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### Lobbyist's Report

by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

It's **HOT** in Sacramento! Prior to air conditioning in the Old Capitol Building, the Legislature once held the first year of a 2-year session for only 4 months (Yes, to April) to pass a Budget. They were in the final year only until June to pass general laws, and then they adjourned!

Yes, the good old days of NO air conditioning! Now, with the advent of a cooler air working environment, they don't leave town until August 30, so they can go home to campaign for re-election in the November 3rd General Election.

We will have the June Primary Election results posted on the ABATE website soon after the election, and I will also report on it in my July Bailing Wire article as well. Don't forget to attend the July 26th Board and Legislative/PAC meetings in Fresno! At that meeting, we will be deciding on which legislative and statewide candidates to endorse for the November General Election based on who won their Primary race.

The Assembly has a New Speaker — Democrat Toni Atkins from San Diego and she is Very Motorcyclist Friendly! We wish her well as she is the 69th Speaker of the Assembly. A historical first, because with Assemblywoman Connie Conway as the Republican minority leader, it is the first time that both leaders of the Assembly are females, which was pointed out during her swearing-in ceremony.

**WE WERE FINALLY SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING AB 1835 FOR SIDE BY SIDE'S OUT OF A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. AB 1835** by Assemblywoman Kristen Olsen (R-Modesto) exempts operators and passengers of Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles (ROHVs) who are 18 years of age or older from the requirement to wear a helmet. AB 1595 by Assemblyman Paul Cook (R-Yucaipa) was signed into law in 2010, before ABATE had an Off-Road Division, and required all Side by Side off road riders to wear helmets.

This year, AB 1835, **SPONSORED BY ABATE (off road division)**, is on the Assembly floor waiting for a vote as I write this article. My sincere thanks



to **ALL** the ABATE members who wrote letters and made telephone calls to the Members of the Assembly Transportation Committee in support of AB 1835. **IT PAID OFF!** And thanks to Assembly Transportation Committee members for their aye votes: Katcho Achadjian (R-San Luis Obispo), Eric Linder (R-Corona), Jim Patterson (R-Fresno), Dan Logue (R-Chico), Marie Waldron (R-Escondido), Mike Gatto (D-Silverlake), Tom Daly (D-Anaheim), Sharon Quirk-Silva (D-Fullerton), and for our final 9th Aye vote cast by Chris Holden (D-Pasadena)!

See you all in Fresno on July 26th at the next ABATE Board and Legislative/PAC Meeting and **THANKS** to all Locals and Individuals who contribute to the Lobbyist Fund to keep me fighting for your riding rights!



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# What is ABATE?

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

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

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## Executive Director's Report

by Dave Hastings, Executive Director

I attended the Board of Directors meeting in Fresno on May 3rd and again was disappointed in the participation from our Locals. Local 24 put a lot of work into hosting the meeting and they deserve a round of applause. Everything ran smoothly and we had an excellent venue for the meeting. The only thing missing was you!

Our ABATE Board of Directors meetings are open to our members to allow you to see first hand what is going on and how your elected ABATE representatives are doing their jobs. ABATE continuously monitors and questions some of the actions of our elected politicians and I feel you have the right to monitor us (your Board of Directors) also. But you have to attend the meetings if you really want to see what we do, so be there! Your presence keeps us informed of issues directly affecting you and your Local members and gives us the chance to interact with you and gather new ideas, information, and energy from you. Everyone is important in this organization and some of the best suggestions for improvement have come from our members. My goal is simple. I want to continuously improve ABATE and I need your help to do that. Show up at the next Board of Directors meeting and offer an idea or a helping hand. Either way, we all benefit.

I attended the Southern CA Regional Rally in Victorville on Mother's Day weekend and as usual had a great time. I put in a few volunteer work hours, and more importantly to me, got the opportunity to meet up with a lot of friends from all over our state. The greatest thing was seeing a few people who haven't been around in a long time (you know who you are!) and twisting their arm gently to get them actively involved with ABATE again.

Everyone needs some time off once in a while, but don't forget to come back, even if it's in a "lim-



ited position" with "our" ABATE. Maybe you, like me, have someone you think should be back in our ABATE family. Give them a call and let them know how much they are missed. Open the door and invite them in, we will all benefit from their knowledge, enthusiasm, and proven work ethic.

ABATE always flourishes when we have the correct balance of wisdom, experience, vision, and implementation. Let's try to strike a balance of those factors in 2014 and the years to come will see a new spark ignited in our ABATE. Join me and let's get that ABATE fire burning again. I've got some ideas that may help, how about you? Call me - (760) 947-4700 or e-mail [davesautorpair@aol.com](mailto:davesautorpair@aol.com) - I'm waiting to hear from you. Dave H.

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

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan, Membership Chairman

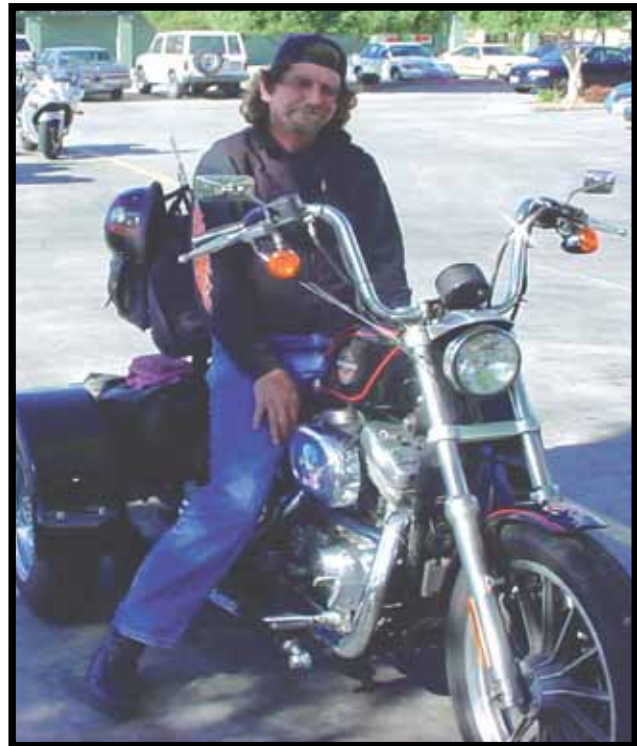
Hi all! I am disappointed that the injury to my leg has taken so much time to heal. I miss being with my members and ABATE Freedom Fighters. With that said I will go on with my report.

First off a BIG welcome from me to ABATE Local 63. I am also pleased to announce that Local 63, under the leadership of President Martin "Kimko" Luckhurst, was the first to send in his sold ticket stubs and money for the Membership raffle which will be drawn at the July Board meeting. Please support our efforts in this project. As a reminder, the tickets sold help to fund the Membership Drive completely. By the way, they are only a dollar per ticket.

When you get new members, you have added another FREEDOM FIGHTER to your Local and your organization. You have to do your best to keep their interest up in ABATE so when his renewal comes around they will sign up for another year. Make them feel welcome by personally greeting and welcoming them when they attend your meetings, send out email reminders of the upcoming monthly meeting; and send them a "trinket" when they renew. A "trinket" would be a couple of tickets for the Membership raffle with a brief note thanking them for signing up for another year with ABATE. The fact that you care, speaks volumes.

For the end of the first quarter: 56 NEW Members have been signed up! We can do better and I would like to see at least 200 new members by December 31.

ABATE Local #01 was asked to the Westside HOG Chapter of Barger Harley Davidson meeting on May 3rd for an opportunity to talk about ABATE and possibly recruit a new business and ABATE members. Their president likes what we are about. Local 1 members Glen



Cheslock, Jim Nickla and Steve B represented ABATE at the HOG meeting. Their president, Nicholas Novosel, signed-up as a member of ABATE – welcome! It does not hurt to be a member of more then just one MRO.


Finally you need to help old Sporty out with ideas about improving the quantity of our membership. How you get members and what your Local does to keep their members. Send ideas to [sportymilligan@yahoo.com](mailto:sportymilligan@yahoo.com)

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ABATE State-wide RAFFLE! ABATE Local 1 has already sold their allotment of 100 tickets. I, your Membership Chairman, have requested approximately 21 more tickets. Don't delay! Do it today!

Regards, Sporty, wearing my Membership Chair hat for this report.

