to personally give the children at the shelter homes stuffed animals. The brightness in their eyes and their smiling faces were very rewarding.

Local 35 attended many runs including the Mid State Rally in Paso Robles, runs to Sacramento to voice our opinions with the politicians, many local club runs and don't forget the Bridgeport Jamboree. Twins Lakes Resort was full of motorcycle members from many clubs. We always looked forward to the camp out and participated with the Jamboree. Some of us still go in June even though the run was taken away from Bridgeport. Such a loss! Let's not forget about the Toy run. We were active in that

run in the past. We also would enjoy going to Street Vibrations in Reno.

Local 35 also participated in cleaning up Highway 1 between Castroville and Moss Landing. We participated in Christmas and 4th of July parades. We received recognition from the Mayor and cities of Monterey, Seaside, Sand City, Marina, Gonzales, Salinas and Watsonville proclaiming May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

We had our annual poker runs. Some years the weather would not be very favorable and other years everything was just peachy. Participation at our runs was like the economy - up and down, but we still had a good time raising monies for our Local to survive. We donated to ABATE of California's general and PAC funds on a monthly basis then on a quarterly basis when able to.

Our last ABATE Local 35 Christmas t-shirt exchange party was a great get together with members and friends. We spoke of other memories of rides and events that we were a part of, we then had our infamous t-shirt exchange. It was a great evening.

Memories of some of our deceased members, Royce Fernandez (3 dogs), Steve Polkabl Sr., Tim Cronin and Jack Aylesbury (Jus Jack) will always be with us.

In ending, special thanks go out to all the motorcycle clubs, friends, businesses and organizations that supported ABATE Local 35 of Monterey Bay. Most of us agreed to keep supporting ABATE of California in the future. Meeting adjourned! Jackie & Dom Favalora

Local #38 Imperial Valley

I want to introduce myself to all of you Local 38 members. I'm Steve Mitosinka, your new President for 2010. Many thanks to Ed Aranda for the past two years as our President. What a great job you did, Ed, and remember, we still need your help in the future.

We have another great year ahead of us. We also need more people and members in our community involved in ABATE. ABATE keeps us informed on laws and events that affect all motorcyclists. What a great job ABATE has done for all of us!

We'll take care and ride safe, Steve Mitosinka, ABATE Local #38 President.

Local #40 Bakersfield



Meeting began with Misa leading us in prayer, followed by Teach leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. It was decided by all Local 40 members to hold elections next month due to various reasons and our meeting will now be held on the 1st Monday of the month.

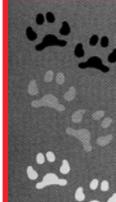
Godfather was presented a certificate for his participation in our membership drive! Jim and Debbie Harmon were also recognized for signing up new members.

A proposal to demolish a World War I memorial in Honolulu, Hawaii by the city's mayor was discussed. This facility (a swimming pool) has been long neglected and now they want to get rid of it. Is it just to stop remembering, recognizing those who fought for our Country and our freedoms? Information on "Waikiki War Memorial" can be found at: <http://www.preservationnation.org/travel-and-sites/sites/western-region/waikiki-war-memorial-natorium.html>. We can all urge the Mayor to come up with a plan to restore and continue preservation of "Waikiki War Memorial" at the Mayor's Web page <http://www.honolulu.gov/mayor/index1.htm>. Or you can email the Mayor directly at mayor@honolulu.gov.

Tracy T announced that our new Bakersfield National Cemetery (866)-632-1845 for our VETS was forbidding the display of American Flags on the graves of our Veterans. What? When Tracy and Larry made contact with cemetery staff they were told it's against policy. I

do not believe that anyone or anyplace could have a policy against honoring men and women with a display of our American Flag.

We are still collecting signatures to oppose SB 435. Thank you, Peter, for the research and finding out that SB 435 is not only going to affect motorcycles, it's also going to affect classic cars. SB 435 is not a bill intended to help Americans! And now we also have sound testing regulations that, if passed, can make all aftermarket exhaust systems illegal since they won't pass noise restrictions. That will cause the end of older model motorcycles who can only replace worn or damaged exhaust systems with aftermarket parts due to no more original parts available for that motorcycle! Omar Macias President



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Hi all this is Sporty here with this month's installment of Sporty's Rides. Hopefully you all had a nice Holiday Season. Sporty had a senior moment and had almost finished his column when - Bam! - the column disappeared and could not be retrieved. Now I am writing the second version of this month's power packed installment of Sporty's Rides. Ok here goes.

Dateline November 22: The Ironworkers Local 433 toy run starting from the Ironworkers headquarters - large group of club riders etc. When it was time to motor up we left and, with a motor police escort, we went to - you guessed it- Cook's Corner. They had a raffle and I won a nifty ironworkers' construction hat. It was custom painted with barbed wire, a skull and an iron cross. I had a good time at this event, thanks.

Thanksgiving I spent the day at my sister's house in Santa Barbara. We brought the dogs, Harley, Katerina and Lacy Leigh. Harley was busy all day going after my sister's family Bun-ny. We used to do Thanksgiving at my mom's house, so it was kinda sad. Cherish your mom and dad as they are only here for a little while.

December 5 was the day I went to Local 9's toy run at the Swallows Inn in San Juan Capistrano. Attendance was small, but being with the Local 9 folks was nice. Cory, then VP now president, invited me to their first meeting of the new year on January 5.

Sunday, December 6, the Local 1 crew met at all around nice guy Peter Daniel's house. Jim Nikla, Steve B, Glen, Bob, Warren, his friend, and I went to Local 19's toy run in Ontario at the Elks Lodge. Good time had by all. Lots of vendor's, OK music, food was good and I spent time in the Local 19 booth where I sold a couple of bike raffle tickets. So it was a nice time. Even had decaf coffee and told lady about the history of the Shaggers. Thanks Local 19 for the good day.

December 12 I went to the Shaggers' Christmas party in Little Rock where I took the 'little truck that could' and got lost. So I had to call my wife, Renee, and get Shaggers President Cashe's phone number so I could call him. I found out that I was only five minutes from the hall. Got there and had a good time visiting the fellows and won a toilet seat - that's right, a toilet seat! My wife wanted one for Christ-

mas so the dilemma was solved. Thanks to the Shaggers for making the night better.

Sunday, December 13, was the annual Local 1 Glendale H-D Skid Row toy run. Local 1 had a booth there and provided insurance for the run. So we collected the insurance forms and got signatures against SB 435 and collected donations to reimburse our cost for the insurance. The Local 1 crew consisted of Glen C, Peter D, Jim N, Tracy L, Sharon A, Gloria, Steve B, Sporty, Lana, Bob W, and friend. The weather was a bit dicey at first but the sun came out. Just wished more folks had come



out. Never-the-less, a good time had by all.

Nice Christmas; then on to New Years when I did the alathon at my AA hall.

January 2 I took the rig as it was windy and did the Polar Bear route after doing an AA Saturday meeting. These help me keep my head on straight. Route was ok, but I'm going to make some minor changes. As I was nearing home the bolt in the front of the rig (it is a 27 meter bolt) snapped and caused the rig to tilt to one side.

Sporty's Rides

I was lucky I was only a short distance from my house and was not going that fast. Oh well, film at eleven about getting it fixed.

