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Meeting with Assemblyman Matthew Harper

ABATE representatives Gill Mellen and Spike of Local 20 recently met with Matthew Harper, California State Assemblyman representing the 74th District.

The 74th Assembly District includes the coastal Orange County communities of Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa, Newport Beach, Irvine, Laguna Woods and Laguna Beach.

Prior to being sworn into the California State

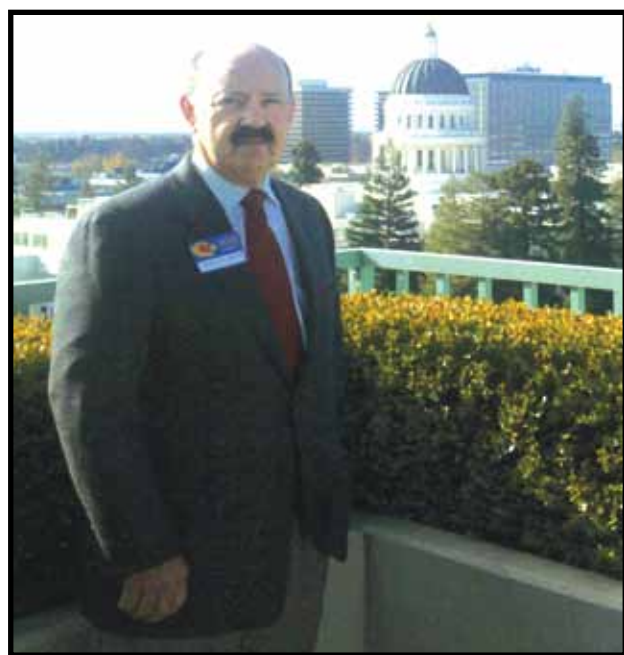
Assembly, Harper served as the 59th Mayor of Huntington Beach.

Motorcycle community issues were discussed, including lane sharing, helmets, law enforcement and the hot topic "Motorcycle Profiling". Assemblyman Harper listened to concerns and shared some of his own views.

It was a good meeting and we look forward to a continued political relationship and working with Assemblyman Harper.



Lobbyist's Legislative Report



by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

The Legislature is back in Action and Governor Brown has proposed his 2017 State Budget. Assembly and Senate Democrats are not pleased because it has more money designated for a "Rainy Day Bailout Fund" and no new money for their "PET Projects". The Governor's budget calls for a \$65 Vehicle Registration Fee and other monies (\$4.6 billion) to fund California's crumbling road system. As we all have experienced, on our motorcycles, there are huge potholes to dodge. Critics say the need is closer to \$16 billion to fully repair our roads.

So far, few bills have been introduced. The deadline for bill introduction is February

17th. One bill that was introduced is AB 63 by Assemblyman Frazier, which would amend the Structured Driver License for Minors that regulates the hours of use for nighttime Driving and Passenger Limits. Learn more at:

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/politics/article/Bill-backs-provisional-licenses-for-drivers-up-to-10841655.php?t=4523938ce5&cmpid=twitter-premium&cmpid=email-premium>

Motorcyclists under the age of 21 are affected as well. I am watching this bill to ensure that Adult Riders are not included when the bill is amended and as it goes through the Legislative process. The Motorcycle Industry Council has met with the CHP to discuss Roadside Noise Checks of Motorcycles. I will be keeping a close eye on bills that are introduced for this one.

The subject of Orange and Yellow Riding Vests was brought up at the most recent California Motorcycle Advisory Program, and we, as Members of this Committee, are working to kill this proposal.

Finally, both Chairmen of the Transportation Committees introduced bills; AB 1 by Assembly Committee Chair Frazier, and SB 1 by his counterpart in the Senate, Chairman Beall. These bills deal with funding the State Transportation Program. More to come - stay tuned.

Thanks again to all the Members and Locals who send money to the dedicated Lobbyist Fund to keep me working for you in Sacramento!

American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education



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What is ABATE?

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

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

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by Dave Hastings, Executive Director

ABATE of California is opening 2017 with a brand new look and feel to our official ABATE website. Mark Loudermilk and Carol Cromwell have worked very hard to revamp and improve our site by making it more informative and, hopefully, easier to navigate and use. Check it out for yourself and remember our site is always open for you to peruse 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Use our site to keep up with California State happenings and Local current events. You can also find a copy of our latest Bailing Wire magazine or simply browse through any past issue you may have missed while surfing on our site. Take the time to check it out and don't forget to say "Thanks" to Mark and Carol for the improvements to your website!

Along with a new look to our website comes a new look for our State Office also. After many years of dedicated service to our organization (she may say too many!) Carol Cromwell is going to retire and we will have a new office manager in her place. What can I, or anyone else for that matter, say that hasn't already been said about the dedication, hard work, and never give up attitude Carol has blessed ABATE of California with during her tenure.

Over the years we have had some outstanding people volunteer with our organization and many have left a lasting legacy behind when they traveled on down the road. Carol has worked quietly and tirelessly in the background with every one of them, and in her own way, she too will leave a legacy when she is gone. We will all miss her and remember her in our own ways.

What more can I say but "Thank you Carol" for being the glue that has held so many of us together over the years. You have "led by example", even though you were hired to "just follow". I can't think of a better compliment to bestow on someone who has tried so hard to just simply do "her job". In doing so, you have made our jobs so much easier while keeping every one of us focused on the real issues we face every day.

