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California and we will mail one directly to you as part of your "upgraded" status. The last way and possibly the least expensive option is to contact the State Office and request Carol Cromwell to place you on her "direct mail" list. She will then have you pay for the postage required to have your magazine mailed out, which is about \$12.00 per year at this time.

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The last item I want to touch on this month is Local responsibilities to our organization. First, we need a current listing of your Officers. Second, we need your meeting date, time, and location. Third, we need your membership applications processed and turned in to the State Office as quickly as possible. Fourth, we need a quarterly treasury report from your Local. And last but just as important as all of the above, we need financial assistance from your Local.

Your Local exists solely as a subsidiary of our ABATE of California Corporation and you should be making an honest effort to ensure some type of financial contribution on your Local's behalf that helps offset our expenses. If EVERY Local statewide contributed back to the "Mother Ship" on an annual basis ABATE of California would be much more powerful than we already are.

Local membership numbers vary widely throughout the state, but every Local, large or small, should be able to contribute SOMETHING financially to our organization during the year. ABATE has three dedicated funds - the General Fund, the Lobbyist Fund, and the PAC Fund. Your Local should decide which of those funds they would like to support and make an effort to "pass the hat" at each meeting or conduct a fundraiser of some type to help support ABATE of California.

So please, give what you can and as often as you can. By doing so, we all fairly share in our responsibilities and duties to our organization and lighten the load that we all carry for the riders in California.

Thank You, Dave Hastings

by Dave Hastings, Executive Director

I'm going to use this month's article to touch on some ideas and topics of discussion that were brought to the May 30, 2015 Board of Directors meeting in Fresno. One of the ideas that came out of the earlier President's meeting was a short "Survey" of our membership concerning their "ABATE wants and needs" and we will be working on that item soon and getting a questionnaire/comment form out to our members as quickly as we can. We hope you will take the time to participate in our membership survey and help us examine and improve our day to day operation of ABATE of California.

Another topic that was discussed was getting our Bailing Wire into the hands of our members. As you probably know by now, printing and mailing expenses have skyrocketed and our Bailing Wire magazine was, and still is, the largest single expense that cuts into our ABATE budget every month. Several years ago, after much soul searching, ABATE was forced into cutting our operating expenses and we went to an on-line magazine with a bi-monthly printed format and discontinued the direct mailing of our Bailing Wire to our members.

So, how can you get a printed copy in your hot little hands? First, we send every Local President a box of magazines so you can pick one up at your Local meeting. We also send magazines to businesses all over the state and you have the opportunity to pick one up at those establishments. Another way is to become a "Sustaining Member" of ABATE of

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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.

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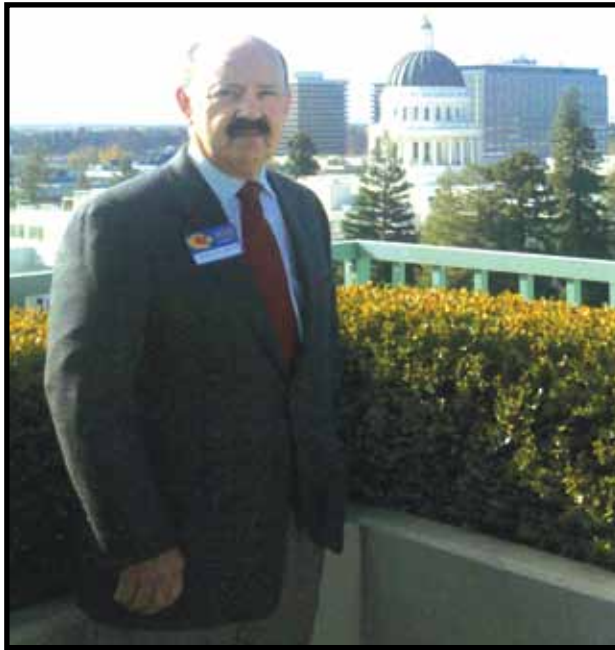
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Lobbyist's Report



by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

The California Legislature has passed the annual state Budget, this year on time, by June 15th. That *MEANS* the Legislators *will get paid* whether Governor Brown signs the Budget bill or vetoes it, as he did last year. As of today, there appears to be a compromise between Governor Brown and the Legislature on the final amount

that will be in the follow-up budget trailer bills that have become just as important as the actual budget legislation.

The Legislature, in return, should be able to go on summer recess on or before July 15th, and then return on August 15th to finish their year's work up by September 15th.

This week, we (ABATE and some other lane-splitting motorcycle-interest groups) are meeting with Assemblyman Quirk to discuss his last amendments to AB 51. The current bill allows motorcyclists to lane split with a 15 mph differential in the speed of traffic up to a maximum speed of 50 mph. I will report back to our Legislative Director after the meeting. The Senate Transportation and Housing Committee will be hearing AB 51 before they go on their summer recess on July 15th.

Assemblyman Ken Cooley's anti-motorcyclist profiling bill, AB 334, was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee due to staff estimates that said it was over their annual cost-to-the-state threshold, and can be heard again in the Assembly Appropriations Committee in January of next year.

Thanks to all who contribute to the dedicated Lobbyist fund!

Recap of the May 30, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting

by Dave Hastings

I'm going to give a quick recap of the May 30, 2015 Board of Directors meeting graciously hosted by Local 24 in Fresno. We had ten of our eleven Board of Directors members in attendance with Gill Mellen being excused because of a prior work commitment. Fifteen of our twenty-six active Locals were represented at the meeting.

Obviously we would like to see every Local in attendance, but California is a big state and finding and making time to travel is difficult for some people with job and family commitments being the primary reasons for their absence. If you were there, "Thank You" and if you missed this meeting, please try to schedule time for our next one.

We always have current information on many important topics that may be of concern to you and your Local members and you have the chance to network with your fellow ABATE friends from all over the state. Our next meeting will be in the southern part of our state and will be hosted by Local 20 on July 25, 2015 in Cypress. Mark your calendar now and then do your best to be there.

