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## May is Motorcycle Awareness Month!

### Safety Corner with Ratchet Ron



**Safety Tips:** Before you hit the road, make sure you check all your lights, turn signals, brake light, high beam, and low beam, as these features alert other drivers of your intentions.

"Hot tempers cause arguments,  
but patience brings peace."

-Proverbs 15:18

Riding in heavy traffic either in town or on the interstate brings some of the most stressful challenges. Riding safe requires riders to stay focused, remain calm and positive, and most of all ... be patient. Remaining patient in traffic is one of the best safety strategies we can use.

There are several other things we can do to ride safely in traffic. Riders must make themselves visible to all drivers. So, using turn signals and engaging the brake light while

slowing is always good. You can also use your altered exhaust as a horn.

Also remember to stay out of a car's blindspot. When traveling on 2-lane streets and highways, the right lane usually offers more escape routes than the left. Oncoming traffic can hurt you more than the pavement.

My wife was commuting home one night from work on a two-lane transition road between the interstates and she heard a bike coming behind her. She was traveling in the right lane, in stop and go traffic, so she merged to the right to give the most room between the cars for a bike to come down between the cars. The problem was the bike was coming down the emergency lane on the right side. Nothing happened, but the emergency lane is quite often where the garbage and trash, bolts and glass are. And not a legal lane to travel in. So, avoid being harassed by revenue-collectors and be patient.

We all get frustrated with California's so called "freeways," but let's make it to our destination safely. Be patient. Everyone is trying to get somewhere too, and they are not always patient. As bikers, we need

to be alert to what is happening around us and use an extra dose of patience.

Ride Safe,

Ratchet Ron, President Local #23



**START SEEING  
MOTORCYCLES**  
MAY IS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH



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**ABATE - Lobbyist Accomplishment Highlights**

- **Steered CHP committee providing safety guidelines and legalizing Lane Splitting**
- **Passed yearly "May is Motorcycle Awareness Month" Resolution in the CA State Assembly & Senate**
- **Passed Law stopping Motorcycle Only Checkpoints**
- **Forced Caltrans to post "Look Twice for Motorcycle's" and "Share the Road with Motorcycles" on their Digital Freeway Message Boards**
- **Stopped Transponders on Motorcycles for Autonomous Vehicle Recognition from advancing thru Strategic Highway Safety Plan advisory committee.**
- **Assisted Off-Highway Vehicle Community in passing permanent program for State Vehicular Recreation Areas, first time in 50 Year History!**
- **Passed Bill legalizing Motorcycles use of HOV lanes in California**
- **Defeated a proposed Law by Assemblywoman LaFollette outlawing Lane Splitting by Motorcyclists in California**
- **Passed Law diverting Court fees on Helmet Violations to Support Motorcycle Safety Program**
- **Protect Yearly the Motorcycle Safety Trust Fund, where Motorcycle registration Fees are deposited**
- **Blocked a proposed Law allowing Roadside Motorcycle Noise ticketing**
- **Prevented for 6 Years a bill allowing Cameras to issue Speeding Tickets. The Fight continues for 2032 pilot program expiration! Cities included: Los Angeles, Glendale, Long Beach, San Jose, Oakland, San Francisco**
- **Defeated proposed Law requiring all Motorcycles pass an annual Smog test**
- **Passed Law grandfathering in pre 2013 motorcycle pipes for noise levels**
- **Defeated proposed Law requiring Motorcyclists to wear Hi Vis Reflective Vests**
- **Passed Senate Resolution 41 by Senator Caballero (D – Salinas) Anti-profiling Resolution**
- **Passed Law legalizing Ape hangers Handlebars above your shoulders**
- **Monitor every year over 2500 proposed new Laws introduced and amendment by the California Legislature to see impact on Motorcyclists and their bikes**

## Motorcyclists Rights Lobbyist Update: Bills

Presented by The Lombardo Group, ABATE Lobbyist

### **Senate Bill 92 Umberg (D - Anaheim) Courts: remote proceedings for criminal cases (Passed to Assembly)**

This bill would provide that, in a misdemeanor, if the accused agrees, the initial court appearance, arraignment, plea, and all other proceedings, except jury and court trials, may be conducted remotely through the use of technology. This would make it easier to fight excessive and targeted noise and motorcycle tickets. **\*SUPPORT\***

### **Senate Bill 961 Wiener (D - San Francisco) Vehicles: safety equipment speed limiter (Amended, Passed)**

A "passive intelligent speed assistance system" means an integrated vehicle system that uses, at minimum, the GPS location of the vehicle compared with a database of posted speed limits, to determine the speed limit, and utilizes visual and audio signals to alert the driver while they are exceeding the speed limit by more than five miles per hour. If an intelligent speed assistance system receives conflicting speed limits for the same area, the system shall utilize the higher speed limit.