From State Officers down to Local volunteers you have been an indispensable asset to our organization. I, and every other member of ABATE of California, wish you only the best in your retirement years and hope you enjoy every day of your new life as much as we have enjoyed our time with you.

ABATE of California will move on as it always does, but I, and your fellow ABATE members, will always be indebted to your gift of yourself to this organization. Thank you again for being such a needed and necessary part of ABATE of California. You will never be forgotten.

Sincerely, Dave Hastings, Executive Director, ABATE of California

Executive Director's Report

ABATE of California Inc. CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Effective February 1, 2017

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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 thru political and legislative action. ABATE promotes motorcycle safety through education, training and public awareness.

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

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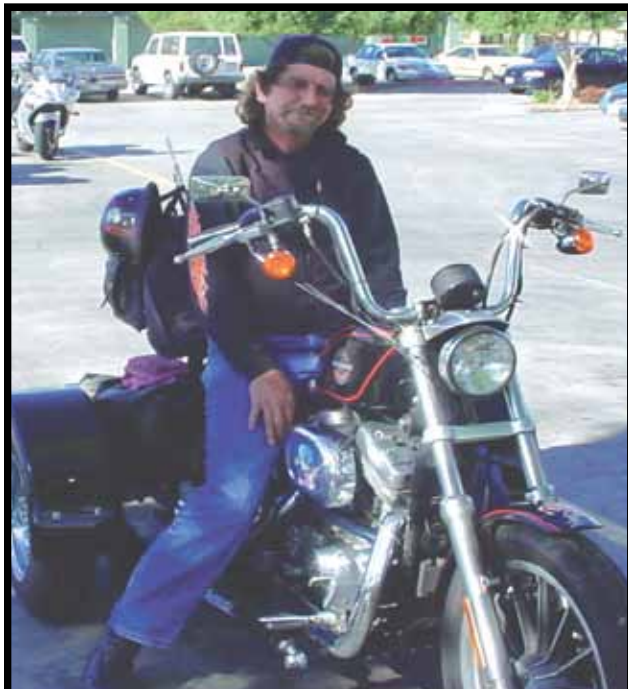
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



**by Sporty Milligan,
Membership Chairman**

Greetings All! Welcome to the New Year. It is that time when at the first quarterly Board of Directors meeting in January we pick the state officers. In my particular case I have been the ABATE Membership chairman for quite a number of years. If there are no objections, I would like to continue as your state Membership chairman. I feel that I still have something to offer in this position. Meanwhile I will continue with this report for the Bailing Wire.

First off: I thank those who participated in the just concluded 2016 Membership drive for the effort you made in getting new members for the organization. Without the influx of new members, we lose the ability to grow as an organization. Also, remember to encourage the retention of your current Local members when their memberships are due for renewal.

Again, I would like to hear from the Locals as to what has been working to keep your members sending in their membership renewals. Email me at wiliamilligan285@yahoo.com with your ideas. By doing this we can try to understand what works and

what does not work in the getting and keeping memberships.

I will now give you my thoughts on getting and keeping members. If you have the ability to do so, start a bike night when the weather gets better.

Send a representative to your local HOG chapters' meetings. In my area, Local 1, we have four dealers that we can send one of our members to check in at their meetings. I have been going to the Top Rocker HOG chapter, the old Barger HD chapter, in Canoga Park and we now have them as business members. Plus several members of the HOG chapter are ABATE Local 1 members as well. I am going to work on getting Old Road HD in Santa Clarita as a business member this year. All you need to do is request about 5 to 10 minutes of their time at their meetings and be brief and concise in the information you present. Have Bailing Wires and the sign-up cards with you. The same format works with other brands and clubs as well.

Remember, in keeping your members you should have their emails addresses so you can send them information that will be helpful to their riding adventures. Keeping your Local's members informed on the issues and your Local's activities, you will show that you are thinking of them. Plus you can also send a "thank you" note or trinket for renewing with your Local.

The key to a successful Local is your ability to keep the members of your Local interested in the Local and ABATE of California. Give it your best shot! Hope that sums up what I am trying to get across this month in my report.

As always, we will be doing another Membership drive. It starts January 1st and runs through December 31st. So start doing your best to get members for ABATE of California.

Ok, to finish my report: The top results of the 2016 Membership drive are: 3rd place – \$100 to Kathleen Butcher, Local 3/13 with 9 new members; 2nd place - \$200 to Gill Mellen, Local 20 with 13 new members; 1st place - \$300 to Glen Phillips, Local 17 with 17 new members.

Honorable mention to Ed Rodgers, Local 24 with 5 new members; Craig Griswold, Local 52 with 5 new members; and Sporty Milligan, Local 1 with 5 new members.

AGAIN, THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED GET MEMBERS FOR ABATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Regards, Sporty Milligan, membership Chairman

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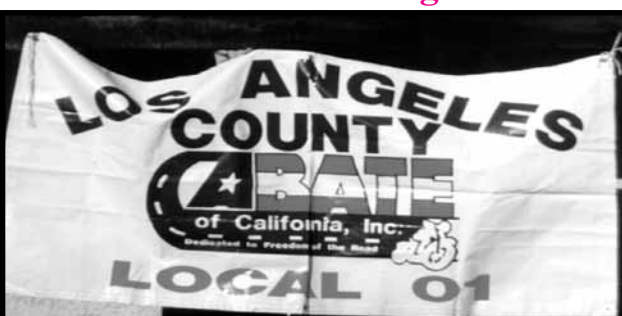
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LOCAL REPORTS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Greetings All! It's a rare report because the day the report is due we had an ABATE Local 1 meeting. So this is a real report of, not a guess, of what happened at the meeting. So here goes the report.

