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**A Union of Motorcyclists
Dedicated to Freedom of the Road**

December 2018

Keith Johnston 2018 Freedom Fighter of the Year!

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Keith Johnston has been a member of ABATE for 7 years and is the Vice President of Local 3/13, a Regional Representative, our MRF liaison, a Sustaining member and a Board member. Yes, he wears a lot of hats!

Keith and his wife, Sharon, have attended almost every southern California meeting even those that are not his own Local!

Keith, as both ABATE and MRF liaison, and Sharon have ridden twice to Washington DC for our benefit on their own dime! These trips are expensive and very time consuming, but Keith does this at his own expense. Now THAT is dedication!

After each trip to Washington DC, Keith brings his incredible reports to the Board of Director meetings and



to Local meetings, again at his own expense!

I have never seen, nor have I ever heard of Keith NOT being productive and with a positive attitude. It is my opinion that Keith has gone "above and beyond" for ABATE and has fully earned this award!

Nick Benson Sr



Caption Correction. On the cover of the November Bailing Wire we incorrectly printed the rider as "Sidewinder Local 17" when Bill Parson's correct road name is "Side Rider" Our apologies Bill.



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What is ABATE?

ABATE is a motorcyclists' rights organization dedicated to preserving freedom of choice and freedom of the road on or off with emphasis on education and safety. Although not a club, our members are active in programs for public awareness and motorcycle safety and in supporting many types of charity events. There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclist's rights and safety with payment of the appropriate fees.

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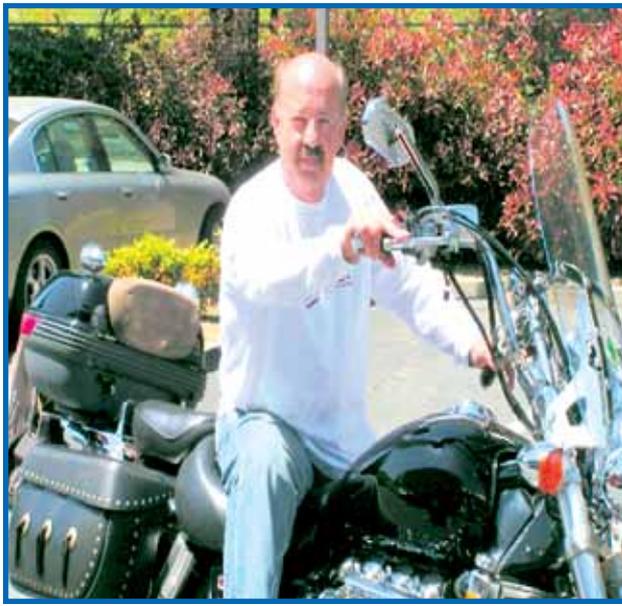
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Lobbyist's Legislative Report



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The Election is finally over and certified now! Nationally the Republicans held the Senate, but lost majority of the House of Representatives. The new Minority leader, Kevin McCarthy (R – Bakersfield), was the Assembly Republican leader and motorcycle friendly during his time here in the Sacramento capitol, he will be leading the Republican Party in DC alongside his good friend President Trump.

While the rest of the country didn't experience as big of a Blue Wave as expected, California did! Here in the California State Legislature, the Assembly will most likely be composed of 60 Democrats (a pick-up of 3 seats) while the State Senate will be 28 Democrats and 12 Republicans (a pick-up of 2 Seats). Democrats gain a Veto-Proof Majority in our California Legislature by winning two Senate seats in California's Central Valley - Supermajority Dems.

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was won by Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom (D – San Francisco), he will be inheriting a \$9 Billion Dollar Surplus and is currently formalizing a Budget to submit to the State Legislator by January 10th.

The Legislature returns December 5th to elect a Speaker of the Assembly (Anthony Rendon, D – Southeast LA) and a Senate Pro Tem (Toni Atkins, D – San Diego). Both houses will recess until January 7th, 2019. Then the new committee assignments will follow in January, some reappointments expected: our motorcycle friendly Chair of Assembly Transportation, Assemblyman Jim Frazier, along with Chair of Senate Transportation & Housing, Senator Jim Beall.

As always we're tracking any rumblings of detrimental anti-Motorcycling Bills, (Noise Check/Smog). This fall we have been monitoring, speaking and working with staff and politicians on behalf of ABATE and the 1.5 million licensed motorcyclists in our state!

Thanks to all the individuals and Locals who support the dedicated Lobbyist fund to keep The Lombardo Group in Sacramento fighting for Motorcyclists Rights & Freedoms!

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas.



Join Us in Welcoming Los Angeles Harley Davidson as our newest Business Member!

Los Angeles Harley-Davidson is under new ownership and it has been making big improvements! They are a member of the largest volume Harley-Davidson dealer group in the world, with dealerships in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and now the acquisition of two in the greater Los Angeles market.

The staff at Los Angeles Harley-Davidson has two simple goals: Help make customers' dream bike a reality, and create an exceptional customer experience. <http://lahd.com/>

Mission Statement

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

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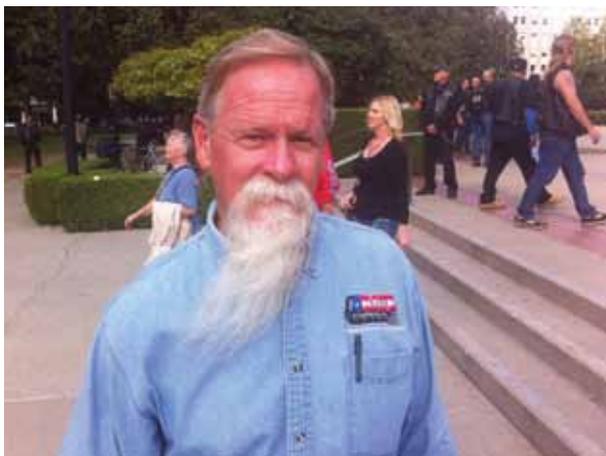
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PHOTOS

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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.

Executive Director Report & Pac Report



The Holidays are here and what should be one of the most joyous times of the year has been quickly turned into a time of sadness for many who have lost family members, friends, pets, homes, and businesses to the wildfires burning across our state. Hopefully you and your family and friends have been out of harm's way.

Disasters, illness, accidents, and day to day life can quickly and sometimes irrevocably change our lives and our neighborhoods. As motorcycle riders we are accustomed to the risks and management of our riding environment, but these fires have been exceptionally lethal with widespread loss of life and property on a state-wide basis.

I hope and pray our ABATE family has been spared, but we have members in almost every area of California and that just multiplies the chance that some have suffered direct or collateral damage. If you are one of the many who have endured a loss, our hearts go out to you and your family.

Remember who your friends are and don't hesitate to ask for some help from your extended ABATE family. We will do our best to lend a hand in any way we can - that's what friends do. Call your Local or the State office and we'll get busy

doing what we do best - helping a fellow rider!

In closing, I want to say "Thank You" to our members for allowing me to be a part of ABATE of California for so many years. I have held some sort of officer position for 23 years and I'm damn proud of what this rag-tag bunch of riders have accomplished during my time in office.

We have been blessed with so many great people from the bottom to the top of this organization that have busted their butts to make a difference in the California motorcycle scene. I don't need to list names, you know who you are, and most of you just did your job and went on down the road never expecting or seeking any fame.