January 8 was the Easyrider bike show in Pomona so I went and had a bitching time at the event because I got to spend time with the good folks of Local 19. They got the booth for free and - Bam! - that gave us a chance to gather large loads of petition signatures against the dreaded SB 435 smog/noise/? bill. Bikes, pretty girls and good camaraderie with ABATE friends that's what it's all about. Thanks Local 19.

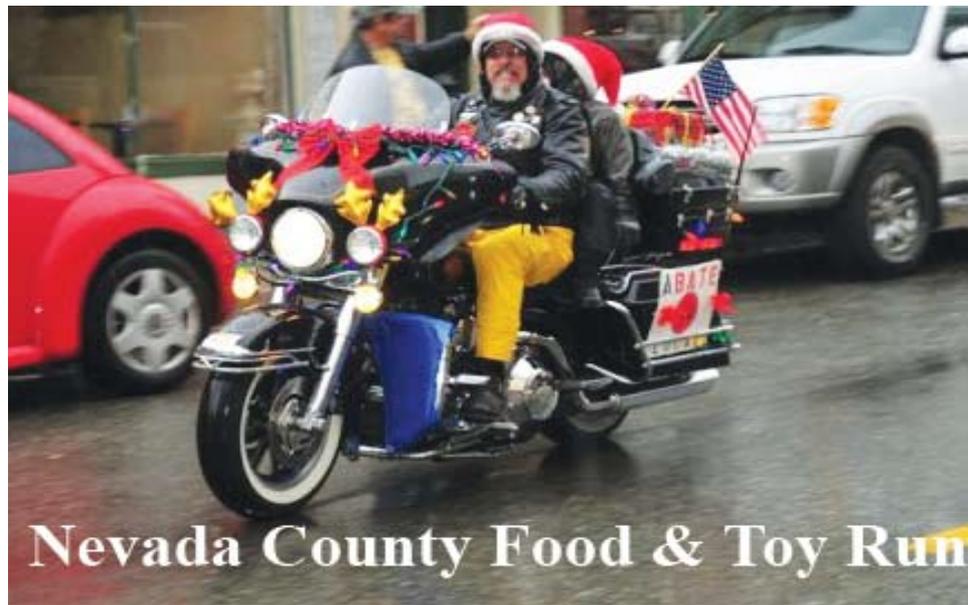
Ok, the following will be Locals that I have visited this month and last to push my Local 1 Polar Bear run that will be on February 28. January 5 went to Local 9's meeting at the Denny's in San Juan Capistrano. Meeting started at 7 pm. They had a CMSP instructor

there as the guest speaker - very informative. Cory was surprised to see me there, but they appreciated it never-the-less. Got there from my office in Malibu - 88 miles.

Next was Local 8's meeting. I had gone to their Christmas affair in December and now their meeting on January 11. Ryan has been leading the group since Taco has been ill. Ryan will keep the troops happy as they have elections at their meeting in February.

Final stop was Local 20's meeting at the Starting Gate in Los Alamitos on January 12. Gill does not adhere to a format, so it's kind of a loose-leafed affair, but good never-the-less.

I am doing a bunch more Local meetings before the Polar Bear run on February 28, so I might be at yours! Remember, like I said in my Membership report, remember your Local's renewals. And please support ABATE events near you. Till next time, regards, Sporty.





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MOTORCYCLE BUYERS ARE HAPPIER THAN EVER: Motorcycle manufacturers are trying harder than ever to please customers, and the result is higher quality bikes and happier owners.

Overall satisfaction with the motorcycle ownership experience has increased for a seventh consecutive year to a record-high level, according to the J.D. Power and Associates 2009 Motorcycle Competitive Information Study, and each of the study's five criteria -- product, quality, cost of ownership, sales, and service -- have improved, with sales and service showing the biggest improvements.

"The result of increased competition is that the quality and performance of bikes is at an all-time high," Power's Todd Markusic explains, "and dealers are paying much more attention to their customers' sales and service experiences."

First-time buyers comprise 22% of all new motorcycle purchases, and with the average age of owners increasing from 40 to 47 since 2001, it is important for manufacturers to focus on younger Gen X and Y demographics to ensure continued growth in the market.

Now in its 12th year, the annual survey measures owner satisfaction with new motorcycles and fielded responses from nearly 8,000 owners between August and October 2009, focusing on 2009 model year bikes.

MISSOURI TO END SAFETY INSPECTIONS ON NEWER VEHICLES:

Owners of newer cars and bikes can take that \$10-12 you've been setting aside to pay for a state safety inspection and go buy something nice for yourself or your vehicle. Under legislation that took effect on New Year's Day in Missouri, vehicles five years old and newer will no longer need an inspection when renewing license plates.

That means in 2010, 2005 model year and newer autos, including cars, trucks and motorcycles, will be exempt. Models from 2006 won't need their first inspection until 2012. Previously, vehicles were exempt from safety inspections for their model year and the year after that.

Inspections are performed at thousands of repair shops across the state and cost \$12 for cars and trucks and \$10 for motorcycles. The Missouri Department of Revenue, which manages vehicle registration, estimates that 650,000 vehicles will be affected by the exemption.

INDIANA HARLEY DEALER FIGHTS SUNDAY BIKE SALES BAN:

There are some things you can't buy on

Sundays in Indiana: alcohol, cars, and motorcycles.

One Hoosier Harley-Davidson dealer thinks this "blue law" against buying motorcycles is ridiculous, and he's teaming up with an Indiana state senator to change it. Mark Forszt owns four Harley dealerships throughout the state and says the law is hurting his business, and that it makes no sense. On Sundays, he's open for business, and he can sell you everything you'd ever need to put a bike together yourself. He just can't actually sell you the bike.

"It's a huge loss to the state in terms of sales tax revenue," said Forszt, who contacted state Senator Ed Charbonneau to address the problem in the legislature, framing the issue as a way to help small business. When you add up all the sales tax, it's also a way to help the state of Indiana, home to some 300 motorcycle dealerships, said Charbonneau. "If every one of those dealerships sold one motorcycle a Sunday, or even one a month, that's a pretty sizable infusion of cash into the state coffers," Senator Charbonneau told local NBC-affiliate WNDU.

The bill to change the law has been drafted and filed, but until something changes, the Sunday choices in this store will be limited. What dealers like Forszt complain about is you could sell a bike through a newspaper, Craigslist, or eBay on Sunday, but in a store it's illegal. It is currently a class D misdemeanor to sell a motorcycle on Sunday.

WISCONSIN BILLS WOULD HONOR HARLEY-DAVIDSON: A bill has been introduced in the Wisconsin state legislature to create a special license plate commemorating Harley-Davidson, the iconic Milwaukee motorcycle manufacturer.

The legislation would authorize the creation of an automobile license plate available for purchase that would include Harley-Davidson's trademark bar and shield logo and the message "Share the Road."

Available for cars and trucks registered in Wisconsin, the revenue collected by the Department of Transportation from the specialty plate sales would be used for conducting public workshops on motorcycle safety; evaluating basic rider education courses; creating transportation messages at motorcycle rallies; providing funds for motorcycle-related safety and training programs; and grants to providers of motorcycle safety training courses.