Commencing with the 2029 model year, 50 percent of passenger vehicles, motortrucks, and buses manufactured or sold in the state shall be equipped with a passive intelligent speed assistance system.

Commencing with the 2032 model year, every passenger vehicle, motortruck, and bus manufactured or sold in the state shall be equipped with a passive intelligent speed assistance system.

**\*\*\*OPPOSE\*\*\***

### **Senate Bill 1297 Allen (D - Santa Monica) Speed safety system pilot program (Passed to Fiscal Committee)**

This bill would authorize, until January 1, 2032, the City of Malibu to establish a similar speed camera program, signed into Law last year, for speed enforcement that utilizes up to 5 speed safety systems on the Pacific Coast Highway. This bill would require the City of Malibu to also

implement the above provisions if it establishes the speed safety system program on the Pacific Coast Highway. This bill would require a \$25 filing fee for an appeal challenging a notice of violation issued as a result of the City of Malibu's speed safety system program until January 1, 2032. **\*\*\*OPPOSE\*\*\***

### **Assembly Bill 2392 Soria (D - Merced/Fresno) Vehicles: motorcycle: safety helmet exception (Passed)**

This bill would exempt from this requirement a person who wears a turban or patka as an expression of the person's religious belief and practice when riding on a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle. **TRACKING**

### **Assembly Bill 3102 Hoover (R - Folsom) Vehicles: motorcycle license (Passed to Fiscal Committee)**

This bill would authorize the operator of a motorcyclist training program described above to issue a certificate of satisfactory completion to a person at least 21 years of age who has opted to complete only the skills testing portion of the training program and has successfully passed the skills test. The bill would require the motorcyclist training program operator to, in a manner prescribed by the Department of Motor Vehicles, note on the certificate that the person has completed only the skills testing portion of the program. The bill would authorize the department to accept a certificate issued pursuant to these provisions from an applicant who is at least 21 years of age in lieu of a driving test for a motorcycle driver's license if the applicant has met the other examination requirements for the license for which the applicant is applying. **\*SUPPORT\***

**MORE BILL ANALYSIS TO COME,  
KEEP CHECKING OUR MONTHLY UPDATES**





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

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## Lobbyist Capitol News

by Jim Lombardo Sr., The Lombardo Group, ABATE of California Lobbyist



April was the Deadline to pass Bills out of Policy Committees. We were successful in passing Assembly Bill 3102 Hoover out of Assembly Transportation Committee and now awaits action in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. It most likely will be sent to the dreaded Suspense file, as over 95% of the Bills heard in Appropriations are sent! We will battle Staff and Leadership to get it out in late May when there is a One Day hearing on over 1000 proposed Laws!

The other big bill we are battling is Senate Bill 961 Wiener, which will require all New Vehicles sold in California to include SPEED Governors to limit the Vehicles capabilities. We are part of a Coalition which includes SEMA, California Trucking Association and others opposing! At the last-minute amendments are being submitted to get the bill out of Senate Transportation Committee - We will continue to Oppose the bill but most likely have to "kill" it in the Assembly.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month and for the 20th Consecutive year the Caltrans Message Boards will be Posting Look out for MOTORCYCLISTS! Another Victory.

A special thank you all the Locals and Members that donate to the Lobbyist fund, keeping us up at the Capitol fighting for your rights!

Stay Tuned...Another busy Year in Sacramento.





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## Message from the Executive Director



By Chuck "Chief"  
Pedersen, Executive  
Director, ABATE of CA

Welcome to May and  
all that it has in store  
for us.

May brings Motorcycle  
Awareness Month.  
This is one month  
that is dedicated to  
our motorcycle riding  
safety. You'll see  
signs on the freeways  
in California, as well

as across the nation, to LOOK OUT FOR MOTORCYCLES. ABATE of California was instrumental in implementing this program.

I invite you to take time to communicate what ABATE's dedication means to you.