Meeting conducted at 9 am. Prior to the beginning of our meeting it was reported by Glen Cheslock that VP Jim Nickla had a mishap on his bike the day before on his way to Glendale HD from Top Rocker HD in Canoga Park. He was on the 134 fwy and had a "not his fault" accident in the carpool lane. Apparently he was hit by a driver in the carpool lane, which caused his bike to go down and he was badly bruised. His bike, a 2017 Milwaukee 8 Road Glide, got messed up. He spent time at LA County USC Medical Center. He is home now, no broken bones, just sore and bruised.

Ok, now to the meeting. First off, thanks to the members of Top Rocker's HOG chapter for coming! Thanks, Pete Leppo for making this happen.

To start the meeting, Odie led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. President's report by Sporty and treasurer's report also by Sporty. Political report - nothing new to report as there has been no information regarding AB-51 lane splitting guide lines.

Members were encouraged to attend the first quarterly ABATE Board of Directors meeting on January 21st in Cypress.

We discussed preparations for the Polar Bear run on February 26th (rain date March 5th). A route was picked that the attendees agreed upon. We also decided that I would pick one catering truck instead of having the group try to pick from several. The need for raffle prizes was stressed. Also stressed the need to have professional looking stuff at our check points. And finally stressed the need for volunteers to help out with the stuff.

After that we had an opportunity to buy a good breakfast from the fine cooks at the Elks Lodge. The end.

Sporty ABATE Local 1 scribe.

Local #02 Simi Valley



Welcome everyone to our first ABATE meeting of the year! Let's all put a great effort into this year, a fresh new start, meeting new friends and taking ABATE to a new level! After all, we are all volunteers and we can and do make a difference for everyone whether they are a member or not - it's about freedom for ALL.

First of all, I couldn't be at our first meeting due to an illness. But my cohorts filled me in with the happenings of our first meeting.

We here at Local 2 meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW POST 10049 at 4242 East Lost Angeles Ave. We still serve a great BBQ meal for \$5.00. You can get a great cheese burger or 1/4 pound hotdog

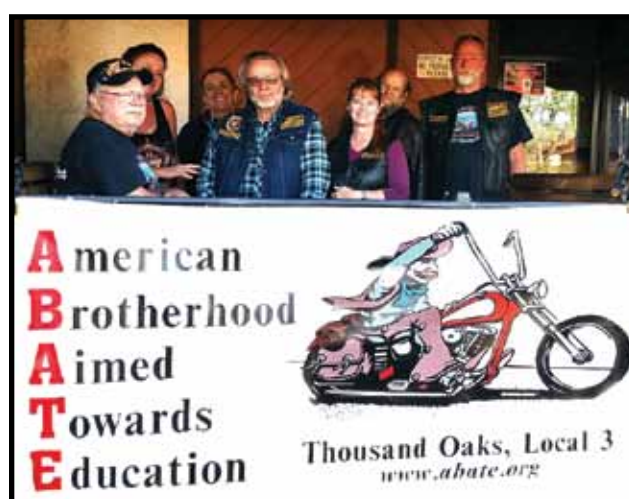
with all the fixin's you could want, and sometimes an edible surprise of some sort! We start serving at 6:45 pm until 7:20 pm and our meeting starts promptly at 7:30 pm. We have a great bar within talking distance provided by the VFW with great prices and a great menu of drinks! Pres Guy and VP Jim cooked our first meal of the year. Thanks to you again.

The meeting went well and we had two single renewals, Leslie and Hey Judy, and one couple renewal, Pres Guy and his wife Sandy. Thanks you all! Pig-face Bob won the membership contest and Jane won the 50/50.

We here at Local 2 want to thank VFW POST 10049 for allowing us to have our meetings here for as long as I can remember and then some. They are truly a great host and we are always thankful for their positive attitude towards ALL freedoms!

To all who couldn't make it, we hope to see you at the next meeting. Ride safer than last time and share the road with respect! PTL norm e.

Local #03/13 Thousand Oaks/Ventura County



This will be my first report as the new President of ABATE Local 3/13. We have new officers for 2017 and a few returning to serve another year: Tim "Tiny" Suffolk - President; Craig "Dusty" Ford - V.P.; John "J-Dub" Warner - Sgt. At Arms; Brian "Shadow" Williams - Treasurer; Julie "Punkin" Stuva (returning for another year of service) - Scribe; Steven "Cash" James - Road Captain; Roy Nesbitt - Run Coordinator; Tasha "Cookie" Nesbitt - Membership Coordinator; Ken "Smokey" Wheelless - Merchandise Coordinator; Kathleen "Mama Bear" Butcher (returning for another year of service) - Public Relations Officer; Steven "Dido" Hanson - Safety Officer and Chuck "Chief" Pederson - Past President.

I would like to welcome and thank all new and returning Local 3/13 officers for the time and service to this great organization. I look forward to working with all of you this year.

Our first Local ride for 2017 was on New Year's Day. Good attendance being that it was a last minute decision to have a ride. Fun times for all that were able to go!