After the formal roll calls and some routine business matters required to open the meeting, Tom Lubbers asked for a "Moment of Silence" for our recently departed members Frank Conard, Local 22, and Sandy (Benjamin) Lake, Local 3/13. Mark "Dogman" Castillero presented the

State Treasurer report and I then followed with the State Director report.

We were then given updates on the Discussion Line, Membership, the Bailing Wire, State Merchandise availability, Local insurance and By Law requirements, and Local obligations to the State office. We also had a brief recap of the NCOM convention in Denver, Colorado that was attended by several members of our Board. We were brought up to date on the topics that were discussed during the event and how ABATE of California can help with those issues.

Another item that was discussed was our upcoming ABATE Golden State Rally in Kernville during the month of September. Again, put this event on your calendar, make your reservations soon, and plan on being at the best event September has to offer- our ABATE State Run! (September 11-13, 2015)

All in all, a very productive and informative meeting that was very well attended by our members. Make sure you are at our next Board of Directors meeting scheduled for July 25, 2015 in Orange County. I look forward to seeing you there.

Dave Hastings

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

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**by Dave Hastings,
PAC Treasurer**

Chuck Pedersen and Jim Lombardo led a very informative discussion at our PAC meeting in Fresno. Chuck is making a concerted effort to update our ABATE PAC membership list and bring it into compliance with our established PAC guidelines. This will help facilitate a smoother information flow and streamline our voting process on PAC items.

Jim gave us “up to the minute” information on the legislation we are currently monitoring and then Chuck asked for discussion and a vote from our members regarding our plan of action for each bill. This is exactly how our ABATE PAC process works and everyone present was allowed the opportunity to give their input before the actual decisions were made for our “official position” on the legislation.

Sometimes this process is seen as slow, but it is a very effective way to guarantee our members have an opportunity to discuss and digest the leg-

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**Pac/Treasurer’s
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islative information presented and then come to an agreement on an issue. This process assures we present a united front on legislation and also gives Chuck and Jim the reassurance and confidence that they are truly representing the wishes of our ABATE PAC members when they discuss or lobby an issue with our Legislators or their Staff Members.

So what did we decide? We are still in opposition to AB 51 - Lane Splitting. We will continue to seek modifications to the maximum allowable speed when this bill is brought up in the Senate for discussion.

AB 334 - Anti Profiling: This bill was placed in the Suspense File, but still has our full support and we will do our best to see this bill reach the Governor’s desk for his signature.

AB 346 - Helmet Removal for Facial Recognition: We oppose this bill and will do our best to prevent it from reaching the Governor’s desk.

So now you have our “official” PAC position on these pending bills. You need to attend our next regularly scheduled PAC meeting on July 25, 2015 in Orange County to stay informed of any possible changes to these bills and to have your opportunity to discuss and vote on our PAC policy regarding the legislation. Make your plans and reservations now and I’ll see you there!

**“THANKS TO ALL THAT DO,
AND TO THOSE THAT DON’T,
PLEASE TRY TO!”**

**ABATE “Brothers & Sisters”
Lost in 2015**

Ernie “Godfather” Dorsey, Local 40 President, (passed in December 2014);

**Frank Conard, Past President of Local 22, and a current ABATE Member;
Sandy (Benjamin) Lake, Local 3/13;
Rest In Peace, May they ride Forever Free.**

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Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi All! Local 1 is still kicking. These monthly meetings come in the middle of the month on Sunday and that leads to a pre-meeting report. That's how it is. So with out further stalling here is the report.

The Pledge of Allegiance starts the meeting. Then my opening remarks about how nice it is to see all who attended the meeting. Next we will discuss the two bills, AB 334 and AB 51. I will encourage our members to attend ABATE functions, especially the State run.

Glen C will talk about the memberships and general interest stuff. Jim Nickla will enlighten us on the tee shirt process. We are still in need of a publicity guy, so we will kick that around looking for a volunteer.

I will probably do the run report and encourage the Local to attend other Locals' runs. I'll give the treasury report – yes, we still have money in our treasury. I'll ask the members how they feel about the amount of stuff I email them.

We'll close the meeting and those that choose to can eat a nice breakfast provided by the Elks Lodge at a nominal cost. Regards to you all, Sporty Milligan, President, ABATE Local 1

Local #02 Simi Valley



June is a great month! BBQ is a great way to start our monthly meeting here at Local 2. We meet at VFW Post 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Street in Simi Valley on the second Tuesday of the month. We serve a great \$5 BBQ, burger or dogs and all the fixins' you can eat. Tonight we had extras! Delicious marinated chicken wings, courtesy of Norm e., to top it off! There will be another culinary delight next month I predict! We start serving at 6:45 and our meeting starts at 7:30 and of course we have access to the VFW's bar.

After Guy our Pres opened up with the Pledge of Allegiance, he talked about our Sweaty Buns Run in more detail as the run is July 26th. He discussed our Flyer and its placement all over our zone and anywhere we could pass them out and or post. We still need help with our yearly run and we could use you all out there. This is a great run that we do once a year and it's really fun as well as helping ABATE!

We are also gearing up for prizes for our run and we could sure use everyone's help in acquiring

ing gifts for raffle prizes. If you can't make the next meeting and can donate a raffle prize, please contact Pres Guy or Jane, our faithful secretary.

I want to emphasize that this is our 20th Sweaty Buns Run!!! This is an amazing statistic! This run has always produced Fun, Funds and Friendship and we are getting ready to rock it again. This event is put on by volunteers of Local 2. It takes dedication and hard work to pull it off, but it pays off for all our freedoms that we seek for all riders! Although we have a great team, we could still use more help from everyone at Local 2. We miss ALL who couldn't make it tonight, plus, we have new ideas and a great end stop for our event.

We are also having a booth at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church Chili Cook-off and Car Show. It's another long standing event that draws a lot of people and will give us great exposure. A double thanks to all who are volunteering for this! I've been there quite a few times, it's a great event and I hope to see you there.

All our dedicated officers gave their reports, we had a great evening and it went fast. Again, a big THANK YOU to VFW Post 10049 for letting us use their great facility again and again! PTL norm e.