Heaven knows we're all volunteers, and no one ever got involved with us that expected any kind of fortune either. From the bottom to the top we have all done what we do because we knew it was the right thing to do. That's what makes me so proud of you, you give freely, you believe explicitly, and you fight for freedom every single day of your life.

I am and will always be truly honored to say I belong to the greatest motorcycle organization in the world, ABATE of California. Thank you for your help, your trust, and your confidence in me for the last 23 years. I'm not going away, I'm just going to ride in the slow lane for a while and enjoy some of the scenery.

So, until we meet again, ride safe, ride often, and look for me out there on the highway!

"THANKS TO ALL THOSE THAT DO, AND FOR THOSE THAT DON'T, PLEASE TRY TOO!"

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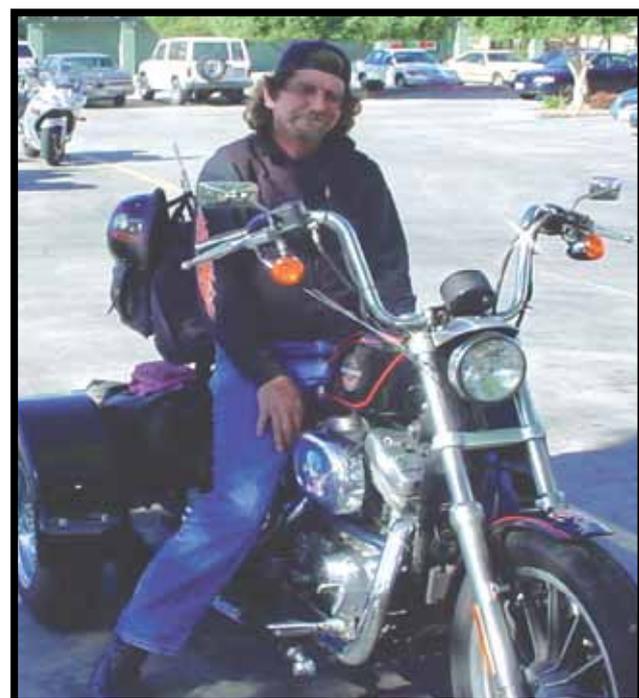
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Membership Report



by Sporty Milligan,
Membership Chairman

Hi all! I mentioned in my last report that we're getting close to 100 new members state wide. With that said, I hope you all get going and sign-up at least one new member to help make this year's membership drive a better than average success.

It would be extra nice to get some of your lapsed members to once again renew their memberships. Remember we still have the small ABATE patches at the state office and they make good trinkets for your renewals.

This is toy run month and when you are doing your toy run sign-ups, have a membership sign-up table as well at your event.

Please try to do your very best to sign-up some new members, keep your Local's renewals and encourage your business members to stay on board. The future of ABATE of California depends on you!

Regards, your Membership Chairman, Sporty Milligan

ABATE LOCAL #1

32nd ANNUAL POLAR BEAR RUN

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2019

Rain Date March 3, 2019

\$15 Singles

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Sincerely,
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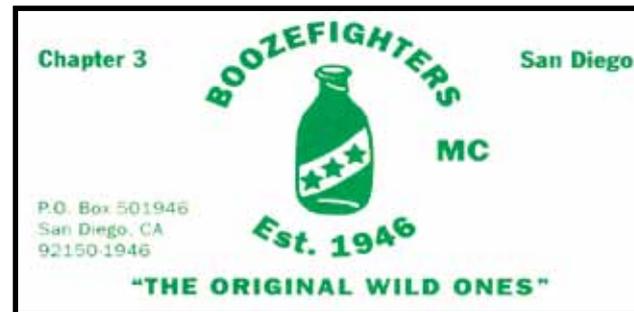
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20, 40 & 44

Thank YOU for your contributions in helping to preserve "Freedom of the Road" by supporting ABATE's paid Lobbyist and the General Fund!!! Thank you to our Members that renew their Memberships and those that join us - that too helps in preserving and fighting for Motorcyclist's Rights!! And of Course, the Locals that contribute to the funds regularly and when they do events. THANK YOU!! It's a team effort, so thank you for being a part of the ABATE Team!



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ABATE of CA Open Positions

This year has been one of great change. Dave Hastings is stepping down as well as Mark "Dogman" Castillero. This means that we have some positions to fill. We need you! We need your fresh ideas and we need a bit of your time to continue to make ABATE the Motorcycle voice that it has always been.

Take a look at the positions below and if you think one of them is for you contact the State Office or any Board Member. We will need a short bio and a selfie sent to bailing.wire@abate.org. See the Candidacy paper below for a little help.

Except for the Board position all jobs are appointed by the BOD. All candidates need to have been a member in good standing for at least 1 year.

If you ever thought you could do it better, now is the time to raise your hand. Let's get into the conversation!

STATE TREASURER

Effective immediately ABATE of CA needs a State Treasurer. Training to be provided this year and term would start in 2019. If interested, please contact Dave Hastings (760) 954-6463 or Glenn Phillips (707) 624-6310.

The State Treasurer (ST) is responsible for keeping a complete, accurate account of all ABATE monies. The ST shall furnish a quarterly internal financial statement and distribute to the Board of Directors. The ST also provides additional reports when required. Other duties include the preparation and filing of taxes, keeping track of ABATE's tax and corporate status, as well as providing guidelines and assistance to Locals when needed. The ST reports directly to the Board of Directors.

Regional Rep

Regional Reps (RRs) are State Officers and are appointed by the Executive Director subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. RRs may also be removed by the Executive Director, again, subject to Board approval.

The function of the RRs is to improve communications among the State Officers and the Locals and assist the Local Presidents and other Local Officers in performing their duties. RRs will receive regular monthly reports from the Executive Director and will make regular reports to the Executive Director on the activities of the Locals. The purpose is to improve the communication among all members. The RRs will not direct the Local Presidents. In ABATE, direction comes from the members and flows upward. Members tell their Local President what they want to be done about a certain issue. The Local President will inform their RR, who passes that on to the Executive Director. The Executive Director informs the Board, as well as communicating with the other RRs, about the issue at hand.

Open regions are: Region 2 (Locals 25, 31 & 33) Region 3 (Local 17) Region 6 (Locals 24 & 40) Region 7 (Locals 2 & 3/13)

WANTED (2) BOARD MEMBERS

We need (2) people to take seats on our Board. The first is for the (2) Year Term being vacated by Dave Hastings which will run 2018 & 2019. The 2nd is to finish out the last year of Mark "Dogman" Castillero's term which would just run for 2018. See the BOD & Officer Candidacy Paper below.

Online Administrator

ABATE understands the importance of continuity in our leadership roles and supports mentoring people as they move into these roles. In that context, ABATE is looking for a person to work assisting in the administration of our online presence. We have begun a new expansion of our online exposure which includes: * ABATE webpage www.abate.org, * ABATE of California Facebook page, * Instagram and * Twitter.

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

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

Title: On Line Administrator.

Location: Not relevant since this is an on-line job.

Skills: Proficiency with the following: * Webpage editing and management (Dot Net Nuke), * Microsoft Office – Word, Excel, Power Point, Access, and * Adobe Photoshop.