We also had our first Local bike night of 2017 on January 5th. Weather was wet, but we still had a good turnout. Bike nights are always fun hanging out with our friends and ABATE family.

Our "Leather Weather Run" is scheduled for Sunday, April 23rd. So please save the date and make plans to come out and join our ABATE family for a great ride and fun day. See our flyer here in the Bailing Wire for additional information.

We are all looking forward to a great 2017. We've been riding and making new friends in other clubs and groups. Spreading the word that ABATE helps all riders. It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups and organizations!

Our Local 3/13 is always welcoming new members. Bike Nights are held the 1st Thursday of each month, 7 pm at Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park; General Membership Meetings are on the 3rd Thursdays, 7 pm at Elks Lodge, 158 N. Conejo

School Road in Thousand Oaks; and Sunday rides every Sunday, meeting at Azar's for breakfast around 9:00 am and kick-stands up by 10:15.

Come join us to any or all of these events and bring your friends. Check us the 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!

"Tiny" Tim Suffolk- President ABATE Local 3/13

Local #11 North San Diego County



Hi All! ABATE Local 11 had a low turnout for our December meeting, but it was a very lively meeting. Pres Dan Buse talked about the NCOM meeting we went to in Irvine. We discussed having our elections at the January meeting. Tim Clark, our treasurer, gave his report. Dogman has renewed as a Life time member - thank you! We are also talking with the Moose Riders to have a co-event in the spring time at the Escondido Moose Lodge. Hope all of you had a very happy and safe holiday season. Cheers, Robin Buse

Beautiful January day here in North County San Diego at the really nice park that the Moose Lodge lets us use. They have breakfast for sale prior to our meeting so that works out great for us.

We decided to have our joint ABATE/Moose Riders Fundraiser on Saturday, March 25th starting at 10 am. We will have a Blood Mobil on hand for a Blood Drive and will include a great tasting meal with the admission price. There will also be music, a raffle with great prizes of course, vendors and the wonderful ambiance of the Moose Lodge Park at 25721 Jesmond Dene Road in Escondido. PLEASE support this event and tell all to come.

We voted on this year's officers and they all stayed the same - Prez Dan Buse, VP Dick Benton, Treasurer Tim Clark - except Dogman who was voted in as the new secretary.

Our Regional Rep, Dave Connors, talked about being educated, aware and awake, especially when pulled over by the police, and to also reach out to others to teach them how to be educated, awake and aware. He directed us to see Eddie Craig on YouTube who talks about how to be educated/awake/aware at traffic stops.

Dogman talked about all the good info that is on the new ABATE website and the bills that have passed or are pending. Also talked about the Presidents, PAC and Board of Directors meetings on January 21st in Cypress, which are open for any and all members to attend as an opportunity to see how this organization is run and to also give any input.

Nancy and Terry of Local 6 attended our meeting and told us that the next San Diego COC meeting was cancelled.

Eddie of Local 38 sold us some of their t-shirts and told us about their Hawgs for Dogs Run on March 25th to benefit the Imperial Valley Humane Society. Eddie thanked us for supporting their Local's runs.

Dogman Mark Castillero

LOCAL REPORTS

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



A New Year and a lot of great things to look forward to in 2017! The FYAO Run is scheduled for Saturday, March 4th, with breakfast and sign-ins at Miss Darla's. This year we will be ending at the Moose Lodge with great food, music, lots of prizes, and lots of fun! Come on out and ride!

We have another Texas Hold-Em Tournament coming up - our 6th annual - at the Moose Lodge on Saturday, May 6th. Sign-ins at 5 pm and the cards fly at 6 pm Cost is \$75, and there are bonuses for early buy-in.

Hot Rods and Harleys - always an incredible event - is scheduled in June - stay tuned for more info.

We are looking forward to another great year of riding, membership growth, and keeping everyone aware of what is happening with legislation affecting our right to ride!

Ride Safe, Ride FREE! Shauna.



Local #20 Orange County

We had our annual Christmas party on 13 December. Thank you Andy and American Legion #295 for cooking/hosting the delicious supper. 24 members and 2 guests were in attendance. Elections were held and no change in officers.

Spike spoke of the various bills that are coming up. Spike will be sending the new MMP bike survey to Gill to send out to you. It is similar to last year; however, there have been some changes. This survey is sent throughout the USA. Please take the time to fill it out as it helps everyone. January 2017, there are many new changes and laws. This will be sent out once Gill receives it. Read up on this information.

In the final drawing of 2016 the following people were drawn: George P, Diane P, Paul S, Gregg S, James C, Douglas S, Patrick P, Ken B, Carl S and the WINNER is Pinch - \$54. Congratulations!

22 members and 2 guests were in attendance at the January meeting. Welcome to our 2 newest members, Robert Redfeather and Antonio Caceda.

Various topics were discussed including the profiling bill, lane sharing and a brief Waco update. In case you get stopped and your bike is impounded, it's good idea to have a Power of Attorney left with a brother or family member so that the bike can be taken to a safe place. Remember to take part in the bike survey and send to Spike or Gill.

Glen Pillsbury's name was drawn, but he wasn't present so the \$23 rolls into next month.

Non Politically Correct Gill // Secretary Squirt

Local #25 Sacramento



Lil' David called the December meeting to order at 7:00 pm. We had 4 members and one guest. Our secretary, treasurer, membership and PAC officers were absent due to the weather. The Sacramento area had a record of over 2 inches of rain today, most of it during the evening commute with local flooding.

