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## Bills at a Glance

**AB-3195 Acosta (Sponsor)** (R – Santa Clarita) DMV: licensing: motorcycle endorsement (ABATE Sponsor)

This bill would, commencing July 1, 2019, require certificate to be submitted electronically to the Department of Motor Vehicles by the operator of an approved motorcyclist training program and would require the department to accept those electronic submissions. Passed out of Assembly Transportation Committee 4/9/18 13-0. Suspense Item, to be heard in Appropriations Committee late May.

Held in Committee, working through Budget and Trailer Bills

**AB-2972 Caballero** (D – Salinas) Vehicles: enforcement: motorcycle profiling - SUPPORT

This bill would define the term "motorcycle profiling" as the illegal consideration of the fact that a person is riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle or motorcycle club-related clothing as a factor in enforcement decisions and would prohibit peace officers from engaging in motorcycle profiling. This bill would also provide a private right of action for persons who are subjected to motorcycle profiling in violation of the provisions of this bill. The Anti-Profiling Motorcycling Coalition notified Author that per suggested Amended Language to not bring up for Vote again this year.

**AB-2761 Obernolte (Cosponsor)** (R – Big Bear Lake) Yield: inoperative traffic signal – SUPPORT (ABATE CoSponsor)

This bill would authorize the driver of a vehicle facing a traffic-actuated signal that displays a steady circular red indication or steady red arrow indication, and that subsequently fails to display a green indication within a reasonable period of time because of a signal malfunction or because the signal has failed to detect the presence of the driver or vehicle, to proceed with caution

when it is safe to do so, after having stopped at the intersection, as specified. Heard in Transportation Committee 4/16/18. Informational Hearing Only

**SB-1316 Glazer (D – Contra Costa/Alameda)** OHV recreation: Carnegie SVRA: Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area. - OPPOSE

This bill would authorize the department to dispose of the portion of the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area known as the "Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area" to permanently preserve that land for conservation purposes, as specified, if the department determines that disposing of the land is in the public interest. The bill would authorize the Director of General Services to transfer the land to a local agency for less than fair market value if the local agency agrees to use the land as a park or for another open-space purpose and would require the property interest to revert from the local agency to the state if the land is used for a different purpose during the 25 years after the transfer date. The bill would require any revenue from the disposition of the land to be deposited in the fund for the purchase of land for off-highway vehicle recreation by the department. It was scheduled to be Heard Senate Appropriations 05/14//2018, however Author put over Bill to be heard later in May.

To Be Heard in Assembly Water Parks & Wildlife on June 26th, 2018.

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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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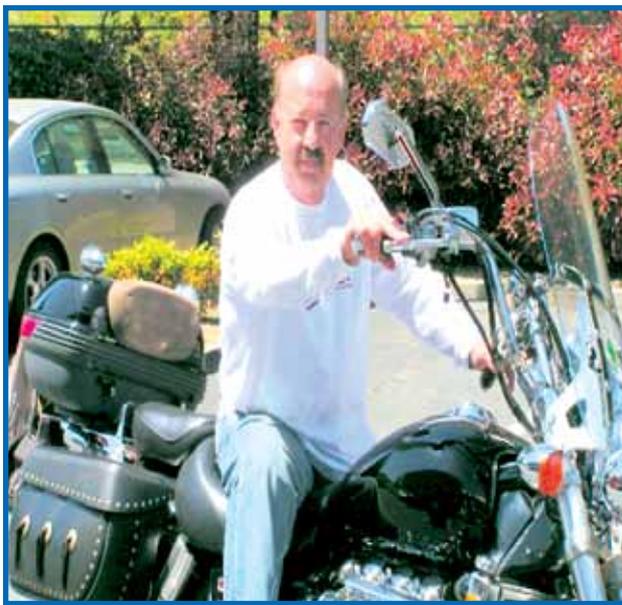
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The Legislature passed its \$200 billion budget a day BEFORE the June 15th deadline. The Democrats do not need the Republicans to pass the Budget, as the voters changed this law with a Proposition - Simple Majority initiative. They now will return to policy committees to finalize bills and send to them to the Appropriation Committee for voting on in August.

In July the State Legislature recesses for the month to head back to their Districts. As California Assembly members, Senators and Congress members will be back in your area all week, stop into their local office and introduce yourself as a member of motorcyclists rights organization, ABATE of California. Let them know The Lombardo Group represents you at the Capitol.

In the upcoming months, when you have time,

volunteer in your District. Introduce yourself as a rider and change their perception of motorcyclists. Show that we are completely different from portrayal on TV/film. A conversation goes along way.

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The June 5th California State Primary has concluded and all statewide offices, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Controller, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Board of Equalization, 20 state Senators and ALL 80 Assembly races have been set for the November Election –Voter Guide upcoming this Fall!

For reference of our Bills through the Legislative process check out our *Bills at a Glance* section in the Bailing Wire for all updates.

The Anti Profiling of Motorcyclists AB 2972 Caballero (D – Salina) was taken up early in May and came up short of the simple Majority Vote (41/80) needed to pass the Assembly. It was moved to reconsideration, however as the deadline approached for another final vote, the Anti-Profiling Motorcycling Coalition notified the bill's author that, per suggested Amended Language, to not bring it up for vote again this year.

August 31st is the last day for the Legislature to be in session because it's an election year and many will be out campaigning.

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# Executive Director & PAC Treasurer Reports



## by Dave Hastings, Executive Director & PAC Treasurer

Today is Father's Day and I would like to congratulate every one of you for just being a "Dad" to your children and doing your best to provide a decent life for your kids and their mom. Sometimes we can get so wrapped up in our outside activities that we forget what life is really about, taking care of our families. Hopefully you have had an enjoyable day with your family and Happy Father's Day to all of you Dad's out there!

ABATE, being a volunteer organization, is one of those things that can and will consume much of your personal time, if you allow it to do so. Recently we made a request for an influx of monies for our Lobbyist Fund and I'm proud to say we have achieved that goal because our members have listened and delivered once again for our organization.

Please do your best to donate whatever amounts you can comfortably provide knowing that your donation will be deposited directly into the account of your choice and used specifically as you designated. ABATE of California is comprised of members from all walks of life and varied financial levels. Give what you can, and as often as you can, so we can continue to honor our commitments to our members, our Sacramento lobbyist team, and, if funded and approved by our PAC, our political friends.

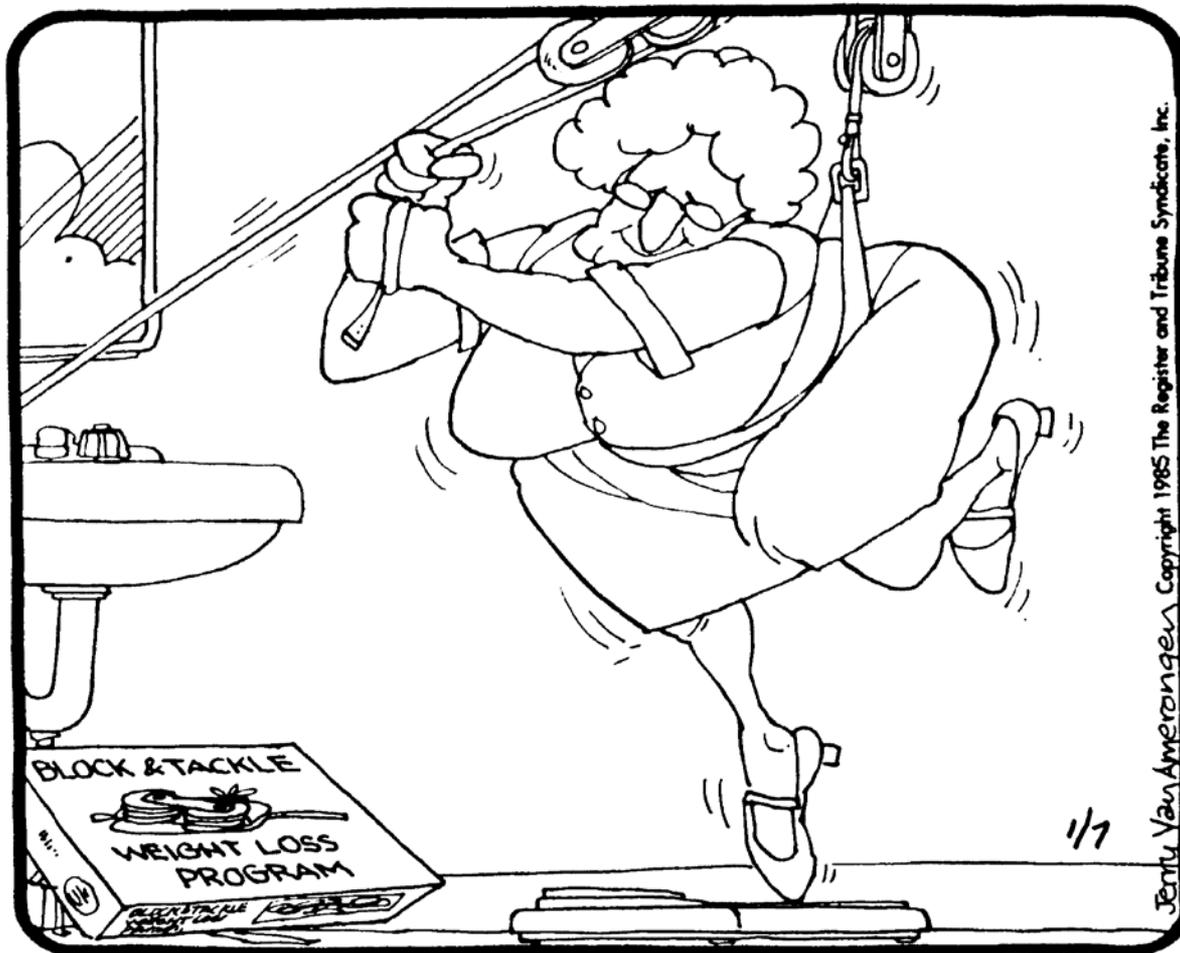
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Thank you for your faith and commitment to your personal family and also to our extended ABATE family. Here's hoping your Father's Day was an enjoyable one and I hope to have the opportunity to see you down the road soon!