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# May 3, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting Recap

by Dave Hastings

Hi everyone! Here is a short recap of the Board of Directors meeting held in Fresno, CA on May 3, 2014. Remember this is not the "official minutes"; they will be available later from our Board of Directors Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM and we had six Board members in attendance. The five missing Board members had notified us in advance and received an excused absence for this meeting. Eleven of our twenty nine active Locals were represented at the meeting.

The Board of Directors unanimously approved Rusty Russell as our State Insurance Advisor, Mike Probst as our State Webmaster and our Safety Officer Norm Newiger was approved to be added to the CMSP representative list.

This was followed by a "Moment of Silence" for our recently departed ABATE members Robert Baker "Jus' Bob", Michael Decker, Bob Kelly, Gypsu Cantu, and Tom

"Duck" Russo. Again, ABATE has lost some very dedicated individuals. We sent our condolences to their families and friends and hope that they can find comfort in knowing that the names listed above will be dearly missed by many of us too.

Nick Benson is going to see if Milky can set up a 2014 list of departed members in the Bailing Wire. The list would be closed out at the end of the year and a new list started for the following year. Hopefully the list will always be short but it will provide ABATE a public venue to pay respect to our departed members.

Lil' David followed with the Treasurer Report and accepted some substantial donations from Locals 17 and 24 to our dedicated funds. "Thank You" to both Locals for their generous support and dedication to our organization!

Sporty was excused but did send a Membership report

and a request to sell State Raffle and Membership tickets. Hope you're feeling better soon Sporty!

Tina gave an update on the Regional Rally and the State Run and also displayed some new merchandise we have for sale.

Jim Schlachter covered the State Raffle ticket sales and again, the Board of Directors encourages everyone to purchase and help sell tickets for this raffle that directly benefits ABATE. The drawing will be held June 1st. so time is running out and we need your help to ensure a profit.

The next Board of Directors meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 26, 2014 in Fresno so put it on your schedule now and then do your best to attend.

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.



SUPPORTING AB1835

Nick Benson Sr rode to Sacramento and met with Assemblywoman Kristin Olsen before they both spoke at the Assembly Transportation Committee hearing supporting AB1835. Assemblywoman Kristin Olsen wrote AB1835 that would repeal the mandatory helmet usage by adults in Side X Sides. The Assembly Transportation Committee voted in favor of AB 1835 with a 9 – 6 vote! The bill next goes to the full Assembly Floor.

Many thanks go out to all of the ABATE members that sent in emails and letters of support!

## Solorio – "Vote for Vets"

by Spike

ABATE Local 20 was well represented recently at the lunch fundraiser for State Senate candidate Jose Solorio at the Laborers' Union Hall in Santa Ana. Gill and Spike of Local 20 enjoyed an early Cinco de Mayo lunch and met with local legislative leaders and staff. California Senate President Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg and Senator Kevin De Leon supported the campaign for State Senate along with local leaders Senator Lou Correa and Assembly Members Tom Daly and Sharon Quirk-Silva.

Jose Solorio discussed the homeless issue with Vets returning back from the Middle East and Proposition 41, which would transfer \$600 million in unused state bond money to develop practical transitional and rental housing for veterans. The proposition will be on the ballot this June. In order to approve Prop 41 and help our Vets we will need a strong show of support on Election Day.

A pre-election rally has been organized for Saturday, May 31st, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at "Original Mike's", 100 Main Street, Santa Ana CA 92701. Please join Community College Trustee Jose Solorio, ABATE members, COC motorcycle club members and motorcycle riders from throughout Orange County in a show of support at this rally.

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LOCAL NEWS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! This month I will be back at the helm leading Local 1 in another meeting. So hopefully I will be able to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. I will give the opening remarks stressing the need to place our objections to the Grow America Act, which contains helmet provisions. I will call for the folks to vote for our endorsed candidates in their areas and encourage the members to attend ABATE events.

We'll get a report from membership chair Glenn C., Jim Nickla will report on the visit to the Westside HOG Chapter meeting on May 3rd. We were invited to speak to the group and hoped to encourage their members to become ABATE members.

Wildman hopefully will have something to report on publicity issues and his survey on possible meeting relocation and Steve B will give us the low down on up coming rides.

Finally, we will offer membership funding raffle tickets to the members and hopefully they will buy some. The meeting will conclude with folks buying breakfast and some members will leave early to go to the Guide Dog run staged at Old Road HD. Submitted by Sporty Milligan, President ABATE Local 1.

Local #02 Simi Valley



Yes, another awesome night at Local 2's meeting place! You know its summer-like riding weather now that the bikes start to outnumber the cars in the parking lot. The fragrant smell of BBQ draws me close. Thanks to our volunteer cooks, Frank and Pattibock! Yes, we serve a killer \$5.00 BBQ dinner consisting of cheese burgers/hotdogs fresh off the grill with all the fixins'. Our gracious host offers refreshments that make for a great fun fact filled evening! We start serving at 6:45 pm and our meeting starts at 7:30pm. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Street in Simi Valley.

Pres Guy jump started our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and then talked about our upcoming Sweaty Buns Run. We are nailing our things-to-do list and getting volunteers to help make this a great run. We still could use more help. Come on down to the next meeting! Besides, if you weren't at the last meeting, we miss you! I tell you the truth, all the volunteers so far have shown major enthusiasm and positive energy to make sure this is going to happen with great results - after all, it's about ABATE! The new great news is that we have a super duper great end stop. It's a great local place and we are really stoked about this.

I tell you the truth again; we have a really great core of people who are dedicated to make sure our Local stays healthy and running throughout the year. The leadership of our Local is our officers who work hard to make this one fun meeting after another, and all we ask is for your presence once a month for a few hours. Our secretary, Jane, read the minutes, Pattibock, our

treasurer, gave us the report, Norm enticed us to read the Bailing Wire, and Frank, our membership man, proclaimed that we have 2 new members tonight! **Welcome Ken and Ryan!** Guy, our run coordinator, talked about the rides our Local did and will e-mail us info on the next ride soon. Scott, the merchandiser, talked about our clothing line and what we have.

We had a lot of fun with our raffle, Opportunity and Membership drawings. Time sure went fast tonight and we hope to see more of you all next month.

It's time to double check yer bike and make it road worthy with no issues. Remember to check your tire pressure - it's a safety thing - as this new weather can and will fluctuate the tire pressure daily! Ride with respect and enjoy your freedom! PTL norm e.

Local #11 North San Diego County



Local 11 didn't have a May meeting because we were at the Southern California Regional Rally in Victorville! Catch ya next month. Take care, Gary Elliot

Local #19 Pomona Valley

I'd like to thank the Local 19 members for once again working the sign in booth at the So Calif Regional Rally in Victorville on May 9-11.

On May 14 Local 19 was proud to successfully send off this year's 26th annual Run For The Wall. See article and pictures in this issue.

We also have members that will be staffing a booth at Charlie Hon's Parts 411 party at the LA Country Fairplex on May 18. This is largely an outreach to Sportbike riders to let them know we stand for them too.

Plans are already in the works for the 26th annual Toy Run, Sunday, December 7. Mark your calendars! Jeff Bassler

Local #20 Orange County



Attorney Thomas E Martin was a guest speaker at our meeting. He is a member of both ABATE Local 9 and HOG. He talked to us about growing up right here in Orange County and he has been a lawyer for 30 years. He asked that we vote for him in the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Primary Election as his goal is to become an Orange County Superior Court Judge. How great would it be to stand before a judge that understands profiling against bikers! He definitely has my vote. You can read all about him at [www.ThomasMartin4Judge.com](http://www.ThomasMartin4Judge.com).

Pastor Tom's bike had mechanical problems so tonight Blue from the South Bay chapter of Bikers for Christ lead us in the opening prayer.

The American Legion will be hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Car and Motorcycle Show on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. They are located at 5646 Corporate Avenue in Cypress. I urge everyone to attend.

Bill W's Sober Pack will be having their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage House Run on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, located at 515 N. State College Blvd in Anaheim at 10:00 am to 3:00pm. This event helps the residential treatment program that accommodates pregnant and/or parenting mothers with

their children.

Let's not forget about the May 31<sup>st</sup> rally. In order to approve Prop 41 and help our Veterans we need a strong show of support on Election Day and strongly encourage everyone to vote. In support of Prop 41 we are having a Motorcycle Rally for Vets. Please join Community College Trustee and State Senate Candidate Jose Solario, leaders from ABATE and other elected officials at "Original Mikes" located at 100 South Main St; in Santa Ana; from 9 am - 12 pm.