Local #03/13 Thousand Oaks/Ventura



Our ABATE State Legislative Director, and Local 3/13 President, Chuck Pedersen, took yours truly and another rider friend of ours to the recent Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting in Fresno. It was my first time. Let me just say that as much as I pay attention to the matters and events of our Local and state issues, attending this Board meeting was 'eye opening' to say the least. I would encourage ANYONE who has not attended one of these quarterly meetings to do so, at your earliest opportunity!

Along with the usual Board meeting discussions that take place in any organization, when we got to the political action and legislative issues it was the real deal! I learned about the issues we're fighting for in detail, the who, what, and how of it all! The responsibility and the impact we have on the actions of the California legislature is impressive! And then, to discover, soon after that meeting, that AB 51, the lane sharing bill, was passed by the Assembly and now goes to the Senate for scheduling to be heard there - and we were directly involved! Pretty powerful stuff!

I also didn't realize just how much work is done by our Political Action Committee (PAC), headed by our own Chuck Pedersen. The activities of these guys, along with Chuck's long hours of reading, researching and communicating with the various members of the PAC are almost like them having another full-time-job; except that

the only payment is in their satisfaction of accomplishment of furthering our Freedom of the Road!

Current issues we are working on include AB-334, the Anti-Profiling Measure; and AB-346, involving Full Identity Checks, which goes along with the sentiments of anti-profiling! Join us in support of these efforts! Get involved! Everything we all do DOES make a difference!

Our Local 3/13 is always welcoming new members. Bike Nights are held 1st Thursdays 7 pm at Azar's Sports Bar & Grill, 2215 Michael Drive in Newbury Park. Our general membership meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7 pm at the Elks Lodge, 158 N Conejo School Road in Thousand Oaks. Every Sunday we have a ride that starts at Azar's. Kick stands up at 10:30 am. Come join us and bring your friends for fun and to support your motorcycle riding rights!

Ride Free! Kathleen Butcher, P.R.

Local #08 Orange County



Local 8 met this month for the first time since April. We don't formally meet in May or September. Since we have good turnouts at Victorville and Kernville, we conduct short informal meetings there.

We had 12 members at this month's meeting. Daniel led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed promptly by Steve donating \$50 to the Local 8 treasury. Ryan continued the meeting with the treasurer's report. Based on Ryan's report we voted to make donations to the PAC and the general fund.

The Publicity report focused on the distribution of the Bailing Wire, and making sure that Izella and Steve weren't delivering to the same shops. In conjunction with the Bailing Wire, we are distributing Local 8 meeting fliers which were designed, produced, and donated by Russ Brown. The quality of the fliers is outstanding, thick glossy card stock with vivid colors. A special thanks goes out to Shawn Mahoney of Russ Brown for taking on this project.

For the past few months we have taken a few minutes at each meeting to discuss our representatives in Sacramento and Washington DC, who they are, where they stand, and how to get ahold of them. This month the question was who did you call when the Action Alert was issued to ask your congressman to support stifling the feds in our state capitols? Hmm... Seems as though, up until now anyway, the Action Alerts were one of ABATE's best kept secrets, at least to Local 8 members. We had a short session on getting on the ABATE website, going to Issues and Legislation, and signing up.

Bill gave the PAC report in D-Man's absence. Bill's report focused on AB 51, lane sharing, and ABATE's opposition to the bill as written.

For upcoming activities, Local 8 will have a booth at the So-Cal Cycle Swap Meet on Sunday, July 26, at Long Beach Veterans Stadium. Cheryl

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and John have taken the lead on this endeavor. We will be selling donated items and pushing ABATE membership and participation. Come on down. Join us. Make a purchase or two.

We wrapped up the meeting with the opportunity draw. Linda won 33 bucks and donated \$20 to Local 8.

Local 8 report by Steve.

Local #11 North San Diego County



Greetings from North San Diego County! As is our custom we started off the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had officer introduc-

tion and then Prez Dan Buse talked about the recent political party meetings. Dan and Mark "Dogman" Castillero are on the state Board of Directors and discussed issues from the May Board meeting in Fresno. Some of those issues were the AB 51 Lane Splitting language and AB 334 Anti Profiling status. Of course the Waco incident has nationwide attention.

We also had a moment of silence for bikers lost recently including the US Navy Chief Zach Baub who was run down in a road rage incident in San Diego. The woman who ran him down is in jail with a \$1,000,000 bail. She is charged with murder at this time.

VP Dick Beckton gave us the upcoming events and a bit of COC discussion. Treasurer Tim Clark was not at the meeting due to illness. Cheryl Clark, Tim's wife (past treasurer) handled the duties. Cheryl is more trustworthy in my opinion... She touched on the funds raised at our 1st annual fundraiser last month and the Local 11 garage sale. We did good! Thanks to all who came to the fundraiser and all of the members who brought stuff to the garage sale.

We welcomed a special guest, Eddie Aranda, president of Local 38 in the Imperial Valley. Eddie came to talk about Local 38's Turkey Run. Eddie has been a member of ABATE for 23 years and started this Turkey Run 18 years ago. The run provides turkeys for the less fortunate in the area. The turkeys are purchased by ride participants at the Wal Mart where you meet and register for the run. (Do not buy the turkeys before you get there. They will be thawed and a pain in the ass if you try to ride with one.) The turkeys are then loaded onto trucks provided by the local Ford dealership. The trucks take the turkeys to local shelters and organizations. Per Eddy you will not go hungry on this ride. Food is available at all stops ending with a Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings. Please keep this run in mind. It is on the Saturday before Thanksgiving every year (November 21). More info will be forthcoming closer to the date.

Ride Safe, Gary, Local 11

Local #9 - #20 Orange County



The humid, drizzly weather may have kept many people home tonight because we only had 19 members and 2 guests at our meeting.

Spike told us that AB 51, the Lane Splitting bill, has passed the Assembly and now goes to the Senate where it hasn't been scheduled to be heard yet. Spike and Gill are still hard at work getting an anti-profiling bill to pass.