"Motorcycling is a huge part of Wisconsin's culture and plays a big role in our state's economy," state Rep. Jim Sullivan told The Business Journal of Milwaukee upon intro-

ducing the measure. "This license plate helps us protect that heritage and promote sharing the road safely with all drivers."

The goal is to have the plate ready by May 2010, which is motorcycle safety month in most states.

Wisconsin lawmakers are also currently considering legislation declaring Harley-Davidson the state's official motorcycle, similar to recognizing a state bird or flower.



PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO LET MICHIGAN RIDERS BUY PERMITS TO RIDE HELMETLESS:

Motorcyclists in Michigan would be able to buy a permit to ride without a helmet if a newly-introduced bill becomes law.

It would apply to riders who are 21 years or older, have been licensed to operate a motorcycle for at least two years or completed a safety class, and have at least \$20,000 in health insurance. The \$100-a-year permit would make helmets optional. Any passenger over 21 years riding with a permit holder wouldn't need a helmet.

State Representative Richard LeBlanc (D-Westland) said wearing a helmet should be a personal choice. LeBlanc told Capitol News Service of the Macomb Daily newspaper that he's been involved with the issue since the 1970s when he started riding a motorcycle, adding that he introduced the bill because he believes that wearing a helmet should be a personal choice.

The bill is pending in the House Committee on Regulatory Reform, though ABATE of Michigan reportedly does not support the legislation and is dedicated to working with their new governor to repeal the existing helmet law with no fees, additional insurance or stickers.

Michigan riders, spearheaded by ABATE and the Confederation of Clubs of Michigan, succeeded in passing helmet repeal legislation twice since 2006 only to have both bills vetoed by outgoing Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

MILLIONS IN INSURANCE OVERCHARGES DUE TO MASSACHUSETTS MOTORCYCLISTS:

Massachusetts insurance companies have overcharged consumers on premiums by overstating and failing to depreciate motorcycle values.

Attorney General Martha Coakley's Office entered into settlements with several insurance companies resolving allegations that they overcharged consumers for motorcycle insurance by using incorrect motorcycle values to calculate premiums. The settlements, which return \$11.1 million to consumers, stem from an investigation spurred by consumer complaints and ongoing lobbying efforts by the Massachusetts Motorcycle Association (MMA).

Investigators found that insurers were not adjusting motorcycle values for their steady depreciation over time and instead were using the same value for a bike for several consecutive years to gauge premium levels.

"The settlements cover alleged overcharges going back to 2002 and require the insurers to pay 6 percent interest to consumers on the alleged overcharges," reports the MMA in a prepared statement. "Average refunds to consumers are anticipated to be approximately \$300 with some consumers receiving thousands of dollars. Tens of thousands of policies are believed to have been affected."

Motorcyclists praised the settlements, but warned that a number of other insurance companies also evaluated motorcycles incorrectly.

Betsy Lister, a politically-active insurance agent who rides a motorcycle, told the Enterprise News that motorcyclists have repeatedly raised this issue with the state Division of Insurance and the attorney general's office. "They've been doing it going back to the early 2000s," Lister said of the insurers' overcharges. "This is something we've been fighting for years."

EUROPE SLAPPING RICH DRIVERS WITH MASSIVE TRAFFIC FINES:

European countries are increasingly pegging speeding fines to income as a way to punish wealthy scofflaws who would otherwise ignore tickets. Advocates say a \$290,000 (euro 203,180.83) speeding ticket slapped on a millionaire Ferrari driver in Switzerland was a fair and well-deserved example of the trend.

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COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

Germany, France, Austria and the Nordic countries also issue punishments based on a person's wealth. In Germany the maximum fine can be as much as \$16 million compared to only \$1 million in Switzerland. A Frenchman was fined 70,000 francs after being caught on a highway doing 151 miles (243 kilometers) an hour. Only Finland regularly hands out similarly hefty fines to speeding drivers, with the current record believed to be a euro170,000 (then about \$190,000) ticket in 2004.

The Swiss court appeared to set a new world record when it levied the nearly quarter million dollar fine in November, describing the speeder as a "traffic thug" in their verdict as they took into account his prior traffic record as well as his \$20 million in personal wealth. Swiss voters approved a 2007 penal law overhaul that let judges hand down fines based on personal income and wealth for moderate misdemeanors including excessive speeding and drunk driving.

The nationalist Swiss People's Party wants to reverse the 2007 penal code changes, saying the current law could lead to "ridiculously low" penalties without any possibility of jail time for poor people who are caught driving drunk or speeding.

AFRICANS IMPOUND THOUSANDS OF MOTORCYCLES FOR LACK OF HELMETS: Lagos State Sector Command authorities in this Nigerian city reportedly impounded 21,300 motorcycles last year because of failure of the motorcyclists to wear crash helmets.

Public Education Officer, Mrs. Ijeoma Nwachi, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Lagos that the command has intensified enforcement on the usage of crash

helmets in the state. The public education officer also said that the command had confiscated 3,500 substandard helmets since January 2009. She said wearing of crash helmets by motorcyclists and their passengers was in line with section 41(1) (e) of the National Road Traffic Regulations, 2004.

Nwachi also said that overloading with passengers is a serious issue, and added that many motorcyclists were in the habit of riding without side mirrors. "Riding without side mirror is an offence under section 41(1) (p) of the Nation Road Traffic Regulations 2004, which states that all motorcycles shall be equipped with two rear view mirrors," she said.

WEIRD NEWS: MAN ASSAULTED OVER PICTURES OF MOTORCYCLE: In a twisted version of "Dog the Bounty Hunter" meets "Repo Man", Sioux Falls Police say a man hired to repossess a motorcycle ended up assaulting and kidnapping the bike owner's dad instead.

A South Dakota father received a call from a man claiming he needed pictures of a motorcycle that his son owned. The father thought the person calling was from a dealership and needed evidence for a payment plan he had set up, but when the undercover repo guy arrived at his home, the bike owner's dad became uneasy and told him he didn't feel comfortable with the man taking pictures of the motorcycle.

The repossession agent refused to leave and when the father said he was going to call the police, he put the dad in hand-cuffs and threatened him with a taser. He was later arrested for aggravated assault and kidnapping.

NCOM BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND REGIONAL MEETING IN PHILLY: "As co-director of NCOM Region II (IA, KS, MO, NE, OK, TX), I recently attended the National Coalition of Motorcyclists Semi-Annual Board of Directors and Regional Meeting, November 13-15 in Philadelphia, PA, where over 300 motorcyclists took part in the conference," reported Tiger Mike Revere of ABATE of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs.

Continuing his "Tiger Tales" report; "Following the morning's NCOM Board Meeting, the afternoon Region VII Meeting consisted of a number of valuable and informative presentations on Biker Freedom-related topics, such as Freedom of the Road throughout the Nation, and Legal Issues such as Noise Abatement, Insurance Coverage, and interacting with Law Enforcement. The Regional Confederation of Clubs Meeting and Christian Unity Conference were also well-attended, with a lot of productive cross-talk, and Gimme Jimmy was there to present the Defenders' Program. Incidentally, our recent successful Call to Action regarding Federal-level Right To Repair Legislation constituted a nationwide test and fine-tuning of the Defenders Program. NCOM is very interested to hear more about the Strategic Alliance Program pioneered by our own Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs. This Alliance of Spiritual groups, Clean and Sober Clubs, and community service-oriented riders such as the Downed Bikers Association, is designed to function as a quick-response force to support the Riding Community during incidents where motorcyclists get killed, injured or locked down.

