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## 2023 ABATE Board Meeting April 8th

Location

## **Clovis Veterans Memorial District**

808 4th St.

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Presidents/Officer Meeting 9AM

PAC Meeting 10AM

**11AM ABATE Board Meeting** 

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by The Lombardo Group., ABATE Lobbyist, pictured above with Speaker of the US House of Representatives Kevin McCarthy

The Legislature's Deadline for new proposed Laws to be introduced was February 17th, and the Legislature did not disappoint us. The Senate introduced 881 new Bills, while the Assembly was not to be outdone doubled the Senate by introducing 1751 new bills! This does not include the number of Constitutional bills proposals or Resolutions introduced by both houses. Of course, as usual there were over 200 Spot bills. That means no Subject, just a placeholder to completely "Gut and Amend" and make a completely NEW BILL!

Of those introduced there are many bills dealing with the oncoming of Autonomous Vehicles, which we will track closely. Also, several bills to shift away from the Gasoline Tax to support Roads and Transition into a New Mileage use tax - A Tax per mile driven.

A bill introduced SB 50 by Senator Bradford (D – Garden Grove) will outlaw Profiling by Race. Which we are also following very closely. As we sift through the 2632 bills, we'll give another report in next Month's Bailing Wire with more detailed Information and Tracking Status.

Thanks to all the Locals and Individuals who contribute to the dedicated Lobbyist account to keep us in the Halls of the Capitol fighting for Motorcyclist!



ABATE's New Asst. **Legislative Director** with her Father

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## **New ABATE Officers**

#### Introducing Mynette "Storm" Boykin

#### Starting in April New ABATE of CA Asst. Legislative Director

#### Introducing Mynette "Storm" Boykin

Mynette Boykin was born in New Jersey and lived in the Philippines for 3 years, moving to the SF Bay Area and growing up in Hayward, CA. Mynette's father, John rode motorcycles and taught his wife Kanda to ride. In



the Philippines, John bought a Honda 90 and he and his wife rode it everywhere with baby Mynette on the front of the seat on the gas tank. (You could definitely say she has been riding her entire life!) She learned to ride when she was 10 years old. Her first bike was the black and silver Honda 90 that her father took apart to bring on the plane back to the states.

Mynette's first bike she purchased on her own was a Suzuki GSX500 ES '83. Then a Ninja 500, Harley Sportster 1200 Screaming Eagle, '03 Suzuki SV650S, and more recently a 1999 Harley.

FXR2 and a 2022 Harley Lowrider ST. The latter she still owns, along with a dirt bike.

Mynette says she "loves fighting for bikers' rights." She's worked alongside many veterans of this arena, including Bobby "T" who taught her the ropes in the world of working on legislative issues. Mynette has been to the State Capital and walked the halls, speaking with our legislators about motorcycle rights with Chuck Pedersen and other ABATE members.

Mynette is currently the Co-Chairperson and Political Director for the Bikers Rights Organization of Contra Costa County. She's also been on the CUMVC Steering Committee for a few years. Mynette is known as "Storm" in the motorcycle community, and she is the Vice President of an all-female motorcycle club called Xtreme Vixens MC. She also does charity work both in the motorcycle arena and with other organizations.

Mynette "Storm" tells us she is excited to join our Team at ABATE of California as our new Asst. Legislative Director, working with her mentor, Bobby "T".

#### (New ABATE Officers continued on Page 6)

## **Mission Statement**

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

## What is ABATE?

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

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## New ABATE Officers (continued) & Executive Director's Corner

#### Introducing John "JP" Martin

## New ABATE of CA State Assistant Executive Director, Vice President ABATE Local 3

I was 17 when I bought my first bike. It was a Honda 750 four. It was not legal for me to ride till I turned 18 but that didn't stop

me. Despite the wishes of others, I quickly learned how to push my limits and fell in love with what we now refer to as "wind therapy." These days I enjoy my Electra Glide, carving the canyons and still pushing those limits.

I have been active with ABATE since about 2002, when my eldest brother Don Martin introduced me to



Chuck Pedersen and the Local 3 members. I say active, but never a member. When Don passed away in 2016, I looked for ways to honor his memory and found myself getting more involved with the Local 3. After a time, I became Run Coordinator and then rose in the ranks to become Vice President. To me, ABATE is about camaraderie, action and protecting the right to ride. As I saw all of the changes, anticipated new direction and renewed enthusiasm at the State level, I felt the desire to step up and do what I could for ABATE and Chuck Pedersen in his new role as Executive Director. I am proud to serve ABATE of CA in my new role as Asst. Executive Director.

John "JP" Martin

Success is never owned, it is rented. And rent is due every day!