I personally have experienced my riding partners take a hit. It reminds me of the reasons that ABATE exists. We fight for motorcycle rights and to ensure that we are safe on the road. Many of the bills we support or work against are in line with these two principled goals. If you are an ABATE member, thank you for your support and dedication. If you are not an ABATE member, I ask you why not?

Everyone who rides in the wind should be part of this organization. We are the "NRA" for motorcycle rights. When lane splitting became legal in California, ABATE was there. That bill has made a huge positive impact on how riders can legally filter forward to avoid being hit by distracted drivers. It also ensures that if you do have an accident while lane splitting, the insurance companies cannot automatically call a no-fault, or dual-fault accident. The driver now will be liable for your damages if they are at fault. This helps over one million licensed riders ... and is only one reason of many reasons why you should be a member.

How does ABATE work on legislative issues? This, and every Bailing Wire, provides a lot of helpful explanations. Check out the articles by our Legislative Director, Bobby Tabaldo, and our Lobbyists, The Lombardo Group, describing issues we are focused on and how to work with our legislators to affect change.

We ALL know that this is an election year. We need your support to put motorcycle friendly candidates into office, both for California and for Congress, where ABATE also works with the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) to guide federal decisions on motorcycle rider issues.

So, in the words of our V.P. of ABATE Local #20, Martin "BAM" Lugo, Jr.,

"Join ABATE ...

And if you can't join, Donate."

On a personal note, many of you know that Kathlean and I recently returned from a great 'trip of a lifetime.' Traveling to South Africa for a month, we experienced wildlife and human life vastly different from ours here in the U.S. It opened our eyes and our hearts, and we felt blessed to have been given the opportunities to be able to get out and see it! Many photos and memories to share.

As I end my article for this month, I want to remind everyone that May also brings important commemorative holidays, such as Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day. I hope all of us will take some time to remember and honor our service members and their families.

Thank you for your service!

Chuck Pedersen

ABATE of CA, Executive Director

Local #03 President



## Legislative Director's News

by Bobby "T" Tabaldo



Another important way to make your voice heard is using the Legislature Position Letter Portal

ABATE periodically

asks our members and the general public to contact their local legislators to support or oppose legislative bills for a given legislative session initiated by a Call-To-Action notice and use of a software tool which uses address information to identify district legislators and email them a scripted request for action letter or provide an option for constituents to type their own message. This process has been a staple in every Motorcycle Rights Organization toolkit and an important one to communicate to legislators what their constituents feel are important and to request their support or opposition to a piece of legislation. This support or opposition can come in the form of informal inquiries and discussions between legislators regarding the bill in question or voting for or against the bill when it comes to a floor vote.

The limitation of this process doesn't completely address the desire to influence the fate of a bill during its journey through the various legislative committees before going to the floor for a vote. We in ABATE are charged with identifying bills that impact our rights and lifestyle and working to either help move a bill along the process, successfully get the bill passed/enacted or stopping it dead in its tracks as soon as reasonably possible.

To this end, there is a way for constituents and ABATE members to proactively make a difference as bills go through the various committees using the state's online Position Letter Portal. This facility allows you as an individual to send your thoughts for or against a bill directly to the chair/members of a given committee based on current assignment and when the hearing is scheduled when you submit your input. The portal tracks the committees when a bill is assigned to and ensure your position input goes to the members of the assigned committee at the time of your submission without having to know which committee the bill is scheduled for or the members of that given committee.

In order to use this facility, you have to register yourself and obtain a password. This is a one-time thing. Then, when ABATE requests members to send input, all one has to do is login and cut/paste either the scripted message we provide, upload a word version of the message from your PC/Laptop/Phone or enter your own support or opposition position message manually.

Use the below QR Code to access the Portal Home Page. Instructions on how to get started and additional help can be found there.



Constituents and ABATE members should open an "Individual" Account. Below are the basics.