Thirty three people attended our meeting, six of them were guests. Jonny Wolf walked away with \$93.00 as the winner of the dollar draw. The non-politically correct Gill. Submitted by Leenie.

Local #40 Bakersfield



Hello from ABATE Local 40! A lot has been going on in our Local. We have a new President, Godfather, who is the perfect choice for the job. Zoro is still Vice President, Steph is our Secretary and Karen is our Treasurer.

At our last meeting in April we had 11 members join us and 5 guests. We discussed our up-coming ride for Motorcycle Awareness on May 31<sup>st</sup>. We're working on stops for that ride as well as raffle prizes. Should be a good day for riding.

Well I am new at this so please bear with me! I'm sure I'll get more interesting as I go along! ☺ Stormi.

Local #44 High Desert



Local 44 did not have a meeting this month because we were at the So California Regional Rally defending our Motor Home Queen's reputation. Yeah, I'm too dang old and don't drink enough to sleep on the ground anymore. And a lot of our ABATE members are getting there too!

The point is we still show up, have a great time, and look forward to this event every year. Thanks to all of our members who made it out to the Rally and if you missed this one, put it on next year's schedule. Local 44 still knows how to party and we always have the best Saturday evening dinner in biker town. Join us next year, and by the way, we did win the largest attending ABATE Local award again this year!

I would like to remind everyone in ABATE statewide that we are having our Route 66 Run on June 21<sup>st</sup> and we could really use your support at our event. We will be having music, food, bikes and babes along with all the usual stuff you see at an event. What more can you ask for? All of the proceeds will go to our State ABATE funds so you can enjoy yourself and help protect your riding rights at the same time! Check out our flyer in this issue and join us. Like I said earlier, Local 44 still knows how to party, so make sure you're a part of it! Dave H.

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Local #52 Grass Valley



Hi folks! This year we did pretty well for getting some exposure for ABATE. We received proclamations from Nevada County, Nevada City, and Grass Valley for Motorcycle Awareness Month. Mayor Dan Miller and the City Council of Grass Valley presented us with the proclamation during their meeting on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. We also had some help from our local radio station KNCO with a periodic pitch throughout the month and they gave me a brief on-air interview as well. Good publicity for sure!

Mary and I attended the quarterly meeting in Fresno. I'll save the details for our next meeting. There was some discussion on ways to raise money for the organization. Jim L also mentioned that attending non-motorcycle political events will give us good exposure. A list of endorsed candidates was provided. Another good topic for our meeting.

The riding season is going full tilt. If I run across a local event I'll post it to e-mail and Facebook. Don't forget the membership challenge. Sign up one person this year! Make it a goal! One new member from each of us would give Local 52 a real boost. Cheers! Craig G.

# 2014 ABATE Events

[www.abate.org](http://www.abate.org) Events Calendar

**June 1** – Hot Rods & Harleys – ABATE Local 17 & Iron Steed H-D (see flyer this issue). Hope YOU Bought your tickets!!! Drawing is today, Winner need not be present to Win.

**June 3** – California Primary Election Day.

**June 14** – ABATE Local 24 – Annual Mystery Run to support Terri's House.

**June 21** – ABATE Local 44 – Annual Route 66 event (See flyer in this issue).

**July 26<sup>th</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly ABATE Meetings – Fresno – not just for ABATE Officers, Members are welcome too.

**July 27** – ABATE Local 2 – 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Sweaty Buns Run (see flyer this issue).

**September 12, 13 & 14** – Friday through Sunday – Annual Golden State Rendezvous aka ABATE State Run – Frandy Campground in Kernville; (See flyer in this issue; pre-reg and pre-order your shirt too)

**November 4** – State Election Day

**November 9<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Totally Kids fund raiser – (a.k.a. One more from the Heart).

**November 11** – Veterans Day

**December 7** – ABATE Local #19 & Pomona Valley H.O.G. Annual Toy Run

Even if you are not an ABATE Member, YOU are WELCOME to attend ABATE Events - Your attendance and support of these events helps ABATE to continue to represent YOU in our ongoing preservation of "Freedom of the Road".

All event flyers that have been received are also on ABATE's website Event Calendar – can be downloaded and printed in a PDF format –

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## “Brothers and Sisters” Lost in 2014

**Robert “Jus’ Bob” Baker – Local 5**  
**Gypsy Cantu – Local 22**  
**Michael Decker – Local 6**  
**Jim Hilton – Local 27**  
**Bob Kelly – Local 17**  
**Tom “Duck” Russo – Local 27**  
**Rest In Peace**

## Memorial for ABATE member Tom “DUCK” Russo

by Kenny Nuttall

A short while ago ABATE Local 27 lost one of its most beloved “founding members”, Tom “DUCK” Russo. Duck was a cherished member of Local 27 in Riverside and I've had the delight of knowing him for over 20 years. He loved his “Sporty” and rarely went anywhere without it.

Duck was a retired member of the P.O.B.O.B. M/C, retired from the Air Force and retired from his position as airplane mechanic at March ARB.

Duck was well known for his involvement in the community and was one of the original supporters of the “Totally Kids” run in Loma Linda. Duck would always be there, every Christmas, as the best Santa's helper you could ask for.

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# Motorcycle Safety Report

by Norm e. Newiger, Safety Officer

## Love at First Bike

Do you remember your first bike? Whether it was the off the floor model or from somebody's driveway, you've taken possession and it's all yours! It's a new smell and aesthetically pleasing to you and you are so happy that all you do is look at the bike and want to hop on and go; you want that riding sensation so bad you don't care about anything other than experiencing the freedom of riding. Let's include those who get a new bike after years of different types of bikes and wants that new \$30,000 plus full dresser, or getting the bike of your dreams (I am not saying just Harleys, but I am).

Shopping and purchasing your bike is in effect a somewhat laborious effort; mostly if in fact you can't buy the new bike and you are scouring the want ads to find your bike. It's an awesome state of mind to be in and could be frustrating as well, but when you find that bike, the bike of your dreams, and all the pain of the past is gone! Just ask Grumpy, one of my dad's old biker buds of the past.

Your first destination is home to show your better half your new best friend and then you're off to all your buddies to show off your bike. Some of your friends might give your new bike the mechanics stare while others will say lets ride!

So you're off and running; you have mixed emotions as you ride thinking, "I gotta get to know this bike, so I'll be controlled until I know all the idiosyncrasies." Then there is the one who takes a different approach; the soloist who wants an intimate adventure while learning the behavioral patterns of his bike! You won't see him or his bike until 68 miles past his first service. Then there are the free wheeling loose cannon of a rider; all they want to know is what's the limitations of my new bike and how can I make it go faster. The bones of this article are not, "I just got a new bike woo hoo!" It's about, "So I just got a new bike. Now what?"

Sometimes we become less attentive about certain purchases thinking all is well, after all it's new, right? Whether new or used we might take for granted that all is well on this bike therefore I can ride and have no worries - wrong! Even if you buy a new bike it doesn't mean all is well, it is very close, but even a dealer wouldn't say it, because stuff happens - not that your front tire would fall off or your exhaust pipe is now a part of the highway landscape, but all things need to be double checked and then some, especially on a used bike. The 45 degree engine screams vibrations!

We all have different perspectives on our biker mentality and we all have various mechanical aptitudes as well. Some people are dealer bound and some are wrenches that would welcome a bike in a basket. But we all should know our bikes and what their limitations are, mechanically and



while riding. This doesn't mean that we need major schooling of any type. I think real time experience will suffice, but to be on a constant learning pattern is always good. I've learned from the best in garages and small talk at the pub drinking a cold one.

I think about motorcycle safety and I go straight to the source, not the tabloids or any safety article for briefing, but I go to my bike and I figure out what can I do to make it as safe as possible for any encounters that could cross my path or me being on the side of the road broke down. This includes parts that can vibrate off and litter our roadways - sometimes you don't know you lost it until you get home! I think about what I could do to prevent me from having an accident whether it is from mechanical breakdown or failure of certain mechanisms that would challenge me while riding. You want a safe bike to ride? Do you have any type of mechanical aptitude, or a good friend that would help you? Pretty much the most important thing to do is to go thru your bike making sure everything is tightened to specs and see if anything is missing, nuts and bolts do disappear all the time without you knowing. I've replaced so much chrome stuff I quit buying it! Now I don't loose chrome anymore. Like I've said before, I constantly detail my bike with tools as well as cleaners, it takes a little more time but I can guarantee my bike won't be an issue on the road.