If you have these skills or some of them, contact us at abateweb@gmail.com to discuss any options.

Executive Director

The Executive Director (ED) shall be the Chief Executive Officer and shall, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, (BOD) of which they may be a member, have general supervision, direction and control of the organization and Officers, except for duties delegated by the BOD to the Chairman of the Board or other officers. Other responsibilities shall include:

1. Official spokesman for ABATE of California on all non-political issues.

2. Coordinator between the State and Locals, which will include effectively maintaining and managing the Regional Rep (RR) network to aid the Regional Reps in working with the Locals.

3. Assist new and existing Locals in an advisory capacity.

4. Represent ABATE of California at meetings of safety groups, workshops, and other activities which affect motorcycling workshops, and other activities which affect motorcycling.

5. Maintain current information regarding all ABATE programs per Article IV, Section 2.a.5 of the ABATE Bylaws.

6. Work on establishing cooperation between motorcycle groups on a statewide basis in the common interests of motorcycle safety and political awareness of mutual interest.

7. Responsible for the production, distribution, maintenance and periodic updates of the Policies and Procedures Manual.

ABATE of California, Inc. BOD & Officer Candidacy Paper

Name (including nick name): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ CA Zip code: _____

Phone # with area code: _____

Email address: _____

ABATE Local # _____ ABATE Membership # _____

ABATE Member for how many years? _____

Along with your information above, please submit your answers in 450 words or less to the following questioner.

- 1) Past or current ABATE Positions held?
- 2) Other Qualifications?
- 3) What are your goals for ABATE of California?
- 4) Do you attend your own Local's meeting, if yes, How often?
- 5) Have you attended an ABATE Quarterly Meeting in the past year? (Does not apply to a Board Member.)
- 6) Any additional info that you would like Our Members to know about you.

And submit a "selfie".

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LOCAL REPORTS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Greetings all! Hope all is well with all of you in ABATE land. The meetings have been rather small, but productive for those who attend the gathering. This month is no exception as we need to discuss our plans for the LA Toy run which is happening on December 9th.

The event starts at 9 am at Glendale HD in Glendale. Our commitment is to insure that we get all the riders signed in on the insurance forms from the AMA.

After this lengthily discussion we will then review the PAC bills and what to expect for next year. We will talk about who will be on board next year for the Local 1 positions such as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership chairman and PAC chair. Finally we will discuss the upcoming 32nd annual Polar Bear run happening February 24th, 2019.

After that we will take members comments and a small 50/50 raffle with the proceeds going to the general fund. All this will lead to the very good Elks Lodge Sunday breakfast!

President Sporty doing the report.

Local #02 Simi Valley



The last meeting of the year for us at Local 2 — in December we have our Christmas party instead of a meeting. As I enter the beautiful patio that the VFW has, I can smell the BBQ working! Thanks to our volunteer cooks, VP Jim and his wife, Betty, for doing a great job!

Before our meeting starts, we have a BBQ meal deal that we serve prior to taking care of Local 2 business. We start serving our \$5 meal deal at 6:45 until 7:20 and then our meeting starts promptly at 7:30. We serve cheese burgers and fat footlongs and all the fixin's you could want and we have use of a great bar as well.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW POST 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Street in Simi Valley.

We want to thank the VFW for their generosity for letting us use their facilities for many years. The perks are fantastic, we get a great new lighted patio, a BBQ that could cook 100 hamburgers at a time, a really good bar with great prices, and then we get a big room for our meeting.

VP Jim opened our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, then Pres Guy opened the meeting. We had 2 guests tonight, Paris and Keith, from Local 3/13.

We talked about our upcoming Christmas party. It's a potluck dinner with our Local providing the meat. We will also have indoor games and a gift exchange. The food is always delicious and plentiful with many side dishes and desserts!

We discussed our new fundraiser event, the Chili Buns fundraiser, at the VFW on January 12th, 2019. Check our Facebook site for more info.

Along with Pres Guy, we talked about membership, its ups and downs etc. VP Jim talked about the tragedy here and the fires, Secretary Jane read the minutes, our treasurer, Pat, gave us the money report. We voted and agreed to give ABATE a gift.

PR Norm talked about reading the Bailing Wire, Membership man, Frank, gave us his report, Group Rides, Pigface, talked about the last run and a new one this month.

We had a good informative meeting tonight and we miss all who couldn't make this meeting, our last of the year. We are excited about our December Christmas party and hopes all can make it.

We had a good mix of prizes to raffle off. Patti Bock won the 50/50 drawing and Jim Kibble won the membership drawing.

Our party next month is not a meeting, but it is a meeting of friends!

Ride safer than last time! PTL norm e.

Local 03/13 Thousand Oaks & Ventura County



Merry Christmas to our ABATE Brothers & Sisters and friends and supporters of ABATE!

This month is celebratory for us. We will enjoy our annual Christmas Potluck on Thursday the 20th of December. Members and non-members are welcomed and encouraged to attend! Along with the Installation of our 2019 Officers of our Local 3/13, we will enjoy a potluck feast and our traditional "White Elephant" gift exchange, which can be quite a raucous good time!

Planning for the upcoming year's activities will continue, with fun rides and runs, as well as sustaining our important mission of working on legislation, further protecting our motorcycle riding rights. The comradery and the interest in our mission is contagious! Our Local 3/13 continues to grow and evolve. We've been riding with and making new friends in other clubs and groups, spreading the word that ABATE's legislative activities help all riders. It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups and organizations!

Supporting ABATE makes a statement and sends money to work towards fair treatment of motorcyclists. Whether you ride with ABATE

or ride with another group, being a member of ABATE and/or just participating in these events, contributes to the work we do protecting your motorcycle riding rights.

Our President, and ABATE's California State Legislative Director, Chuck "Chief" Pedersen, and Vice President & MRF Rep, Keith "Solo" Johnston, continue to network with various other groups, building alliances to assemble a formidable voice in Sacramento. Issues we are currently working on include the "Anti-Profiling" bill.

We are a group that is making things happen; being involved in Lane Splitting last year, and now the Anti-Profiling bill this year! Join us to be an effective voice in matters of motorcycling rights!

Our Local 3/13 is always welcoming new members. Bike Nights are held the 1st Thursday of each month, 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-Funday rides every 2nd Sunday (all year, weather permitting).

Come join us to any or all of our events and bring your friends. Check us out on Facebook at www.Facebook/ABATE313 to follow our events and issues. It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups & organizations!

Ride Free! Kathleen "MamaBear" Scribe & P.R., Local 3/13

Local #08 Orange County



As Local 8 gathered Monday night we took a moment to remember our Vets and the price they paid.

We had an informative meeting with reports from the One More From The Heart run. Daniel gave us a very detailed report from the past board meeting. As always the run yielded so much for the children in Loma Linda. Thanks to all who attended.

We discussed that with the recent election your Assembly representative may have changed. Local 8 challenges you all to send off a letter of introduction and welcoming them into their positions. We need all these people to know who ABATE is and that there is a voice behind it.

As we all prepare for the upcoming Holidays, take a moment to be thankful for all you have and be kind to those less fortunate. On that note John Kopp won the opportunity drawing and donated his winnings to the children of the American Legion #354 fund for Holiday gift purchases — thank you!