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Along with the Lobbyist Fund request, we have also mailed out our annual "Appeal Letter."

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## California Motorcyclist Anti-Profilng Coalition

By Nick Benson Sr., Member California Motorcyclist Anti-Profilng Coalition

June 3, 2018

With regret I have to inform everyone that we and the author, Assembly member Anna Caballero, opted to pull our bill AB 2972 after we found out that we could not garner enough votes to get the bill out of the full Assembly floor.

Pulling the bill was better than facing a certain loss. In Sacramento, a loss makes getting votes for a re-submitted bill next year very difficult.

It would seem that law enforcement lobbied our representatives just a bit harder than we did. That being said, we may be down this year, but all of us on the committee are dedicated to try new strategies next year to get a Motorcyclist Anti-Profilng bill passed! With all of your help, we will come back wiser and stronger from the lessons we learned this year!

One of the things you CAN do this year and right now is to contact the representatives that did support us. You will find a list of them in this Bailing Wire. I am asking all of you to please contact them and thank them for their support. Just a short email or phone

call to say thanks really means a lot to them! And IF you can find just a couple of hours to help one of our supporters in their campaigns this year, that help goes a LONG way! Just 2-4 hours of hanging signs, phone banking, or many other simple things is a proven way to get their support down the road. Even if you can't help with a campaign, please make those calls or emails!

Below, I have attached a note from one of the Coalition members, Robert Tobaldo, who has worked tirelessly for years to try and get this bill passed. Bobby says it all very clearly in his note!

Thank you for all of your help!

Message from Robert Tobaldo

Today, we in the CA Motorcycle Anti-Profilng Coalition learned that our bill, AB2972 - Motorcycle Profiling, failed to get enough support to get out of the Assembly. We may have lost the battle today, but I can assure you that we WILL find a new way to win the war.

I wish to thank all the members of the CA Motorcycle Anti-Profilng Coalition for all their hard work and unwavering commit-

ment, our bill author, Member Anna Caballero and her staff for believing in our cause as well as their courage to stand up to tyranny, all the Assembly Members who stood by us in the face of great opposition, Double D and Donny Landsman from WA State for their support and guidance, ABATE, BRO and all the CA Confederation of Clubs for their support and contributions as well as everyone who took the time to listen and take action to help end motorcycle profiling in California this year.

It was a tremendous effort and one that will not go to waste as we move forward and build a larger, stronger, base of support that will not be silenced or ignored.

We learned a lot over the past 20 months, enough to know that our legislative goals are strong and just. It all starts again immediately. This is an election year and we all have a say in who will represent us next year. The outcome will have a direct bearing on not only motorcycle profiling here in CA, but many important issues that must be addressed.

We will continue to persevere, educate, motivate and take action so stay tuned for upcoming announcements.

## WHO WE NEED TO THANK!

by Nick Benson, Sr., Assistant  
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These are the people that supported us with AB 2972. We will need their support again next year and we want them to remember us! We should also be helping them with their campaigns to get re-elected. At the very least, call or email them a note of thanks!

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## George Deukmejian dead at 89, public safety and law-and-order dominated two-term governor's agenda

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George Deukmejian, a perennially popular two-term Republican governor of California who built his career on fighting crime, hardening the state's criminal justice stance and shoring up its leaky finances, died on Tuesday. He was 89 years old.

Deukmejian, who was elected governor in 1982 and 1986, died at his home in Long Beach, according to a statement from his family.

During his many years of public service, including 16 years as a state legislator and four as state attorney general, Deukmejian sponsored the successful "use a gun, go to prison" bill, oversaw development of a workfare program for welfare recipients and negotiated with the Democrat-controlled Legislature to create an \$18.5-billion, 10-year transportation plan.

The son of Armenian immigrants, Deukmejian had years of public office on his resumé before winning election as governor and emerging as the most prominent Armenian-American politician in the United States.

His identification with Armenians, who were victims of a genocide during the early 20th century at the hands of the Ottoman Turks, would infuse his life with a determination to ensure the rule of law.

Never, during a career that spanned three decades, did he waver from his law-and-order crusade or his passion for public safety.

Steven Merksamer, Deukmejian's one-time chief of staff and longtime advisor, said that one way to understand his former boss was to realize that, for him, public safety — whether it be crime control or retrofitting bridges for earthquake protection — was part and parcel of a basic philosophy.

"The paramount reason he ran for governor in the first place was his commitment to public safety," Merksamer said in 1989. "It has been the hallmark of his whole life — much more so than taxes or other issues. It's something he has told me he was brought up with."

After serving as California's attorney general, he rode the crime issue into the governor's office in 1982 and, during the eight years he governed the state, guided the criminal justice system toward tougher sentencing. He also oversaw the expenditure of \$3.3 billion to build eight new penitentiaries. The number of felons in prison tripled to nearly 97,000 during his tenure.

He also moved vigorously to put judges on the bench who took a hard line on crime.

Deukmejian had watched as his predecessor, Gov. Jerry Brown, appointed liberals to the court, including making the controversial Rose Bird the chief justice of the state Supreme Court.

When it was his turn, Deukmejian backed an initiative campaign — which voters overwhelmingly approved — to oust Bird and two other high-court justices, Cruz Reynoso and Joseph Grodin. As a result, Deukmejian was able to almost completely remake the court, appointing five of the court's seven justices.

"The governor wanted justice to be sure as well as just, and to be perceived as such by Californians," said Douglas W. Kmiec, who was constitutional legal

counsel in the Reagan and the George H.W. Bush presidencies. "Deukmejian's judges tended to be law-and-order judges. They knew the law well and they did not look to make new law from the bench."

Besides remaking the state Supreme Court, Deukmejian appointed a raft of conservatives, including many prosecutors, to the state's lower courts. His appointments reached 1,000 by the time he left office in 1991.

In all, Deukmejian spent almost 28 years in Sacramento, enjoying a reputation as someone of unquestioned integrity but someone whose manner was so severe that he earned the nickname "Iron Duke."

Deukmejian said he was not trying to be difficult but merely trying to "stick by my position and stick by my principles."

Charles E. Young, who was chancellor of UCLA when Deukmejian was elected governor, said that he had wondered at first if he would be able to work well with Deukmejian. But Young came to view Deukmejian as one of the great modern-era governors of California.

"I believe he never took a position that he didn't believe sincerely, and if he believed sincerely in it, it didn't make any difference what anybody else thought," Young told *The Times*.

Deukmejian was popular with voters who were anxious about crime. Unlike others before and after him, however, he did not try to ride his popularity to the White House, though he once conceded that, had he been asked to be George H.W. Bush's running mate in 1988 instead of Dan Quayle, "I might have agreed to it."

Although he played a part in California politics after he left office, attending Republican events and supporting various GOP candidates, he maintained a largely private profile. In 1991, he joined the Los Angeles office of the Sidley & Austin law firm, retiring 10 years later.

Deukmejian liked not having to run the state after he left office.

"You get up every morning and you don't have to worry about 30 million people, deal with 120 legislators, deal with the press," Deukmejian told *The Times*' George Skelton in 1992. "It took me about five minutes to adjust to a private, normal life without all those concerns and headaches."

Courten George Deukmejian Jr. was born on June 6, 1928, in Menands, N.Y., a small village set among the rolling hills and aging brick factories along the Hudson River near Albany, the state capital.

At home, Deukmejian's parents spoke Armenian, Turkish and English but taught George and his sister, Anna, only English. This experience left him with the belief that any child could learn another language and cemented his lifelong opposition to mandatory bilingual education classes in public schools.

The Deukmejian home was in the center of town next door to the police station and volunteer fire department.

"When I started to go to kindergarten, they would drive me in the [motorcycle] sidecar," he once told the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

But it was something much more profound than these boyhood memories — the Armenian genocide by Turks in the early 20th century — that was the source of his passion for public order and which would motivate him to seek a political career.

Both Deukmejian and his wife, Gloria, also an Armenian American, had been raised on stories about the genocide. Deukmejian's aunt was killed by Ottoman Turks, and his parents fled to America to escape persecution. During his entire political career, Deukmejian attempted to get official recognition for the genocide.

Deukmejian's Armenian loyalties also led to one of the more surprising moves he made as governor: the 1986 decision to use his considerable influence to urge the University of California board of regents to immediately divest UC's vast teacher and employee retirement funds from firms that did business in South Africa, which was then ruled by a white-minority government that imposed apartheid rule against the majority blacks.

As a staunch conservative, Deukmejian had previously vetoed a similar proposal by the Legislature to divest.

But about a year after his veto, South Africa was hunting down and jailing anti-apartheid activists, which troubled Deukmejian so deeply that he convinced two of his own appointees on the board of regents and the board's Democratic appointees to support divestiture.

Deukmejian was raised in what a longtime friend described as "a typical Old World household" where politeness, family honor and hard work were the order of the day. He always stood up when his mother came into the room. Young Deukmejian was a choirboy and an acolyte. During his high school years, he wrapped meat at a butcher's shop and made coat hangers. One summer, he picked crops at a nearby farm.

Deukmejian earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y. He dabbled during that time in politics, volunteering for the 1948 presidential campaign of New York Gov. Thomas Dewey.

"I was always interested in current events," he said in a 2013 television interview.

In 1952, Deukmejian graduated with a law degree from St. John's University School of Law in Brooklyn. Upon graduation from law school, Deukmejian's student deferment expired and he was drafted into the Army, destined for a two-year infantry stint in Europe. But he convinced the brass to assign him to the Army Judge Advocate Corps in Paris.