#### **Executive Director's Corner**

#### by Chuck Pedersen

As we roll into March with the promise of warmer and drier weather, remember to make sure that your bike is tight and your gear is near. With the New Year, the Locals should remember that Directors & Officers insurance payment is due to the State Office. All Locals must carry this insurance as a protection of your personnel assets in the case of mishap. In California one can be sued for just about anything. Make sure your Local Officers are insured.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month -- As an organization that promotes safety, this is the time to contact your local governments to request they support a "May Is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month" resolution/ proclamation. It's a pretty simple process. For me, I call the Ventura County Board and speak to their Secretary.



I give her the request, sample dialog and contact information. Then, I call every now and then to follow up. Generally, when the proclamation is ready, get a group together and attend the City Council Meeting. You'll get some face time in front of the cameras, a little handshaking, and you're done. Sometimes the press will be there and will grab a short interview. All great stuff to promote ABATE.

Bailing Wire Content – I have taken the overall responsibility of the Bailing Wire. We're adding more pages and increasing the depth of content. Locals can help by ensuring that EACH Local contributes articles for the Local Reports page. Share about your past or upcoming runs and events. Keep things on a positive note. Don't worry if you are not the best at a keyboard or with creative thought. We have a great team of dedicated individuals there to help. There's an editor, proofreader and now a Public Relations focus. These guys and gals can polish a rock into a diamond. But we need your reports! E-Mail them to bailing.wire@abate.org and have them in by the 13th of each month. Also, I think it is important to have the Bailing Wire on doorsteps by the first of the month. By getting your articles, and flyers, photos, etc. to Bailing Wire by the 13th, we can make this happen.

Visiting Locals – As Executive Director, I made a promise to visit each Local at one of their meetings ... State-Wide! As I made this commitment, I understood the responsibility I accepted. Traveling to all Locals in the State of California. Some are held during the week. That means time off work, traveling costs, and in most cases a hotel room or two. But I feel this is important as we dig out of the COVID mess that left many Locals and even our leadership worn-out. We are rebuilding in 2023! And as the Locals are our bedrock, it begins with them. Our first Local meeting was Sunday, February 5. Many of our Board and Officers made a shout out to attend the Local 6 meeting in San Diego. WHAT A GREAT TURN OUT!! Chairman of the Board D-Man and I followed Local 6 President, Snowman's lead in the discussions. It was a great meeting to discuss the challenges of the last couple of years, and more importantly, where we are headed for the future. I for one, could see the appreciation in Snowman's face. It is good to know that one is not standing alone when leading a group in fighting for our motorcycling freedoms. In the future, Local Presidents are going to receive a call ... I and others will be coming to your meeting. I want to hear about your successes, your pains and challenges, and I want to help. ABATE's success starts and ends with you!

I'll close with this. Each of us matters! I feel that some Local Officers and members feel they've lost the attention and appreciation of the larger organization. I know that I did. Heck, as President of Local 3, I was just about out-the-door when Rick Robison called and asked me to volunteer to support the Board. I had been involved for over 25 years, so I agreed to give it one more try. I am asking all of you to do the same. Let's step up and return ABATE of California to the most formidable MRO in the State! Keep Fighting ... & Ride Free!

Chuck Pedersen, ABATE of California, Executive Director

P.S. Rick didn't tell me I was to be Executive Director until after I agreed to help. Always read the fine print!!



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## **Locals Reports**

## Local #01 Los Angeles

At our last meeting, due to the rain threat, we had a small meeting. The membership raffle ticks sold quickly. We had key members who committed to the work needed for our Polar Bear Ride scheduled for March 12th. Lee Milligan and I hit as many meetings, since passing out flyers and getting the word out. Tom, a member of Local 1 and our State Treasurer, produced the info sheets urging contacts to join ABATE; were a big help in explaining our mission. Lastly, we had a great booth location at the David Mann show in Ventura County Fair Grounds. Tom was able to sell lots of membership tickets while he and I covered the booth early in the morning. It was a bit chilly but dry and we had a lot of visitors and got some new members. More reinforcements showed up and helped pass out Bailing Wire's and information. I would like to invite anyone to show up at our next meeting on February 19th at noon, location 13026 Saticoy, east of Woodman on the south side of the street. Look for the Orange flags on the fence. Anyone who can help at the Polar Bear Ride please come or call me.

Jim Nickla Local 1

## Local #3 Thousand Oaks/Ventura

We're off to a great start for 2023! Planning continues for this year's activities, with fun rides and runs, sustaining our important mission of working on legislation for motorcyclists' rights. Mark your calendars for April 2nd to attend our Annual Leather Weather Run... (check the flyer in this issue for details)

We also attended the Dave Mann ChopperFest and met lots of riders, sharing the mission of ABATE and signing up new members. Supporting ABATE makes a statement and sends money to work towards fair treatment of motorcyclists. Whether you ride with ABATE or ride with another group, being a member of ABATE and/or just participating in these events, contributes to the work we do protecting your motorcycle riding rights.