How many of you out there test your brakes while riding? I learned a long time ago to, practice hard braking from slower speeds and graduate up to speeds that you travel at. It's good to start at slow speeds so you can feel your bike and how it handles. I've also practiced locking my rear

brake at low speeds to see and feel how my bike reacts. I also increased the speed up to the point where I count on hard braking rather than a panicked foot to the metal stomp till you're stopped. Locking your rear brake will not help you stop faster or in a shorter distance, only aggressive hard braking will. I know and understand we get panicked and react when someone pulls out in front of you, but if you get training or practice braking it will become second nature to you so you can react correctly and not get into a situation where you could loose control. Practice braking often, you have nothing to lose, and you can talk about near misses rather than - well you know.

And another thing about brakes, ABS will not stop any vehicle faster than a standard braking system (except of course, the Fred Flintstone Braking System!) ABS was designed to make your brakes not lock up and lose control. After a study in 1996, the NHTSA announced it dropped the federal safety standard requirement for ABS because there was 0% decrease in the overall number of accidents when comparing ABS vehicles with standard braking vehicles. It's all good and the pros and cons are both justifiable. I tell this to everyone: Don't lay down your bike thinking you'll avoid hitting a car or collision; this is the lamest thing you could do to yourself. Don't let the professional stunt motorcycle rider mislead you into thinking that it's a very easy thing to do - just kick your bike out from under you and slide to safety. You see it in the movies and they get up and walk away like nothing happened. It was scripted and was an exacting situation so as to NOT get injured while doing this! I think it's more misleading than a politician fulfilling his promises after being elected.

Laying down your bike is 100% unpredictable. You will not have any control, you cannot predict what other drivers or riders will do around you, as you tumble or cartwheel you could wrestle with your bike and lose! Depending on your speed, the severity of your injuries will always be unknown. So all this leads me to this: Why cause an accident while trying to prevent one? You still could crash into the same vehicle you're trying to avoid. That's why aggressive hard braking is the best route, even one extra second of hard braking could slow your bike up to 50% of the speed at which you are traveling toward that collision. That's a lot better than hitting the asphalt at full speed. It doesn't take much time to inspect your braking system, and the cost for a brake job is cheaper than a broken leg!

Now comes my favorite part: Tire Pressure! Yes I'm a horn dog about it! This is the beginning of summer riding season and the hot weather will make your tires fluctuate in pressure constantly. It is the easiest and most important thing you can do regarding your tires. Good brakes and good tire pressure will keep your bike upright and on the road, Just Do It! Stay visible and Ride Safer than last time.....norm e.

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# Sporty's Rides

by Lee "Sporty" Milligan

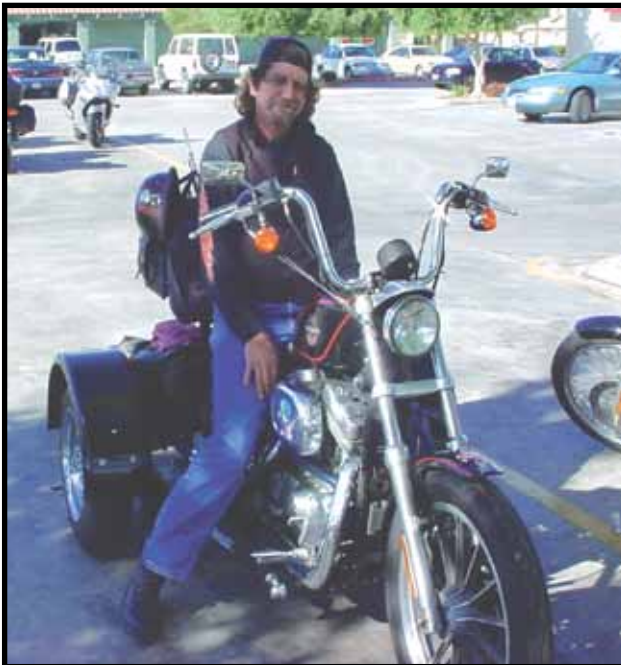
Hi all! Another report on my medical condition and some pearls of wisdom from the whimsical scribe. Here's the latest report on my condition: I am back home after being in the convalescent home for more than a month. I am scheduled to have an appointment with my regular doctor, Doctor N, (can't spell their names correctly, so I just refer them with the last name letter) on May 15th. He wants to probably check me out and see how I am doing mentally. We're going to have to leave about an hour before the appointment because of the parking situation at the Kaiser facility in Panorama City.

To summarize the medical condition to this point: I am using a walker to get around but most of the time I'm in bed with my leg up. Every day I have to have my leg wrapped twice. That in itself is a royal pain as each post that is attached through the skin has to be swabbed with a solution of peroxide and saline and cleaning them can cause them to sting. Yeaks. I have a lady or guy from Kaiser home health care visit me 3 times a week to change my dressing in the morning. Other times my wife, Renee, does it twice a day. I am taking a fist full of meds. Showering is also a pain as I either wrap my leg tightly in a plastic bag and shower or just take a sponge bath. And waiting to go for another surgery in June. So there you have it.

After the 15<sup>th</sup>, upcoming doctor appointments are on the 20th of May for blood work locally and then on the 21st or 22nd of May an appointment in Lancaster to determine what the next course of action will be.

Doc C, my leg specialist, needs to see me to decide what type of knock out juice he will need to use so my heart doesn't mess up for the next surgery. Gotta have a bone graft done and that procedure is going to take about 4 to 5 hours. I am going to tell the doctor C to use an Epidural which will numb the area and then they can perform the surgery and have other anesthesia for back up if necessary. So after the appointment they will schedule the surgery. Wish me luck.

Problems and more problems keep coming up and



it's messing with my head. I have a co-worker, Vince, who suggested that I just follow the doctors' suggestions (they don't give advice just suggestions so if the suggestions don't pan out they are covered from a law suite down the road).

Ok now is the other routine stuff that has been going on. Several days after I got home I was dying to start my bikes up so I hop out to the garage with the aid of my walker and started them up. I put some stable ease in the bikes to make sure the gas does not turn to varnish. The bikes started up ok and ran decent in idle. I am trying to have the bikes started up at least once a week and ran for about 10 minutes each. My friend Steve B, also a Local 1 member, came over to use my computer to get a picture of him submitted for consideration for the front page of the Bailing Wire (15 minutes of fame!) Well we accomplished that task and I asked Steve if he would like to take the 2007 1200 Sporty for a spin. He agreed and I asked him to take it out for at least 5 miles. He was gone for about a half hour and went 8 miles. He said it ran fine for a

bike that had been sitting. He had stopped by Casey's motorcycle shop in Pacoima to look at the used parts they have for sale against the wall. So he took the bike on the freeway as well and the bike ran fine. As for my other bike the 2002 883 it has been just getting a start up. I have been thinking about a total rebuild and putting the voyager kit back on. But first things first - getting me well and the ability to go back to work.

I missed going to the So Calif Regional Rally. For those who were there, thank you for attending and supporting this fun event. Raffle prize winners, I hope you enjoyed the raffle prizes I sent to be raffled off. Bungee cords are a biker stable as well as tie downs. I also hope you who won the trail mix enjoyed that as well. I miss you all dearly but will see some of my Local 1 members at our monthly meeting May 18th at Big Jim's family Restaurant in Sun Valley.

Finally, this is my take on the up-coming issues. First the elections: We have the primaries and candidates will be selected at the polls in June. Hopefully you have voted and for the proper candidates - ones that are biker friendly! This summer get to know those biker friendly candidates in your area and support them. Next item: And this should disturb you, is the Grow America act which has a helmet proposal buried in the 350 page piece of legislation. This proposal is requesting a mandatory helmet law be set up. The MRF has a way for you to deal with this and that way has been put on the ABATE discussion line. Please make your feelings known to your federal senators, your local congressman and of course the president. Let them know that **YOU ARE NOT HAPPY WITH THIS PROPOSAL IN THE GROW AMERICA ACT. FAILURE TO ACT BECAUSE OF APATHY WILL ALLOW THE POLITICANS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE BIKING COMMUNITY WITH BAD LAWS AGAINST BIKERS.**

That is it for now. Till next time, **ATTEND ABATE FUNCTIONS AND BUY THE MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL FUNDING TICKETS FOR THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.**

Regard, Sporty Milligan.