Gill would like thank the ladies from the American Legion for all their work each month cooking our chicken dinner with scallop potatoes and veggies with a roll. They do a great job and are not paid for their efforts, so he wants to remind us all to tip them whenever possible.

Wolfgang Delgado's name was pulled for the dollar draw, but was not at the meeting, so we now have \$99.00 for next month's draw. The non-politically correct, Gill



Why Join ABATE Off Road?

ABATE of California has been a Motorcyclist Rights Organization (MRO) for over 30 years. As such, we have developed a political machine that works with many members of our Sacramento government on motorcycle related issues. In 2012, former Assemblyman Paul Cook sneaked into law AB 1595 using a "gut and amend" trick to get his bill passed. AB 1595 severely restricted the rights of Side X Side users. As many of our members ride Off Road as well as On Road, ABATE realized that we needed to expand more into the Off Road community to prevent legislators like Paul Cook from sneaking in laws that adversely affect the Off Road community.

How We Operate

ABATE has thousands of members that all share the passion of riding whether On Road or Off Road. All members are volunteers and pay a small annual dues that goes 100% to motorcyclists rights. Members can be as involved as much or as little as they wish.

- ABATE hires a full time lobbyist to watch out for laws affecting motorcyclists.
- ABATE has its own Political Action Committee (PAC) that takes into consideration advice and news from our lobbyist. The PAC then decides whether or not to support whatever information has been given to us. The PAC also decides whether or not to donate money to a candidate based upon his / her views on motorcycle related issues.
- ABATE is a non-partisan 501C7 not for profit corporation.
- ABATE will send out "calls to action" to members who wish to receive them. These "calls to action" may ask you to write or call your representatives or to keep you informed of a rally or fundraiser for our cause. You can decide whether or not to participate in any of the "calls to action". ABATE is strictly voluntary.

Achievements

- Supported Assemblyman Jim Nielsen's AB 1266 that removed AB 1595's mandate of "all occupants of a Side X Side must have their feet flat on the floor". (Passed)
- Supported Assemblyman Brian Jones' AB 988 that would add Recreational Off-Road Vehicle to the New Motor Vehicle Board which would allow Side X Sides to have the same rights to non-binding arbitration hearings as other on-road and off-road vehicle dealers now have. (Passed)
- Worked with Senator Mimi Walters to help pass SB 234 that "eliminated AB 1595's no modification of Side X Sides" built before 2014. (Passed)
- Supported Assembly member Kristin Olsen's AB 1835 that "would repeal the helmet mandate for Side X Side users). (Passed after amended to remove helmet mandate on private property)

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Lee "Sporty" Milligan,
membership Chairman

Hi All! This month's report starts out by reporting that at the 3rd quarterly Board of Directors meeting, to be held on July 25th in Orange County, the winner of the membership funding special ticket sales will be announced. The name of the winner will be published in the September Bailing Wire. It is gratifying to note that as long as we have been doing this membership drive we have not had to fund any of the drive with general fund money. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

We have been getting new members. At last calculation the total was 55 new members. I would like to get at least another 45 by the year's end.

Once again I can't help harping on the need to keep your renewals. When you get new members how you treat them determines whether they will stick around for the upcoming years. Our egos and mouths determine just how much of an impression we make on the new members. Every aspect of

the organization is important; as your membership chairman I know that all too well.

Now what can you do to keep the renewals and not scare away prospective new members? To accomplish this, respect on all fronts is important. When a member has sent his renewal directly to your Local's membership chairperson, a thank you letter or note should be sent in a separate envelope thanking them for their support of the Local as well as supporting ABATE of California. If you can, also give them a trinket - trinkets are whatever you might feel is appropriate to give a renewal.

Hopefully you are attending ABATE events. The comradery you share between the Locals helps foster ABATE members working together for a common cause (helping prevent tooth decay) aka bad laws against motorcycle riders in Kalifornia.

Ok with that said the pep talk is over. Now go spread the word about ABATE. There is unity and strength in number of members.

Respectively submitted by Sporty Milligan wearing the State Membership Hat

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Attention!!!! ABATE of California Members – It IS ELECTION TIME!!!!

It is time to start preparations for the 2016 Board Elections – it's an even numbered year – So 6 ABATE Members will need to be Elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 term. Whether they be Re-elected or Newly Elected is Up to YOU, the ABATE Members to nominate a Candidate & Vote in the Election!

ABATE has tiered elections – 5 run in the odd numbered years and 6 for the even numbered years. The 6 current Board Members up for re-election are: Nick Benson Sr.; Mark "Dogman" Castillero; Tom Lubbers; Fred "Sarge" Matthews; Lee "Sporty" Milligan and Ed Rogers.

ABATE of California Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation and your elected Board Members are Volunteers, and you, the Member, would be considered as a "stockholder" have an obligation ...

If you are a current ABATE of California Member this applies to you:

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- To nominate and vote on ABATE Local representatives.
- To nominate and vote for the State Board of Directors of ABATE of California.

If You would like to be a candidate for the Board of Directors – you need to send in

your Candidate Statement no later than the 15th of September to Bailing.wire@abate.org (450 words or less) a current picture of yourself is nice too, many Members have face recognition and are not always able to match a name to a face. Send a picture in a jpg file (does not need to be big) to the same email Bailing.wire@abate.org

And also Time for Nominations for the 2015 Freedom Fighter of the Year Award.

For the nominations of ABATE's Freedom Fighter for 2015 – it is a difficult task to just pick one out of ALL of our ABATE Members as each Local, more than likely has a person worthy of this distinction – so as in any election – write the best recommendation you can to convince other Members to vote for your nominated Candidate!

The BEST thing about ABATE's elections – it isn't going to be the Candidate that spends the most money to get Elected

– it is UP to YOU the ABATE Member to choose the Candidate with the best qualifications that YOU want in charge of taking care of ABATE Business and representing YOU! And then VOTE when you receive the Ballot!

And the question that is usually asked is: Who has Won the Freedom Fighter Awards in the Past? The "official" State-wide Awards started with the year 1995, and there are 2 years that are missing (haven't been able to track down if the year was skipped or it just didn't make it to any official recognition).