Our President, Chuck "Chief" Pedersen, Exec. Director of ABATE of CA, along with Bobby T., ABATE's California State Legislative Director, and many of our Officers, continues to network with various other groups, building alliances to assemble a formidable voice in Sacramento. We are a group that is making things happen... being involved in passing Lane Splitting legislation just a couple of years ago, and now working on the Anti-Profiling Bill and noise bills this year! Join Us to be an effective voice in matters of motorcycling rights!

Our Local 3 is always welcoming NEW members. Bike Nights are held the 1st Thursday of each month starting @ 6:30 pm @ Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park; General Membership Meetings are on the 3rd Thursdays @ 7pm @ Elk's Lodge, 158 N. Conejo School Rd. in Thousand Oaks; and Sunday rides EVERY second or third Sunday.

Come join Us ... to any or all of these events ... and bring your friends ...Check us out on Facebook @ www.Facebook/ABATE313 to follow our events and issues.IT'S ALL ABOUT MOTORCYCLISTS' RIGHTS – ACROSS ALL CLUBS, GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS! Ride Free! Kathlean "MamaBear" B. P.R. ABATE Local 3

## Local #19 Pomona Valley

We kicked off the new year with our wrap meeting for the 2022 Toy Run. This sets the pace and tone for the 2023 Toy Run.

We got some updates on members who were unable to attend for various reasons. We had some updates about what is going on at the State level, and most notably a discussion of the Anti-Profiling Bill, of which we now have language, and are looking for a sponsor to carry it. The Unrue Act from before 2000 might even support the elements of the anti-profiling bill.

We got the great news relayed from Honda Ray that the final numbers for "One More From The Heart" brought in nearly \$22k for Totally Kids Children's Center. Some upcoming events include the David Mann Chopper Fest that ABATE will have a booth at, Nugget Nights are continuing through the winter months at the Nuggets Clubhouse in Ontario and The DD will be having their Downed Biker event at Screamin' Sally's on March 18.

And it is certainly worthy of note that the Motorcycle Profiling Project has started their 2023 Survey. There is a link pinned at the top of our Facebook page at ABATE of CA -Local 19.

## Local #25 Sacramento

Minutes of the ABATE Local 25 meeting, Thursday, January 19, 2023.

Lil' David called the meeting to order at 7:00.

There were 5 members attending.

David Battles made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Lil'David, motion carried.

Our out-going treasurer, Joe Rendon gave us our checking account balance. Our bank is making it difficult to change treasurer. We submitted the first five documents they requested and they sent us six more documents to complete. It didn't take that many documents to open the account originally. We might end up changing banks.

PAC Report – May 21 there will be a rally at the Capitol. This is a change from the original May 7 date. May 22, the Monday after the rally will be a lobby day. ABATE is looking for an author for our anti-profiling bill. If we can't get it submitted as a formal bill we might have to settle for a resolution. In the past law enforcement has opposed the bill based on cost, apparently that is no longer an issue. ABATE is using the same anti-profiling language used in Texas.

Board of Directors and Presidents Meeting – Dave Battles attended the January meeting in person and was appointed by ABATE to be the liaison to MMA.

Runs/Events - Check the MMA webpage for local events.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30

## Locals Reports...cont., Membership Bill's Report & Jane's Heart...

## Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE Members. I hope everyone is doing well and in good health. We are gearing up for our annual fundraiser and membership drive, which we call our Stimulus Run. We will be raffling off a total of \$1,000, top prize is \$500, then \$200, \$150, \$100, and then \$50. Tickets are \$5 a piece. There should be a flyer in this issue of the bailng wire. I want to thank Gabriel from the Law Tiger's for donating the flyers. They look awesome. We will be starting at Coyne Powersports May 13 2023, and they will be providing breakfast for the participants. If you would like to buy or help us sell tickets, text me at (760)554-8843. Or see one of the local 38 members that have tickets. We had a local 38 board meeting to go over what we need to do for the year. Bob Brown announced that he is stepping down as chairman of the Los Ninos Toy Run. We set the date for the Stimulus Run and the proposed run stops. Briefly touched on the Turkey Run and tabled any discussion on the toy run. At our first monthly meeting we presented a plaque to Bob and his wife Alicia for all their years of hard work coordinating the toy run. They will be missed.We will be getting Peggy Price to take over the Toy Run, she is familiar with the toy run and the people at the receiving home. She will also become an ABATE 38 member, when she comes aboard. Just a reminder that we have moved our monthly meeting location to Denny's on Imperial ave. in El Centro, right behind 7/11. Meeting's are still the last Thursday of month at 6:30 pm. Well see you down the road, ride safe.