### Individual Accounts

#### Submitting Notes or Position Letter

1. Select measure type, enter measure number and select Session Type.
2. Click the Search button.
3. Select the appropriate Committee and Stance.
4. Paste the scripted message provided by ABATE or type your own note message in the note box. If you have a drafted letter on your PC, select

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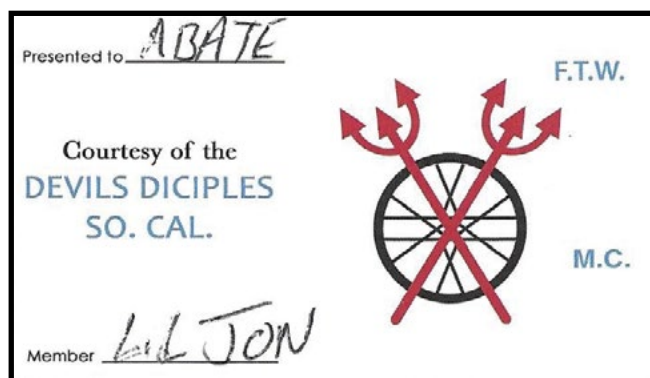
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1. Select the Edit Account button from the top-right navigation menu. Modify account information and select Submit.

### Change Password

1. Click Change password link.
2. Input the Old password.
3. Input the New Password twice and select Change Password.

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

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## Sporty's Ride & July Board Meeting Information

By Lee "Sporty" Milligan, Board Member

Hello all,

This is my "non-riding" version of Sporty's Rides.

You may ask why it's a non-riding version of my column. Well, if you haven't heard, I had what appeared to be a seizure on January 18th. I was in the hospital for a day and a half. I have had all the tests that are necessary when you have a seizure, or what appears to be a non-epileptic seizure. But this still means I am not allowed to drive for six months.

I had an EEG test. I was to be given the results of this test Feb 26th. So, when we went there, I was apprehensive about the results. My neurologist said the test was negative. However, I was then told I had to sign a paper that stated I could not drive or ride for six months, starting from January 18th.

So, I was disheartened, to say the least. I have been telling all who care to listen that I'm not allowed to drive. You might ask how I get around these days. Well, I've got two legs, so I have been walking to places close by. And my wife has been taking me to my medical appointments. And I now have an Uber account on my phone, so that covers events like the Local #01 meetings. Fortunately, I didn't miss the 2nd quarterly meeting, as it was on Zoom.

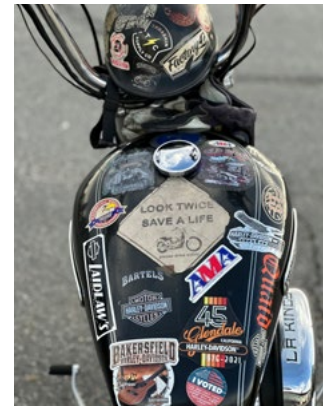
Because of my inability to get around, it hampers my ability to drop off Bailing Wires and visit places to try to recruit more members. So, until I get past my driving restrictions, I just have to rely on my wife or my friends in ABATE to help me out. It's a process of patience and tolerance.

So, this is the short version of Sporty's Rides, since I'm not currently riding anywhere. I hope to develop a better Sporty's Rides column for next month.

Until next time, please sell your allotment of special raffle tickets. And get the stubs and money to the state office in La Verne @ ABATE of CA, P.O. BOX 15, LA VERNE, 91750.

That's it ... Sporty Milligan,

Scribe Out



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# Speed Cameras Fact Sheet

With properly posted speed limits and properly installed traffic-control devices, there is no need for ticket cameras. They can actually make our roads less safe. Here are ten reasons to oppose speed cameras:

**1) Photo radar is still radar, and it can generate false readings.**

Radar is not perfect. Unlike other normal tickets, citations resulting from cameras do not have a tracking history or a visual estimation by a qualified officer to back them up. Thousands of tickets can be generated between routine maintenance and calibration inspections, potentially resulting in just as many faulty readings.

**2) This type of enforcement emphasizes ticket volume.**

Despite claims to the contrary, photo radar is used in locations characterized by high traffic volume and under-posted speed limits. It is not profitable to use photo radar on residential streets, low volume roads or where speed limits are posted at the 85th percentile (the speed at which they should be posted).

**3) Ticket cameras are very inaccurate on certain roads.**

Tests done by the University of Virginia found that fewer than three percent of the photos taken of vehicles on Interstate-type roads provided a clear image of a single vehicle, the license plate number and the driver. Photo radar should not be used on high-speed, multi-lane highways. Yet, some greedy cities still use it on these types of roads.

**4) Photo radar encourages artificially low speed limits.**

In areas where proper speed limits have been set according to the 85th percentile (the speed at or below which 85 percent of traffic is flowing), cameras could only make money if their tolerance threshold was very low, such as one or two miles per hour over the speed limit. Politically, this is not acceptable, nor will the courts support this kind of enforcement. The only option is to put the photo radar on roads with unreasonably low speed limits, and then make sure the limits stay low.