In 1955, his military duty over, Deukmejian, then 27, left New York and headed for Los Angeles, mainly because that was where his sister lived.

Deukmejian got his first job working for Texaco Co. in its land and lease department. Soon after, he got a job as a deputy county counsel for Los Angeles County.

At a wedding in 1956, Deukmejian's sister arranged his introduction to a young Armenian American named Gloria Saatjian, a Los Angeles art school graduate. They were married six months later.

The couple moved to Long Beach in 1958, and Deukmejian opened a law office. One of his law partners was Malcolm Lucas, who years later Deukmejian named as chief justice of the California Supreme Court.

In Long Beach, the politically ambitious Deukmejian became involved in a host of civic activities including the Lions Club, the Community Chest, the Red Cross, the Boy Scouts and the Elks. He was named Long Beach "Man of the Year" in 1959.

In 1962, Deukmejian won election to the Assembly after campaigning against crime, communism, big government and what he called "the trend toward socialism."

Within a month of his arrival in Sacramento, he introduced his first set of crime bills, including one that would have imposed the death penalty for armed robbery. During the 1970s, he led a successful fight to restore the death penalty in California, which had been struck down by the state Supreme Court. He was a strong opponent of reducing penalties for marijuana possession.

Deukmejian spent four years in the Assembly before moving on to the state Senate in 1966, where he served 12 years.

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In 1970, Deukmejian announced his candidacy for attorney general, running on a platform of greater protection and security for people. He finished a distant fourth out of four candidates in the Republican primary.

Deukmejian finally met with success in 1978, when he won the GOP nomination for attorney general and went on to beat Democrat Yvonne Brathwaite Burke in the general election, again campaigning on a law-and-order platform.

As attorney general from 1979 to 1982, Deukmejian maintained a high profile as a crime-fighter. On one well-publicized occasion, he donned a flak jacket and accompanied police officers as they raided marijuana fields in Northern California.

But Deukmejian had set his sights on the governor's office, and his chance came in 1982 when he squeaked by Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley. He would defeat Bradley again in a 1986 rematch.

When Deukmejian first went to Sacramento as governor, he inherited a \$1.5-billion budget crisis from his predecessor, Brown. Setting the tone for the remainder of his administration, Deukmejian immediately took a stern line with the Legislature and opposed raising what he called "general taxes." Before the year was out, an upsurge in the economy erased the deficit, a stroke of luck that gave the new governor a significant political boost.

Deukmejian's two terms were replete with fights with the K-12 education community. Schools advocates became so frustrated that, in 1988 they succeeded in getting voter approval for Proposition 98, which reserved the bulk of state budget spending for K-12 education and community colleges.

Deukmejian also got into a bitter name-calling fight with state Superintendent of Public Instruction Bill Hoenig over school funding. Both were left tarnished.

During his two terms, the governor rejected about \$7 billion in spending proposed by the Legislature, much of it in health, welfare and education programs. In all, he vetoed 2,298 bills — a sixth of those that came before him from the Democratic-controlled Legislature — earning him the nickname "Governor No." None were overridden.

One of Deukmejian's biggest successes as governor came on the issue of transportation.

Although he had previously resisted working with legislative leaders, during his second term he finally opened the door to limited negotiating with key Assembly and Senate leaders in order to devise an \$18.5-billion, 10-year transportation improvement plan—financed mostly by a 9-cent-per-gallon gas tax increase—which voters later endorsed.

Democrat Gray Davis, then the state's controller, called the measure "the most significant piece of legislation to pass on [Deukmejian's] watch" and said that Deukmejian could thus "claim to have contributed significantly to California's transportation future."

Among Deukmejian's other major legislative accomplishment was a landmark program that required welfare recipients to undergo job training and perform community service work in exchange for their checks. He also worked out a deal with Democratic legislative leaders that led the way toward making California the first state to ban military-style assault weapons.

The weapons ban was a surprising turn for a Republican politician who had in the past opposed gun controls. It came after a drifter named Patrick Purdy killed five children in a crowded Stockton schoolyard with an AK-47 rifle on January 17, 1989. Deukmejian responded in a way that sent a shudder through many members of his own party as well as the gun lobby, which had until then met with nothing but success in warding off gun controls. He said that he did not see "any reason why anybody has to or needs to have a military assault-type weapon, even somebody who is a sportsman or a hunter."

Sumner Offill, one of Deukmejian's earliest supporters, recalled an occasion after Deukmejian left office when the governor was asked at a symposium in the state Senate chamber what he thought were the toughest issues he faced in governing the state.

"He said the toughest moments didn't have to do with the budget crises or any big political battles," Offill said. "He said the toughest moments he had were when he met the wives and children of the law enforcement people who had been killed in the line of duty."

With that disclosure, Deukmejian choked up, holding back sobs. News reports at the time said that the Senate chamber became very still.

"It showed me who he was, the depth of his identification and commitment to those who gave of themselves, and it was really something to see," Offill said. "To have the 'Iron Duke' become so emotional was really quite a moment."

Deukmejian was long seen as a senior statesman in Republican politics, quietly advising potential candidates. He appeared on a number of panels with the state's other former governors — most frequently his successor, former Gov. Pete Wilson. A state courthouse named in his honor opened in Long Beach in 2013. That same year, he joined the former governors in filing a lawsuit against federal efforts to force the state to reduce its prison population.

*Times staff writer John Myers contributed to this article.*

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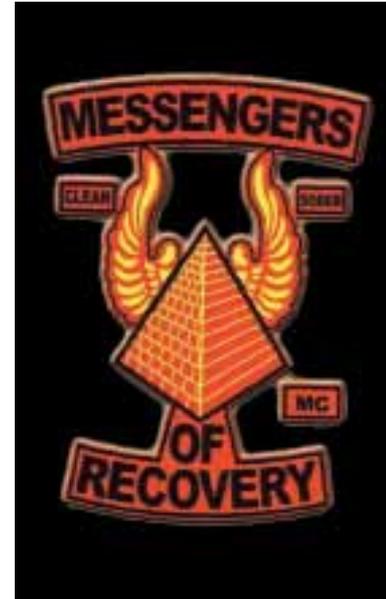
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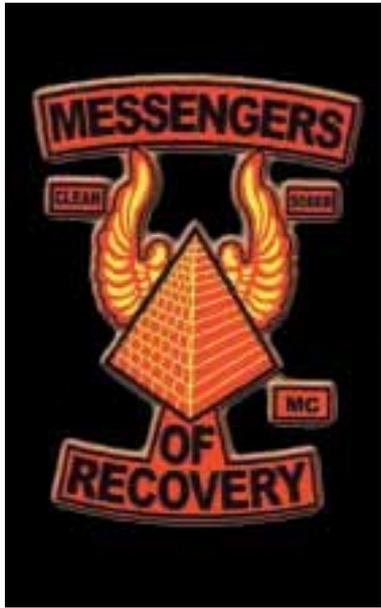


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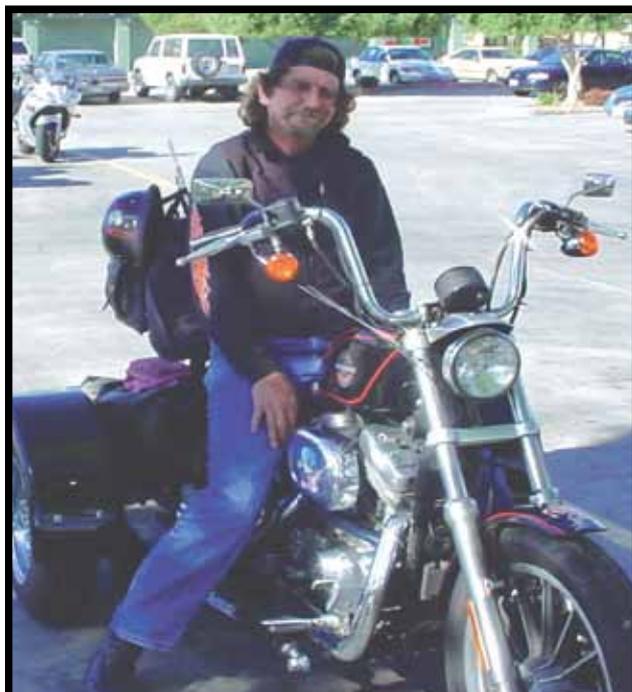
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# MEMBERSHIP REPORT



by **Sporty Milligan,**  
**Membership Chairman**

Hello again! I would like to express my gratitude to all the members that continue to sell the ABATE membership raffle funding tickets. Last year we were able to sell all the tickets. As you know, they pay for the membership drive completely. So again my sincere thanks to all who sell tickets. The drawing will be at our third quarterly Board of Directors meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> in Cypress.

It has been a trying year for ABATE and we're getting memberships, just not as many as we would like to see

at this point in the drive. So please try to sign-up some new members.

Retention of your current ABATE members is also important. You cannot afford to lose members from your Local. Find ways of making your meetings attractive to more of your members. Please keep your members informed via email.

I, as president of Local 1, have a list of members that have emails and if any issues come up that are of importance I email them. Keeping the members informed keeps them involved and that helps when it's time for a renewal. The trinket plan helps when it comes to renewals because it's your way of saying thank you for staying with ABATE of California and your Local.

Again, if you have a smart idea to help better memberships, please email me at [williammilligan285@yahoo.com](mailto:williammilligan285@yahoo.com).

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Regards, Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

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# LOCAL REPORTS

## Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! Local 1 is still in business and we're having our meeting June 17<sup>th</sup>. That's Father's Day so I don't expect a huge turn-out.

In my president's report I will discuss the need to participate more in other ABATE Local's events. Politically we will discuss the recently pulled bill, AB 2972, Anti-Profiling, because of lack of votes by Assembly members. I will also explain, using PAC notes from the May Board meeting, the legislative issues important to all in Local 1.