Ed Aranda, President ABATE Local 38

#### **Bailing Wire Membership**

Membership Bill here,

What is membership in the finest (MRO) Motorcycle Rights Organization all about?

Why would you want to tender your \$40.00, \$60.00 or more per year to be recognized as a member of ABATE of California. Keep reading, because I am going to tell you the story in short order and keep it on point.

Do you feel your rights to just ride a motorcycle are being trampled on? Are you now enjoying lane sharing, in your ability to ride safe, stay out of congested traffic and avoid getting tapped from behind when you least expect it? Now you know just one of the many rights that ABATE of California recently fought for, and there is more to come. Look for other legislative issues we are working on, listing in this and every issue of the Bailing Wire.

You see, our 2023 membership drive has just begun and (you) the motorcycle rider are so important to its success. Whether you come in as a single rider, a couple or a business member, it all counts. ABATE has someone fighting for you in Sacramento and DC and with local leaders. However, it can't be done without the support of membership.

Remember, I will be looking for "You". What is the definition of "You"? Anyone that rides a motorcycle! It matters not the brand, be it Honda or Harley, Indian or Yamaha. We even welcome those who ride a Velocette! (look it up-cool bikes) Are you female or male, younger, older ... if you ride a street bike or sport bike ... you are a candidate for membership. And, we need you, so we can continue the fight!

Where will I find "You"? I have already started looking at your favorite motorcycle dealer or local accessory store and the independent shops. This was done by placing copies of our Bailing Wire where it can be found and acted upon. You can find the QR code, which will take you to an online membership application. Or check the back page for a Local near you, showing meeting times and places, and show up. They will be GLAD to welcome you. And, once you are a member, you'll receive a Bailing Wire digitally every month.

If you want to know more, feel free to reach out to me and I will respond. My number is listed in the front pages of this Bailing Wire Check out our web site for more information, as well. Hope to meet you soon ...Ride Safe and Ride FREE

Bill McClennen, Asst. Membership Chairman

## Jane's Heart

...by Kathlean "MamaBear" Pedersen, P.R. ABATE of CA

Let's call this an "Unauthorized Biography." Because I want to introduce you to REAL HEART for ABATE ... But her humble nature would cause her



to decline this attention. Our Local 2 in Simi Valley has had it's UNFAIR share of adversity in recent times. Members passing away and moving out of the State. Many Locals experience this ... Seems exponential in this particular group.

Meet Jane W. (Middle of Picture, facing forward) – Her husband, Frank, was a long-time rider and member of ABATE. From Jane's young adulthood, she was Frank's forever passenger and supportive wife. She loved to be involved and ride, like many of us. Little did she know that she would find herself in the position she's in today. As these misfortunes were hitting the Local 2, one member lost after another, tragedy hit her family, as well ... and Frank passed away. Dealing with her own terrible loss and sadness, and her own challenging health issues, Jane picked herself up and moved forward, continuing to support ABATE by her leadership of the Local. She stepped up to fill several positions, where members had been lost. She also shows up to help at other ABATE events, like the recent Chopper Fest; and has even volunteered to be the ABATE State Secretary (starting in April), taking and publishing minutes for our Quarterly Meetings.

I am just in awe and so appreciative of this woman's HEART. She isn't a rider, and her life has changed dramatically, in a short period of time. Yet, she won't give up the fight ... and holds her ABATE membership and responsibilities near and dear to her heart.

Jane's heart. It inspires me ... Maybe it will inspire you, as well.

## **Event Flyers**



Pestination:       Morro Bay         Date:       May 6, 2023         Sign up:       Brooks Ranch Restaurant @ 9AM - 10aM         Chestnut & 99–Southbound ramp         \$30 per rider         Depart:       KSU 10AM	
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## NCOM Convention & 2023 National Ride Calendar

#### 38th ANNUAL NCOM CONVENTION - see page 14

#### NCOM CONVENTION IN PHOENIX WELCOMES ALL RIDERS NATIONWIDE

The 38th annual NCOM Convention is coming soon, so mark your calendar now and plan on being part of one of the largest gatherings of bikers' rights activists in the world. This year's NCOM Convention, to be held JUNE 16th–18th, 2023 at the Hilton Phoenix-Tempe, located at 2100 S. Priest Dr., in Tempe, Arizona will draw hundreds of concerned motorcyclists to the great American southwest to address topics of concern to all riders everywhere.