Chris Telford

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# Pac/Lobbyist Report

## by Dave Hastings, Treasurer

Because of our submission, printing, and delivery schedule I'm not sure if you will receive this report before or after the June Primary date so I'm going to be very brief this month.

As you already know, June 3rd is the day every one of us should be going to the polling office and making sure our voice is heard in the California Primary. The two candidates with the highest vote counts, regardless of party affiliation, will then face off in the upcoming November election and the winner will take office in 2015 to serve their elected term.

ABATE PAC has followed the primaries closely and we will make our November election endorsements soon after the primary votes are tallied and those final two candidates are named. Please be ready to help again in the November elections. Remember, your help with a candidate's successful election helps everyone who rides! We need motorcycle friendly candidates in office if we expect to improve and change the attitudes in of-



fices throughout our state.

I hope you have already worked for a candidate of your choice and also will/have voted in the primary. But, if you didn't, you can still make a difference in November. Help ABATE PAC and your motorcycle lifestyle by getting involved in the upcoming elections. We can make a big difference in some of these races and our help will not be forgotten when motorcycle legislation is on that candidate's agenda. Give up some of your personal time and help with these important races and watch it pay off ten fold in your motorcycle future.

ABATE PAC is ready for November, are you? Join us now and help us ensure success. Ultimately, we all win if our endorsed candidates win. Let's work hard to guarantee we have a motorcycle friendly candidate in every office in 2015. We will all enjoy our motorcycles more if we do!

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# Regional Rally Pics

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I would like to thank all the Locals, 1, 19, 11, 13, 38, 27, 44, 9 and 8, that dropped off raffle prizes for the Southern California Regional Rally in Victorville.

Big thanks to Snowman for the Red Rider BB gun. It was a hit! Thanks also to the vendors, Origami Owl and L and D Supply for raffle prizes.

I want to thank the ladies, Kathy, Sheila, Robin, Cheryl, and Patty, for their great help at the raffle booth. You made my day go smoothly!

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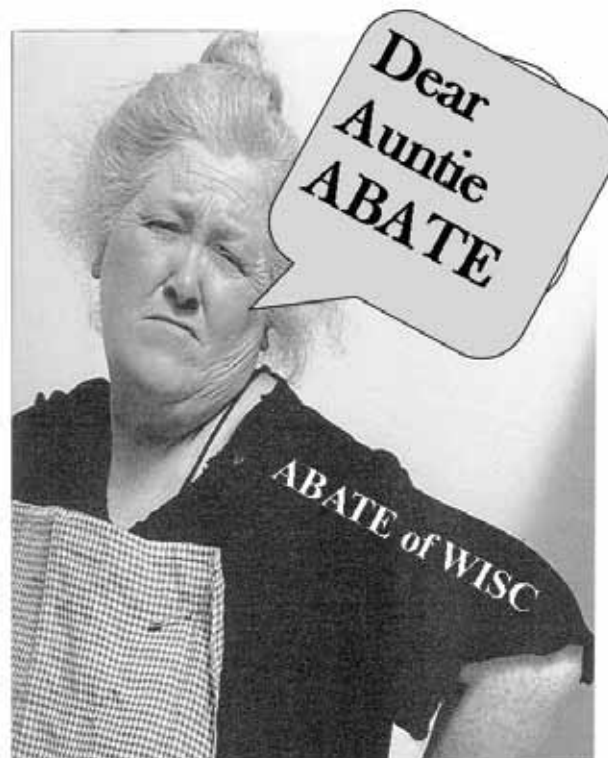




# Regional Rally Pics



## Reprinted from the April 2014 Issue of the Wisconsin ABATE Newsletter



Auntie ABATE has been around longer than the dirt on her elbows and she's as well informed as a quiet-breather on a party line. Got a question about ABATE of Wisconsin for your Dear Auntie? Send your question the new-fangled way to [news@abatewis.org](mailto:news@abatewis.org) with Dear Auntie in the subject line. Auntie ABATE was born before Political Correctness and reserves the right to remain so.

Dear Auntie, I've been an ABATE member for a while and I'm grateful for all the work that I see ABATE of Wisconsin does; but I've never been to a meeting or event. Long story short, I signed up on-line, don't know who the other ABATE members in my area are. I LOOK like a pretty tough biker, but I'm actually kind-a shy. Can you give me some hints on breaking the ice and starting to get involved? Wallflower

Dear Wallflower, Well bless your heart! And you picked a perfect month to find an easy entry into getting more involved. Look at the events listing, or the regional reports for the regions that are near to you. Find something that interests you or a meeting you can make and take a big step and go there. Take along a friend (member or non) for

moral support if you wish. Spring is springing in Wisconsin and people are moving around and getting involved. Just walk toward anyone that looks like they aren't confused (usually a sign that they've done this before) and say "I'm a rookie, can you help get me started... can you introduce me to a few people?"

That should be all you need because I'm telling the rest of the organization here, to LISTEN UP! If anyone ever wanders into a meeting or event it is your job as an ABATE member to help them feel welcome. It is not just the job of the Regional Rep. It is everyone's job. A tiny effort from you today could make a huge difference to ABATE of Wisconsin in the future.

Your Auntie was sucked into the ABATE of Wisconsin vortex because a nice young man from an organization I knew nothing about at the time stopped in my tavern and asked if they could hold meetings there.

At officers' training this year I had a conversation with a younger man who told me that just 10 months before then he had built up the nerve to jump on a Lobby Day bus and didn't know anyone on it. It takes a lot of nerve to do that. Not everyone could. So anyway, he gets on the bus by himself not knowing anyone. He goes to Lobby Day and meets some other ABATE of WI members and learns that we're a pretty good bunch of like minded people. Fast forward just 10 months and he's a regional officer getting trained to help others along the way.

The secret to membership growth is not selling huge numbers of memberships and then ignoring the people that bought them. The secret of membership growth is to cherish and develop the members you have and keep them with you. Many of you "get" this and hang on with this organization through thick and thin. You are the members that are the "experts" we need to help others stay with us. Use your knowledge of ABATE of Wisconsin, your knowledge of the event you are at, your knowledge of who is who and share that knowledge with those that are just starting out. The more a member knows about us, the more reasons they will have to stay with us and be more involved. In short, what I'm saying is grab the "kids" (new members) and "introduce them to the family" (the rest of us).

Every year ABATE of Wisconsin takes in a ton of new members... and every year we lose about half that ton. We lose them because none of us took the time and the effort to engage them in the organization. Shame on us. We are very good at many things... we are awesome at some things... and we are the best in the country at a couple of things... but retaining new membership isn't one of our best skills, and we better all start working together to get better at it.

Your assignment for this summer... If you are a newish member, go to a meeting or event and say "I'm a Rookie, can you show me the ropes?" If you are an oldish member, go to your meeting or event and keep an eye out for the Rookies and show them the way.

Make your Auntie proud... because we are family.

If you are wondering why we borrowed the above article, this is why:

When I read the above article from Wisconsin ABATE – my thought took me immediately to ABATE of California's membership, and our yearly recruiting of new members and similar results – We gain members and then we lose members and the step we seem to be missing is the 'Mentoring' and introducing ourselves to a newbie and making that person feel welcome to have joined our organization. It is certainly worth a "try" and just could bring US better results for the future of our organization.

Carol C.

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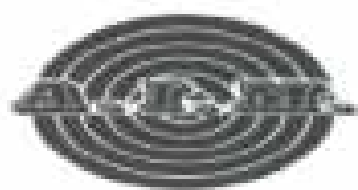
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# Tech Tips

by Craig Griswold

## Coiled Up

This monthly column is targeted, for the most part, to the home mechanic. The guy or gal that saddles up to his or her bike sitting on a milk crate, scratching head, popping a beer, and thinking “what in the hell is going on here?” Sometimes the subject matter inspiration comes from a simple question that has been nagging one of my customers. This is the customer that does his own work, buys her parts from a shop, has the routine nailed down pretty well, but every now and then just hits that wall. The wall that won't let them get to that permanent fix that gets them back on the road.

Most recently one of our customers, like many other folks, was disgusted with mother Harley's first attempt at electronic ignition. He made an understandable decision to ditch the V-Fire electronic ignition that came with his 1980 Shovelhead and convert his bike back to the circuit breaker points system that was standard issue on the pre-1980 bikes. The V-Fire electronic ignition was very problematic. The silver lining in the cloud was that the after-market stepped up and developed replacement systems that not only did very well, but continued to evolve with technology. Eventually, the Motor Company caught on and developed ignition systems worthy of the bar and shield.