I will also explain the necessity to dig into our treasury to help pay for the lobbyists fund. Information from our MRF liaison, Keith Johnston, about his visit to DC in May will be talked about. I will encourage the membership again to respond to the call to attend ABATE events.

We are selling membership raffle funding tickets and I will have some to sell. We will do our 50/50 raffle, which helps cover our commitments to the state office.

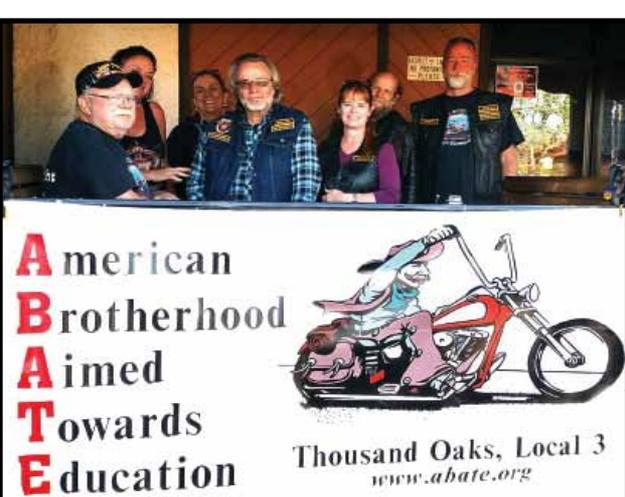
After I have finished running my mouth, I will turn the meeting over to Glen C for a membership report and VP Jim Nickla for his analysis.

We are going to try to come up with ways to help get more dollars to the state funds. If our member, Shelia Lindsey, comes to the meeting, she is going to explain how the Glendale HOG Chapter did a dinner fund raiser.

With all that said, we will have a delightful breakfast from the cooks at the Elks Lodge.

Regards, Sporty Milligan, President ABATE Local 1

## Local #03/13 Thousand Oaks/Ventura



Our Local 3/13 continues to grow and evolve. We've been riding 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!

Members of our Local 3/13 are working with other motorcycle riders to further promote and sponsor motorcycle riding rights, while enjoying rides and events with our ABATE family and friends. 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!

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. The comradery and the interest in our mission is contagious!

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

Mark your calendars for our upcoming 10th Annual Trivia Run – Sunday, the 21st of October. It promises to be another fun event with great riding, fun stops and prizes at the after party!

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 third Sunday.

Come join us to for any or all of these events and bring your friends. Check us out on Facebook at [www.Facebook/ABATE313](http://www.Facebook/ABATE313) to follow our events and issues. It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups & organizations! Ride Free! Here's to a fun and effective year!

Kathlean "Mama Bear", Scribe & P.R., Local 3/13

## Local #08 Orange County



Howdy all from Local 8! Let's start with some anti-profiling fun, Local 8 participated in a bike night in late May at MOTO UNTD in La Habra where we were able to meet with many sport bike riders, most of whom had never heard of ABATE. We had the pleasure of having the La Habra Police Department as our neighbors in the next booth as we promoted the anti-profiling bill. There were wisecracks aplenty, but all was taken in good humor and everyone had a great time.

We would like to remind everyone that Local 8 will have a booth at the So-Cal Cycle swap meet on July 29<sup>th</sup>. The Swap Meet is held at Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St., Long Beach, CA 90808 and the hours are 7:00 am to 1:00 pm.

As we mentioned last month, like every other year, we are asking for donations from anyone who has cycle related items they no longer want. But in a new twist, we will attempt to pick up anything that is donated in the Southern California area. Please call Steve at 562-298-6236. We have already received some generous donations and are looking for more. Thanks to all!

We held our monthly meeting on Monday and received a \$100 donation for the Lobbyist fund, we sold all our Membership raffle tickets, and Bill won the opportunity draw.

Enough for biz. Local 8 took some time off for fun this month when a bunch of us got together for Harley Night #1 at Costa Mesa Speedway. There were plenty of vendors, the food and drink were great, and the racing was excellent.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm, at the American Legion Hall in Buena Park. The focus will be new member strategy. Come

join us!  
Steve

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



Greetings from Local 17! July 21<sup>st</sup> will be our Summer Bingo run starting at Vacaville Buckhorn BBQ at 9 am for sign-in and 10 am for first game. We will have 5 stops with a game at each stop where a prize will be won. 5 bucks per bingo card and if you join ABATE the day of the event you get a free card at each stop. We will end at Green River Taproom in Winters.

Mark your calendars for August 25<sup>th</sup> for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Sarah Renee Phillips Memorial Scholarship run. See flyer this issue.

It is the volunteers that keep us going. We still desperately need a Raffle Coordinator and a Run/Event Coordinator, so please come to a meeting on the third Sunday at Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon, 10 am, to volunteer.

Always check [ABATE17.org](http://ABATE17.org), [ABATE.org](http://ABATE.org) and now through Twitter [@ABATECalifornia](https://twitter.com/ABATECalifornia), Instagram [@abatecalifornia](https://www.instagram.com/abatecalifornia) and of course Facebook.

Ride Safe and Free and I will see you around the next corner.

## Local #20 Orange County



Gill said the cops are playing games in the beach cities. Laguna has a history on stock pipes. If you feel you were pulled over for something wrong and proven wrong, file a complaint with that city police dept. It stays on their record and follows them throughout their career. A favorite is "changed lanes without a signal".

Spike and Gill attended the Travis Allen event at Cook's Corner. Boycott Neptune's Net re charging \$2 bike parking.

Doreen had an excellent suggestion to get letters from the charity, Pauline from TK, AL#295, AVAG and other organizations we have worked with. The letters (to include flyers, pictures, etc.) kept in a 3-ring binder just adds to our charitable causes that we do for different communities.

Spike discussed AB 2972 (Profiling). It was pulled at the last minute; however, meetings are still in negotiation with the politicians. No to Ethanol 15%. It will damage your engine and those with extended warranties, make it null and void. No to self-driving cars. It doesn't take into consideration motorcycles and bicycles too. It is a dangerous safety hazard.

We are hosting the 19<sup>th</sup> July Board of Directors meeting. 25 members and 4 guest were in attendance. Alan Thompson lost the \$46.

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**Local #25 Sacramento**

Lil' David called the meeting to order and passed out business card refrigerator magnets. There were 5 members attending and no guests.

We were updated on our checking account balance. Even though our PAC representative was not at the meeting, it was noted that he and his wife recently attended a local bike night and passed out flyers about the anti-profiling bill. Kudos to Gary and Teresa Haller

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

David Smart

**Local #38 Imperial Valley**

Hello ABATE members! It's starting to warm up around here - can you say triple digits! From our Cinco de Mayo run's Ice Chest raffle we were able to send a very good amount to the Lobbyist fund. We also sold our allotment of membership raffle tickets, so we sent a check for those, too, and the ticket stubs.

I sent out an email to the local bike groups and individuals that ride to see if anyone wanted to do a breakfast ride to Golden Acorn Casino on Memorial Day. Six bikes showed up by the start time of 7 am. 10 people in all. We had Blue Knights, one from Soldiers for Christ, a few solo riders, and ABATE members. It was a nice ride although it got a little cold at the top of the hill. Once we were at the casino, coffee warmed us up. Food was good and the service was excellent. We were back in the valley by 11 am.

We decided that for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July we would ride to Janet's Montana Cafe in Alpine. We will meet at the Chevron gas station in El Centro on Imperial Ave at 7 am. Everyone is welcome.

Ride safe and try to stay cool!

Bye, Ed Aranda, President ABATE Local 38

**ABATE Events for 2018**

You can also go to our website [www.abate.org](http://www.abate.org) and Events Calendar to download available flyers.

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**October 6** – ABATE Local 17 – Memorial Run & Fall Bingo Fun Run

**October 6** – ABATE Local 24 – End of Summer Run

**October 20** – ABATE Board of Directors meeting - Piccadilly Inn, Fresno

**October 21** – ABATE 3/13 – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Trivia Run

**November** – ABATE Local 38 - 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Turkey Run

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**November 11** – 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Totally Kids "One From The Heart" Run

**December 1** – ABATE Local 17 – Holiday Party

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**December 2** – ABATE Local 17 – Toy Run

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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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# BIKERS INSIDE THE BELTWAY

by **Keith Johnson,**  
**MRF Liaison**



er, Julia Brownley, Steven Knight, Adam Schiff, Ted Lieu, Jeff Denham and Karen Bass.



And last, but certainly not least, just days after our plea for better consumer education on ethanol and relief for motorcycles, H.R.5855 was introduced - The Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act, which would expand consumer awareness on how to safely use fuel containing more than 10 percent ethanol including improved labeling, fuel pump safeguards, and education outreach.



The 10th Annual Michael “Boz” Kerr “Bikers Inside the Beltway” has passed and California has been well represented again. Riders from across the nation met up on Monday evening, May 14<sup>th</sup>, to prepare for the trip to Capitol Hill the next day to speak with our legislators about concerns of the motorcycling community. The four big hitters this year were: Profiling of Motorcyclists, Ethanol in the fuel supply, Autonomous vehicles (now being referred to as “Highly Automated Vehicles”) and the RPM Act. The next morning at 7:15 those who rode to Washington DC met up at the hotel where many of the participants had stayed and got in line for the ride to DC. Once again, the city had a section of 3rd Street, right in front of the Capitol, blocked off for all of the riders to park.