Keep safe as the traffic gets crazy and people are not paying attention.

Local 8's very own Hawgete

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Local #11 North San Diego County



Amid the growing threat of the Santa Ana winds in the surrounding canyons, about a dozen Local 11 faithful and a couple of guests (Ava and Frank) gathered at the Escondido Moose Lodge for the long-awaited Holiday Loaded Ice Chest raffle.

Moose liaison John led the Pledge of Allegiance and President Dan called the meeting to order. Last minute raffle ticket sales were brisk as the regular reports by VP Dick, Treasurer Tim and Regional rep Dave were given.

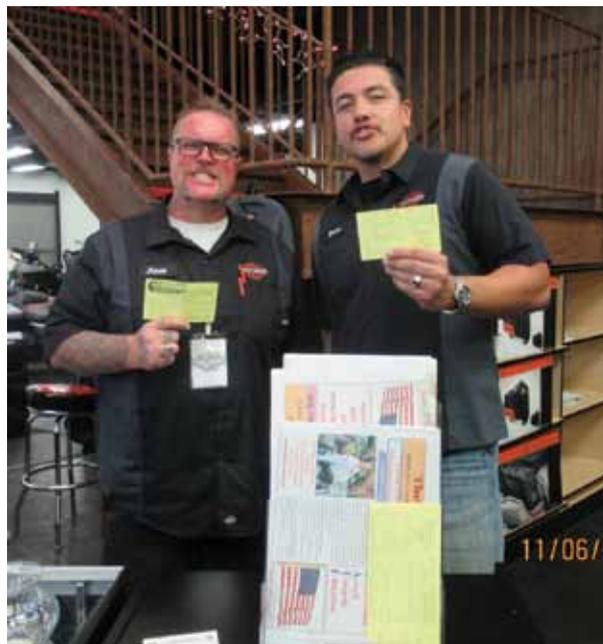
Local 38 president, Eddie, was on hand as usual and reminded us of the upcoming Turkey Run. If you have not been to this run, you don't know what you are missing.

President Dan informed us that Local 11 elections will be in January and that all offices are open for nominations, but that he will be stepping down from the President position. Thank you, Dan, for your many years at the helm of our Local, you will be missed. So now the question is, who will step up?

The time had now arrived for the drawing of the winning ticket (insert drum roll) and the winner is "Pep" Perris, USN Retired, from Lakeside. How fitting that a Vet should win since this was Veterans Day! President Dan called the lucky winner and we arranged to have him receive his prize the following day at Treasurer Tim's house, please see the pictures attached.

That's it from Local 11. Hope to see you all at the next meeting on December 9th, Tim Clark

Local #20 Orange County



We had 16 members and 4 guests. Todd Spitzer was elected as the District Attorney. Gill got a half page ad from LAHD. All patches welcome. He spoke about Vets cemetery, toll roads and lane splitting.

Spike covered the profiling bill and going to hit up the various politicians who ride. Trying to get N CA bikers to get up to the Capitol more so than S CA. Short 1000 of the 5000 needed for the bike survey.

Doreen asked for volunteers for to help out the senior citizens that she and AVAG help. Tammi Contreras lost out on the \$16.

Non Politically Correct Gill / Secretary Squirt

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello everyone! You couldn't ask for better weather for the 21st annual ABATE Local 38 Turkey run. The Imperial Valley is beautiful this time of year.

The riders came from near and far. I met two women that came from Orange County and a couple from Canada - we get a lot of snowbirds this time of year. There were various bike groups

from the valley, as well as from Yuma, AZ.

Wal-Mart did another amazing job as our host. El Centro Motors, as always, donated the use of two super duty Ford trucks that were loaded up with 393 frozen turkeys. Ormat came thru with \$500 to buy turkeys.

A special thanks goes out to everyone who volunteered, donated or attended this event, without you, none of this would be possible. Thank you also goes out to the El Centro Police Department for traffic control.

For those of you who have not attended this run, you missed out on a delicious Thanksgiving feast at the end of the run provided by the Sister Evelyn Mourey Center.

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Ed Aranda, President ABATE Local 38 Imperial Valley

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“A Republic, If You Can Keep It”

In the notes of Dr. James McHenry, one of Maryland’s delegates to the Constitutional Convention, as recorded in The Records of the Federal Convention of 1787, he related this anecdote: At the close of the convention, “A lady asked Dr. Franklin “Well Doctor what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?”. “A republic” replied the Doctor, “if you can keep it.”

My name is John Derbyshire, and I am an amateur historian and amateur Constitutional Scholar. If we are to keep our Republic, we must understand the intentions of the Founders. I will explore the origins of our Republic, and will note the source of the documents. I will also discuss Supreme Court cases that set precedent.

Our Republic protects the rights of the smallest minority, the individual. A democracy is the rule of the majority, the 50%+1. As motorcyclists, we need to understand the rights and liberties of the individual. I hope I can shed some light on the subject.

Any comments or suggestions can be sent to me via email at docsfoundersrepublic@gmail.com. I welcome all inquiries as to sources of information in articles I write, and suggestions for future articles.

I hope you find my columns entertaining and informative.

Please be advised that these are my opinions, unless otherwise noted, and I am not giving any actual legal advice. Also any errors are mine.

Sincerely, John “Doc” Derbyshire, ABATE of CA, Local 3/13

“A Republic, If You Can Keep It”

by John Derbyshire, ABATE of CA, Local 3/13

First Amendment - Right to Association and Assembly

Text of the First Amendment: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion,

or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.”

Let’s start with how Supreme Court case law is built. The court takes a case and issues a ruling. That ruling sets precedent. Subsequent cases are decided



based on that precedent, either in the affirmative or the negative. These subsequent rulings build case law and are applied to future cases. Seldom has the court overturned a precedent.

It has been decided at the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) that within the First Amendment there is also an implicit right of association in the right to assemble and the right to petition. I undertook writing this article in the belief that the right of association and the right to assemble protected the rights of people to gather in public without government interference or harassment. After reading applicable SCOTUS case law, I have been disabused of that notion.

The right to association has mostly been decided

as a right to NOT associate. By this, I mean the right to exclude people for reasons. SCOTUS has denied that right when all male clubs have excluded women for the mere fact of them being women. Conversely, SCOTUS has upheld that right when an organization with deeply held religious beliefs has sought to exclude people with beliefs contrary to the principles of the group. As far as protecting a group’s right to assemble without government interference, it is non-existent.

Moving on to the right to assemble. The right to assemble in public has mostly revolved around political demonstrations, but also public celebrations and parades. The court has limited the right via “Time, Place and Manner” restrictions. As you might guess, time and place in public settings is not the serious issue as it applies to motorcyclists on a run, or out for a pleasure ride. It is that “Manner” trap where all of the pitfalls lie. Manner can include reducing a public nuisance (noise), traffic issues or public safety. All of these are subjective in the eyes of the typical law enforcement officer and can and have been applied haphazardly to all of us. Exhibition of speed and power, modified exhaust, exhaust system too loud, improper display of plates/tags. You know the drill.