The issue was an overheating coil. The casing would eventually split and require replacement. Just about every year the issue would re-surface. When he called our shop we ruled out some common causes; leaving the ignition on, bad connections, etc. When I asked what type of coil he was using he stated that he had tried both OEM and aftermarket coils for his bike's application (1980-1984). Bingo! These are the lower primary resistance coils (4 Ohm) designed



for electronic ignitions. When he converted back to points, the pre-1980 (5 Ohm) coil should have been installed. The extra heat from excessive current flow was burning up the coil, albeit slowly over time.

If you're inclined to buy parts from your local swap meet and want to verify a coils application, connect an Ohm meter to the coil's primary terminals and check resistance. The primary terminals are the small, threaded ones for your ignition system connections.



The applications are 5 Ohm (65-79), 4 Ohm (80-84), and 3 Ohm (85-99 Big Twin, 85-03 XL – except 99 Twin Cam models). Keep in mind that your readings can vary +/- a few tenths of an Ohm. Later models will have resistance readings of less than 1 Ohm.

Next month we'll talk about the coils application for different ignition systems and cover some key points in diagnostics. Ride safe!

(Craig Griswold and Mary Kirby are the owners of Two Gunners Custom Iron in Penn Valley, CA. Questions and comments can be sent to e-mail: [craig@twogunnerscustomiron.com](mailto:craig@twogunnerscustomiron.com), or call 530-263-8071. Additional information can be found on the web at: [twogunnerscustomiron.com](http://twogunnerscustomiron.com) and Facebook).

## Save the Patch

by Spike

The familiar rumble and roar of a pack of bikes, which is music to our ears, may be a faintly distant tune in the future. The loudest noise on the streets right now is the buzz and the buzz on the streets is “SAVE THE PATCH”. “SAVE THE PATCH” is the culmination of many factors including decades of ever increasing discrimination and persecution to bikers, their organizations and their lifestyle in general. We, as bikers, have widely been subjected to unwarranted highway stops, refused admittance into establishments and misrepresentation by law enforcement and the media. The U.S. Department of Justice last year filed a lawsuit seeking to seize control of the trademarked logo of the Mongol Nation Motorcycle Club LLC, arguing that the Mongols are a criminal organization and that the mark is used for intimidation. But the Mongols and their attorneys argue that the government is overstepping its bounds with the lawsuit, which they said would infringe on the rights of club members. “They're trying to destroy the right of men to associate and indicate their association,” said Joe Yanny, an attorney representing the Mongols. “It's absolutely ridiculous. In addition to being a violation of club members' free-speech rights, more importantly, it's a due-process issue.” Yanny stated. The lawsuit breaks new ground in terms of trademark law, the attorney said, adding that it may end up at the Supreme Court. Unlike a business trademark controlled by a single entity, the Mongols' logo is a “collective membership mark.” It's legally owned by one entity, but held in trust for the members. It's the votes of club members that ultimately determined who is allowed to wear the club's patch. “The government is attempting to punish the entire club of more than 700 members for the actions of a small fraction,” he said, adding that “those involved in the 2008 criminal case are no longer club members. They want to paint the whole group as bad because of it.” “These are decent men, many Mongols are former military members simply seeking camaraderie and the club's constitution takes a zero-tolerance stance toward criminal activity,” he added.

Bikers throughout the state and nationwide identify with the message being sent out and the ramifications; if the patch is lost, it will affect us all. In Southern California, widely respected members of all major clubs have met to discuss ways to save the patch. A Facebook page “SAVE the PATCH” has been set up since October and it states: “It has become time to further protect and defend our rights to ride, associate, and enjoy our lifestyle for all motorcycle riders and enthusiasts. To wear our respective clubs membership insignia, which have been trademarked, copyrighted, and incorporated by these organized entities. Representatives from a few of these clubs in Southern California have come together to make the initial steps in presenting and organizing the support of all motorcycle clubs and riders to stand up and work to prevent the freedoms we all value and enjoy from being eroded further, by an ever more intrusive government apparently bent on tyrannical control, we all need to become involved and work to defend that which we all enjoy about our lifestyle, be it as a club member or independent riders.”

The Save the Patch run recently held at the House Bar and Grill in Maywood, hosted by the Mongols Motorcycle Club was supported by hundreds of bikers from throughout the region, for unification and to raise funds to combat a lawsuit brought by federal authorities seeking to take control of the Mongols' trademarked logo. The trial has been postponed to late September. The event sported patches from dozens of motorcycle clubs, including many COC (Confederation of Clubs) members, family clubs, church ministries, sport bike clubs and independent riders. Hundreds of Harley-Davidsons and sport bikes lined the streets outside the jam-packed venue, where bikers ate, drank, listened to music and discussed the topics of the Run, unification, saving the patch and being treated the same as the status quo.

Bikers had some recourse back in the day with the Unruh Civil Rights Act. Not so today. It was stated under the Unruh Civil Rights Act; all persons are entitled to full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, or services in all business establishments, including both private and public entities. The Unruh Civil Rights Act protects all persons against arbitrary

and unreasonable discrimination by a business establishment (Civil Code section 51). Our basic rights while wearing motorcycle clothing and or club attire certainly have changed over the years. Many establishments have now chosen to ban admittance of patch holders, including H.O.G. patches to outlaw, while others are coerced illegally by local law enforcement to do the same. A Biker anti-discrimination bill is in the shadows.

Another cross we have to bear is the constant reference by law enforcement and the media to motorcycle clubs and members as gangs and gang members. Exactly how a gang is defined has not found a consensus among the most prudent researchers on the topic. Cities, states and countries all have differing views on what a gang is, and for the prosecution of gang members, the state of California derived the following definition in 1988.

Definition of “criminal street gang”: A criminal street gang is defined as any organization, association or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, which (1) has continuity of purpose, (2) seeks a group identity, and (3) has members who individually or collectively engage in or have engaged in a pattern of criminal activity. (Reference section 186.22(f) of the California Penal Code).

What's unique about the definition is that it is NOT defining the term “gang” or “street gang” but rather the State is defining “criminal street gang” and then using the same term “criminal” in the definition. The definition is awkwardly written, vague, and redundant and offers an extremely simplified view of a gang. Because of this, anyone who is labeled as a gang member, which is not illegal in itself, can be labeled as a “criminal” regardless of their individual activity or role. Prosecutors have been able to use the flaw in the definition to their benefit by applying gang-related “enhancements” that can transform a simple misdemeanor offense into a felony which carries heavier penalties, including prison time.

The good news is, the passion to ride, the passion for freedom and the passion to preserve the life style is more than enough to unite the biker world in whatever stance it takes to SAVE THE PATCH.

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## **Women In Networking & Veterans Affordable Housing by Doreen Matsumoto**

Women In Networking (WIN) ([win-womeninnetworking.com](http://win-womeninnetworking.com)) and their President and Founder, Doreen Matsumoto, a long standing member of ABATE, met with Veterans Affordable Housing ([www.veteransaffordablehousing.org](http://www.veteransaffordablehousing.org)) and decided to raise awareness and funds to put a veteran in a home. Veterans Affordable Housing is a non-government funded organization that put veterans into their own home. Our goal is to hand house keys to a veteran so they can have a place to call home. There are a lot of bikers out there who are veterans or who may know someone that is a veteran that can offer support or may use the program.

As a long-standing member of ABATE, WIN supports your efforts for awareness of bikers rights. We feel sharing this story is important. Helping our veterans get into a home doesn't happen just by one person's efforts. Women In Networking has received support from Spike, with the Hessians, making a donation at one of the local bike nights. Others, including veterans, are helping us to reach our goal. It would be great to get even more help.

Women In Networking has been recognized by many organizations for its charitable efforts. WIN's mission has always been to put puzzle pieces together for the benefit of each "piece". There are many different people and organizations in the world that we can help. WIN appreciates the biker community and our veterans that protect our country and all the business owners.

Thank you, Doreen Matsumoto





# Run For The Wall

by Jeff Bassler


Continuing our decades of support, Wednesday morning, May 14, ABATE Local 19 was proud to successfully send off this year's 26th annual Run For The Wall.

We provided and served 36 gallons of coffee and 30 dozen doughnuts to those participating in the ride. Local 19's secretary/treasurer, Diane Davis, offered up her house to brew coffee all night long. That way when we were hit up for coffee at 4:30 a.m. while setting up at the event location, we were ready to serve.