After exchanging good mornings and stashing the rain gear, we all headed up to Capitol Hill to meet with our Representatives and Senators. We managed to hit the offices of Dianne Feinstein, Nancy Pelosi, Grace Napolitano, Duncan Hunt-

In all cases we talked with Legal Counsel or Legislative staff. It is almost impossible to actually sit down with the actual Congress person. We were armed with a packet of information stating our concerns, backed with facts, figures and statistics to reinforce our cases. Many of the people we talked to were quite interested in what we had to say and took copious notes. Some asking for further information or a follow up meeting. There is always that office though, that as you are walking out the door you think you can hear that packet of information hitting the trash can. We only felt that way about one. I’ll let you all guess who that was!

So, the obvious question is “Did we do any good”? Glad you asked! Since the day of the event the results of our efforts have been pouring in. Within days the co-sponsors of the motorcycle profiling resolutions increased by 14% and that number continues to grow. The RPM Act added co-sponsors from Texas, Arizona and Missouri, bringing the total number of co-sponsors up to 149 in the House.

One more note from around the industry: Ford has recently received a patent for a system involving cameras and various other sensors to identify and even intervene in its cars driver assist features to identify motorcyclists. Specifically geared towards lane splitting, the system would issue a warning to drivers and initiate automatic braking if a motorcycle is detected near the car. Ford doesn’t think it will take long to implement as the technology can now begin to appear throughout the automaker’s fleets, even to entry-level cars. I.E. you don’t have to be rich just to avoid hitting a biker. A pat on the back for Ford.

Ride Safe and keep pushing those legislators!

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**Rest In Peace, May they ride Forever Free.**

## Developing Personal Political Relationships

by **Nick Benson Sr., Assistant Legislative Director**

Hello everyone! As I pondered our recent decision to drop our anti-profiling bill (AB 2972) and what our next steps will be, a thought came to mind that I should share with you what I did the weekend before the primaries!

Thursday of the prior week Gill Mellen told me about his and Spike's attempted conversation with Travis Allen at Cook's Corner. Allen was evasive and never really answered why he voted against us, risking losing the biker community's vote. What was really interesting to me was Gill's mention of a Lt Governor Candidate - David Hernandez! David was very happy to speak to Gill and Spike and very direct in his answers. Gill assured me that David Hernandez was a good guy. I was glad to hear that because I had already put out my personal voter guide and I had endorsed him based upon my research.

But I wanted to take it a step further and talk to David myself. I called his number from his website and 15 minutes later he called me back. After talking for a few minutes and offering my assistance to him, he asked me if I would like him to come to Barstow and we could meet! I said "Sure, but how about if I put a group of people together so your trip is not wasted". He told me it would not be wasted, but if I wanted to bring more people I could. I told him that the election was only four days away and he must be busy and was he sure that he wanted to make the trip. He said he was busy, but he wanted to make the trip!

I contacted a friend of mine who owns a restaurant and asked him if he could have a meeting room ready on my 48 hours' notice! He said he would make it happen. Then I contacted a few friends who each contacted a lot of friends and on 48 hours' notice we had candidate Lt Governor David Hernandez speaking in Barstow in front of about 20 to 25 people! David took the liberty of bringing with him Benito "Bennie" Bernal who is running for Congressional District 29, Mission Hills, and Bennie's girlfriend.

Now let me summarize where all this is leading too: Attached are two photos of the meeting I put together with California Lt Governor Candidate David Hernandez on just 48 hours' notice. By doing this, the "worst" that could happen is David loses the race and I have a new friend from the San Fernando Valley who will remember me and my friend's restaurant. And I also got to have a great dinner with many of

my friends!

The cost of all this was a couple of hundred dollars as I picked up the tab for our guests and some of the members of my family and I made a donation to David. But, that cost was self-induced. You do not have to pick up their tab or make a donation just to hear them speak. You too can put something like this together for any candidate without any or very little out of pocket cash!

David Hernandez did lose his bid for Lt. Governor, but, he will remember me and ABATE the next time he runs for anything!

David's friend, Benito "Bennie" Bernal, who is running for Congressional District 29, Mission Hills area, and his girlfriend are now new friends! If Bennie wins CD 29, ABATE and the Coalition will have a friend sympathetic to our cause at the Federal level! And he will be representing the Mission Hills area where we have both ABATE members and Coalition members!

In Bennie's district only 13% of the people are registered Republican with 28% being Independent and 54% democrat. ABATE is a non-partisan organization, I only mention the parties involved as a means of showing how tough it can be to get a motorcycle friendly legislator in office.

Bennie came in 2nd and will face Tony Cardenas in the November elections. Cardenas, the Democrat incumbent, got 67% of the vote and second place Bennie Bernal got only 18%. But that 18% was enough to get him to the general election in November. It will now be up to us in ABATE and the Coalition to help Bennie win this race!

ABATE and the Coalition are non-partisan. The purpose of this article is to make the point that, if we are ever to start winning in the biker community in California, we MUST develop personal relationships

with our representatives! I cannot stress strongly enough that personal relationships work! Remember, my Assemblyman Jay Obernolte was the only Republican to vote with us on AB 2972, even after the Republican Caucus advised the members to vote NO!

I attribute Jay's "AYE" vote solely to the fact that I have developed a personal relationship with him over the past 3 years he has been in office. Not a week goes by that I am not contacting him about something and when I am in Sacramento I always stop by his office just to say hi to him and his staff.

Also when in Sacramento I always stop by Senator Jean Fuller's office. She is the Senator from my district. This last visit of mine she was busy and only had a moment to say "Hi". But I took two of her staff members to lunch and we had a great time! Jean Fuller is terming out and going to retire, but one of her staff members will be working with the most likely new Senator - Shannon Grove - whom I have already spoken with on the phone and emailed and have started developing a personal relationship with. That way, as soon as she takes office, she will know me and her staff member, Lindsey, of course already knows me.

It does not matter which party you favor, what DOES matter is that you develop a personal relationship with your representatives! And that is not always easy. There will be representatives that you cannot like, but you still must make sure that they know who are!

We are in a very important election year. NOW is the time to develop those relationships! Work a phone bank, hang some signs, call a candidate and ask how you can help them! They will find a way for you to help and it is never hard work, in fact it is simple and the "worst" that will happen is you make a new friend!

Good luck to you all!



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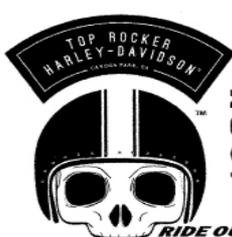


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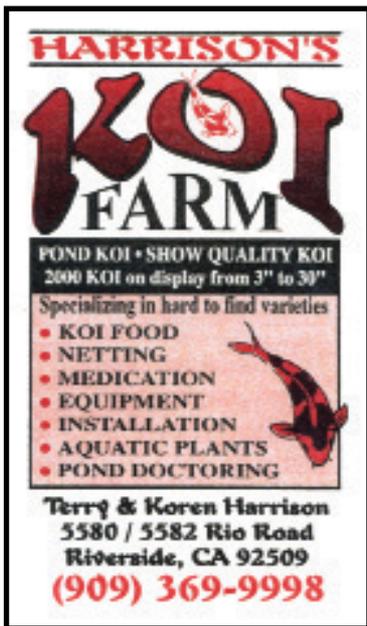
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## NCOM Biker Newsbytes



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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES  
Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish,  
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**NCOM CONVENTION MOBILIZES BIKERS RIGHTS ACTIVISTS IN MOBILE:** The National Coalition of Motorcyclists was founded over three decades ago during the turbulent formation of the bikers' rights movement to foster unity among diverse segments of the motorcycling community in order to advance a more cohesive political agenda. Unity and cooperation were the buzzwords at this year's 33rd annual NCOM Convention in Mobile, Alabama as hundreds of representatives from Motorcyclists Rights Organizations (MROs), clubs and associations from across the country came to listen, learn and share information on a variety of issues important to today's riders.

"While not the largest attendance at an NCOM Convention, those who were there had a good time and the Convention was a success," notes Convention Committee Chairman David "Animal" Reid, who says "Attendees at the various seminars and presentations were attentive, asked pertinent questions and left with current information on a wide range of subjects and issues."

Among the many meetings, seminars and breakout sessions conducted throughout Mother's Day Weekend, May 10-13, 2018 at the Renaissance – Riverview Plaza Hotel, were seminars on civil rights, profiling, RICO, veterans affairs, motorcycle insurance, and featured a Mock Legislative Session presented by the NCOM Legislative Task Force. "The Mock Committee Hearing went over very well," says NCOM-LTF Chairman Frank Ernst, adding that "Those in attendance gave our committee much positive feedback and they appreciated the information provided by the LTF," including a new "Biker's Guide to Making Law" free informational brochure on how to impact the legislative process.

Spreading some good news finally, after more than three years in litigation, A.I.M. Attorney Bill Smith of Texas gave an update on the deadly Waco shootings and reported that most of the nearly two hundred bikers arrested and charged under RICO with murder have now had their cases dismissed, including longtime bikers rights activist Paul Landers, former NCOM-LTF

Chairman who had to resign due to the miscarriage of justice that cost many innocent Freedom Fighters their jobs, homes, relationships and even children taken from them.

During the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, several honorees were recognized for their contributions to "Improving The Image of Motorcycling", including; GOVERNMENT: New Hampshire State Rep. Charlie St. Clair, Executive Director of Laconia Motorcycle Week; MEDIA: Vernon & Melanie Schwarte of Thunder Roads Magazine - Iowa; LEGAL: Michael DeKruif, AIM Attorney—California; ENTERTAINMENT: Stunt Rider Bubba Blackwell; and NCOM's highest honor, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award, was presented to Charlie Boone of CBA/ABATE of North Carolina, member of the NCOM Board of Directors.

Next year's 34th Annual NCOM Convention will be held May 9-12, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Orlando, Florida. For further information, contact NCOM at (800) ON-A-BIKE or visit [www.ON-A-BIKE.com](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com).

**TWIN PEAKS CASES UNRAVEL:** Three years ago on May 17, 2015, the bodies of nine dead bikers lay in the parking lot of the Twin Peaks restaurant in the infamous Waco shootout as the District Attorney had police round up and arrest everyone there to attend a Confederation of Clubs meeting.