Agenda items will cover legal and legislative issues, with Special Meetings for Veterans Affairs, Women in Motorcycling, Clean & Sober Roundtable and World of Sport Bikes, as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting.

All motorcyclists are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the many meetings, seminars and group discussions that focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to protect our riders' rights and preserve Freedom of the Road.

Be sure to reserve your hotel room now by calling (480) 967-1441, and mention NCOM for our Special Room Rate.

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$110 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$50 for the Convention only. Preregistrations must be received by June 10th, or pay cash at the Convention.

For more information, or to pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

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Returning to normal, and getting out to ride, whether cross-country touring or around the block ride therapy, is important to our sport and lifestyle, so Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) collaborated through the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) to provide a comprehensive calendar listing of major riding events from across America for your convenience, and that of your readership or membership.

We scoured our resources to compile the attached A.I.M./NCOM National Ride Calendar, which we invite you to reprint, publish or otherwise distribute the flyer, via print and/or electronic platforms, to your own audience.

In order to effect the widest dissemination, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists requests your kind assistance in promoting this useful nationwide Riding Events information by printing the attached flyer in your publications, post it on websites, Facebook and other social media, or copy and distribute them during membership meetings or to set out at local motorcycle businesses.

THANK YOU in advance, and we hope to see you on the road!

Bill Bish

### Members Photos - please send in photos to

### Bailing.wire@abate.org to be posted in our next Issue!





023 NATIONAL RIDE CALENDAR

**Courtesy of Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)** www.ON-A-BIKE.com (800) ON-A-BIKE Representing injured motorcyclists nationwide for over 35 years!

POST & SAVE THE DATES!

MARCH 3-12—DAYTONA BEACH, FL: 82nd Annual Daytona Bike Week Info: www.officialbikeweek.com and www.bikerbeach.com or call Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce at 386-255-0981

MARCH 16-19—DEPEW, OK: Route 66 Spring Fever Rally Info: www.route66bikerrally.com or 918-645-9029

MARCH 29-APRIL 2—SCOTTSDALE, AZ: Arizona Bike Week Info: azbikeweek.com or 480-644-8191

MARCH 31-APRIL 2—CLEVELAND, OH: I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama Info: pistonpowershow.com or 216-265-2528

APRIL 19-APRIL 23—UNIDILLA, GA: Angel City Spring Motorcycle Rally Info: angelcitymotorcyclerally.com

APRIL 28-APRIL 30—LEESBURG, FL: Leesburg BikeFest Info: leesburgbikefest.com or 352-365-0053

MAY 3-7—PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL: 25th Thunder Beach Spring Motorcycle Rally Info: www.thunderbeachproductions.com

MAY 5-6—FT. SMITH, AR: Steel Horse Rally Info: www.thesteelhorserally.com or 479-414-3775

MAY 12-21—MURRELLS INLET, SC: Annual Myrtle Beach Spring Bike Week Info: www.myrtlebeachbikeweek.com or 336-643-1367

MAY 15-16—WASHINGTON, D.C. Motorcycle Riders Foundation's Bikers Inside the Beltway National Motorcycle Lobby Day Info: 202-546-0983 or www.mrf.org



MAY 17-30—CA-DC-IL: Run For The Wall XXXIII Info: www.rftw.us

MAY 18-21—HURRICANE MILLS, TN: Tennessee Motorcycles & Music Revival Info: www.motorcyclesandmusic.com

MAY 18-21—RUIDOSO, NM: Annual Aspen Cash Motorcycle Rally Info: 800-452-8045 or www.motorcyclerally.com

> \*MAY 26-JUNE 4—SANDUSKY, OH: Ohio Bike Week Info: www.ohiobikeweek.com

MAY 28—WASHINGTON, DC: Rolling To Remember Info: www.amvets.org or rollingtoremember.com

MAY 28— NATIONWIDE USA: Rolling Thunder XXXV Ride for Freedom Info: www.rollingthunder1.com

MAY 31-JUNE 4—LAKE GEORGE, NY: 2023 Americade AMA National Rally Info: Bill @ 518-798-0858 or www.americade.com

JUNE 2-4—RENO, NV: Street Vibrations Spring Motorcycle Rally Info: www.roadshowsreno.com or 775-690-2035

JUNE 8-11—CAVE-IN-ROCK, IL: HogRock River Rally Info: www.hogrock.com or 866-464-7625

JUNE 9-12—AUSTIN, TX: Annual Republic of Texas (ROT) Biker Rally Circuit of The Americas Info: www.republicoftexasmotorcyclerally.com

JUNE 10-18—LACONIA, NH: 100<sup>TH</sup> Annual Laconia Motorcycle Week Laconia Motorcycle Rally & Race Week Assn: 603-366-2000 Info: www.laconiamcweek.com