**5) Ticket cameras do not improve safety.**

Despite the claims of companies that sell ticket cameras and provide related services, there is no independent verification that photo enforcement devices improve highway safety, reduce overall accidents, or improve traffic flow. Believing the claims of companies that sell photo enforcement equipment or municipalities that use this equipment is like believing any commercial produced by a company that is trying to sell you something.

**6) There is no certifiable witness to the alleged violation.**

A picture may be worth a thousand words, but it may also take a thousand words to explain what the picture really means. Even in those rare instances where a law enforcement officer is overseeing a ticket camera, it is highly unlikely that the officer would recall the supposed violation. For all practical purposes, there is no "accuser" for motorists to confront, which is a constitutional right. There is no one that can personally testify to the circumstances of the alleged violation, and just because a camera unit was operating properly when it was set up does not mean it was operating properly when the picture was taken of any given vehicle.

**7) Ticket recipients are not adequately notified.**

Most governments using ticket cameras send out tickets via first class mail. There is no guarantee that the accused motorists will even receive the ticket, let alone understand it and know how to respond. However, the government makes the assumption that the ticket was received. If motorists fail to pay, it is assumed that they did so on purpose, and a warrant may be issued for their arrest.

**8) The driver of the vehicle is not positively identified.**

Typically, the photos taken by these cameras do not identify the driver of the offending vehicle. The owner of the vehicle is mailed the ticket, even if the owner was not driving the vehicle and may not know who was driving at the time. The owner of the vehicle is then forced to prove his or her innocence, often by identifying the actual driver who may be a family member, friend or employee.

**9) Ticket recipients are not notified quickly.**

People may not receive citations until days or sometimes weeks after the alleged violation. This makes it very difficult to defend oneself because it would be hard to remember the circumstances surrounding the supposed violation. There may have been a reason that someone would be speeding or in an intersection after the light turned red. Even if the photo was taken in error, it may be very hard to recall the day in question.

**10) Ticket camera systems are designed to inconvenience motorists.**

Under the guise of protecting motorist privacy, the court or private contractor that sends out tickets often refuses to send a copy of the photo to the accused vehicle owner. This is really because many of the photos do not clearly depict the driver or the driver is obviously not the vehicle owner. Typically, the vehicle owner is forced to travel to a courthouse or municipal building to even see the photograph, an obvious and deliberate inconvenience meant to discourage ticket challenges.

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*Prepared by the National Motorists Association ([www.motorists.org](http://www.motorists.org))*

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## Membership Bits

### Membership Bits

By Bill McClellenn, Asst. Membership Chairman

#### "A Conversation With Jane"

On March 27, 2024, I met with Jane Warthen, President of ABATE Local 2, to discuss some ways to reach out to the masses and increase our membership numbers. Jane oversees a small ABATE Local of 27 members, located in the Simi Valley. Small, but mighty in the effect each member could have if the participation level increased 10%.



What to do?

Jane came up with an idea to send a letter to each member and see if that might cause some action on the part of each member to reach out and bring in just one new member. Sometimes you never know what you're going to catch by dropping a line into the water. Kudos to Jane for coming up with that ONE THING!

Maybe this will inspire others to come up with that One Thing...?

Respectfully,

Bill



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## Locals Reports

### Local #01 Los Angeles County

Just to recap, in March we had a successful Polar Bear Ride and we wanted to again thank the Mended Sisters, Messengers of Recovery and some HOG members who made it happen for our Local.



We are asking and reminding our members and friends to show up to our monthly meetings, on the third Tuesday of the month, at 5:30 at Millie's Restaurant, on Vanowen near Balboa Blvd. We need your input and participation, so that we can share what is going on legislatively related to motorcycling, and to better understand what your needs and expectations are of the Local #01, as well as of ABATE of California.

See you then,

Jim Nickla, President

### Local #3 Thousand Oaks/Ventura

Our President, Chuck "Chief" Pedersen reminds us that the Locals are here to support the State organization. To that end, our Local is proud to announce that we recently donated \$1200 to the state office, representing proceeds from our runs and fundraising efforts. It's not easy ... but we do our best!