Many of the nearly two hundred bikers arrested that night would spend the next several weeks jailed on million-dollar bonds. It was a risky legal strategy, one that had never been tried on this scale: Throw a wide net around a complicated crime scene and charge everybody involved with engaging in organized criminal activity.

Now, with the 3rd anniversary of the cases upon us, the failure of that audacious strategy has become clear as prosecutors dismiss most of the cases, the district attorney lost re-election by a landslide, and 130 bikers line up to sue over civil rights violations. The only case that has gone to trial ended in a hung jury and mistrial in November.

"In the last three years, the 192 bikers arrested in the Twin Peaks shootout have lived under a cloud," reports the Waco Tribune. "Some have languished in jail, lost jobs, lost vehicles or lost spouses. In some cases, ex-wives used their arrests to seek modifications in child custody or visitation orders. Most were under strict bond conditions that restricted their travel and freedom to associate with their friends."

The Twin Peaks debacle may also have ended a promising political career for D.A. Abel Reyna, who suffered an overwhelming defeat in the March primary in which his opponent accused him of corruption and prosecutorial overreach. Since the electoral loss, Reyna's office has dismissed 124 cases en masse, and has re-indicted 24 remaining defendants on a variety of charges including riot, murder and tampering with evidence, superseding the original organized crime charges.

"Meanwhile, the raft of civil lawsuits stemming from the Twin Peaks cases leaves the city and county in potential financial jeopardy," according to the Waco newspaper, noting that the massive volume of cases had put a severe strain on court operations and on county resources already.

**CALIFORNIA MOTORCYCLE CLUB CLAIMS PROFILING AND POLICE HARASSMENT:** A video posted recently on YouTube shows members of the Jus Brothers Motorcycle Club "doing nothing wrong" when a

Sonora, CA police sergeant started harassing them and photographed the license plates on their parked motorcycles. "They say police unlawfully profiled the club members as a motorcycle gang," reported the Modesto Bee newspaper.

Jus Brothers members from its Mother Lode and Stanislaus County chapters were waiting for a club event to begin at the nearby Intake Grill restaurant and sports bar, a monthly meeting geared toward sharing information about motorcycle legislation and is open to the public.

"We get this kind of hassle from Sonora PD all the time," a member told The Bee. "I think they're just trying to keep us out of downtown. They come around taking pictures of our bikes, nitpicking to see what they can find."

Club members in the video ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZN4fDjL17M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZN4fDjL17M)) tell the sergeant that they plan on posting the video online with the department's phone number, so callers can tell officials what they think of it: "That way America can see what it's like to live in a police state!"

Another Jus Brothers member in the video asks the sergeant if police will do the same to the other vehicles parked along the street, and the sergeant seems to indicate they're only doing this to "out-law motorcycle gangs."

The Sonora Police Department has responded to the allegations of profiling local bikers; "The police sergeant in the video was simply engaging in intelligence gathering on a public street," according to the official police news release.

In the video, the Jus Brothers members tell the police sergeant about Assembly Bill 2972, a bill to prohibit peace officers from engaging in "motorcycle profiling." If passed, police would not be allowed to consider a person riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle or motorcycle club-related clothing as a factor in enforcement decisions.

**MOTORCYCLE CLUB RETALIATES WITH CYBER ATTACK:** Management at Marion Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba received a harsh dose of virtual reality as they suffered the wrath of the Manitoba Nomads, a chapter of the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club.

According to a news posting on [www.rideapart.com](http://www.rideapart.com), "It all started when members of the Nomads were refused access to the hotel for sporting their colors." Unwilling to let the offense go unpunished, the chapter President invited his people to boycott the establishment. The members joined forces and on March 27 targeted their Facebook page by submitting a tsunami of one-star reviews. This lowered the hotel's otherwise respectable rating of 4.5 to a mediocre 3 overnight, forcing the hotel to take down its page.

"Hell hath no fury like a biker gang scorned, and the gang proceeded to do the same with the hotel restaurant's page," even turning to the Marion Street Eatery's TripAdvisor page.

Previously, the club expressed disagreement with what they considered discrimination against bikers by targeting Headingly Sport Ltd./Indian Motorcycle Winnipeg for forbidding colors from a riding event. "Once the shop withdrew from the event, the perpetrators were asked to modify their ratings, which they did."

**A ROAD TO ZERO MOTORCYCLES:** A recently released National Safety Council report entitled "A Road to Zero" is the federal government's vision for achieving zero roadway deaths by 2050, but it fails to identify any significant

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procedures to reduce motorcycle fatalities except for helmet laws and hi-tech.

Despite input from motorcycle organizations, the NSC relies heavily on automotive technologies such as driver assistance systems and autonomous vehicles to pave the way to a safer future, ignoring such rider safety issues as motorcycle awareness, rider training, impairment, distracted driving and proactive measures to prevent car-versus-motorcycle collisions.

The report also endorses using insurance to price some high risk operators and vehicles off the road, opening the door to allow insurance companies to effectively achieve zero motorcycles.

**ZERO EMISSIONS, ZERO DEATHS, ZERO TOLERANCE:** Bandit and his Bikernet Crew at [www.Bikernet.com](http://www.Bikernet.com) posted on their blog about a California Air Resources Board meeting regarding new rule making for motorcycles. Every manufacturer of motorcycles was there, as CARB talked about embracing all aspects of the market before making their recommendations in 2020... that's the good news.

"They discussed anti-tampering, competition with the EU and Zero emissions," writes Bandit. "They talked about moving California to zero emissions by rebates on electric bikes, and they want California riders to be riding 5 million electric bikes by 2025 by executive order from the nice California Governor."

Bandit et al go on to state their case: "Two points: One is that word Zero again. They use that word in two other regulatory segments, Zero deaths on the highways and Zero tolerance when it comes to drunk driving or drugs. Zero sounds good from one side of the coin, but the other is ultimate control or Zero Freedom.

The other point I hope to make is that motorcycles represent such a small number in the emissions mix we should be left alone. One of the ad-

ministrators mentioned two areas of emissions they walked away from and I hope to help make motorcycles a third or at least the aftermarket motorcycle industry."

**MILLENNIALS' STUDENT LOAN DEBT HURTS MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY:** Student loan debt has been hindering millennials for years; now it's causing harm to the motorcycle industry, according to [MarketWatch.com](http://MarketWatch.com), which further states the motorcycle industry has been increasingly struggling due to millennials' disinterest in purchasing motorcycles in light of financial burdens.

Young millennials and Gen-Z/Millennials, born between 1990 and 2003 respectively, are two-thirds as likely to be interested in motorcycles as baby boomers during their pre-family stage, Bernstein financial advisers say. Yet, even an interest in motorcycles may not be enough to keep the industry alive, as "The average millennial has almost twice as much student debt today during their 'pre-family' life stage as did the average Gen Xer," according to Bernstein analyst David Beckel. "That may not sound like a large enough increase in debt to sway one

from buying a motorcycle," Beckel said. "But for the individual 20 million millennials with student debt, the difference between \$15,000 and \$26,000 of student debt is \$130/month, which is the equivalent to a monthly loan payment on an \$8,000 bike."

In 1990, 50% of college undergraduates had taken out student loans with an average borrowing of \$15,000. By 2012, up to 70% of undergraduates had taken out student loans with an average borrowing of \$25,000.

The typical new motorcycle will cost around the same as today's average student loan debt, which makes it difficult for young millennials to purchase cars let alone a motorcycle.

Bernstein analysts additionally theorized that rebellion, the characteristic often attributed to motorcycle culture, doesn't appeal to debt-burdened millennials like it used to appeal to older generations, who are aging out as the lead target audience.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "A free society is a place where it's safe to be unpopular." ~ Adlai Stevenson (1900-1965) American lawyer, politician and diplomat

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# Bike Raffle

by Glenn Phillips

Our 2017 Road Glide bike raffle has come to a close at the Hot Rod & Harley Show on June 3rd with 3467 tickets sold. Thanks so much to all the Locals throughout the state that supported these sales and made this raffle possible. The state organization made a nice income from this fundraiser!

Leading tickets sales were Glenn Phillips from Local 17 with 884, Bill McBride from Local 17 with 702 and third place was Sporty from Local 1 with 200.

The winner of the motorcycle was Randal Spence from Vacaville with ticket #4943. Randal and Tammy were just married the day before so they got a very special wedding gift! He took delivery of the bike the following day. The winning ticket was pulled by an innocent young man by the name of "Angel" with no affiliation to us as many of the attendees in the crowd that day had purchased tickets.

Thanks to Steve Howe from Local 8 for paying for Randal and Tammy's first year membership to ABATE!



# Bike & Hot Rod Show

by Glenn Phillips

Our 24th Annual Ride-In Bike Show and 21st Annual Hot Rod Show was a very busy day for us all at Local 17. It was held at Iron Steed Harley-Davidson in Vacaville. Go to [ABATE17.org](http://ABATE17.org) for all the pictures.

A very special thanks to Bill & Paula McBride, Mike & Jan Landers, Marshall Johnson, Shirley Johnson, Bob Carpenter, Geno Hamrick, Lynda Molina, Sam Fernandez, Dan Fitzgerald, Dave Rush, Gilbert Camou, Margaret Shook, Brian Hamlet, Bob Luna, Mike Southward, Chuck Moore, Gary Hite, Cathy O'Connell, and Dee-Dee Linderer for their volunteered support. It was a long 12 hour day and I am very grateful for the help.

Another huge shout-out goes to Iron Steed Harley-Davidson for the support from Vanessa, Ally, Dave, John and Danielle handling all the vendors and beverage sales and show layout. As always a job well done!