JUNE 16-18—PHOENIX, AZ: National Coalition Of Motorcyclists 38th Annual NCOM Convention Info & Registration: 800-531-2424 or www.ON-A-BIKE.com

JUNE 22-25—PATTERSONVILLE, NY: Harley Rendezvous Classic Info: 518-864-5659 or www.harlevrendezvous.com JUNE 22-25—JOHNSTOWN, PA: Thunder in the Valley Info: www.visitjohnstownpa.com/thunder-valley or 800-237-8590

> JUNE 29-JUY 1—ALGONA, IA: Freedom Rally Info: 641-858-5001 or www.abateiowafreedomrally.com

JUNE 30-JULY 2—CARROLLTON, OH: 26th Annual Freedom Rally Info: 330-327-3513 or freedomrallyregion8@gmail.com

JULY 6-9—GETTYSBURG, PA: Gettysburg Bike Week Info: www.gettysburgbikeweek.com or 717-873-6181

JULY 12-16—STURGIS, KY: Kentucky Bike Rally Info: 270-333-7244 or www.kentuckybikerally.com

JULY 20-23—SPRINGVILLE, IN: The Boogie Info: 800-232-2283 or www.abateonline.org

JULY 21-23—LEXINGTON, OH: AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days Info: www.americanmotorcyclist.com or 800-MID-0HI0

AUGUST 1-6---MEMPHIS, TN: 46th Annual National Bikers Round-Up Info: 901-512-0835 or www.nationalbikersroundup.org

AUGUST 4-13—STURGIS, SD: 83rd Annual Sturgis Black Hills Motorcycle Rally Info: 605-347-4422 or www.sturgismotorcyclerally.com

AUGUST 18-19—WOODLAND PARK, CO: Annual Salute to American Veterans Motorcycle Rally Info: 719-487-8005 or www.theveteransrally.org

SEPTEMBER 7-10—GENEVA-ON-THE-LAKE, OH: 17th Annual Thunder On The Strip Rally Info: www.thunderonthestrip.com or 440-466-2361

SEPTEMBER 13-17—LAKE OZARK, MO: Bikefest Lake of the Ozarks Info: www.lakebikefest.com or 800-386-5253 SEPTEMBER 15—BRIDGEPORT, AL: 30th Anniversary Trail Of Tears Motorcycle Ride Info: www.al-tn-trailoftears.net

SEPTEMBER 20-23—ROGERS, AR: Annual Bikes, Blues & BBQ Motorcycle Rally Info: 479-527-9993 or www.bikesbluesandbbq.org

SEPTEMBER 21-24—RENO, NV: Street Vibrations Fall Rally Info: www.roadshowsreno.com or 775-690-2035

SEPTEMBER 21-24—HARRISBURG, PA: Motorcycle Riders Foundation's 39th Annual Meeting of the Minds Info: 202-546-0983 or www.mrf.org

\*SEPTEMBER 21-24—RUIDOSO, NM: 54th Annual Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally 800-452-8045 or www.motorcyclerally.com

OCTOBER 2-8—MURRELS INLET, SC: Myrtle Beach Fall Rally Info: www.myrtlebeachbikeweek.com or 336-643-1367

OCTOBER 5-8—CAVE-IN-ROCK, IL: HogRock 'toberfest Info: www.HogRock.com or 866-464-7625

OCTOBER 5-8—COLONIAL BEACH, VA: Colonial Beach Bike Fest Info: www.ColonialBeachBikeFest.com or 804-224-8145

OCTOBER 19-22—DAYTONA BEACH, FL: 31st Annual Biketoberfest Info: www.daytonabeach.com/biketoberfest/ Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce: 866-296-8970

\*OCTOBER 23-29—PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL: 23rd Thunder Beach Autumn Motorcycle Rally www.thunderbeachproductions.com or 850-249-7627

NOVEMBER 2-5—GALVESTON, TX: Lone Star Rally www.lonestarrally.com or 832-437-2318 or 386-682-9582

NOVEMBER 16-19—CLEARWATER, FL: St. Pete Beach BikeFest www.stpetebeachbikefest.com or 727-527-9672

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Not responsible for cancelled, postponed or incorrect listings. Be advised to verify events in advance!

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\*Unconfirmed Event – TBA



## Membership Report & Bobby's Corner

#### **Membership Report**

by Lee "Sporty" Milligan

Hello Fellow ABATE members and peeps who are reading this.

Our membership drive is off to a good start! Keep up the good work of talking about ABATE, inviting your friends and associates, and getting out the word of our



legislative activities to the riding public!