Here's the answer: John "Milky" Loudermilk; Mike Osborn; John Paliwoda; Dave Hastings; Bill Bish; Jean Hughes; Leon Dailey; Nancy Nemecek; Rex Foreman; Lee "Sporty" Milligan III (twice); Beverly Lieswald; "Lil' David" Morena; Cynthia Witthans; John Del Santo; Nick Benson Sr.; Ruby Weber and for 2014 it was Glenn Phillips.

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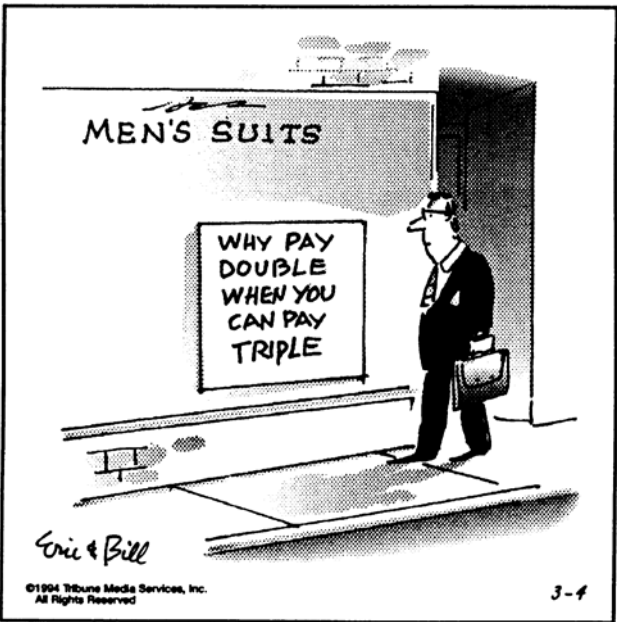


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ABATE P.A.C. Meeting: 9:45a to Noon

Lunch: Noon to 1:00pm

Board Meeting: 1:00 pm to conclusion

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October 10 – ABATE Local 17 – Annual
Fall Run (Details TBA.)

October 24 – ABATE Local 17 - Poker
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November 21 – ABATE Local 38 –
Annual Turkey Run (Details TBA.)

December 6 – ABATE Local 17 – Toy
Run (Details TBA.)

December 19 – ABATE Local 38 – An-
nual Toy Run (Details TBA.)

If you have a date for your event, and
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Motorcycle Safety Report

by Norm e. Newiger, Safety Officer

What Bugs You While You Ride?

Springtime in California is an awesome part of the year. A wide range of plants are in full bloom, or are about to be, and with this comes bugs - millions and millions of them. It's life in abundance and there is limited control of them due to pesticide restrictions and other means of liquidations. We will forever have a major abundance of them everywhere.

Some of our most favorite riding zones are also havens for bugs, from the high desert to the mountain ranges to the flats of the farming zone, they are everywhere! I'm forever hitting a bug here and there, some small, some very big, they are just out there doing what bugs do, bugging us!

We have enough to worry about while riding and bugs just don't figure in our things to worry about. But should they? I don't know of any accidents that were related to bugs, but I'm willing to bet there are. It's more of a menacing thing than worrying about them. If you hit a swarm of bees then that's something to worry about!

Wild game is on the up side as well this time of the year and let me tell you, I've seen too many close calls with deer and other wild life in them beautiful mountains I love riding in, and they don't move out of your way like we would think or hope. It's a serious accident waiting to happen when you slam into 130+ pound deer, I know this for a fact. One of my riding buds' broken leg and totaled bike were caused by a deer that didn't move out of the way and he ran into. By the way, the deer was never found and he was proven sober.

The bug swarm! Ow, ow, ow! It does hurt! I was cruising around 80 mph and hit a massive swarm of them tiny black gnats. An open face helmet introduced me to them tiny little friends, it felt like low velocity buck shot. I remember the butterfly migration and was pelted with lush yellow and black wings and body parts, my bikes color was like a chameleon of a myriad of colors as well. I was riding around the Sacramento area at night in the farmland of rice one fine evening and was introduced to large massive bugs of all varieties that were drawn to my front lights. I couldn't dodge them as they were coming at me from all frontal zones. Finally I had to stop because my visor was smeared with bugs, and my leather jacket looked like a smorgasbord plate for a lizard, true story! I dreaded the thought of what my bike would look like in the morning. I never hit a swarm of bees though a few single ones had



stung me here and there and let me tell you, it will get your attention real fast! Thank God I'm not allergic to bee stings! One time I was hit in the head - lucky for me I was wearing a full face helmet - with what looked like a flying potato bug. It rang my bell and I had to pull over to assess any damage to my helmet. The only thing I found was bug guts, a big glob of what was left of it. The noise of the impact was amazing; I thought there would have been a hole or at least a dent on it. The minor perils of riding!

The one good thing about these ordeals was that I never panicked or made a bad judgment call; I just reacted in a safe manner and was glad that nothing serious happened. The black gnats, I had just kept going until I was out of their swarm. I did the same with the butterflies. I figured out that to avoid the massive bug swarms in the Sacramento area, follow the big trucks instead of being in front of them. It worked. The bee stings were something else. The first one was when I was riding through the mountains wearing a tank top. I saw the bee come straight at me, it hit my chest and stung my stomach. As soon as I was in a straight section I pulled over and pulled the stinger out. I was lucky that I didn't panic or over react because there were no guard rails and, if you went off the road, you'd be flying and I'm allergic to flying. The second one was riding through the orange groves of Santa Paula. Again, I saw a bee flying straight at me, it hit my arm and all I saw was the stinger in my arm - ouch! We pulled over because another rider got stung as well. He was allergic to bee stings, luckily someone had an EpiPen for him to use. Now he rides with one. If you are allergic to bee stings etc. you should always carry one, anaphylactic shock is serious stuff!