Congratulations to all the trophy winners and to Ricardo Simental for Best In Show Motorcycle and Vincente Mercado Best In Show Hot Rod. Thanks to our over 100 entries and we will see ya next year!



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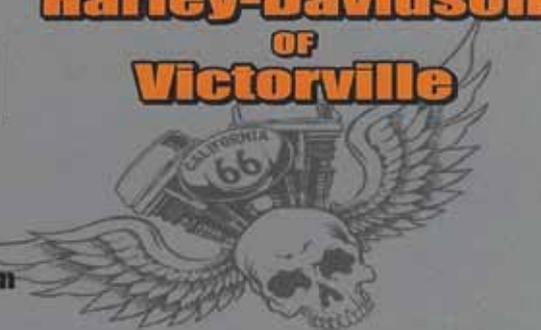
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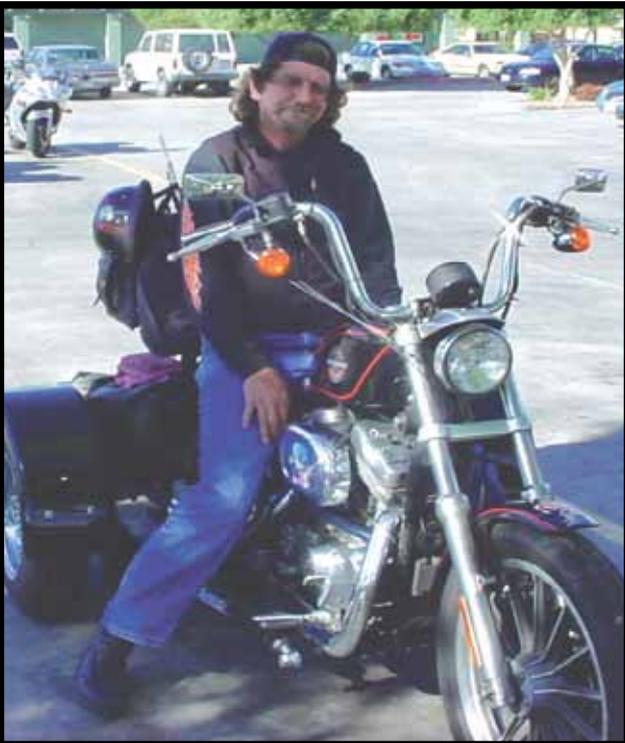
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## Sporty's Rides



### by Sporty Milligan

Ok all, here it is again, your monthly read of the escapades of Sporty Milligan. I will start by saying I was really disappointed that we had to pull the Anti -Profiling bill, AB-2972, because it was determined that we would not have the necessary votes to get this bill out of the Assembly floor. That in itself is a shame because I worked hard on getting the requests to make calls to the 29 Assembly members that didn't vote on this bill April 19 when it hit the Assembly floor the first time. I am also disappointed that law enforcement will be able to stop us at will just because we're wearing motorcycle attire.

Finally I am going to go out on a limb and say that we didn't get much support from the bikers that this bill matters to or we would not have pulled the bill. In my request to my members and fellow riders I asked that they make calls, write letters and emails or send faxes. I will have to see what comes next on this issue.

On a positive note, Josh Newman was recalled and we're making head way to repeal that Gas Tax, AB-1. I don't like paying over \$4 a gallon for premium. Yes, it really irks the crap out of me. So I will see how this plays out. I believe that the government can find ways to fix the roads without a high price for gas at the pump. Such as get rid of the bullet train and use that money for fixing the roads.

Ok folks I have spent the first part of this column venting on political issues so now comes the fun part. May 17<sup>th</sup> was the second bike night at Top Rocker HD. There was one downer of the evening - when I arrived I saw Local 1's VP, Jim Nickla, and he was wearing shorts and had scrapes on his body. Apparently he was left turned into riding his 2002 HD Duce home from a doctor's appointment earlier in the day. He doesn't have any broken bones, just road rash. The bike was taken to the HD shop for repairs via the bike insurance.

I had tickets to sell for the bike raffle. I got lucky and sold 13 tickets! I even got the new Top Rocker President, Dennis Zine, to buy a ticket. I also enjoyed a hot link hot dog. In keeping with the fight on the bill I passed out flyers and made requests to make calls to the Assembly members that did not vote for the bill April 19<sup>th</sup>. The music band they had was ok and enjoyable. When I left I felt I had accomplished my goals for the evening.

The ABATE Board of Directors meeting was coming up the on May 19<sup>th</sup>. I had reserved a room at the Piccadilly Airport Inn. I left Friday morning but this time I was going to drop AB-2972 flyers off at Santa Maria HD. So I had a trip wrinkle. This trip I was on my 2002 883/1200 Sporty. Bike is running well. It had 107,000 miles on the odometer when it was rebuilt and they made it a 1200. Well it leaks a bit out of the base gasket, but not enough to justify spending

money to fix it yet.

Gassed up, then keep riding until I needed gas in Santa Barbara. Boy was that a mistake! The Mobile station had premium gas costing \$4.99 per gallon. Yaks! Since I am on my Sporty with the smaller tank, I need to fill up more often than with my other bike, the 2007 1200 L Sporty.

I stopped in a little town past Solvang to eat at Subway. Then rode to Santa Maria to the HD dealer. They were very good about taking the flyers and putting them on their flyer spot on the counter. I told them I was taking Route 166 and they advised me to gas up before I headed out. So gas up I did. It's a nice route but also a long route back to Interstate 5. About half way there I gassed up in a little one horse town called Cuyama. Gas was \$4.15 per gallon. I continued on and finally got to Interstate 5.

The next stop was Bakersfield HD where I dropped off flyers for AB-2972. They seemed a bit hesitant to take the flyers, but did take them. Continued on and stopped at Visalia HD. Did not talk to anyone there, just dropped off the flyers.

We were requested to bring raffle prizes to the Board meeting, so I stopped at Bravo Farms. They use the Berma Shave style of advertising so they have signs that suggest you come to their place of business. That works for me! I stopped there and got some edible stuff to use as raffle prizes. Nifty to say the least.

After much ado I got to the motel. I had a nice meal in the bar and drank bubble water. The next day we had our Board meeting and the turnout was really small. Perhaps that's why we're thinking again of doing online meetings. I have my misgivings about doing them, but I'll wait and see about this. The meeting ended at 3 pm and I got home by 6.30 pm safe and sound.

The next day was to be Local 1's May meeting, but the regular attending members of Local 1 were going to do the Guide Dog run in Sylmar. So previously the meeting had been canceled. I went to help out at my AA group. We are moving to our new hall and there was a request to get people to help do stuff at the new hall. Worked there from 8 am to 1 pm. I did what I could with my leg being as it is.

May 23 was Local 19's meeting and I am their Regional rep so it was a lane splitting ride to Round Table pizza in Ontario. Their meeting for the Christmas toy run starts at 6.30, and then the regular meeting after that. This usually lasts about one and a half hours. My input to the meeting was to inform them of Board meeting issues and the bill AB-2972, Anti-Profiling. Because of the length of the ride, I usually stop at the 76 station off the Lake exit of the 210 fwy for a cup of decaf. So I am usually home by 10 pm.

I made plans to go to Vacaville to be at the Hot Rod and Harley's event at the Iron Steed HD dealership. The drawing for the 2017 Road Glide standard would be held at this event. First I going to stop at my brother's house in Atascadero on Friday then ride up to Vacaville on Saturday so I could be at the event on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I had planned to ride my 2007 1200L Sporty, but when I did an oil change the day before I discovered that there was an oil leak. I called the dealer and made an appointment for the following Tuesday. So I had to ride my 2002 883/1200 Sporty.

The first leg of the trip was north on the 118 fwy to the 23 fwy to the 101 fwy. When I got to Santa Maria I stopped at the dealership and had to ask for the flyers back because a few days before we had pulled the bill AB-2972. (See the first part of this column for details). He seemed a little disappointed, but it is what it is. I got to my brother's house and waited for his wife to come home. She arrived and we played catch up conversation. Jim showed up and we had dinner. We watched the Three Stooges. They got rid of their cable TV and use YouTube hooking the TV up to their computer. Nice fun.

The next day I did a 45 minute walk around the area in the morning and had breakfast, made by my brother Jim. He left to go to work at a grocery store not far from his house. I got directions on

how to get to Vacaville from Atascadero. I took the route that went 46 to 41 then turned on Interstate 5 at Cattlemen. What was neat was the fact I had a thermos type container to keep my decaf coffee warm. That helped when I needed a break. I took several at the rest stops along Interstate 5. Took a dinner break at 4 pm in Lodi at what I thought was a Taco Bell. It turned out to be a new Mexican restaurant. I ate there for \$15 and took part of the burrito with me to eat later. Yummy.

Well after the twist and turns road I finally arrived in Vacaville at the Motel 6 about a mile from the dealership. Total for the 2 day stay was \$163. Sunday morning I went for a morning walk for about 45 minutes and stopped at an Arco station for decaf coffee. When I arrived at the dealership the Local 17 booth was set up and the bike was there for all to see and they were selling more tickets.

Glen and his Local 17 crew did a hell of a job selling tickets the day of the event. I helped a little bit by standing by the bike getting folks to buy tickets. This went on until 3 pm when the winner was announced - see Glenn's article in this issue. This is a pretty big event and Local 17 does a good job doing their part to make stuff happen. I said my good-byes and went back to my motel room. Glen thanked me for coming to the event with a nod of his head when I left.

The next day I got a thermos full of decaf coffee for the ride home. I took Route 80 to east of Sacramento then took Route 99 home. I left at 7 am and when it was all said and done got to my house at 6.30. I was in time to go to the AA meeting at our new hall, which will be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The final leg of this month's trek was on June 10<sup>th</sup> I went to the Glendale HOG Chapter meeting. Their meeting is at the Burbank Elks Lodge. They serve a nice breakfast at a reasonable cost. I go there at times so I can report to the group on the political stuff. The day before I went to the dealership to try sell membership raffle tickets, they had a booth where they were selling hot dogs. I sold 10 tickets there. Ok, now back to the HOG meeting. At the meeting I sold five tickets and I got one of the members to renew his ABATE membership early. That was nice.