Our membership raffle tickets are selling out. People are excited about the \$250 prize, and for a buck-a-piece ... it's a good bet. Contact me if you need more. Please note the membership funding raffle will be drawn at our 3rd Qtr. Board meeting in July, as noted on your tickets. So all the raffle tickets need to be at the state office by 1st of July. Send the money and ticket stubs to the state office. The address is ABATE of California, PO BOX 15, LA VERNE, CA 91705.

Also, always my reminder, please keep your membership renewals up by following up with your expiring members.

Our Assistant Membership Director, Bill McClennen, has been out on the road, attending events and motorcycle shops, distributing the Bailing Wire and talking up ABATE. Bill recently attended the COC event in Orange County. ... Here is his report on the day's activities...

"ABATE of California is off to a roaring start for 2023. At the COC event on January 21, 2023, our booth was set up and waiting for new members from the plethora of clubs that came to take in this event. I have on good authority that 100s of club members showed up, which brought many of them to our booth, where we had the opportunity to explain about motorcycle rights and how important it is for them to play a role in them. We handed out the Bailing Wire newsletters and membership cards and had new people signing up! Of course, they were encouraged to tell all their friends. If ABATE can just get 2 new members from each club, that will equal hundreds of new members, which will help us continue to fight for the rights of all motorcycle riders throughout the State of California." ... Bill McClennen

Thanks for Bill's 'feet on the ground' hard work ... in getting ABATE's message out there and signing up more new members! Club members and Independents alike; male, female, all ages ... ABATE welcomes all.

#### Political Action, Safety, Industry and Rights Related News & Updates

Harley-Davidson Ordered To Honor Right-To-Repair Rules By The FTC

Warranties should not be voided if customers take bikes to independent dealers or install non-factory parts.

On June 23, 2022, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission took a big new step in the right-to-repair battle. The FTC is taking action against Harley-Davidson, as well as MWE Investments, the company that makes Westinghouse outdoor generators, due to what the FTC says are illegal restrictions on customers' right to repair their products.

A big part of this complaint is warranty language from both companies that say the warranty is void if customers choose to use independent dealers to either perform repairs or supply parts. According to the warranties as currently written, use of aftermarket parts and taking your bike to any place other than an authorized Harley dealer for service could void the warranty which the FTC says is illegal.

What happens now? The FTC is ordering both Harley and Westinghouse to fix their warranty language by removing illegal terms that restrict a customer's right to repair the items they've purchased from the company. Another problem the FTC discovered is that Harley, in particular, did not fully disclose all warranty terms within a single document. Instead, it said, customers were asked to contact an authorized dealer for full details—which is a violation of the FTC's existing Disclosure Rule.

It gets better for customers, though. Not only is the FTC requiring both companies to fix their warranty language, it is also—very crucially—requiring both companies to "come clean" to customers about these changes. In other words, the companies can't just quietly change the language and then not tell anybody about it, relying on customers to just happen upon the knowledge at some random point in the future.

Instead, the FTC says, both companies must proactively reach out to customers to notify them of these changes, and of their right to repair their own possessions under the law. Furthermore, customers can and should do so as they see fit—using the parts they deem appropriate, which may or may not have the company's brand name on them.

Now, obviously, Harley-Davidson and Westinghouse aren't the only companies for which right-to-repair issues have been a major focus of ire among customers. Large and extremely public legal back-and-forth has been going on for some time with both Apple and John Deere, for example. That's why this decision is an important step, and a positive one for regular people who buy things, and then have the crazy idea that they can do what they want with them because they now own them.

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## Business Member Highlight & Cards



### The Story Behind The Handshake According To Sam Mathews

Tom Sifton, a fellow Harley–Davidson dealer and hill climbing competitor, was the originator of the Handshake Logo. He was also very well recognized when it came to dialing in Harley–Davidson motors with his own Sifton branded performance parts. Harold Mathews had a good relationship with Tom Sifton who gave Harold permission to use his handshake logo for Mathews Harley–Davidson. In the early 1960's you'd find the Mathews Harley–Davidson redesigned handshake placed on the oil tank of the motorcycles he sold. In 2020 the handshake logo got a makeover in an effort to receive Harley–Davidson Motor Company's stamp of approval to reintroduce the logo for print and social media marketing purposes. The logo was denied by HD Motor Company as it was said to not be compliant due to containing a Subjective Statement – "For A Fair Shake". After eighteen months of going back and forth, a substantial amount of persistence, and pressuring HDMC to reverse their decision, the Handshake Logo was approved as you see it today!











## Sporty's Ride & Local 3 Event Flyer



Sporty's Rides by Sporty Milligan ALMOST CUT MY HAIR IT HAPPENED JUST THE OTHER DAY IT WAS GETTING KINDA LONG I COULDA SAID IT WAS IN MY WAY ...