As the morning proceeded, we had at least a dozen members show up to support and serve. We'd like to thank the members of Pomona Valley HOG and the American Legion Riders for their support of this effort.

Above are photos taken at 6 a.m. of our set-up, a special attendee and those showing up at the event. Opening ceremonies did not start until 7:00 a.m. and many more arrived after these shots.





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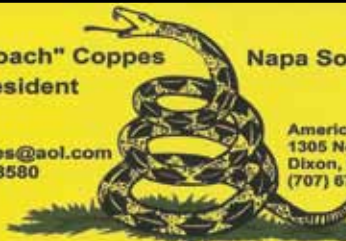
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AB 1595 prohibits the use of (approved/sanctioned racing style) seat belt harnesses, prohibits the addition of full roll cages, and requires mandatory helmet use in these and ONLY these vehicles.

Portions of this law go into effect on January 1, 2013 and all parts of the law will be enforced on July 1, 2013. AB 1595 will have an immediate and very negative impact on side-by-side safety and prevent the use of many of these family recreational vehicles that have been upgraded with additional safety equipment.

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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**OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S "GROW AMERICA ACT" PUSHES HELMET LAWS:** The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has sent to Congress a \$302 billion four-year surface transportation reauthorization proposal, the "Generating Renewal, Opportunity, and Work with Accelerated Mobility, Efficiency, and Rebuilding of Infrastructure and Communities throughout America Act" -- or GROW AMERICA Act; President Obama's blueprint for a model transportation bill, which happens to include a push for mandatory motorcycle helmet laws nationwide!

Specifically, buried in the Obama Administration's 350-page proposal, found under "Title IV -- Highway And Motor Vehicle Safety," in SEC. 4004: Amendment to Motorcyclist Safety Grant Criteria, the GROW AMERICA Act would amend Section 405(f) of title 23, United States Code by inserting the following: "SUPPORT ACTIVITY -- The (Transportation) Secretary or the Secretary's designee may engage in activities with States and State legislators to consider proposals related to motorcycle helmet use laws."

The time to act is NOW! This new highway bill is under immediate consideration as the current two-year "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act" (MAP-21) expires in September, but the Highway Trust Fund -- the main funding source for most state and local transportation projects -- is headed toward insolvency and is expected to run out of money as early as July. So contact your Congressional representatives today, and protect your rights for tomorrow!

**LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL WOULD PREVENT YOUR MOTORCYCLE FROM TESTIFYING AGAINST YOU:** Data collected from so-called "Black Box" devices can be used against you in a court of law, and most people don't even realize it.

That's why U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) wants to change the language of the Driver Privacy Act bill to protect all information recorded by event data recorders installed on all "motor vehicles," including motorcycles. The way S. 1925 is currently written grants privacy only for data the government "requires" to be collected.

Currently the government does not require "black boxes" on motorcycles, only passenger vehicles, trucks and buses. But some current motorcycle models are equipped with the recording devices. A similar bill in the House (H.R. 2414) is worded that "any data recorded on any event data recorder in an automobile or motorcycle shall be considered the property of the owner of the automobile or motorcycle."

Under current law, insurance companies, law enforcement and auto rental agencies can access the data on the device and can use it as evidence against the driver/owner in legal proceedings. Data recorders collect a wide range of information on crashes, including whether the brakes were applied, the speed at the time of impact, the steering angle, and whether seat belt circuits were shown as "Buckled" or "Unbuckled" at the time of the crash.

Fourteen states have statutes that restrict access to the event data recorder or limit the use of recovered EDR information.

**GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION NOTES REDUCED MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES:** A recent report by the Governors Highway Safety Association projects that the number of motorcyclist fatalities fell by 7% last year, the second decline in five years, despite an increase in motorcycle sales in 2013.

The report, "Spotlight on Highway Safety," based its findings on motorcyclist fatality counts reported to the GHSA by all 50 states and the District of Columbia for the first nine months of 2013, and indicated that motorcycle fatalities are projected up in 13 states, down in 35 states and D.C., and to remain the same in two states compared with the first nine months of 2012.

Noting bad weather the first six months of 2013, the association projects that the number of motorcyclists killed last year will total 4,610, down from 4,957 in 2012 and nearly identical to the 2011 figure of 4,612.

Meanwhile, new motorcycle sales ended the year with a 1.4% overall increase, up from 452,386 total units in 2012



to 458,972 last year, bringing total U.S. motorcycle registrations to a record 9 million nationwide.

The Governors Association also noted that the use of helmets dropped to 60% in 2012 down from 66% in 2011, citing that only 19 states now require helmets for all riders.

**GAS PRICES RELATE TO FATAL MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS:** Researchers have found a strong relationship between gasoline prices and motorcycle fatalities: As gas prices rise, so do the number of fatalities, and falling gas prices tend to be mirrored by reduced numbers of motorcycle deaths.

An analysis by the National Safety Council showed a strong correlation between gasoline prices and motorcycle fatalities, charting the trend since 1976. Safety experts speculate that higher gas prices encourage people to use fuel-efficient motorcycles instead of cars.

With new unit sales increasing when gas prices go up, there are more people riding and potentially more inexperienced riders on the road.

**NEW MICHIGAN LAW LIMITS TEMPORARY MOTORCYCLE PERMITS:** Michigan Governor Rick Snyder has signed legislation that encourages motorcycle operators to apply for a full operating endorsement by limiting their ability to obtain temporary training permits. The move is aimed at improving motorcycle safety standards in the state.

Sponsored by Representative Bradford Jacobsen (R-Oxford), House Bill 4781 allows a motorcyclist to apply for a temporary instruction permit (TIP) only twice during a 10-year period, starting next January. Previously, there was no limit to the number of times a person could be granted a temporary permit, so many operators would apply every riding season as an alternative to obtaining their full cycle endorsement, taking advantage of the loophole in the law to avoid taking required testing or training.

"This bill will help prevent abuse of the current motorcycle permitting process, ultimately ensuring more motorcyclists are trained to operate their vehicles in the safest manner possible," the governor said.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS ANTI-POLICE LICENSE PLATE:** The high court in the "Live Free or Die" state has ruled in favor of free speech on a personalized license plate that reads; "COPSLIE".

David Montenegro forced the issue by suing the New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) when it refused to accept his request filed four years ago for the personalized plate. "A reasonable person would find COPSIE offensive to good taste," a May 12, 2010 DMV ruling explained.

Montenegro filed for reconsideration and received the same response, so in August that year he decided to apply, in order, for COPSIE, GR8GOVT, LUVGOVT, GOVT-SUX, SEALPAC and GOVTLAZ. The pro-government license plate, GR8GOVT, was immediately approved. He used the approval of one message over another as evidence that his state and federal constitutional right to free speech was being trampled.

The state supreme court framed the question as an issue of private speech, the plate's message, on government-owned property, the license plate itself. The justices agreed with Montenegro that the regulation cited by the DMV was unconstitutionally vague because it was left up to the whim of employees to decide what messages were acceptable.

**BIG-TIME NCOM CONVENTION IN BIG-D:** Everything's bigger in Texas, and the Lone Star state recently hosted one of the largest gatherings of bikers' rights ac-

tivists in the world as concerned riders from across the country attended the National Coalition of Motorcyclists annual NCOM Convention in Dallas. This yearly "coming together" of various segments of motorcycling, from M/Cs to MROs and from Christian clubs to sportbike riders, was hosted by the Texas Confederation of Clubs and welcomed all motorcyclists to attend various meetings and seminars on legal and legislative issues affecting today's motorcyclists.

For nearly three decades, over Mother's Day weekend the NCOM Convention has provided a platform for diverse factions of the motorcycle community to come together in unity and cooperation in pursuit of shared interests for the betterment of biking. Topics included Biker Anti-Discrimination and Profiling Legislation; Protecting Your Patch; the Legality of Motorcycle-Only Checkpoints; Know Your Rights during a Police Encounter; Freedom of the Road and Use of the Courts; as well as seminars on the Use of Social Media, Incorporate or Not, the Art of Grant Writing, and featuring the Golden Hour - How to Save a Biker's Life by EMT Instructor Slider Gilmore.

Special meetings were on the agenda in support of NCOM's many outreach programs for Women In Motorcycling; Clean and Sober Roundtable; National Sport Bike Association (NSBA); and Christian Unity Conference, in addition to the Confederation of Clubs General Patch Holders Meeting.