Lil' David noted there hasn't been any legislation to report on. It was mentioned that the state Department of Justice is not set up for ammo background checks as required by a new law. The trials from the shooting at the Waco COC meeting are expected to start soon. There is an upcoming COC meeting in Reno.

There are several recalls that have been announced for Indian and KTM motorcycles. Check with a dealer to see if your bike is affected. Our local auto museum has a special motorcycle exhibit going on through February 17th.

Our secretary is going to put an announcement about our meeting date in the "Mark Your Calendar" section of the Sacramento Bee newspaper.

Dave Battles has already arranged for the insurance needed for our booth at the Easyrider event. Carol is sending us a package of stuff to put at the booth and Lil' David will be providing other info on ABATE. The event will only be one day this year, January 14th. Come and help at the booth if you are available. David S.

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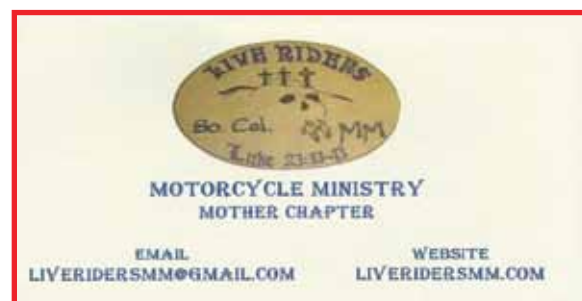
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RPM ACT REINTRODUCED IN NEW CONGRESS: As the 115th Congress went into session, among the first bills reintroduced was the RPM Act (Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2017), House Resolution 350 sponsored by U.S. Representative Patrick McHenry (R-NC). The bipartisan bill, which was submitted for reintroduction on the first day of the new Congress, protects Americans' right to modify street cars and motorcycles into dedicated race vehicles and industry's right to sell the parts that enable racers to compete.

The RPM Act ensures that transforming motor vehicles into race vehicles used exclusively in competition does not violate the Clean Air Act. For nearly 50 years, the practice was unquestioned until the EPA published proposed regulations in 2015 that deemed such conversions illegal and subject to severe penalties. While the EPA withdrew the problematic language from the final rule making last year, the agency still maintains the practice is unlawful.

Motorsports competition involves tens of thousands of participants and vehicle owners each year, according to SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) and retail sales of racing products make up a \$1.4 billion market annually. There are an estimated 1,300 racetracks operating across the U.S., including oval, road, track and off-road racetracks, the majority of which feature converted race vehicles that the EPA now considers to be illegal.

The RPM Act, H.R. 350 would protect the sport of racing by blocking the EPA from over-regulating the industry and ensuring that it remains legal to convert street legal motor vehicles for racing purposes.

BRITISH MOTORSPORTS THREATENED BY EU RULING: The British government has just issued a document for public consultation that suggests temporarily implementing a European Court decision known as the "Vnuk judgement," which would make it compulsory for anyone engaging in any and all forms of motor sport to have third party insurance. It would be applicable to all vehicles on any kind of land and even implementing it temporarily would mean an end to motorsports in the UK, because insurance companies will not insure against third party motorsport risks -- the number of vehicle claims alone would be unsustainable for them, meaning that if the Vnuk judgement came into force, motorsport activity in the UK would cease.

A joint statement issued by the Motorcycle Industry Association (MCIA), Auto Cycle Union (ACU) and the Amateur Motorcycle Association (AMCA) is calling on the government to exempt motor and motorcycle sport from any changes to insurance law that would arise from the ECJ ruling. "At a stroke, this would wipe out a successful industry and all the jobs that go with it, as well as eliminating a popular leisure pursuit for 1.9 million people, along with the boost that this gives to both local and national economies," said Steve Kenward, CEO of the MCIA, speaking on behalf of all three parties. "If the government implements the Vnuk judgment un-amended, British motorcycle sport would end in the UK."

England is home to world leading motorcycle companies, motorsport teams and racing talent, and the industry contributes significantly to the British economy by employing over 50,000 people and gen-



erating a total of £11 billion of sales each year (\$13.5 billion USD).

The Vnuk ruling stems from a case involving a Slovenian farm worker, Damijan Vnuk, who was hurt falling from a ladder, which was hit by a reversing tractor.

VICTORY MOTORCYCLES WINDS DOWN PRODUCTION: Victory Motorcycles is to be wound down, the firm's parent company Polaris has just announced. The move is to allow the firm to "narrow" its focus onto more profitable areas of the business, including Indian Motorcycle.

A statement just released by Polaris says it will "immediately begin winding down its Victory Motorcycles brand and related operations." Dealers will be assisted in "liquidating existing inventories" and parts will continue to be supplied for 10 years. Servicing and warranty coverage will also continue.

"This was an incredibly difficult decision for me, my team and the Polaris Board of Directors," said Polaris Industries Chairman and CEO Scott Wine. "Over the past 18 years, we have invested not only resources, but our hearts and souls, into forging the Victory Motorcycles brand... The experience, knowledge, infrastructure and capability we've built in those 18 years gave us the confidence to acquire and develop the Indian Motorcycle brand, so I would like to express my gratitude to everyone associated with Victory Motorcycles and celebrate your many contributions."

According to the written statement, Victory has "struggled to establish the market share needed to succeed and be profitable."