The NCOM Board has been expanded to include representation from the Sport

Bike Community with a Board Liaison position for the National Sport Bike Association, now held by Brian "Seven" Lawson. Quite a large number of Sport Bike Riders attended the conference, which was gratifying to see. All in all, the stage is now set for one of the largest and most festive NCOM Conventions ever, our Silver Anniversary event slated for May 6-9, 2010 in Orlando, Florida. Check out the NCOM Website at www.aimncom.com for a pre-registration application and make plans to attend!

There's still a lot of political game-playing going on and bikers have to keep learning to play the game more effectively if we're going to continue to be a force for good in the Motorcycling Community. Politics, by definition, addresses the skill of acquiring and utilizing power. By becoming more active participants in all levels of government through registering and voting, communicating with legislators, and attending events like the NCOM Convention and local legislative seminars, we'll wield a greater degree of power as a special interest group representing this country's ridership."

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "There is good news from Washington today. The Congress is deadlocked and can't act." Will Rogers (1879-1935) American humorist



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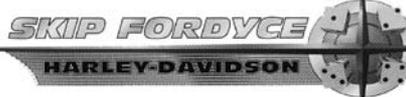
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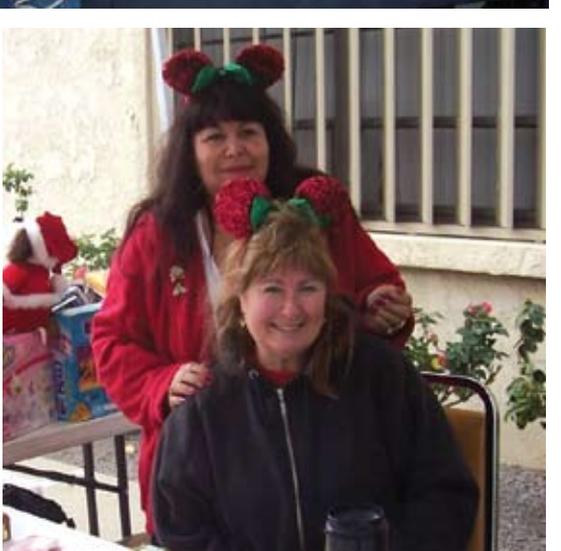
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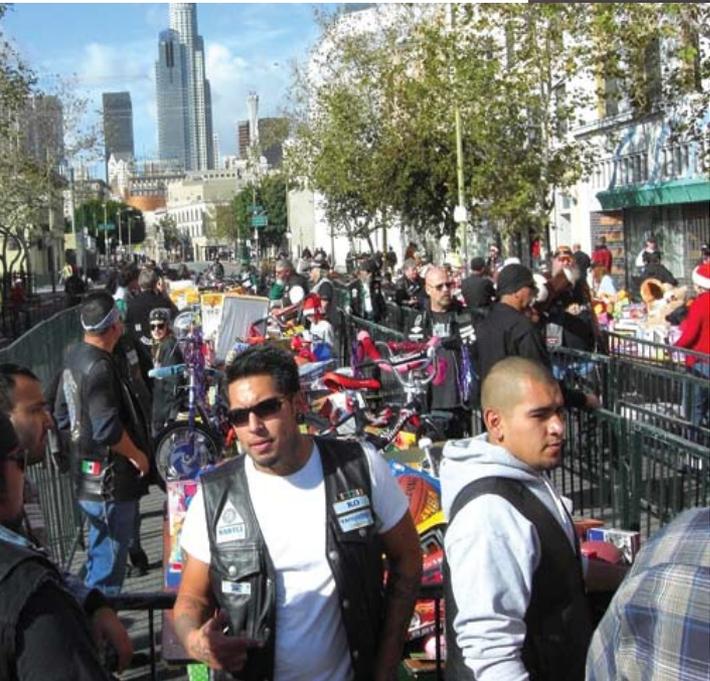
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Membership Report

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan, Membership Chairman

Greetings fellow ABATE freedom fighters and potential new members. Hi! This is Sporty here with the first membership report for 2010. To all who helped me out with the membership drive by getting new members, thank you so very much. I think we can say that 2009 drive was a success!

The winner of the 2009 drive was Gil Mellen in Local 20, with 29 members. Second place goes to Ursula Bertram in Local 24, with 13 members. Third place goes to Johnny O'Kane in Local 22, with 11 members. Honorable mention goes to Jeff Diamond in Local 6, Animal in Local 14 and Ron Vonsild in Local 17 who each signed up 6 members. The largest ABATE Local is still Local 17, then Local 6 and Local 1 is third.

Now we are doing a new membership drive for 2010, so plan for that by getting new members right away. The new drive has all ready begun and as usual we will be sell-

ing special raffle membership funding tickets in the near future, so look for that soon.

I am going to implore you to do your very, very best to try and retain your renewals. They are the backbone of your Local. Please help old Sporty out with this. The state office has all the necessary tools to guide you in the quest to encourage the renewals to renew.

In order for the organization to grow we should have an ample supply of business members. Do your best to get new business members so we can grow.

Members come in all sizes and shapes. The membership chairmen of the Locals need to keep in contact with all their members, especially the ones who do not frequently attend meetings. You can email me with any questions you have regarding memberships at mrsportyiii@yahoo.com.

The bottom line is: Let's make this a banner year for ABATE membership. There is unity and strength in numbers of members. Regards, Sporty

HERE COMES THE RAIN

by John Del Santo

The rainy season is upon us... Are both you and your bike ready for it? Many of the drivers around you don't have a clue how to drive in the rain. We need to keep our escape routes open, and maintain a bunch of extra space all the way around us to compensate for their poor driving habits.

The oil and water lifting off the roadway will make the road as treacherous as an ice skating rink in Kuwait. Good tires, properly inflated with plenty of tread is what makes a bike different from a canoe. Flat-bottom boats and balding tires go sideways in the water; not something we'd prefer doing in the middle of a curve. When on slippery roads, anything that changes the smooth flow of your forward momentum can make your bike head off in a direction you had not intended. Easy acceleration, light braking and smooth steering are a necessity here. Are you ready for a good gust of crosswind? How deep is the pothole under that next puddle? Riding

in the lane closest to the center divider can give you a good blast of water if the traffic going in the opposite direction hits a big puddle! See those steel trench-plates in the construction area? If you can't avoid them, pull your clutch in, don't touch your brakes, don't even breathe as you float across them in a straight line, and hope for the best. Wet brakes have a lag-time between application and grab, be prepared for that so it doesn't come as a surprise.

What are you wearing? Can the other drivers see you in time to stop? Wearing your "colors" can have a whole different meaning on a dark and gloomy rainy day. The Songwriter said "Rainy days and Mondays always get me down". Well, our main desire as Bikers is to stay UP! Properly maintained equipment, decent training and a defensive attitude will go a long way towards getting us home. We may get home wet, but we'll get home in one piece.