"It wasn't our biggest Convention ever, but I'm thrilled with the progress made here this weekend and proud to see the unity behind the SAVE THE PATCH effort to support the Mongols Motorcycle Club in their court battle to prevent authorities from seizing their club colors...which would endanger every clubs' rights to wear a patch," said NCOM Founder Richard M. Lester.

During the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet, several honorees were recognized for their contributions to "Improving The Image of Motorcycling", including; GOVERNMENT: Jerry Patterson, running for Lt. Governor of Texas; MEDIA: Darrell and Cheryl Briggs - Oklahoma Biker Magazine; COMMERCE: Steve Menneto - CEO of Indian Motorcycle; LEGAL: Ray Pacia - AIM Attorney for Rhode Island; ENTERTAINMENT: Stan Ellsworth - "American Ride" BYU-TV history series; ICOM INTERNATIONAL AWARD: Michael Mosia - Motorcycle Movement of Quebec; SPECIAL RECOGNITION: 2 Million Bikers to DC; and NCOM's highest honor, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award, was presented to Bobbi Hartmann, Member of the NCOM Legislative Task Force and former MMA of AZ Lobbyist.

Next year's 30th Annual NCOM Convention will be held May 7-10, 2015 at the Denver Marriott Tech Center in Denver, Colorado. For further information, contact NCOM at (800) ON-A-BIKE or visit [www.ON-A-BIKE.com](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com).

**SAVE THE PATCH:** "Bikers from around the nation are joining forces to support the Mongols Motorcycle Club to combat a lawsuit by federal authorities to take control of the Mongols trademarked logo," states a National CALL TO ACTION issued recently by the US Defenders National Office.

"They are trying to destroy the right of men to associate and indicate their association" said Joe Yanny, an attorney representing the Mongols. In addition to being a violation of club members' freedom of speech rights, Yanny said, "more importantly, it's a due process issue." If the Feds win this case and set a new precedent then no trademarked logo will be safe from being taken away.

In announcing that Texas clubs are "rallying for the Mongols and their legal representation," the CTA asks others to "join the fight to support the Mongols Nation with its trademark battle with the Feds" by educating yourself on this case by going to: <http://usdefender.net/cta-tdf.html> and go "LIKE" the National US Defenders Facebook page for future updates.

To donate to the Mongols Nation Lawsuit Defense Fund ("100% or every red cent goes directly to the Trademark Fund") send donations to: Joseph Yanny, Attorney at Law; Law Office of Yanny and Smith; 1801 Century park East Suite 2400; Los Angeles, California 90067

"We have no other fight as important as this fight to help the Mongols MC Nation win this case, the US Defenders will do all we can to assist them in every State," US Defenders National Office.

**QUOTEABLE QUOTE:** "They've (bikers) got the same rights as anybody. The day it becomes a crime to ride a motorbike down the street, by God that'll be a sad day for all of us." Capt Bingham addressing his police officers in the 1968 movie "Angels From Hell"



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S/S No/Pocket		Small	11-315		S/S	W/Pocket	Small	11-321
		Medium	11-316				Medium	11-322
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							XX-Large	11-330
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San Fernando 10137 E. Commerce  
818/ 361-8800 Tujunga, CA 91242

**Simi Valley - Local #02-Reg#7**

Guy Corrigan 2nd Tues 7:30 PM  
805/796-6328 VFW Post#10049  
4242 E Los Angeles Ave.  
Simi Valley  
Crashman1@sbcglobal.net

**Thousand Oaks/Ventura Local#03/13-Reg#7**

Chuck Pedersen 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM  
Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge  
805/496-0323 158 N Conejo School  
Thousand Oaks

**San Diego County - Local #06-Reg#12**

Snowman 1st Sun - 12 Noon  
C/O Boozefighters M/C Kate Sessions Park  
P O Box 501946 Pacific Beach  
San Diego CA 92150  
619/855-9981

**Orange County - Local #08-Reg#11**

Daniel Pfaffly 2nd Mon.7:30PM  
American Legion #354  
8071 Whitaker  
714/649-2516 Buena Park

**South Orange County - Local #09-Reg#11**

Cory Toroian Meets with L#20  
949/496-2936

**San Diego County (North) - Local #11-Reg#12**

Dan Buse 2nd Sun - 11 AM  
buse13@att.net Escondido Moose Lodge  
760/807-7294 25721 Jesmond Dene Rd  
Escondido 92026

**Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano & Napa Counties L#17 Region #3**

Glenn Phillips 3rd Sun.- 10:00 AM  
P O Box 148 Judy's Wild  
Vacaville 95696 Wrangler Saloon  
707/624-6310 4826 Midway Rd.  
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Jeff Bassler 4th Wed - 7:00 PM  
C/O 9648 Calle Vejar Round Table Pizza  
Rancho Cucamonga 1020 N Mountain  
91730 Ontario, CA 91729  
909/596-9685

**Orange County - Local #20-Reg#11**

Gill Mellen 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM  
2104 Continental Ave. American Legion  
Costa Mesa 92627 5646 Corporate Ave.  
949/632-9787 Cypress CA 90630



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Ron Sundquist 2nd Thurs - 7:00 PM  
37230 52nd St. East AV Roadhouse  
Palmdale 93552 320 W Ave J2  
661/586-5555 Lancaster 93534  
ron.sundquist@sbcglobal.net

**South Bay - Local #22-Reg#11**

Suzanne Palmiere 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM  
310/245-0543 Meet with Local 20  
suzpalmiere@aol.com

**San Bernardino - Local#23-Reg#9**

Kevin Sorrell 1st Sun 9:00 AM  
909/793-1112 Vicky's Restaurant  
502 S Waterman Ave  
San Bernardino CA

**Fresno - Local#24-Reg#6**

Doug Biggerstaff 2nd Tues. 7:00 PM  
559/222-5306 Yosemite Falls Cafe'  
www.abate.local24.org Shaw & Blackstone, Fresno

**Sacramento - Local#25-Reg#2**

Lil' David Morena 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM  
916/616-9605 Denny's  
3520 Auburn Blvd.  
Sacramento 95821

**Riverside - Local#27-Reg#9**

Kenny Nuttall 1st Tues - 7:00 PM  
P.O. Box 7070 American Legion  
Riverside CA 92513 2979 Dexter Dr  
951/377-5772 (in Fairmont Park)  
www.abatelocal27.org Riverside, CA 92513

**Morongo Basin - Local#29-Reg#13**

Marty Rapp 2nd - Thurs - 6:30 PM  
P.O. Box 2334 Odd # Months  
29 Palms CA 92277 Call Marty for Location  
760/367-1694

**North Valley - Local #31-Reg#2**

Larry James 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM  
Last Call Lounge  
530/893-4827 876 East Ave. Chico

**Yuba City - Local #33-Reg#2**

Steve Katen 2nd Tues. - 7:PM  
530/749-1003 American Legion  
5477 Feather River Blvd.  
Olivehurst

**Imperial Valley - Local#38-Reg#12**

Ed Aranda Last Thurs - 7:00 PM  
760/337-8372 La Fonda Bar & Grill  
220 Wake Ave.  
El Centro, CA 92243

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Godfather 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM  
P.O. Box9311 Rusty's Pizza  
Bakersfield 93389 5430 Olive Dr  
661/301-5403 Bakersfield 93308  
661/323-9819

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Dave Hastings 2nd Sat. 9:30 am  
760/947-4700 Eagles Order #4181  
P.O. Box 3094 16195 Main St  
Victorville, CA 92392 Hesperia 92345

**Barstow - Local #47-Reg#13**

Yermo Eddy Meet with L#44  
PO Box 521  
Yermo CA 92398  
760/953-7353

**Grass Valley - Local#52-Reg#2**

Craig Griswold 3rd Wed - 6:30 PM  
21183 State Hwy 20 Alta Sierra  
Penn Valley Pizza & Grill'  
530/263-8071 15690 Johnson Place  
Grass Valley

**Ridgecrest - Local #58-Reg#13**

Dave Cornelius Meet with Local#44  
760/447-4342

**Venice Beach/Santa Monica Local # 63-Reg#7**

Kimko 310/907-6174 1st Monday 7:00pm  
On the Water Front Café  
205 Ocean Front Walk  
Venice Beach 90291  
mindbodyalignment@verizon.net

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