It says: "The competitive pressures of a challenging motorcycle market have increased the headwinds for the brand. Given the significant additional investments required for Victory to launch new global platforms that meet changing consumer preferences, and considering the strong performance and growth potential of Indian Motorcycle, the decision to more narrowly focus Polaris' energy and investments became quite clear."

Wine added, "This decision will improve the profitability of Polaris and our global motorcycle business, and will materially improve our competitive stance in the industry."

"Our focus is on profitable growth, and in an environment of finite resources, this move allows us to optimize and align our resources behind both our premium, high-performing Indian Motorcycle brand and our innovative Slingshot brand, enhancing our focus on accelerating the success of those brands. Ultimately this decision will propel the industry-leading product innovation that is core to our strategy while fostering long-term growth and increased shareholder value."

100% TARIFF PROPOSED ON EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLES: Motorcycles are once again caught in the crossfire of an international trade policy standoff

between the Office of United States Trade Representative and European Union, stemming from ongoing disagreements over meat products. During the late 1990s, the World Trade Organization requested the E.U. lift its standing ban on U.S. beef; the E.U. declined, citing the meat's failure to meet European health and hormone standards. In 2009, the U.S. negotiated a pact allowing some beef market access; but according to the White House, the agreement "has not worked as intended."

As a result, the U.S.T.R. is now considering a new petition from the U.S. beef lobby, invoked last December under a revised clause in the 1974 Trade Act that would create a "retaliation list" of foreign products which are subject to heavy import tariffs, to balance the export losses. Unsurprisingly, the U.S. beef lobby's list consists largely of meat and animal parts, but it also includes a scattershot of other items, like chewing gum, electric hair clippers, and motorcycles.

Two vehicular tariffs are proposed on the new retaliation list. One is for European bikes between 51cc and 250cc; the other, European bikes between 251cc to 500cc. Both would be subject to an import tax of 100% (or more). This would directly impact fifteen European manufacturers, including major brands like Aprilia, BMW, Ducati, Husqvarna, KTM, Piaggio and Vespa.

In doubling prices of the most popular European motorcycles, these tariffs could potentially cripple the U.S. dealer network, putting thousands of salespeople and techs out of work.

It's not the first time the motorcycle industry has been in this position. In 1999, after the E.U. declined the W.T.O. directive, European motorcycles were included in -- and later dropped from -- a similar retaliation list. The same thing happened again in 2008, leading into negotiations for the current deal.

The beef lobby's new petition is currently in the review phase, and the U.S.T.R. has opened the proposal to a public comment period ending January 30th.

"DEAD RED" LAW PASSES IN OHIO FOR ALL VEHICLES: During a three-week lame-duck legislative session that ended in mid-December, state lawmakers in Ohio passed more than fifty new laws, including House Bill 154: Under certain conditions, drivers (and riders) can now proceed through a red light if you think your vehicle is not tripping the signal to change, but only if the intersection is clear. If a malfunctioning traffic signal doesn't detect your car, truck or motorcycle; the law states that your vehicle must come to a complete stop first, and after a reasonable amount of time you can proceed through the intersection as long as the coast is clear and you must yield to oncoming traffic with the right of way.

"If a driver does go through a red light, and there is an accident, they have the burden to prove it was malfunctioning," explains local A.I.M. attorney (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) Ralph C. Buss. "If a motorist or motorcyclist, or bicyclist, does come across a light that isn't working, it is recommended that they should call police."

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) invites Bike and Motorcycle riders to contact an ODOT advocate to report problems with traffic signals and roadway conditions via Email to bike-report@dot.state.oh.us or call (614) 387-0722.

ARIZONA "PAY FOR PLAY" HELMET LAW PROPOSAL: A bill has been introduced to require motorcycle riders in Arizona to wear a helmet, except that "AN OPERATOR OR PASSENGER OF A MOTORCYCLE, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE OR MOTOR DRIVEN CYCLE WHO IS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE IS EXEMPT FROM THE HELMET REQUIREMENT PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION IF THE

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OWNER PAYS A FEE (amount to be determined) WHEN REGISTERING THE VEHICLE.”

According to HB 2046, introduced by Representative Dr. Randall Fries (D-Tucson), “THE FEE ALLOWS A PERSON TO OPERATE THE MOTORCYCLE, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE OR MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLE WITHOUT WEARING A HELMET AND ALLOWS A PASSENGER TO RIDE ON THE CYCLE WITHOUT WEARING A HELMET.”

“Amending this statute would require all 200,000 motorcycle riders in Arizona to wear a helmet or be subjected to a fine of Five Hundred dollars which three hundred would be going towards Rep. Fries and his friends and their spinal cord trauma practices,” explains Michael Infanzon, lobbyist for ABATE of Arizona. “We have seen Rep. Fries try this game year after year and Arizona motorcyclists have succeeded in stopping this infringement on our right to choose to wear a helmet or not.”

This proposed legislation has been referred to two different committees, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and Rules Committee, and ABATE of Arizona has issued an IMMEDIATE CALL TO

ACTION for riders to contact Rep. Fries and members of the House committees to kill the bill. “This is nothing more than a tax on motorcyclists and an infringement on our rights,” notes Infanzon.