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Pet Peeves in the World of Riding

by Norm e New, Local #02,
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T-Bone happens. When entering any intersection it's up to the rider to become defensive prior to arriving at the intersection. This is where most accidents occur, be it car versus car or motorcycle. The first and most important thing we can do is be visible, speed at which we travel is second, most drivers of cars turning left or right guess our speed and make their move or wait, but if we change speed by going faster to get thru the intersection this in fact can cause serious consequences. The resulting reasoning from car drivers is "I didn't see them". The motorcyclist was going too fast and I misjudged their speed, whether they are wrong or right doesn't matter after a collision because the probabilities of the person getting injured in a car versus motorcycle is far less than what could happen to a motorcyclist. Upon entering an intersection we should evaluate the traffic conditions and apply any and all safety measures to include an escape route. A well trained rider does this automatically, another safety measure is

or are window shopping from their cars. Should I pass them??? This is not just old people or foreigners.

9] People eating while driving and using their knees to steer or multitasking - talking on their cell phone while eating and driving. Don't want to be around them, especially when they have to stop real fast.

8] People who flick their cigarette butts out the window.

7] Tailgaters. What can you say? They make life uneasy for all and if you are one of them then don't complain.

6] Teenagers searching for a song on their I-Pod.

5] Having to smell and taste the fine mist of an over heating radiator.

4] Looking at the one biker hot-dogging it and freaking out car drivers, thus giving us a bad name.

3] People who turn on their windshield wipers cleaning their windows, this is hazardous and could lead to road rage. 2] People talking on their cell phones. I see it just as much as before the law changed. It's \$148.00 out your pocket if you get caught. Whether they are talking or texting, we have to stay clear of these people. They drift side to side and their reaction times are slower. This is a definite road hazard, shall we say?

10] People driving real slow, whether they are lost

1] When there is a CHP driving on the freeway doing the speed limit or slower. This is the number one cause for break light city and disrupts the flow of traffic.

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Tech Tips

by Craig Griswold
Carburetors (Part II)

Last month we covered carb basics which included the tuning circuits. This month we'll dive into the tuning procedure for the venerable S&S Super E/G.

Background: The S&S Super E and G are butterfly type carbs. The E is a 1 7/8" bore suitable for stock and modified engines. The G is a 2 1/16" bore and should only be used on highly modified and/or large displacement engines. Keep in mind that "over-

carbureting" an engine will result in poor low and mid range performance. There is a specific formula which can be used to determine carb size for any application. We'll include it in one of the next Tech Tips to illustrate the procedure. When in doubt, check with the manufacturer or your local shop.

Long time S&S employee and top notch moto-journalist, Tom Johnson, once told me that if he were to buy a used carburetor, he'd have no reservations going with an S&S. Their simple and rugged design lends them to unquestionable reliability. To be fair, there are many good carbs out there, and as we'll discuss later, there are some that can be more finely tuned than the S&S.

First in tuning is the idle circuit. Bring the bike to full operating temperature. Set the idle to approximately 1000 RPM. The idle set screw is next to the throttle spool where the cables terminate. Next, locate the idle mixture (air/fuel mixture) screw near the top of the carb. If this is a new install, a good starting point is one and a half turns out from *lightly* seated. Over-tightening will ruin the seat and your carb is toast. Slowly turn the screw clockwise (leaner) until the idle stumbles. From there, turn the screw counterclockwise. The RPM should rise and then at some point begin to fall off again.

The setting you want is dead center of those two points. If you end up with more than 1 ¼ turns out, chances are good you'll need to install a smaller intermediate jet. Less than 1 ¼ turns, increase the jet size. With a few exceptions, most carbs add fuel when the mixture screw is opened. There are a few that add air, so the procedure will be the opposite. We'll cover those in future tips.

Next is the intermediate circuit. This will affect performance from just off idle to approximately 3000 RPM. Shut off the accelerator pump by turning the adjustment screw all the way in (located on the opposite side of the carb from the idle set screw). This will prevent the pump from masking performance characteristics. As with the idle circuit, all tuning should be done with the engine at operating temperature. Slowly roll on the throttle up to approximately 3000 RPM. Coughing or spitting through the carb indicates the intermediate jet is too lean. Optimum performance and fuel efficiency will be obtained by using the smallest jet that eliminates the above conditions.

Next is the main circuit. The main takes over around 3000 RPM and has the con to WFO. There's not much to it here. Too lean will make the engine break up and backfire through the carb; too rich will result in

sluggish acceleration. Jetting that produces quickest acceleration is best. Make your initial adjustments by changing at least two jet sizes as this will make the change in performance more obvious. As a safety note and at the risk of stating the obvious, these tuning runs should be done on a closed course or somewhere where traffic is not an issue (unless you happen to have a dyno in the garage).

Finally, adjust your accelerator pump. Back the screw out a ¼ of a turn at a time until you can "blip" the throttle without a cough or hesitation. This is usually around two turns out. Also, after tuning the intermediate and main, always go back and double check the idle circuit setting. Sometimes this will require a small adjustment.

Hope this is helpful. There are a gazillion S&S carbs out there and for good reason! Next month we'll cover the popular Mikuni carburetor.

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ABATE Of California EVENTS

January 30 – ABATE Presidents/ PAC/Board Meeting – Hosted by Local 13 at the American Legion Post #741; 7 Veterans Way (off of Ventura RD); Camarillo, CA 93010

Meet & Greet – 9:30 am
10:00 am – Presidents Meeting
11:00 am – PAC Meeting
Noon – Lunch
1:00 pm – Board Meeting
2009 Membership Drive Winners to be announced; Award Presentations.
Meet YOUR Board Members for 2010, 2010 State Officers & Regional Director Elections

February 28 – ABATE Local 1 – 23rd Annual Polar Bear Run - \$12/Singles \$18/Couples – JOIN

ABATE and Ride for Free. Run pins for first 100. Sign-in Big Jim's Restaurant 8 to 10am – 8650 Laurel Canyon Rd; Sun Valley 91352. More info – Peter 818/244-9898 (Flyer this issue.)

March 6 – ABATE Local 17 Annual – Freeze Your Ass Off Poker Run – Rain or Shine! Sign-in 9a – 11a at Miss Darla's; 110 Peabody Rd; Vacaville; \$20.00 donation. Final stop: Winters Community Center; 201 Railroad Ave; Winters 95694. Smitty 707/448-6614 (Flyer this issue)

March 30 – Welcome Home Viet Nam Veterans Day AB 717 authored by Assembly members

Cook & Lieu plus a list of co-sponsors - was signed by the Governor and Chaptered 158, September 25, 2009; and adds a section to the Education & Government Codes. Go to the Legislative web site for more information on AB717.

May 7, 8 & 9 - Southern Regional Rally – Flyer this issue – Pre-Reg and be in the drawing for \$200.00 Need not be present to Win!

Northern Regional Rally – date to be announced.

June 19 - ABATE Local 19 & Casa Colina – Thunder In the House – Flyer on page 20

September 17, 18 & 19
ABATE State Run - Kernville

September 18 – ABATE Bike Raffle Drawing - Frandy Campground

October 16 – ABATE Local 29 – Annual Laughlin Run

Please email your ABATE Event information (in Microsoft word document) and Flyers (in a JPG file) to bailing.wire@abate.org by the 15th of the month to be listed in the next issue. Your flyers MUST be in a jpg file to be used in the Bailing Wire.