We cannot look to the court for any protection. What we must do is get behind the anti-profiling legislation and make it a reality as soon as possible. Ask your ABATE Local President what you can do to help. It may be a donation of time, or money. Maybe you’ll need to speak in public or write a letter to a legislator. Whatever it turns out to be, commit to it now. It will save you time and money the next time you get pulled over because a group is riding sporting ANY insignia.

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

ABATE Events for 2019

January 12 – ABATE 1st Quarterly Board Meeting (see flyer this issue)

February 24 – ABATE 1 – 32nd Annual Polar Bear Run (see flyer this issue)

If you have a date for your event, and no details or flyer yet, you may still submit your dates, so others can pencil it in on their social calendar. Then submit your flyer in time for the Bailing Wire and to be posted on ABATE's website.

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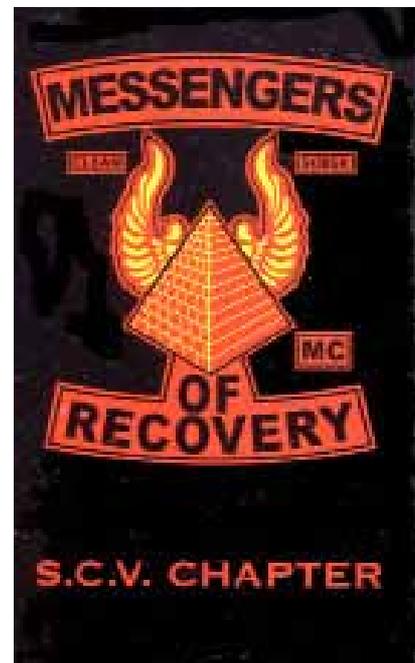


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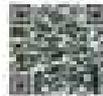
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Profiling is Unconstitutional:

Profiling violates the 1st Amendment and 14th Amendment. Profiling relies on appearance to establish suspicion rather than the legal requirement of CONDUCT. This amounts to discrimination of a class defined by protected expression and association.

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Lane Splitting Safety Tips for Motorcyclists

- Consider the total environment when you are lane splitting (this includes the width of lanes, the size of surrounding vehicles, as well as current roadway, weather, and lighting conditions).
- Danger increases at higher speed differentials.
- Danger increases as overall speed increases.
- It is typically safer to split between the far left lanes than between the other lanes of traffic.
- Avoid lane splitting next to large vehicles (big rigs, buses, motorhomes, etc).
- Riding on the shoulder is illegal; it is not considered lane splitting.
- Be visible - Avoid remaining in the blind spots of other vehicles or lingering between vehicles.
- Help drivers see you by wearing brightly colored/reflective protective gear and using high beams during daylight.



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PRESIDENT TRUMP AUTHORIZES EPA TO MAKE E-15 FUEL AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND: President Donald Trump has given the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the authority to lift current restrictions on E-15 gas (containing 15% ethanol) to allow year-round sales of the higher ethanol blend. Following the federal rulemaking process and public comment period, the expanded sales are expected to begin during the summer of 2019.

In 1978, a Clean Air Act waiver allowed the use of 10 volume percent ethanol in gasoline (E-10), and today almost all fuels are E-10 blends. In June 2011, EPA approved a partial waiver for blends of 15 volume percent ethanol in gasoline for use in model year 2001 and newer passenger cars, light-trucks and medium-duty vehicles. However, the EPA does not approve the use of E-15 in small engines such as motorcycles or ATVs, and its use can damage vehicles and void manufacturer warranties.

Currently, gasoline retailers throughout most of the country are prohibited from offering E-15 during the summer months. The President's directive to the EPA is to change that.

CHP TO ADDRESS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY WITH FEDERAL FUNDS:

The California Highway Patrol is using a federal grant to promote motorcycle safety throughout the state, with the goal of reducing the most dangerous traffic violations which they say are speeding, improper turning, and driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

There are more than 1.4 million people with a motorcycle license in the state. The education campaign is called GEARS, or Get Educated And Ride Safe.

The year-long campaign will include the CHP deploying officers on enhanced motorcycle safety enforcement operations in regions with a high number of motorcycle incidents. There will be a series of motorcycle traffic safety education campaigns, including the May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Officers plan to stress the use of properly approved helmets for all riders and raise motorists' awareness of sharing the road with motorcyclists.

According to provisional data from 2017, the number of motorcycle accident victims shows a 6% decrease compared to the previous year.

ABS IS NOW MANDATORY FOR NEW BIKES IN JAPAN: In an effort to reduce the number of traffic-related motorcycle accidents and fatalities, Japan's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism (MLIT) made amendments to the country's safety standards for road transport back in January 2015, including the requirement for all new motorcycles, 125cc or larger, to be equipped with standard Anti-lock Braking Systems (ABS) effective on October 1, 2018.

Additionally, newly launched two-wheelers from 125cc and below must come with either ABS or CBS (Combined Braking System, which allows simultaneous front and rear brake application with a single input). Continuous production motorcycles have until October 1, 2021 to comply.

Dirt bikes specifically designated for off-road use and competition are exempted from the law.

Europe has had ABS laws since 2016, and India's obligatory braking system regulations came into effect earlier this year. Taiwan and China are expected to follow in 2019 and 2020 respectively. Here in the U.S., the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has made recommendations to the federal government to enforce the same measures, while countries like Australia and Brazil are also considering similar regulations.

As more countries get on board, vendors around the world have reportedly been

bracing themselves for possible slowdowns in motorcycle sales due to higher manufacturing costs.

PHILIPPINE POLICE SEIZE MODIFIED MOTORCYCLES & ACCESSORIES: The past few months have been very busy for law enforcement officers in the Philippines, where police have apprehended traffic violators, cited smoke-belching vehicles, and impounded erring motorcycle riders' property.

Among those apprehended were motorcycles fitted with certain modifications, which have been serving as a bone of contention for both riders and enforcers, according to MotoPinas.com. Among those accessories confiscated were auxiliary LED lighting systems, aftermarket mufflers, aftermarket side mirrors, and upgraded brakes which aren't compliant with Motor Vehicle Inspection System (MVIS) guidelines.

The Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO-Philippines) suggests that when apprehended for fitting illegal accessories, refuse the order to remove your accessories and insist the apprehending officer remove the accessories from your motorcycle "because as far as the LTO (Land Transportation Office) is concerned, you are within set regulations," adding "Do not argue with the apprehending officers. There is always a proper/lawful venue for contesting the apprehension."

DRIVER FOUND GUILTY OF HOMICIDE IN RACER NICKY HAYDEN'S FATAL CRASH: On May 17, 2017, a speeding driver struck renowned MotoGP motorcycle racer Nicky Hayden as he was riding a bicycle in Italy, tragically passing away from his injuries five days later. Nearly a year and a half later, we have learned that the driver was charged with murder.

The unidentified 31-year-old driver at the wheel of a Peugeot 206 was reportedly driving at roughly 43 miles per hour (70 kph) in a 30 zone. Although Hayden was zipping down a crossing street and ran through the intersection, the judge in charge of the ruling considers had the driver respected the speed limit, he would have had time to react to Hayden's presence.

The driver has been found guilty of "road homicide" and sentenced to a year in prison. His license has also been revoked and he will be expected to pay all the court fees. The driver's attorney has said they will appeal the ruling.