ALLSTATE O.N.E. PROGRAM TEAMS UP LOCALLY TO HELP RIDERS: It’s a case of Bikers Helping Bikers, as longtime rider Jason Large of Jackson, Ohio wanted to help protect riders on the major Ohio state route he lives on. Allstate Insurance was inspired by Jason’s desire to help keep his fellow riders safe and coincidentally, have their own campaign with just this goal in mind.

Allstate’s Once is Never Enough (O.N.E.) program is an awareness campaign created to help reduce the number of motorcycle crashes involving other vehicles at intersections by encouraging motorists to “look twice, because once is never enough”.

Through the O.N.E. program, a yellow diamond-shaped “Watch for Motorcycles” warning sign was created in 2009 following two years of development, which has resulted in 179 signs installed at dangerous intersections in 41 different U.S. cities across 21 states.

WEIRD NEWS: WOMEN ARRESTED FOR RIDING A MOTORCYCLE: Iranian police arrested two women for riding a motorcycle in a western city -- an incident that went viral when images appeared online and sparked a social-media backlash against the country’s political and religious authorities.

State news agency IRNA said the two women were detained in Dezful, whose law enforcement chief, Ali Elhami, accused them of committing an “ugly” act that breaks the “religious norms” of the conservative Islamic-led nation.

IRNA quoted Elhami as saying he ordered the women’s arrest after online images of the two women riding the motorcycle and being surrounded by male onlookers at a local park prompted complaints about the women’s dress, appearance and interaction with the men. The two women will be judged for breaking “revolutionary norms and values.”

Women in Iran are barred from obtaining licenses to drive motorcycles in public.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “I can’t understand why people are frightened of new ideas. I’m frightened of the old ones.” ~ John Cage (1912-1992), American composer, philosopher & artist

Local#1 Toy Run Photos By Ken Karagozian



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February 26 – ABATE Local 1 – 30th Annual Polar Bear Run (see flyer this issue for details.)

(Rain date if necessary is March 5)

March 4 – ABATE Local 17 – 29th Annual Freeze Your Ass Off Run (see flyer this issue for details.)

April 9 – ABATE Local 27 – Annual Bare Necessities Run (flyer coming soon)

April 22 – ABATE Local 17 – Spring Bingo DTBA

April 23 – ABATE Local 3/13 – Leather Weather Run (see flyer this issue for details.)

May 6 – ABATE Local 17 – Hot Rods & Harleys DTBA

May 20 – ABATE of CA. 2nd Quarterly Meetings – Fresno – Piccadilly Inn Airport

July 15 – ABATE of CA 3rd Quarterly Meetings – Cypress – American Legion

July 22 – ABATE Local 17 – Summer Bingo DTBA

October 8 – ABATE Local 17 – Memorial DTBA

October 14 – ABATE Local 17 – Fall Bingo DTBA

October 21 – ABATE of CA. 3rd Quarterly Meetings – Fresno – Piccadilly Inn Airport

December 2 – ABATE Local 17 – Christmas Party

December 3 – ABATE Local 17 – Toy Run DTBA

Bike Nites:

ABATE Local 3/13 – 1st Thursday of the month (See flyer in this issue for details.)

If you have a date for your event, and no details or flyer yet, you may still submit your dates so others can pencil it in on their social calendar. Then submit your flyer in time for the Bailing Wire and to be posted on ABATE's website.

ALL ABATE Events must have event insurance – contact the ABATE State office for information.

Bret Hatt's 17th Annual San Quentin Toy Run by Robert Nadler, ABATE Local #01

On November 27th, while most of us were trying to lose the 10 pounds we put on during Thanksgiving, there was the 17th annual Hatt's San Quentin Toy run. This is a very special event in which bikers bring toys to the children of inmates who are incarcerated at San Quentin State Prison. Without this run many of these kids would not have gifts to open on the Holiday.

The run is in San Rafael just north of San Francisco. Anytime you plan to attend a NorCal run this time of year the weather is always a question mark. Well this year it rained like a mad dog on Saturday night, but Sunday morning rolled around with a beautiful blue sky and nice crisp, zip up the leathers, riding weather. A perfect day. Makes you wonder if some special power up above is looking out for those kids - and bikers.

The ride starts at Pier 15 restaurant. A fun place with a great biker vibe. From there the bikes rumble into San Quentin itself where Santa Claus and his elves give out gifts. The kids love the sound and look of all the motorcycles.

Bret Hatt is a special guy. The amount of energy and effort he puts in every year to make this run a great day is phenomenal. He greets everyone with a smile and is the perfect host. A big friendly hardcore biker guy is the kind of guy you love to see taking care of these kids.

He is also a heck of a bike builder. He won best Bobber at Hollister this year and his bike shop, Hatt's Motorcycles, in Marin County turns out some of the tastiest Knucks, Pans and Shovels around.

If you can do it, make the run next year. You will enjoy yourself and might shed a tear or two seeing how happy the kids are at this event.



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Tech Tips by Craig Griswold

The Wobble

A guy comes in the shop and says his bike has a pretty bad wobble, but only above 80 mph, and only when he takes his hands off the handlebars. Sure, there are a number of responses that came to mind. Some might be considered a bit unprofessional. I don't remember my exact words but I know there was mention of the manufacturers' reason for installing handlebars! That said; let's look at a few things to check that may cause handling issues. This isn't all inclusive, but we can go over a few of the common culprits that either by themselves or combined with other issues can give you trouble.