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Being Mauled at the Mall

by John Del Santo

A ride thru a busy parking lot can be about as hazardous as a stroll across a minefield and around the Holiday Season, it gets worse! You are more likely to be involved in a collision here than almost anywhere else in town, as 17% of all collisions occur in mall or supermarket parking lots. Most are non-fatality two-car fender benders. If someone backs into a car, they'll dent a door, but if they back into your motorcycle, they can crush your leg.

As you roll through any parking lot, watch the area for motion, heads, and feet, and the parked cars for back-up lights and brake lights. Be ready with your throttle, brakes and horn. Many new model cars are pretty much soundproof though, so don't depend on anyone hearing your horn or your pipes. When you pull into a parking spot, there will probably be a slippery patch of oil drippings waiting for you.

The painted lines and arrows on the ground are slippery, but you have to wonder why they bother painting those stop-lines in the parking lot anyway because it's wishful thinking for us to expect any of those cars to actually stop for them. Vans and SUV's are popular with the supermarket crowd, and have a lot more blind spots around them than a car. Consider yourself to be almost invisible when going through a parking lot, and then you'll be ready when someone tries to back over you.

Pedestrians assume that the right-of-way is some kind of magic bubble, and they will walk, run, or push a baby carriage out in front of you while you are rolling or behind you while you are backing out of a spot, without ever considering that you may not see them. They play parking lot roulette, and they very often lose the game. Skate-boarders frequent parking lots and they are high-speed pedestrians - they can be on you in a flash!

Parking lot action gets hot and heavy during lunch hour with everyone trying to gobble down lunch and get some shopping done in those 30 minutes. They are running and jumping and flying through the lot. Watch for the cross-lot-zoomers heading for the exits; they'll be coming at you out of your blind spots, and moving pretty fast.

The only thing that could make parking lots more hazardous is if they handed out beer samples in the supermarket. Keep your eyes moving and expect the worst moves from the folks around you, so that you have a better chance of getting out of there without the back bumper of a mini-van draped across your lap.

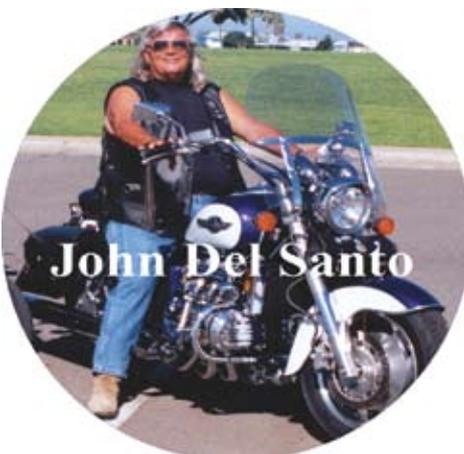
Be Aware, Be Sharp, Be Ready.

by John Del Santo

"Why don't they do something about that?" When it comes to our safety, it's much better if we take care of some things ourselves. If we leave it up to "them" we'll end up with built-in bike airbags and training wheels, or they'll try the ultimate safety legislation to protect those poor riders by legislating those terrible murder-cycles off the road altogether, as they are trying to do now.

Watch the news; be aware when some politician is trying to pass a law that will take away your rights. Be educated If you are not aware of your rights, then you don't have any! Be in contact with a local Motorcycle Rights Organization.

Here are some of the things we might do for ourselves. We should encourage Rider Safety Courses for beginner AND experienced riders. Different groups and clubs and chapters have payback rewards for riders who finish these courses. Get nurse, medic, or firefighter to help you put together a compact, but well stocked, first aid kit for anyone in your group to



borrow for any run that they might go on. Somewhere in your area, someone is putting on a First Aid and CPR class, or an Accident Scene Management class. Get a group together to attend. When someone in your group goes down or has a medical emergency, (it might be YOU) the more people that have some type of training increases the chances that the rider will make it until the ambulance gets there.

Half of all rider fatalities that occur during single-vehicle collisions occur to a rider who has been drinking. Are you ready to take away a buddy's keys if you think the conditions call for it? Or, if he weighs nine hundred pounds and is a mean drunk, are you ready to let the air out of his tires while he's in the bathroom? You will be doing this to save his or someone else's life. He'll thank you for it later. Well, maybe not, but at least you'll know that you did the right thing.

Do you see a road condition that needs changing or repair? Call your state or town road department. Be nice. They're usually quite receptive. If nothing happens within a reasonable time, call or write again. When you are in the right you constitute a majority of one.

Let's keep an eye on our own safety before someone else steps in and tries to squash our rights.

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Where the Rubber Meets the Road

by John Del Santo, Safety Officer

An ideal riding situation calls for our tires to be nestled firmly against the blacktop, responding as we ask them to. Unfortunately, this is often not how the game works. First we have to start with good tread on our tires. Balding tires and canoes go sideways in the water. Then there are the common items that cause us some concern, like rain on the road. A dry road will exhibit a coefficient in excess of 0.7, while the same pavement when wet may exhibit friction values down to 0.2½. When you are on a run up in the mountains, and the water starts to ice up, the available friction may be as low as 0.05. Slip slidin' away! We are also aware of the danger of those steel construction plates, if we get on one, we don't even think of touching our brakes! Having a good following distance will allow us the time and space to do this.

Some of the hazards that sneak up on us are gravel on the road, and steel manhole covers (is it still politically correct to call them that?) When you come around a corner and find your front wheel on one of those, if you gas or brake at that moment, the front end and back end of your bike want to react differently and move off in different directions. And then there is that substance that the highway crews put down to help us - but very often does just the opposite - pavement paint.

Paint markings are put on the pavement to guide drivers, but the degree of skid resistance that they provide is of increasing concern with the growing use of plastic materials. Painted markings generally lower the skid resistance of a pavement and, when applied over large sections, increase the distance it will take you to come to a stop. Differences

in Friction Coefficients, when one of your tires is on pavement and your other tire is still on a painted marking, may produce difficulties in controlling your bike when braking or accelerating. Painted markings generally lower the skid resistance, and differential friction caused by painted marks may also give rise to hazards, such as excessive vehicle yaw during locked-wheel skids. (I looked up "yaw", it means 'side-to-side movement' - that's different than 'y'all').

There is a multitude of different paints that they can use, Fast drying white paint with beads (which is OK); hot plastic with beads (not as good); and the worst is smooth cold plastic with no beads. Non-beaded plastic has the friction level of hydroplaning or melting ice, and as we are approaching a pavement marking, we have no way of guessing which paint they used!



So the summary would seem to be that when we are approaching any painted surface we should probably assume that it's the most dangerous type, and do most of our braking before we actually get a tire on the paint or to not do any big-time acceleration until our back tire is off the paint.

Keep the shiny side up. Smooth, even and easy does it.

Don't be "Left"

for Dead!

by John Del Santo

Watching news and listening to talk, it seems like more and more riders are being hurt or killed in collisions when a four-wheeler makes a bad left turn into the path of a motorcycle. Nationwide, half of all motorcyclist fatalities happen because of 'Right Of Way' violations. Is that driver on the car phone? Or reading a text? Does he look aware and awake? He may be looking right at you, but does he really SEE you? If that car is waiting to turn left, are the front wheels already turned towards the left? That's double trouble! You won't get any more warning when he is ready to move in front of you. Glance at their wheels, because your brain will register their hub caps starting to move before it registers that the whole car is starting to move.