We, as riders, really don't think of bugs putting us in dangerous situations, but they do. Because

of what could possibly happen and does, unsuspectingly, happen all the time, wearing protective clothing and riding gear can reduce these situations. It's not like we have to have battle armor on to protect ourselves, just a simple long sleeve tee shirt can work as well as a face shield of some sort. If you know you will be riding in an area that will be bug infested, then you should prepare yourself in the advent of you becoming a rolling bug zapper!

One of the worst things to follow are them big trucks that haul gravel/sand or anything that has micro filaments that fly out of their trailers, getting sandblasted while doing the speed limit is not fun! It seems like every time they go over an overpass they launch a handful of sand or dirt aimed at you and let me tell you; it's like low velocity buckshot shot at your face. You have to back off them and pass wide to get out of their tail gunner's site! Sometimes these big trucks launch rocks, or gravel as they call it, and they could be anywhere in size from a pebble to 3/4 inch gravel or bigger. They can dent your sheet metal as well as your face. These flying identified objects are traveling at the same speed you are and when they hit you it definitely hurts. You've seen what they can do to windshields, just think what they can do when they hit your pretty pearly whites!

There are many, many flying objects on all our roads and being on a motorcycle could make it a dangerous situation at any given time. Staying focused and not over re-acting are the best defensive measures one can do. Just look at our littered freeway systems and highways. Sometimes road debris hits multiple vehicles before it gets to the shoulder of the roads or it becomes a new part of the last vehicle it hit. If they don't make it to the shoulder they become flying land mines over and over again. I'm sure glad they don't make hub caps anymore - the flying saucers of death! All I know is this, anything that can be transported by vehicles can become debris on all our roads. Some people either don't care or don't know that they possibly littered the road on which they traveled. And sometimes these incidents cause multiple cars crashes. And that leads me to this - Don't Tailgate! Give yourself space so that you can maneuver safely at any given time. We never tailgate here in California, it's illegal - yeah right...

I've written previous articles that talked about staying focused while riding and having a good line of sight ahead of you as well as your immediate surroundings to include your six. It's bad enough that we have to worry about all the vehicles, let alone what is on all the roads we ride. Don't think CalTrans is out there in force cleaning our streets and highways all the time - sometimes it takes a refrigerator to get them to clean our roads!

The bug thing is a minor issue. The road debris can be from a minor to a major issue. These things happen all day, every day, everywhere, even in places you'd never expect. But it's the chance I love to take every time I ride! So Be aware and Always Ride Safely!

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DOT REGULATORS TO CRACK DOWN ON NOVELTY HELMETS U.S. transportation regulators on Wednesday, May 20 called for stronger rules for motorcycle helmets, proposing additional safety requirements in an effort to crack down on "novelty" helmets that do not meet federal standards. Department of Transportation officials say such uncertified helmets are unsafe and do not protect riders in crashes despite being sold and marketed for use on the road.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) proposes to amend Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 218 to modify the existing performance requirements of the standard by adding construction requirements. Its Proposed Rulemaking changes would further define what makes an acceptable motorcycle helmet, from its thickness to its compression ability, "in an attempt to help riders and state law enforcement officials identify inferior helmets." Such changes aim "to reduce fatalities and injuries resulting from traffic accidents involving use of motorcycle helmets" that fail to meet federal standards, DOT regulators told Reuters news agency, adding that rider deaths are disproportionately high due in part to the high number of motorcyclists wearing substandard helmets.

It is not clear why so many motorcycle riders use inferior helmets, said the regulators, but they say part of the problem seems to be that riders do not understand the risks. Novelty helmets can also be cheaper and appear "more comfortable or stylish," they added.

So-called "Novelty" helmets generally cover a smaller area of the head, have thin liners and are often sold with disclaimers stating that they are not for highway use "yet they are sold to highway users and used in great numbers by motorcyclists."

Tougher standards are expected to help authorities prosecute sellers of noncompliant helmets in states where helmets are mandatory, regulators said. The public can comment on the proposal for 60 days, up until July 20, 2015, before the department moves to issue its final regulation.

"DOT LOBBY BAN" REPEAL ATTEMPT THWARTED A provision contained in a federal appropriations bill could have struck down the "DOT lobby ban" implemented by Congress in 1998 to prevent the Department of Transportation from strong-arming states on helmet laws and other unwanted legislation.

However, thanks to the swift actions of national and state motorcyclists rights organizations, riders across the country rose to the occasion and supported an amendment introduced by Congressional Representatives Tim Walberg (R-MI), Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI), and Reid Ribble (R-WI) to strip the offending provision.

When the U.S. House of Representatives addressed the 2016 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations act (H.R. 2577) on June 3-4, Section 102 was removed.



OREGON MOTORCYCLISTS GET "LIMITED EXCEPTION" TO RED LIGHTS Changing traffic laws that affect motorcyclists often sparks plenty of debate in state legislatures, but that was not the case with a measure allowing two-wheel vehicles to go through malfunctioning stoplights that passed the Oregon legislature unanimously and was signed into law by Governor Kate Brown on May 21st.

Under SB 533, riders will be allowed to proceed through a red light only after it fails to go through one full cycle -- and then only if done with caution. State Representative John Davis (R-Wilsonville) calls it a "very, very limited exception" to the normal rules covering red lights.

Effective January 1, 2016, Oregon will join 16 other states with similar "dead red" laws that allow riders to proceed through red lights that do not detect their presence and fail to provide a green light: Minnesota (2002), Tennessee (2003), Arkansas (2005), Idaho (2006), Wisconsin (2006), North Carolina (2007), South Carolina (2008), Missouri (2008), Oklahoma (2010), Kansas (2011), Virginia (2011), Illinois (except Chicago – 2012), Nevada (2014), Indiana (2014), Kentucky (2015), and Washington (2015). In Texas and California, state law requires stoplights to be fitted with sensors that detect motorcycles.

NEVADA AMENDS HANDLEBAR HEIGHT LAW After passing the state Assembly unanimously, AB422 was signed into law by Governor Brian Sandoval on May 21, 2015 to amend the state's handlebar height law.