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The driver is not only facing a criminal sentence but also a civil lawsuit, as Hayden's family is suing the driver for \$6 Million, the maximum covered by the Italian insurance policy.

Nicknamed "The Kentucky Kid", 35-year-old Nicky Hayden began his career in MotoGP in 2003 with Repsol Honda and went on to win the MotoGP championship in 2006. He also competed in American dirt track racing, winning a few Grand National events. Hayden continued racing in MotoGP through 2015, competing for Ducati Team (2009-2013) and Aspar Honda (2014-2015). Hayden made the jump to the World Superbike Championship for the 2016 season, becoming the sole American in the series until his untimely death last May.

MOTORCYCLE RACING INCIDENT MAY END UP IN COURT: Moto2 rider Romano Fenati was disqualified after he astonishingly grabbed the brake of rival motorcycle racer Stefano Manzi at high speed during a mid-September race in Misano, Italy, and has since been banned for two races, the FIM racing authority suspended his license, and his team contract has been cancelled.

But now the fallout from the disgraced racer's brake-grabbing incident continues, with Italian news agency ANSA reporting he could now face a charge of "private violence."

The Public Prosecutor of Rimini (in Italy) is said to have opened the investigation for the less serious charge, rather than that of "attempted murder."

"Private violence" is akin to a motorist cutting off another driver on the road. However, the use of such a charge for competitors in a motor race would set a very worrying precedent.

Fenati pulled Manzi's front brake after the pair had clashed repeatedly during their home race, and although extremely dangerous, both riders remained upright.

TRADE DEAL NETS CHEAPER MOTORCYCLES FOR EU, BUT BREXIT RULES OUT BRITS: A trade agreement between Japan and the European Union could spell disaster for British bike buyers, as the British Motorcyclists Federation (BMF) reports that the deal removes common EU external customs tariffs from Japanese manufacturers' imports.

Under the EU-Japan Economic Partnership signed earlier this year, the 6% tariff

affecting motorcycles will be abolished over the next five years -- meaning cheaper bikes for EU buyers. European consumers will also benefit from common standards of type approval on product safety as well as emissions.

However, this free trade deal is unlikely to apply to the UK due to Brexit, with that country's exit from the EU. EU-based manufacturers will also enjoy more competitive access to the Japanese market, while those in the UK will continue to face tariff constraints.

But Japan's Prime Minister Shinzō Abe did recently state that Japan would welcome Britain with "open arms" to the 11 country Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), though the timeframe is not likely to be soon.

So while EU riders look to benefit from less expensive bikes and Japanese-standard type approval, Brits are still in the dark as to what this means...

SINGAPORE BIKER GROUPS AGGRIEVED BY BAN ON OLDER MOTORCYCLES: When the National Environment Agency (NEA) announced on April 6 that motorcycles registered before July 1, 2003 would be banned from the roads after June 30, 2028, many riders' dreams of having an older classic motorcycle or "hand down our precious bikes to our children," went "down the drain."

Calling it a "Plain injustice," bikers say the ban "will push rare, vintage bikes into oblivion."

The NEA told ChannelNewsAsia that the government is trying to reduce emissions from some 27,000 older motorcycles as part of a push to meet Singapore's air quality targets by 2020. Owners of older motorcycles have been offered up to S\$3,500 to de-register their bikes within the next five years. Beyond that, emission standards for such motorcycles will be tightened, before the 2028 ban kicks in.

These initiatives come as NEA figures indicate that older bikes emit up to 30 times more pollutants than new bikes, and contribute 40% of the total carbon monoxide emitted by motorcycles on the road. Bikers counter that all motorcycles, regardless of age, must pass inspection and emissions testing, though older bikes are subject to less stringent standards.

Explaining its rationale for the July 1, 2003 cut-off date, NEA said Singapore

adopted Euro 1 type approval standards for new motorcycles on that date. Motorcycles registered before that are more pollutive than newer models which comply with the Euro 4 standard.

Some of these bikes, however, may be able to stay on the roads even after the ban -- provided they are converted under the Classic Vehicle Scheme, which allows vehicles to be used for up to 45 days in a calendar year. But the catch is that to qualify for the scheme, the bikes must be at least 35 years old; meaning that when the ban begins in 2028, affected bikes registered after June 1993 will not qualify...so "nearly two decades of bikes will be destroyed...put into storage...or exported."

DUMB NEWS: YOUTUBE POSTING GETS MAN 1-YEAR MOTORCYCLE BAN:

A motorcycle rider who ran from police at speeds up to 143 mph was caught when his own helmet cam video posting was spotted on YouTube. The rider had fled from a St. Charles, ILL officer who spotted him making an illegal turn and riding a bike without a registration plate, according to a report in the Daily Herald.

The incident was included in a compilation video of motorcycles running from police that was posted to the FailsandFlights YouTube account, and shows the elusive motorcyclist waiting at a red light, turn his head toward the officer who is signaling for him to shut the motorcycle off, but instead pulls away through several stopped cars, runs the light and accelerates down the road.

At one point, the video displayed a link to the film star's personal YouTube page, which investigators used, along with his other social media channels, to track him down and make an arrest. He was charged with several felonies, but agreed to plead guilty to misdemeanor reckless driving and will perform 100 hours of community service and cannot own or ride a motorcycle for one year.

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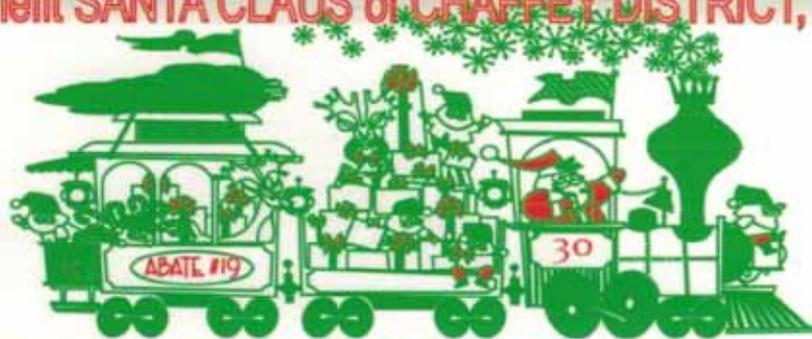
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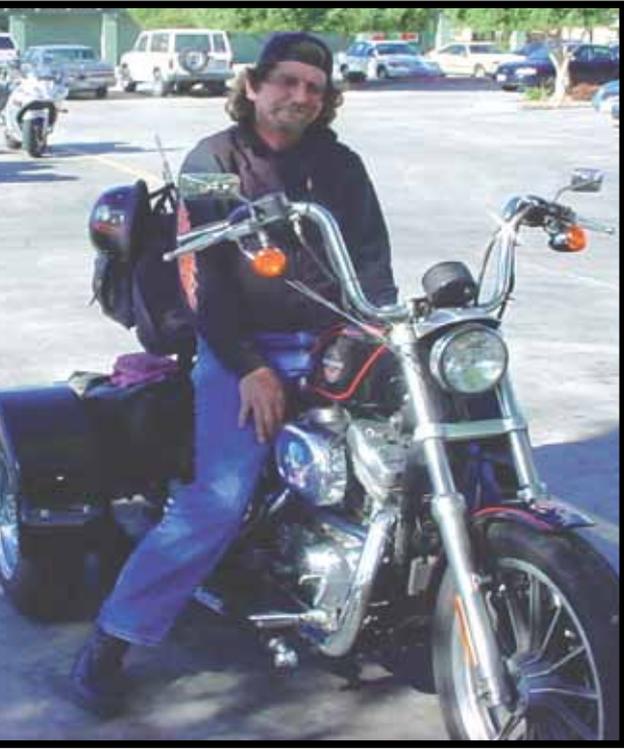
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Sporty's Rides



by Sporty Milligan

Greetings all in ABATE land! I am in a rush to get this month's column done because I have been busy with the recent elections. Janet emailed that the article needed to be in asap, but on November 15th I had to clean a portion of my garage so my handyman, Rob, would be able to fix a spot where termites had been eating a few of the boards behind where I store my gardening tools. So now I am pressed for time. (Gee Sporty you're retired right? Budget your time better dude!)