We are in planning stages for our annual Freedom Run ... planned for mid-September. Having a few new members, some of them are quite enthusiastic, and willing to jump in ... makes for lighter work of putting on a run, and all that is involved! We're thankful!

We are also partnering with ABATE Local #02 to help them put on another of their famous Annual Sweaty Buns Runs ... planned for July 28th. Working together to support each other!

We're still holding our monthly Bike Nights and looking forward to getting out for more Sunday-Funday rides around Ventura County.

Anyone ... and everyone ... is invited to all our meetings and events. Our Local #03 is always happy to welcome NEW members. Bike Nights are held the 1st Thursday of each month, (weather permitting) starting @ 6:30 pm @ Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park; our General Membership Meetings are on the 3rd Thursdays @ 7pm @ The Elks Lodge #2477, 158 N. Conejo School Rd. in Thousand Oaks; and periodic Sunday rides are planned by our members. We encourage anyone in the area to just show up ... or call our President, Chuck Pedersen, for times and directions. His number is on the listing of Locals in the back of this issue.

Supporting ABATE by joining or even just donating, 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 events, contributes to the work we do protecting our motorcycle riding rights.

Our Local #03 President, Chuck Pedersen, who is also Exec. Director of ABATE of CA, along with Bobby T., ABATE's California State Legislative Director, and other members & board members,

continue to network with various other groups, building alliances to present a formidable voice in Sacramento. ABATE is a group that is making things happen ... being instrumental in passing Lane Splitting legislation just a couple of years ago, and now working on Anti-Profilings, and Noise and Exhaust Bills this year! (see the full page in this issue outlining ABATE Accomplishments)

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Kathlean "MamaBear" Pedersen

Scribe, Treasurer & P.R. ABATE Local #03

### Local #19 Pomona & San Gabriel Valleys

Local 19 is now knee deep in preparation for the 2024 Run For The Wall (RFTW) send-off ...and things keep changing. The group taking off Tuesday is NOW rolling out at 8:00 a.m., instead of the traditional, and previously scheduled 7:00. However, the much larger day will be Wednesday, with two routes leaving one after the other ... one up the 15 and the other out the 10, starting at 7:00. Contributions from some members of RFTW itself, in appreciation of our willingness to do two days again, has helped us cover most of the cost of the doughnuts we will provide. I am working to see if we can get another contribution of premium coffee this year. But we do have a fall back of good coffee available to us, should that not pan out. Either way, we will be out there both days for the send-off. Any members interested in stopping by and helping are welcome to join. With many hands, it is a light weight, feel good, day.

Besides me, our Treasurer, Mike "Nasty" Hess and our new V.P., Joe "El Tovar," are on the committee planning a scaled back Regional Rally. The day will start off with the early opening at Lifestyles Cycles in Anaheim. There, Shark Law will be providing a pancake breakfast for all, to be served by members of the Orange County Black Sheep chapter. Those going by Lifestyles on the way into the Cypress American Legion venue will have an opportunity for a discount on their event fee, just for participating.

Post 295 is a venue for many motorcycle events throughout the year, including where Local #20 has their regular meetings. Local #20 V.P., Martin "Bam" Lugo, is also on our committee. We are planning to have bike games, led by Local #23 President, Ron "Ratchet" Morris. We will have vendors. If you would like to be a vendor, or know someone who might, contact Mike Hess by cell at (626) 373-5238. There will be raffles, food & beverages, music, and a good time to be had by all. We appreciate all the help we can get building a good raffle. We are expecting to be able to get a flyer in by publication of this Bailing Wire. But either way, at this point, plan to join us on Sunday, July 28th for a good day on and off two wheels.

With all that, the La Verne 4th of July Motorcycle Parade, put on by Local #19 members, AND the 2024 Toy Run seem to be footnotes. But rest assured, we are working to make them the best we can, as well.



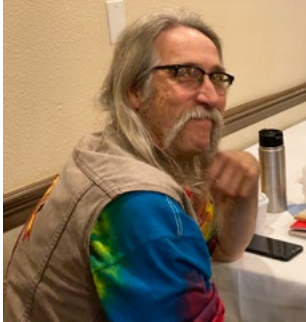
## Locals Reports

Boy is the weather drying up and getting nice! Get out there and enjoy the freedom of the road, and don't forget to be part of our effort to maintain it.