How many of you remember these 'pearls of wisdom' from the late, great David Crosby... my personal Icon. I was also a huge Robert Plant fan! Both of those artists' music moved me like no other. I am a connoisseur of rock and roll. I also appreciate jazz, in all forms. You might be asking yourself if you're going to get a music lesson, or a report on the history of Sporty's favorite music. No, not quite. However, when I do my morning walk, my mind wonders in the general vicinity of music, and that makes me a happy camper/walker. I'll bet some of you feel that, too. The walking has helped in my recovery from my recent riding mishap. I have finally started riding my 2007 1200L - after battery replacement, oil change and replacement handlebars (12 inch) Repairs are getting pricey these days!

But, there's more. I was told the bike was done. Friend and Local #1 Pres., Jim N. drove me to Born Free Cycles to pick up the bike. After waiting about an hour, I thought the bike was ready, so I told Jim to go. However, after the shop owner's test ride, he noticed the front motor mount was broken. So, the bike needed more bike surgery. I called Jim back, and he picked me up and took me home. A week later the required part finally came in and I picked up the bike. Total was \$2000 dollars! Bike runs like a restored Cadillac. Thanx Alex. Sunday was the David Mann ChopperFest Bike Show. Our ABATE booth was brought and set up by Tom J., ABATE Treasurer; and was manned by Jeff S. all day.

Helping out working the crowd and the booth were Jane F., Jody M., Rick R., Kathlean P., Jim N., Local #1 Pres., Chuck P. Exec. Dir. ABATE of CA and I. We

had a great day working the booth and the crowd. I must say, the morning ride up was bone chilling and my hands were pretty cold. The ride home was the same chilly but I made it home in great shape. Oh, and towards the end of the show, some lady (not bad looking, either) asked to take my picture. I asked her why and she said, "you look so Old School Cool" So, we took a picture together. Wishing I got a copy. Must have been the peg leg. Haha!



Finally, regarding my 2002 883 sporty, it had to be declared a total loss. I bought it back as a salvage wreck - \$100 dollars. And I got \$877 to fix it with. So, Born Free Cycles Repair will be getting another bike hospital customer.

Till next time, do ABATE events! The Polar Bear Run and Leather Weather Runs come to mind (flyers in this issue) Keep signing new members ... and be safe in your biking travels.

Scribe Sporty, reporting.



### Thank you to our Business Members

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**01 BORN FREE CYCLE** Burbank 818/569-3737

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**44 AZTEC RIDER MC** Hesperia 760/792-7535

**44 TOTAL CONTROL/CMSP** Victorville 800/943-5638

## ABATE Events for 2023

#### **Events** -

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Spring Bingo Run Local 17: April 21st

Paul Ehline Sgt. USMC Memorial Ride & Shoot May 13th (Page 11)

AMMO Run Local 24: May 6th, Morro Bay (Page 10)

Stimulus Run Local 38: May 13th (Front Cover)

Summer Bingo Run Local 17: July 22nd

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Fall Bingo & Memorial Run Local 17: October 1st The Toy Run Local 19: Decemebr 3rd

#### **Bike Nights:**

#### ABATE Local 03 - 1st Thursday of the month SEE FLYER on Page 10

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

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## Sustaining (VIP) ABATE Members

## **THANK YOU**

## For the Extra Support!

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## Donations!! – General, Lobbyist & PAC Funds – THANK YOU!

Thank you for your sacrifice, generosity, and above all, your faith in ABATE of California. We are proud of our long relationship with our California riders and we strive to serve your motorcycle needs to the best of our ability. Your donation will be used as you intended it to be, and we would like to say, "Thank You" and wish you a safe ride on every road you travel.

Sincerely,

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In a statement, FTC chair Lina M. Khan said, "Illegal repair restrictions can significantly raise costs for consumers, stifle innovation, close off business opportunity for independent repair shops, create unnecessary electronic waste, delay timely repairs, and undermine resiliency—harms that can have an outsized impact on low-income communities in particular. It is critical that unlawful repair restrictions continue to be a key area of focus for the Commission and that we continue to use all of our tools and authorities to root out these illegal practices."

Of course, unsurprisingly, aftermarket parts makers are also pleased with this news. "This action taken by the FTC is a huge win for motorcycle riders," Vance & Hines president and CEO Mike Kennedy said in a statement.

"While we still need to see how this plays out, we anticipate that riders will have more choices in how they repair and update their motorcycles during the warranty period, which is clearly a big deal for companies in the motorcycle aftermarket, too. I hope that the "it will void your warranty" threat for someone who just wants a better sounding or smoother running Harley is a thing of the past," he concluded.

Data Source: Federal Trade Commission & RideApart











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