Effective October 1, 2015, Section 1 of this bill prohibits a local authority from enacting an ordinance governing the operation and equipment of a motorcycle or a moped which is in conflict with any existing state laws. Under existing law, a person is prohibited from driving a motorcycle or a moped equipped with handlebars which extend above the driver's shoulders. Section 2 of this bill provides that handlebars may extend not more than 6 inches above the driver's shoulders.

MOTORCYCLE LICENSE BILL PASSES IN ALABAMA Alabamians will need to have a motorcycle classification on their license, and take a written exam or safety course, under a bill that has passed the state Legislature and awaits the governor's signature. Alabama is the only state that doesn't require a specific motorcycle license, and this measure "will make sure that those who are riding motorcycles are qualified and know enough about motorcycle safety," said the bill's sponsor State Rep. Phillip Pettus (R-Greenhill).

Pettus' House Bill 212 now goes to the governor for his signature. Currently, only motorcyclists age 14 and 15 have to take a written test and get the

M classification. Those older than that may get the classification, but don't have to. Motorcyclists who already have the M classification will be grandfathered in.

Upon Governor Robert J. Bentley's approval, the new licensure law will become effective January 1, 2016, and law enforcement will then be able to issue tickets to motorcyclists who don't have the M classification. The bill also allows drivers to complete a safety course instead of the written test. There's a \$5 fee for the written test.

TEXAS LAW LEGALIZES SLINGSHOT THREE-WHEELER A new law now legalizes the three-wheel Polaris Slingshot in Texas. Polaris' Slingshot reverse-trike ended up in legal limbo last year after it was determined that it didn't fit the letter of any of Texas motor vehicle laws. It didn't have the safety equipment required to define it as a car, but since it had seats, and not a saddle, it couldn't be considered a motorcycle, either. That changed last week when Governor Greg Abbot signed an amendment to the law that essentially removed the saddle requirement, allowing three-wheel "autocycles" to be registered as motorcycles, as they are in many states. A motorcycle license is still required to drive one, but you can take the test in a three-wheeler if you only plan to drive that type of vehicle.

The laws that govern vehicles like the Slingshot vary from state to state, and it's still not street legal in a few. That includes Connecticut, Hawaii and Maryland, while Indiana recently passed its own "autocycle" law authorizing its use. In most states it follows the same helmet rules as a motorcycle, but in California can be driven without one and only requires an automobile license to operate.

MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES DROP FOR SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR Riding a motorcycle in the U.S. is continuing to get a little safer. Based on a preliminary survey of 2014 fatality data, the Governors Highway Safety Association is predicting a second consecutive year-over-year drop in deaths for the first time on record since 1997.

The GHSA is predicting 4,584 motorcyclist deaths in 2014, a 1.8-percent drop. The organization bases its forecasts on motorcycle fatality data for January through September in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. From this raw info, deaths fell in 27 states in 2014, increased in 19 and remained the same in four, plus DC.

While good in the short term, the GHSA still thinks there's a lot to do to reduce rider deaths; 28% of fatal crashes in 2013 involved riders with a blood alcohol concentration above 0.08, 34% of those killed were speeding, and 25% didn't have a valid motorcycle license.

Of course the GHSA recommends that all states adopt universal helmet laws, noting that currently only 19 states and D.C. require all riders be helmeted.

NEW STUDY REPORTS LANE-SPLITTING CAN BE SAFE California drivers often see motorcyclists zip by between the narrow space between two lanes of cars, known as lane-splitting, and a new report by UC Berkeley transportation researchers finds that such maneuvering does not necessarily pose a greater risk for injury.

An analysis conducted by researchers from UC Berkeley's Safe Transportation Research and Education Center (SafeTREC) found that lane-splitting is relatively safe if done in traffic moving at 50 mph or less, and if motorcyclists do not exceed the speed of other vehicles by more than 15 mph. "Surprisingly, we found that the difference in speed between the motorcycle and the surrounding traffic was a bigger

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predictor of injury than speed alone,” said study lead author Thomas Rice, epidemiologist at SafeTREC, which is based at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health. “Above a 15-mile-per-hour speed differential, the risk of injury rose significantly.”

California is the only state in the country where motorcycle lane-splitting is not illegal; and the researchers analyzed data on motorcycle-involved traffic collisions in California from June 2012 through August 2013. Of the nearly 6,000 accidents reported by the California Highway Patrol, 997 involved lane-splitting at the time of collision. “We have learned that when lane-splitting motorcycle riders are involved in collisions, the most common scenario is a rider traveling too fast when a motorist attempts to change lanes,” said Rice.

The data used in the UC Berkeley SafeTREC report included details about the manner in which lane-splitting occurred, such as speed of vehicles, time of day and the kinds of helmets used. Reports also included information about any injuries sustained.

Compared with other motorcyclists, lane-splitting motorcyclists were more likely to ride on weekdays and during commute hours, use better helmets, and travel at lower speeds. Lane-splitting motorcyclists were also less likely to have been using alcohol and less likely to have been carrying a passenger.

Also compared with other motorcyclists involved in a collision, lane-splitting riders were less likely to suffer head injury (9 percent versus 17 percent), torso injury (19 percent versus 29 percent) and fatal injury (1.2 percent versus 3 percent).

PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS RIDE HIGH ON THE HOG Demonstrating the political capital of motorcycles, seven of the Republican candidates running for President in 2016 descended on Iowa on June 6 to participate in freshman Senator Jodi Ernst’s inaugural “Roast and Ride” fundraiser. Sen. Ernst hopped on her Harley-Davidson Softail alongside Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker on his Road King along with more than 300 motorcyclists in tow for a 38-mile ride from Des Moines to the Central Iowa Expo in Boone for the pig roast, which Ernst hopes will become an electoral tradition.

Former Governor Rick Perry, R-Texas, took a different route to the roast, riding in with a group of veterans from the town of Perry, and was the only other 2016 contender to arrive on two wheels. Carly Fiorina rode a tractor in a local parade and renewed her attacks on Hillary Clinton, and the audience remained engaged throughout the speeches of South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham, Dr. Ben Carson, Florida Senator Marco Rubio and former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee.