Jeff Bassler

President, Local #19

### Local #23 San Bernardino



April's meeting brought us another COLD! morning. But that didn't stop our most local member, Kirk Stewart, from riding over to our breakfast meeting. Our president, Ratchet Ron still hadn't gotten doctor's clearance to ride (or his wife's).

It looks like Local #23 won't be having any fund-raising events this summer. Ratchet is recovering from left knee replacement and will have the right knee done in June. Our group is small, and it takes all members pitching in to get these events together.



(Ida, Jerry, Richard, Art giving blood)

It is with sad news that we report our small group of ever faithful members has gotten a little smaller, with the passing of Richard Leach. Richard originally was a part of Local 27 and we know many will remember him. He and Rose supported our Regional Rally at Lake Elsinore by helping entertain the kids, alongside Tim and Cindy. He and Rose would always quietly support where they could. But if you ever stopped to chat with Richard, he could talk your ear off. Those of us that had long conversations with him already miss him. He was full of love for all.

Rest in Peace Richard Leach (pictured bottom right)

Lizz Morris,

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## ABATE Events for 2024

**May 4th Ammo Run** Local 24 Fresno, CA (Page 20)

**May 4th Stimulus Run** Local 38 El Centro, CA (Page 28)

**May 14-15th Run For The Wall** Local 19 Ontario, CA

**July 20th Online Presidents, PAC & Board Meeting** (Page 12)

**July 28th ABATE Summer Bash** Local 19, 20 & 23 Cypress (Page 6)

**July 28th Annual Sweaty Buns Run** Local 02 Simi Valley, CA

**September 15th Annual Freedom Run** Local 03 Ventura, CA

**October 19th Presidents, PAC & Board Meeting**

If you have a date for your event, and no details or flyer yet, you may still submit your dates, then submit your flyer in time for the Bailing Wire. ALL ABATE Events must have event insurance. Contact the ABATE State office for information.

### Bike Nights: -

**ABATE Local 03 - 1st Thursday of the month @ 6:30PM @ Azar's Sports Bar, 2215 Michael Dr., Newbury Park, CA (Page 22)**

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## Membership Chair Report

By Lee "Sporty" Milligan,

Membership  
Chairman &  
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Hello All,

As I write this report, we just finished up our 2nd Qtr. Board of Directors, P.A.C., and Presidents' meetings, April 13th. We had lots of lively discussions and made plans for legislative activities, riding events, membership recruitment, and various other subjects. It was a good group, but WE CAN AND SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE EVEN MORE PARTICIPATION. We are most effective in numbers. Which is why I continue to be passionate about my Membership Chairmanship!



To start my report, I am assuming that all the presidents have been feverishly selling their allotment of membership special raffle tickets. There are many ways you can get them used. When you have renewals, put one or two raffle tickets in their renewal packet, so when they open the packet and see raffle tickets, they are inclined to speculate that you value them as members of your Local.

Okay, where to sell these raffle tickets? One good suggestion is your local hot spots, such as the ROCK STORE or COOK'S CORNER. Also, when you are at these types of locations, talk about ABATE and try your hand at getting new members. To be successful in the membership game, persistence is the key to success. Remind riders that you are a member of ABATE and that ABATE is a motorcycle rights organization dedicated to freedom of the road.

Tell prospective members that as members of ABATE they will be part of an important solution ... and then review with them our Accomplishments list. People are usually impressed by all our accomplishments!

Also explain that we have a paid lobbyist in Sacramento who works on our behalf on the issues that matter most to the riding community. You should also give the perspective new member a copy of the Bailing Wire.

So, with the weather getting warmer. There will be more places to set-up ABATE tables or booths for membership representation. Pay attention to the Bike Nights being planned in your area and try to attend with a couple friends and your Bailing Wires in hand.

At our recent meeting, ABATE's Assistant Membership Chair, Bill McClennen reported that we are making in-roads with the membership program and our numbers are continuing to increase. This is encouraging news! So, the key to success is to stay motivated and focused on the membership game.

One final thought is about our renewals, which in my opinion is the back-bone of the organization. To KEEP our members is paramount

to having successful locals and ultimately a successful state organization. To accomplish this, we must make members feel part of the group and connected, so that they want to stay members year after year.

We should (and I have said this time and time again) put out a new Agenda or Minutes of what was presented at your local meeting. This will keep members who could not attend, informed, and engaged. Easy to do this by having a list of your members' emails put in an email group. Then after you have completed your monthly meeting, send them to the group email in the bcc format. This is a practice that has worked for Local #01 and we have kept most of our membership pretty much intact.