Modulating headlights can often catch a driver's eye, so they might be made aware of your presence or running with your headlights on high beam during daylight hours can also help. But we just don't know who we are dealing with out there! We are shaped like pedestrians, and have a bright light in front of us, so you would think that we would be noticeable, but assume that none of them can see us and be prepared to make an escape move if they start to roll. Play the "What if" game: What if that car starts to pull in front of me? Will I need to gas, swerve left or right, or brake? The day that the situation turns bad, your decision is already halfway made, and seconds or feet will be saved.

Maybe the other vehicle will be turning left at an intersection, or maybe turning left out of a driveway, or maybe coming from the other direction turning left into a driveway on your side of the street (and then they often slow down, right in front of you, so they don't bump the driveway on their way in!). Busy streets in a business area that do not have center dividers make it possible for those left turners to pop out of anywhere to come across in front of us. A busy road filled with truck or bus traffic is more of a left-turn hazard because the left-turning cars are hidden in the blind spots behind the larger vehicles until they start to make their left turn. We can't see them and they can't see us until the critical moment. We had a biker killed in our town yesterday when the driver of an SUV claimed he was "blinded by the sun". Gimme' a break! The sun has been coming up in the East and going down in the West for a million years! He wasn't surprised by the sun; he just wasn't watching, or paying attention, or not thinking and ended up killing a rider. That's who we're sharing the road with. Be ready.

Do we need to be mind readers out there? Not really; we just need to assume that there is always the possibility that a driver is going to make a stupid or aggressive mistake and pull in front of us. We need to always be expecting it and then can be pleasantly surprised when the driver does the right thing.

We would rather not be left over, left out, or left for dead, we would prefer being alert and prepared and be right on!

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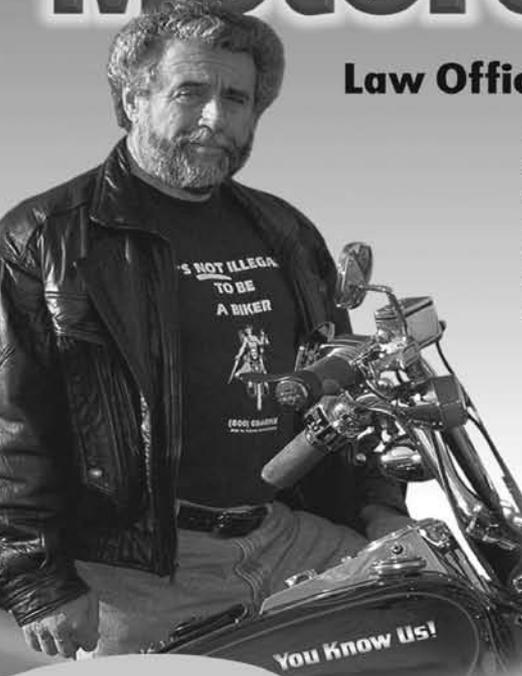
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Everybody did a little and together we met the needs of the Salvation Army to help the families here in Kern County.

I know the Salvation Army appreciates our efforts and sends their thanks as well! Again, thank you to all. Sleepy

We Are Making It Work!

by John Del Santo

The "Motorcycle Awareness & Safety" campaign that was conducted last year by the CHP's Initiatives Review Committee (ABATE of CA is a member of this committee) seems to have accomplished some of its purpose. While motorcycle fatalities across the country have lessened, the motorcycle fatalities in California dropped off at a greater rate than any other state in the country.

Plans are in the works now for 2010. There will be PSA's (Public Service Announcements) that are now being produced shown on TV and cable. Motorcycle awareness messages

will be shown on changeable message signs on many highways and freeways, and there is a proposal to have the logo "May is Motorcycle Awareness Month" printed on the bottom of the paycheck of every California Employee.

ABATE of California will be participating in many areas of this program. ABATE Local 6 is already providing motorcycle awareness pamphlets to the members and suggesting that they be deposited at workplaces, restaurants, and anyplace else where they will reach the auto-driving public.



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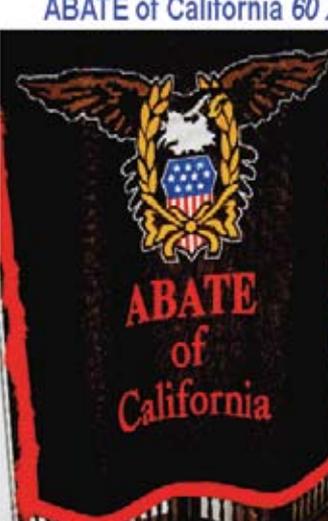


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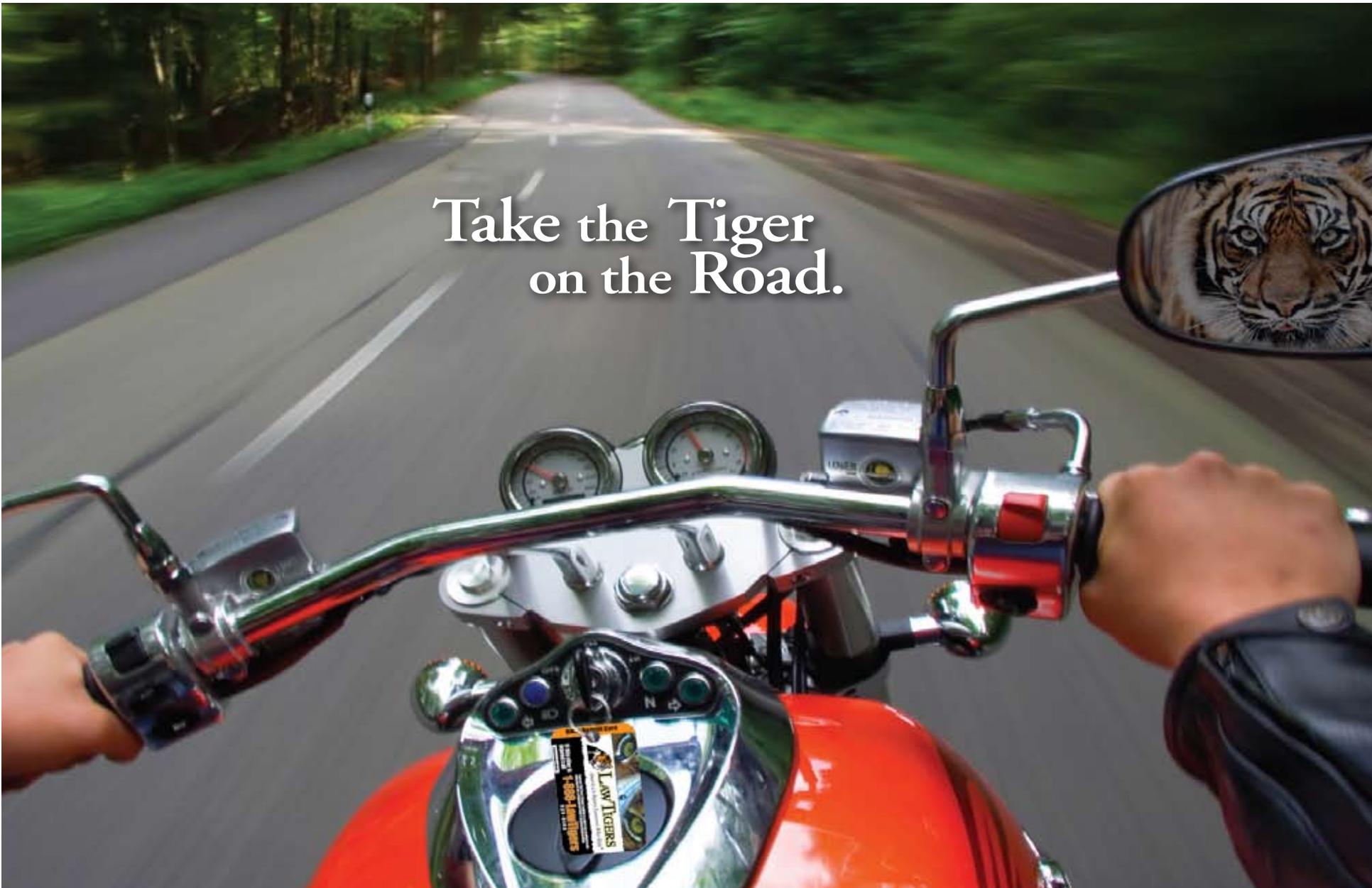
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Vacaville 95696
707/448-6614