Now that former Florida Governor Jeb Bush has officially launched his presidential bid, Sen. Ernst invited him to the first-in-the-nation caucus state for a ride; “I’d love to see him on a Harley” and she offered to “hook him up” with a motorcycle.

Motorcyclists possess some of the traits she would like to see in a future president: “I think you have to be a leader and you have to make decisive determinations of what path you take,” Ernst said. “Whatever that path is, you have to follow it.”

WEIRD NEWS: COPS CREATE TRAFFIC JAM TO CATCH BIKERS SPLITTING LANES
New York police officers were recently caught on

camera intentionally causing a traffic jam on the highway to catch motorcyclists splitting lanes through the stopped vehicles. The YouTube video has gone viral on the Internet, and was picked up by www.filmingcops.com, a conglomerative blogging service documenting police abuse otherwise ignored by traditional media outlets.

The narrator of the YouTube clip claims that the police actually shut down the entire highway for the sole purpose of catching bikers driving in between lanes. Several unsuspecting bikers can be seen in the video being pulled over as cops demand their license and registration, while the video shows the rest of the traffic on the highway at a complete stop for some time so that the cops can generate ticket revenues; “This appears to be one of the most epic parasitic wealth-extractions in recent memory.”

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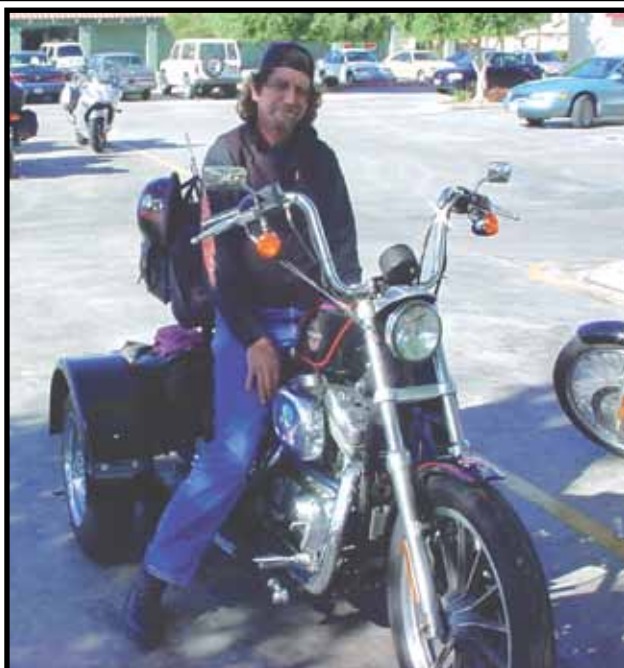
Sporty's Rides

by Lee "Sporty" Milligan

Sometimes it's kind of difficult to think of things to write about. Lately I have been giving you a medical report on my condition and how the leg has progressed. It's been over a month since I started back to work. To say it's been easy would be an understatement! I will say this, that the process of my job performance has been getting better, not perfect, but better. Finally on that score I have an appointment with my doctor June 19th. He and I will discuss my job and the physical aspect of it.

So I am working now and it's up at 4 am and out of the house by 5 am to be at work at 6 am. For the first couple of weeks I had been using the little-truck-that-could to get to my job in Malibu. That was making my commute home about an hour or so. Then around the last week in May I took my bike, the 2007 1200L Sporty, to work. When I use the bike it takes about 20 minutes off the commute. Any way I guess the bosses have not said anything against me using the bike for transportation to work.

I had made reservations at the hotel in Fresno where we had the 2nd quarterly Board of Directors meeting. I had planned to stay in Fresno two nights. I was really looking forward to the trip because it had been some time since I had taken a good long bike trip. I started out on Friday, May 29th, at about 11 am and arrived at the Piccadilly hotel by 5 pm. My arrival would have been soon-



er, but getting off in Fresno I took the wrong road and went 8 miles in the wrong direction. There was also an accident on Hwy 99 and I had to split traffic for about 10 miles. The rooms were very nice. I ate dinner in the bar room and had diet coke and a chicken dish that was reasonably priced. I am also a hockey fan so I watched the Stanley cup quarter finals on the big screen TV. That was nice, really nice.

The next day we had a full slate of meetings planned. Presidents meeting, PAC meeting and, of course, the Board meeting. Regarding AB-51, the lane sharing bill, we are going to see if the author, Assemblyman Bill Quirk will amend the bill to 50/15. The bill was amended May 22nd and you can see the amended bill on line by go-

ing to the California Assembly and Senate bills for 2015/2016. The other bill we were keeping tabs on, AB-334, the anti-profiling bill, was made into a two year bill because it could not be taken out of the suspense file. That's a shame.

Meetings went ok and were over by 3 pm. Around 5 pm I decided to again eat dinner at the hotel bar lounge. The big screen TV intrigued me as I won a 40 inch big screen TV at an event I went to Memorial Day weekend. So I ordered a nice hamburger with fries. I guess I had the appearance of being a vet (which I am) but I had my fake leg exposed and there was a gentleman who saw my black military beret which I bought from a hat company in Oregon. The barmaid said that he had paid for my dinner. That was really nice of him. The next day fully rested and full of the complimentary breakfast I started for home. Since I was only 200 and some miles from home I took my time. I even stopped at Glen Cheslocks' house to deliver the Bailing Wires he had requested.

Nothing else to report except that I am now taking my bike to work more and that makes the trip home better. The day this column is actually due is The AMA 'Ride Your Bike to Work Day'. Also I am still having my 2002 883 worked on by Casey's MC shop in Pacoima. They only have one mechanic so it is taking some time to get the bike in running order.

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Crashman1@sbcglobal.net

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562/298-6236 American Legion #354
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2104 Continental Ave. American Legion
Costa Mesa 92627 5646 Corporate Ave.
949/632-9787 Cypress CA 90630



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37230 52nd St. East AV Roadhouse
Palmdale 93552 320 W Ave J2
661/586-5555 Lancaster 93534
ron.sundquist@sbcglobal.net

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Ed Pelton 1st Sun 9:00 AM
626/513-6314 Vicky's Restaurant
502 S Waterman Ave
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