Like I said, real busy this week with a toy run meeting in Ontario Wednesday and the next day a toy run committee meeting for the LA toy run in Glendale. So today is the day I write my column.

As you know from the last column, I was busy, busy, busy with the Yes on Prop 6 campaign. October 19th I rode to Victorville and was to be there by 12 noon to be part of the group for the Prop 6 bus tour. The tour stop was close to the Holiday Inn where I was staying the night because the next day was the last ABATE Board of Directors meeting for 2018.

The ride up there was okay until I started to head into Fontana. It got really windy, so windy it blew my tank bag off my bike. Lucky for me the bag only went into a lane near an exit. I parked the bike and walked fast to get the tank bag. I secured the bag then turned on my flashers until I got comfortable with the wind. That was at the 15 fwy and 138 where I stopped for gas. This particular Chevron station seemed

like it was the beggar's paradise! I was hit on for everything from money to buying people stuff. So I quickly got gas and left.

Made it to Victorville by 12:15 pm. Ran into Nick Benson and at this point he could get Prop 6 campaign stuff. So again we did our part to help the cause for Prop 6. When the campaign event was over I went to a Harbor Freight and got raffle prizes for the Board meeting as we once again had to pay for the room.

I let other folks set the tone for the Board meeting. Except to say we could use some more folks to step up and do the same positions on the Board.

Back to the campaign. The bus tour stopped in Santa Clarita so I went to it to help out as a volunteer. I ran into ABATE member Marshall LeCourt at the campaign event. He was driving a 1964 CJ4 jeep. He does not ride any more so the jeep was cool. After the campaign event was over we rode over to Old Road HD. It was recently sold and is now called HD of Santa Clarita. They were in full swing when we got there and had free Tommy's burgers and fries served by the catering truck and crew. Enjoyed the time at the dealership and time spent with Marshall.

Time was running out and we were requested to be at Mercers 76 station in Burbank for a sign holding event with Carl DeMaio, the leader of the Prop 6 campaign. After the event I had about 10 signs left and on my way home I put the signs out in various places.

The weekend of the elections we got a request to get signs and put them out in some areas. I went back to the campaign headquarters in Santa Clarita and they had about 10 signs left so out I went putting signs where I felt they would do good. In Aqua Dulce, part of the 39th Assembly District where Ricardo Binatez was running as a Republican for the Assembly position. Mission accomplished in my '89 Toyota pickup.

The day before the elections the Los Angeles team, which I was a member of, went back to Mercers 76 station and from 8 am to 10 am waved signs in front of the station and encouraged car drivers to sign up for free gas. Channel 5 and Channel 7 had trucks and camera crew there to report on the goings on so I might have gotten on TV peg leg and all.

Well you are probably asking what became of all the campaign work we did. I got my civic duty done, but the misrepresentative ballot writing for Prop 6 (instead of "repeal the gas tax" it said "cut highway funding" or something like that), anyway caused us to lose 55% to 45%. Bummer! It

was extremely disappointing.

Due to SB 1 my '89 Toyota registration went from \$89 to \$138! Had we passed Prop 6 we would have dropped the 12 cents gas increase, the 20 cent increase for diesel and you could have gotten money returned for the increased registration fees and any future gas tax increases would have been voted on by the people.

Don't cry more tears around me when the gas tax gets raised again and the fees for car registration go higher again. Blame the sneaky Democrats for SB 1. Blame the people who didn't bother to read Prop 6 before voting against it!

The final event for this column, the Shaggers Christmas toy run, happened on November 11th. I had a few members of my AA group also come along. They were Rogue, Gorge, Enrique and Christy. This was Christy's first ride and she did not dress well for the weather. Since I knew the route I was made the leader. It was a cold and windy ride to the start of the run at Antelope Valley HD, but we made it there. Rogue bailed out after we got to the second check point, but the rest of us pressed on. By the time we got to the last check point Christy's back was killing her but she managed to hang on to the end spot, which was the Pearblossom County Park. Christy found a ride home by car. Gorge and Enrique left by 1 pm after having lunch. I stayed till the event was pretty much over. We had fun and I won another nifty small knife.

Okay folks that's it for this month's Sporty's Rides. With the time remaining before the end of the year, enjoy the Holidays safely and be on the look-out for people to sign-up as new ABATE members! Attend/Support the ABATE toy runs!

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Your scribe, Sporty

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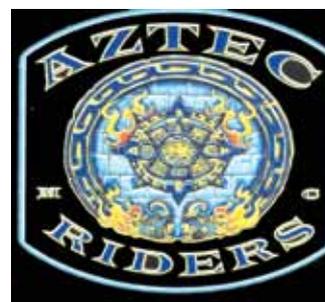
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Motorcycle Safety Report



by Norm e. Newiger, Safety Officer

Wrapping up 2018

This has to be one of the most bizarre endings of the year for me, and I know many, many more people feel it as well. Living in Simi Valley after the mass murders and then the fires galore, my thoughts are knotted up. There's so much mass destruction it's really hard to comprehend. I know our northern brothers and sisters are dealing with a killer fire also. Both major fires are still burning as I write this article.

I think about the stress these fires bring to all people affected and many others, as well. It was a terrible week and I don't know how long it will be before the fires are, at least, contained. It won't be over for years, perhaps never, for the people that lost everything including loved ones.

The devastation in Northern California will take years to recover, as it will in the south. We always persevere whenever a disaster is brought upon us. I've witnessed it many times as well as all of you who have lived in our beautiful state many years. So as my mind isn't fully clear, I shall write about our year and see what we all have to look forward to, don't worry I won't go far.

Everything has changed, the weather, gas prices, time of day, etc. It's that time of the year when darkness is upon us before we get off work and if you rode to work in the daylight, you'll probably be riding home in the dark and that's a totally different riding experience. There's that time of the day when it's still light, but surrounded by darkness, it gives you kind of a tunnel vision as you drive westerly. On the other spectrum, as I ride easterly I'm riding almost blind, with me being blind to those going west. It's like we become small and hard to see because of that darkness behind us, while the light is in their face. It's the same if it was a car, especially a small dark car.

Riding in the dark is great! It's more challenging, which means paying more attention to what you can't see, and being more prepared to see the unexpected. As we ride in darkness, we lose some of our peripheral vision, how much we lose is based on how dark it is. This is important stuff because riding in the mountains at night can be treacherous, playing dodge deer with yer bike ain't fun. Even having to think about it while you're riding is demanding. In the city you're almost invisible, no matter how lighted the city is. Your light(s) is the most visible you'll be (unless

yer an idiot and dress like a Christmas tree at night).