3 rd Sun. - 10:00 AM
Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon
4826 Midway Rd.
Vacaville CA

San Francisco - Local #18-Reg#3

Meet with L#14 or 15

Pomona Valley - Local #19-Reg#9

Steve Kawecki
P O Box 4664
San Dimas 91773
909/910-1369

4th Wed - 7:00 PM
B's Sports Bar & Grill
1452 W. Holt Blvd.
Ontario, CA 91762

Orange County - Local #20-Reg#11

Gill Mellen
2052 Newport Blvd #6
Costa Mesa, CA 92627-7140
949/632-9787

2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
Starting Gate
5052 Katella Ave.
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Antelope Valley - Local #21-Reg#13

Ron Sundquist
37230 52nd St. East
Palmdale 93552
661/586-5555
ron.sundquist@sbeglobal.net

1st Thurs - 7:00 PM
Primos
Valley Central near Walmart
Lancaster



ABATE MEETINGS

South Bay - Local #22-Reg#11

Suzanne Palmiere
310/326-3667
suzpalmiere@aol.com

1st Tues - 7:30 PM
Walker's Cafe
700 W. Paseo Del Mar
San Pedro

San Bernardino - Local#23-Reg#9

Kevin Sorrell
909/793-1112

1st Sun 9:00 AM
Jenny's Family Restaurant
7750 Palm Ave, Highland

Fresno - Local#24-Reg#6

Ed Rogers
559/264-2891

1st Wed. 7:00 PM
Cedar Lanes
3131 N. Cedar, Fresno

Sacramento - Local#25-Reg#2

Gary Haller
916/726-6703

3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
Mountain Mike's Pizza
8112 Madison Ave. Fair Oaks

Riverside - Local#27-Reg#9

Honda Ray
P.O. Box 7070
Riverside CA 92313
951/279-4370
www.abatelocal27.org

1st Tues - 7:30 PM
Flo's Farmhouse Cafe
5620 Van Buren Blvd.
Riverside

Lake County - Local#28-Reg#1

Melissa Fulton
707/263-1845

1st Thurs - 7:00 PM
TJ's
370 S. Main St.
Lakeport

Morongo Basin - Local#29-Reg#10

Marty Rapp
P.O. Box 2334
29 Palms CA 92277
760/367-1694

2nd - Thurs - 6:30 PM
La Casita Restaurant
57154 29 Palms Hwy
Yucca Valley

North Valley - Local #31-Reg#2

Larry James
530/893-4827

2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
Last Call Lounge
876 East Ave. Chico

Santa Clara Valley - Local #32-Reg#4

Dan Scott
950 Meridan Ave#19
San Jose 95126
408/603-8968

Last Sun. 9:30 AM
Sherwood Inn
2988 Almaden Expy
San Jose

Yuba City - Local #33-Reg#2

1st Tues - 7:30 PM
American Legion
5477 Feather River Blvd. Marysville

Hanford - Local #34-Reg#6

Meets with Local#24

1st Wed - 7:00 PM
Cedar Lanes
3131 N. Cedar, Fresno

Monterey Bay - Local #35-Reg#4

Call for info 760/956-1669

Palm Springs - Local #36-Reg#10

John "Grumpy" Grubb
P.O. Box 460
Rancho Mirage 92270
760/564-4336
jgrubb123@aol.com

4th Sunday - 8:30 AM
American Legion
400 N Belardo Rd.
Palm Springs

Imperial Valley - Local#38-Reg#12

Steve Mitosinka
660 W State St
El Centro CA
760/996-2093

Last Thurs - 7:00 PM
La Fonda Restaurant
548 Broadway
El Centro

Bakersfield - Local#40-Reg#6

Omar Macias
661/832-5240
661/900-8690

1st Monday 7:00PM
Rusty's Pizza 1751 White Lane
Bakersfield

High Desert - Local#44-Reg#13

Cindy Demel
P.O. Box 3094
Victorville CA 92392
760/868-5042

2nd Sat - 9:00 AM
Eagles Fraternal Order
16195 Main St.
Hesperia

Banning - Local #45-Reg#10

Trine Howell
760/323-9860

Call for Meeting Info
67387 Mission Dr.
Cathedral City 92234

Modesto - Local #46-Reg#5

Call for info 760/956-1669

Barstow - Local #47-Reg#13

Yermo Eddy
PO Box 521
Yermo CA 92398
760/254-3833 or 760/953-7353

1st Thurs - 7:00PM
V.F.W. #2143
25190 Main St.
Barstow/Lenwood

Hemet - Local #48-Reg#9

Meet with Local#27

Humboldt County - Local #50-Reg#1

Barbara Kennedy
707/946-2248

4th Wed
Call for meeting place & time

Calaveras County - Local #51-Reg#5

Jerry Yates
Box 549
Mountain Ranch, 209/754-5778

2nd Wed 6:30 PM
Call for meeting place

Grass Valley - Local#52-Reg#2

Steve Shoemaker
P.O. Box 356
Chicago Park 95712
530/798-0001

3rd Wed - 6:30 PM
Larry & Lena's Pizza & Grill
15690 Johnson Place
Hwy#49 Grass Valley

Owens Valley - Local#53-Reg#13

Meet with Local#58

West San Fernando - Local#54-Reg#8

Meet with Local #1

Visalia - Local #57 - Reg#6

Dave Olsen
559/936-5909

1st Wed 7:00PM
Meet with L#24

Ridgecrest - Local #58-Reg#13

Tony Jaime
760/371-5136

3rd Sat 10:00 AM
Mickey's Pub
1661 W. Triangle Dr.
Ridgecrest

Kern River Valley Lake (KRV Lake) Local#59-Reg#13

Meet with Local 40 or Local 58

Colfax - Local #60-Reg#2

Chuck James
707/972-8180

2nd Thurs 7:00 PM
Grand Father Station
247 Railroad St., Colfax

Local #61 Shasta County-Redding

Call for info 760-9561669