When the meeting was over I rode in the group to Bartel's for their chili cook-off. This was the first time I had ridden with the group in formation. We were told that parking would be on our own. I saw a spot so I broke away from the group and parked. It was packed. I ran into the Messengers of Recovery Valley Chapter and one of their members bought membership raffle tickets. I also ran into Shawn Mahoney from Russ Brown's office and he bought raffle tickets as well. I sold about 10 membership raffle tickets at Bartel's. I have only about 26 tickets left to sell before the end of June.

I sampled the fine chilies, had two frozen chocolate drinks and got turned on to some riding glasses, which I am going to check into further.

Well this will end Sporty's Rides for this month. Keep the rubber side down, attend ABATE events and sign-up new members.

Your ABATE scribe, Sporty Milligan





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# Motorcycle Safety Report

by **Norm e. Newiger,**  
**Safety Officer**

## It's Time

There is a lot to think about, then there is riding to escape that thought process. When you're riding you have to think about your destination and what it takes to get there unscathed. In past articles I've written about autonomous cars and our advancement in high technology for autos and I'm thinking, dump that idea, toss it into the garbage can, get the frikken cars off the road, period. And you say, Norm, are you on your meds? I say get the cars and whatever kind of transportation, i.e. buses, taxis etc off the roads, put them all in the air!

I think too many people are depending on what's the latest trend and it kills the thought process of everyone. If you oppose the new stuff you're either an outsider or an old fart! We need to figure out how to be like the Jetson's - you know them flying cars. Everybody was always smiling and no traffic jams, to me that means no stress!

Our technology needs a shift in leadership and risk. We are bent on safety as a nation and that's a great thing, but we also need to address the billions of dollars of new roads or widening of freeways and repair everywhere from Seattle to Maine, up, down, left and right. This is an unpopular thought for some, but the way I see it is it makes riding much safer and if you can go from point A to point B in a straight line you'd like it too much. So, there is common ground as I see it, not all the cars have to go, it's like anything in life in the USA, you will agree to change, and the rich will always get first Dibbs, as usual.

Just think about maybe 30% - 50% of vehicles off the roads, to include them darn delivery vehicles roaming our residential streets, and dare I say, we would be able to ride the 405-freeway doing the actual speed limit at rush hour. I know I'm tripping but I think about those giant industries of the auto world and the small bug industry that that's what anyone would be going against, smells very intimidating.

So as I was driving and running errands I hit a big pothole, it sounds so big in my car and I freaked out because I wasn't paying attention. Then down the road I came into a T-intersection and as I approached it I noticed four cars ready to turn all with turn signals on each in a different lane. I was in a 45 mph zone and had the right of way, but, my defensive instincts kicked in (as if I was riding) because that was a lot of information to process within seconds. It was the perfect setup for an accident, but I made myself visible and slowed down while going thru the intersection. All within that time I had seen the eyes of all the vehicles and noticed they



were looking at me. As I passed the intersection I thought about what if I was riding, would they have noticed me? Last month I had written about life in the intersections and that moment last week opened my eyes as if I was riding, true story!

I hate potholes and really crappy roads, my softail doesn't care about my back and I really care for my softail! Most freeway overpasses are a smooth transition, but I always find the ones that aren't. It took me a while to figure out how to lessen the stab I get while riding over these, and they come in pairs, mind you. My softail has floor boards and I just lift up my butt a little while hitting that bump, twice! If you have a sensitive back (like who doesn't) you'll remember them.

So, I was riding earlier this month and noticed the debris along the roads of life. The spring we had this year really sprung! There is a lot of nature debris everywhere even in the air in micro form. Up in the mountains it is much more prevalent as nature is more aggressive with less deforesting and land rape. I noticed how thick the air was with micro contaminates that I was breathing. After stopping to put on my bank robbing face attire I continued and after I got to the cities of smog I felt refreshed and removed my face attire. I love breathing traffic pollution. I've been doing it since the early, early sixties, you know, no rules and steel bumpers! It sounds a little crazy but that's the life of us oldies. After getting home though, it was a different story. What my lungs had digested was now being launched out of my nose and mouth, watery eyes etc. Time for the inhaler and any kind of decongestant. I also realized that age has also heightened all my senses and made me more receptive to what I inhale.

I have done a special one-person report on tire pressure and how it changes how your bike rides. This was done at my home and on the local streets. You may attempt this at your own home! Believe me, I did this to promote safety and what's great about air? It's free!

I had three different tire pressures set. The lowest at 10 pounds of air. Just looking at the tire, it looked normal as far as when properly filled to the required tire pressure. I took it

out from my garage onto my driveway while the bike was running. It was worse than driving a 55 Buick with no power steering! The bike was heavy and sluggish, but maneuverable. As I rode around in my neighborhood I had to fight to keep the bike straight and I had to power out of turns because the bike was tipping towards the direction I was turning. Looking at the tire, it looked normal but questionable. The second time I put the tire pressure at 20 pounds and took off. The feel was better and the maneuverability was better, but I knew it was off just by the way I know my bike. I took my bike on the 118 freeway and cruised down the mountain doing 70+. There are several miles of downhill S-turns and as I sped up I could feel the bike fighting me and as I was leaning, there was a slight rear wobble that went away as I reduced my speed (I was crying!). All of a sudden I could remember this happening before, I just didn't figure it out at the time.

When this happens it's a buzz kill that takes the joy out of hitting them sloping S turns. Back home again and I fill the tires to the proper tire pressure and take a picture of it. Then I compared the three pictures of my tire and you couldn't tell which one was the right one, the tires were just common looking.

I hit the sweet spot of tire performance just by having the proper air pressure. This is why I always promote tire pressure. As I did the same run as the 20-psi run I was way more confident and pushed the speed to - well I won't say so as not to incriminate myself, and hitting the sloping curves while leaning was a great feeling. This is what it's all about, enjoying your bike the way it should be, pushing it to your limits and nobody else's. I had to loop it back at the bottom of the mountain pass and went up the mountain roads of Santa Susanna hills to the top and then down the freeway again. My bike was smooth and felt light, just the way I like it.

I noticed that it's time! Time to enjoy riding for the next five months or always. It doesn't matter, just ride and ride safe. Taking care of your bike is the safest thing you can do for yourself and your bike. Checking your tire pressure and adjusting the pressure is practically free and only takes minutes and that really means a lot for performance.

The tire manufacturers put the tire pressure info on all of their tires for your safety. They also say that proper tire pressure leads to proper wear and better handling and, if it really matters, they say you get better gas mileage as well. I dismiss the better gas mileage because I love to do burn outs!

If you feel something is amiss with your bike while riding, check the tire pressure first! Then hope that that's the problem, because air is free! If not, break out the check book.

It's time to enjoy this riding season, stay safe and ride free!

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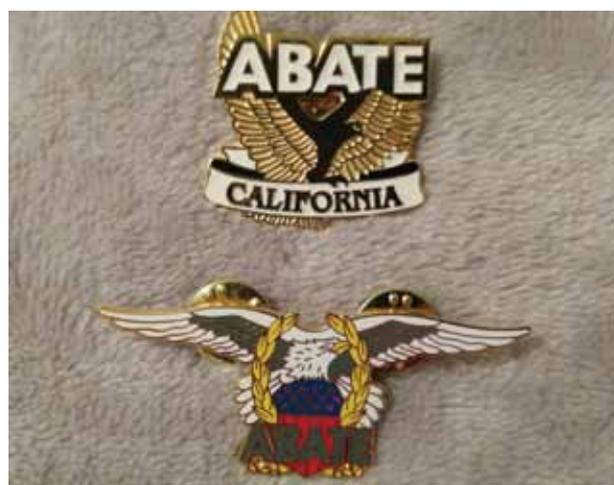
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**July 14, 2018**

Hosted by ABATE Local 20

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**ABATE Meeting Schedule**

**Presidents/Officers/ABATE Members 9:00 am – 10:00 am**

**ABATE PAC Meeting: 10:15 am – 11:45 am**

**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch**

**ABATE Board Meeting: 1:00 pm – conclusion of business**

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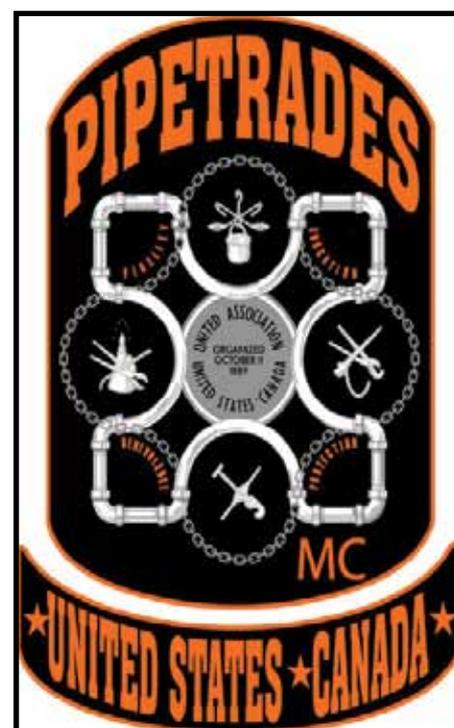


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Please join ABATE of California in our quest to repeal this poorly written legislation and help us restore the rights of side-by-side owners statewide who use these vehicles for safe and responsible family off-road recreation.

Your annual membership will help us retain a full time lobbyist to watch out for future negative off-road legislation. With everyone's help, we can beat these laws, without your help, we could lose all of our off-road freedoms. Join us now!

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