With this said, I will speculate that if you follow these suggestions, you may be surprised at what you are able to accomplish.

Sporty Milligan,

ABATE of CA Membership Chairman



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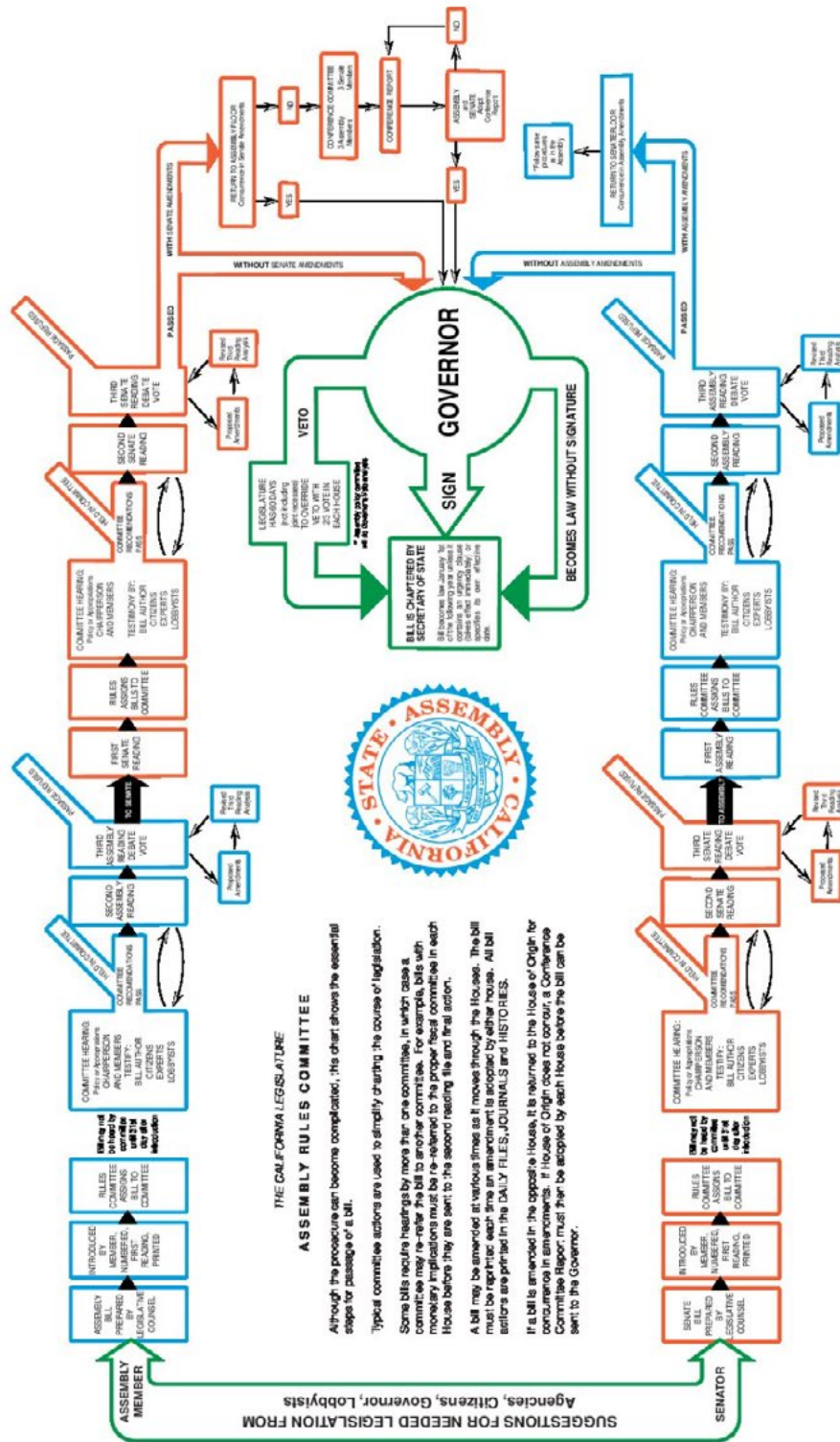
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### Local #01

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Chuck Pedersen

kathlean@abate.org  
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Kate Sessions Park  
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### Orange County

Daniel Pfaffly  
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