Loud pipes don't give up your location. While riding in traffic your loud pipes let everyone know you're in the vicinity and you'll be seen eventually - hopefully. Just don't think that because you have loud pipes you'll be seen. You can wear reflective clothing, if you feel the need to. (I won't say anything bad about this because you have to wear a reflective vest while on a military installation and I won't dishonor me fellow Vets).

We're no strangers to darkness, I know. It's just being prepared so we can enjoy night riding. The one thing we lose is eye contact with the drivers, this is mostly at intersections. I can't see if the person knows I'm there or not. It's like trusting or hoping and with that, it is a judgement act you'll do automatically because you hope they're really paying attention while driving.

Today's technology has its benefits for us riders. We have better lighting and light systems on our bikes, our braking systems are tighter and you can get aftermarket products to enhance all your safety needs as well. The newer automobiles have good safety devices in them which will help us in the long run, such as accident avoidance systems, lane drifting, and an auto shock system to help the driver pay attention, delivering a shock every 3 miles of driving and depending on how you're driving, it determines how strong the shock will be. And if you believe the last one, I got swamp land in Hesperia for sale...

So, the end of the year is very near. How has your riding life been? Can you say you made it safely again? Were you lucky and survived unscathed or maybe with a minor doink here and there? Some of us crashed and healed and got back on. Some will not get back on the saddle. Some will never breathe again. It's sad, but it's our reality. We ride because of our love of riding.

Yes, I've talked about the importance of our mental health while riding. It is up there with how good your bike's condition is. Because of the many types of issues we face nowadays, it's important to be healthy mentally as well as physically. At my age - in the 6 decades zone - it's very true. I've always said if you're having a bad day, or have real issues that boggle one's mind so bad that you can't think, and are contemplating whether to ride or not (even if it's a planned thing), don't Ride! It's not worth the risk. You have plenty of days of super awesome riding ahead of you.

Riding is a personal responsibility. It's a freedom we have and it's worth doing over and over again. Being smart to yourself is the reason we all keep doing it. Besides you don't want to be a burden on your riding mates do you? On the other hand, if you notice a friend or another rider having strange behavior, talk to them, see where their head is. You just might save that person's life! Remember those words I said earlier, "personal responsibility"? It is our responsibility as a rider, let alone just being humane.

We are a brotherhood/sisterhood organization and we must promote our lifestyle in a positive manner, and safety is a great gateway style to promote to the unknown and future members as well as ourselves. The big issues are drugs and intoxication - riding buzzed is not cool anymore. (I was guilty of this during my youthful days

before I wised up). I know there are alcohol establishments that we all like to frequent. There is nothing wrong with a beer and a burger. But, when is too much, too much? I know too many dead friends who disagreed with me, but I'm still here. It's still a personal responsibility. Whether you ride high or drunk, it's against you. Just because you didn't have an accident or got caught, doesn't mean it's right. It's only time until you succumb in an accident or crash and get injured. Just physics/chance.

It's been a great year anyway, just think about our taxes at work! Okay not funny, but what I have noticed is road repair and maintenance everywhere. We are getting upgrades galore. What I realized is that my ride has changed a little bit here and there. Nothing overwhelming, but because I notice and remember roads, I kind of know the new little nuances on the roads, which tells me, I'm paying attention! It's part of our safety mindset that we have instilled in us, now all we gotta do is share.

I was riding up in the mountains in early January right after a rainy week. The roads were dry for the most part, but I noticed wet roads on the shady sides of the mountains or large hills that I was cutting through. It didn't worry me too much, only when I was turning (leaning) into a wet road, not thinking but reacting is what kicked in, and without panic I kept leaning and gassed out of the turn. I knew I had this and I trusted my instincts as usual.

For some they might have panicked and braked to slow down or even stop. Water on a turn can be treacherous for some and some, like me, think nothing of it. It's all about confidence - with a little bit of nervous sweat! What I know is if you brake on a wet road, be careful about how hard you're braking, being careful not to lock your brakes, and if possible, ease into breaking until you know you have control as you slow down. Don't think you're safe because you have ABS. When you're braking on a turn, you are changing the physical direction of your moving bike and redistribution of weight, and that's why people dump their bikes on turns, especially on wet roads.

The real story is this: Coming down from up north we hit a popular bar in the middle of nowhere. We met a few riders and as we talked our conversation turned to road conditions. We were heading south and they were heading north. They told us black ice and washouts were on the roads and to be careful because they were on every turn. We told them that there was wet corners but no road debris. After we went our separate ways, everything they said was true and it made a big difference to us. We got home safe and it made me think about our conversation at that bar, it was like a safety meeting while having a cold one. I thought, that was Awesome! This is what riding is all about, meeting people and talking about bikes and safety, indirectly, but understandable.

Please, everyone be safe this time of the year. The people are changing - holiday crazies - and so is the weather. Take care in January, too, it's not much better!

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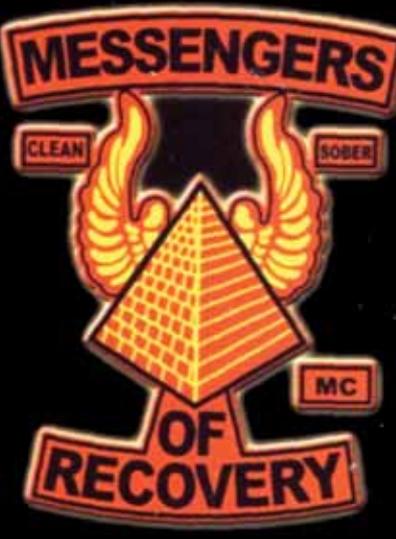
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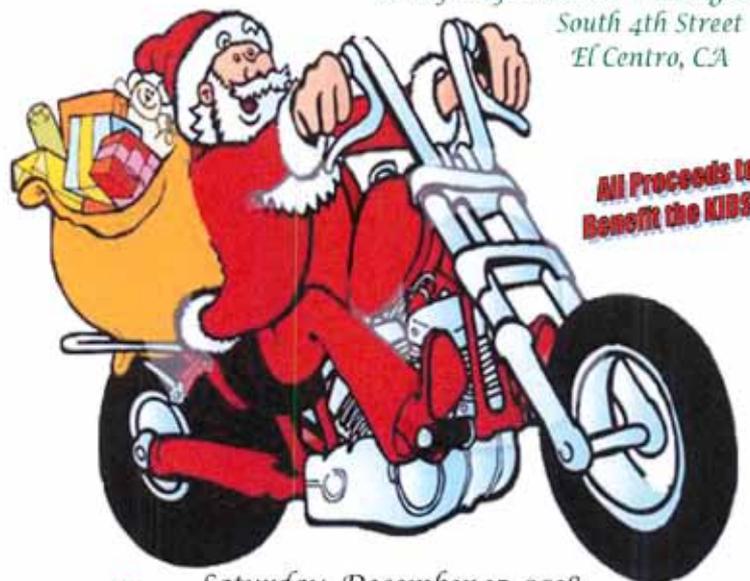
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