Check steering head bearings. This is listed in HD's service check list. Earlier service literature only states to inspect the adjustment and lubricate. Later model books advise you to check the adjustment and lubricate, or disassemble, inspect, and lubricate. This depends on the bike. Bikes with necks that are open to the frame structure have no grease fitting (pumping grease into these would be futile as the grease would only work its way into the frame). As such, the only way to lubricate these bearings is to completely tear down the steering head assembly.



This will be listed at the 20,000 or 30,000 mile service interval. Checking the adjustment is done by the fall-away check. If the bearings are too loose or too tight, handling issues can surface. Worn out bearings can affect handling and most likely make them difficult or impossible to adjust.

Wheel spokes are another common problem. Harley service literature has the spoke check at every 10,000 miles. Loose spokes will almost always cause a wobble. These are especially problematic with the smooth profile spoked wheels.



In addition to spokes, faulty wheel bearings can give you trouble. In addition to the requisite service interval, a great time to check both of these is during a tire change. You have the wheel off the bike and access is convenient. The 2000 and later sealed bearing can be inspected by feel. Roll them and they should feel smooth. Worn sealed bearings will have a rough, bumpy feel. 1999 and earlier roller bearings will have to be removed, cleaned, and inspected.

Swing arms should be looked at too. Swing arm bearings/bushings can wear out. Cracked swing arms are not unheard of either. Take a close look at the entire assembly.



Other handling problems can be induced by loose/broken motor mounts, broken rear shocks, and even a cracked frame. Last and definitely not least are underinflated tires. I would guess better than half of the bikes on the road are riding on underinflated tires. Remember that pressures in bike tires fluctuate much more than automotive tires due to their much smaller volume. Consequently, they lose air faster as well. Check them frequently!

This covers most of the common causes of handling issues. Routine maintenance will prevent most of these problems from catching you off guard. Also, don't forget the handlebars are there by design!

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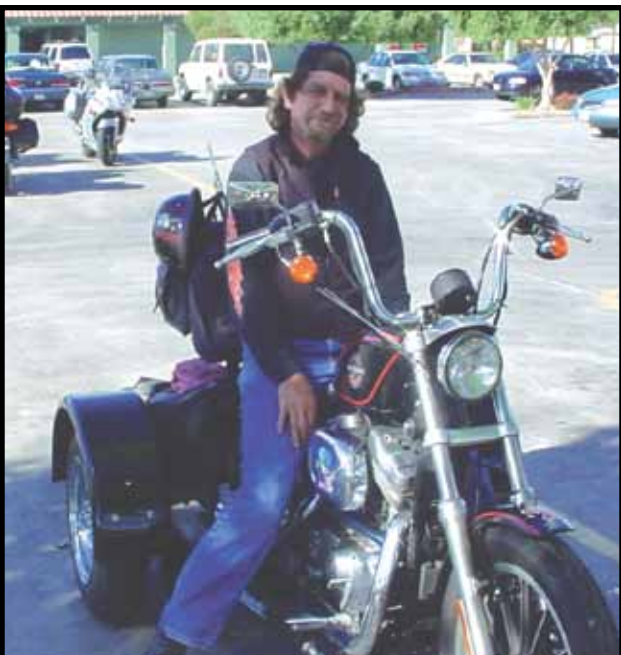
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Sporty's Rides



by Sporty Milligan

Greetings All! It's been a long time coming since we last met up for our monthly roundabout. So what is going on with Sporty and his mad cap adventures since we last communicated by Bailing Wire? So far, up to this writing, retirement has been going well. I still have extra money to have fun with. That is running out quickly. To compensate for this, I have now started writing down what I spend using my credit. What a drag that is. This issue of Sporty's Rides covers the months of December and January.

I did the ABATE Local 19 Toy run on December 4th and it was well attended. They let me work their ABATE booth. I handed out a lot of ABATE Local 1 LA Toy run flyers as well as Polar Bear run flyers. This year it was held at Pomona Valley HOG. The small crew from Local 19 does one heck of a job getting their ducks in a row and helping make this a good run to attend. They had a band that did not cost them any money because it consisted of future rock stars - aka young people. The weather was really good for this time of year so the crowds were good. Thanks to Local 19 and Pomona Valley HOG for helping do something nice for the kids in the area.

December 11th was the ABATE Local 1 and Glendale HOG's 29th annual LA Toy run. This year the charity was the Los Angeles Ronald McDonald house. The weather was overcast at 6 am when I left my house in San Fernando. Set up the ABATE booth and got the riders to sign up and donate to help reimburse the insurances costs. Our association with

Glendale Harley Davidson, Richard Wagner and all the staff of Glendale HD and their HOG chapter make this toy run come off very smoothly.

My crew for the ABATE sign-up table was good because of the volunteer efforts of Buffy, Sharon and Gloria. Field rep Glen Cheslock was also great getting sign-ups as the bikers were lined up. Jim Nickla, as always, along with Bob Warren did a good job of lining up the bikes. During the time before the group leaves for the destination, I had folks come up and greet me with season cards like the card I received from Larry Meyer who did his usual "thanks for a good job Sporty" donation. Also special thanks goes to the HOG chapter for the pancake breakfast.

When the riders left to go to the Ronald McDonald house, I knew that there would be some happy kids waiting there. Our emcee at the end was our very own ABATE Local 1 member, Sarge Mathews. He has a knack of being very good as a spokesperson. All and all it was a good day. Thanks to Oliver, the owner of Glendale HD, the Boozefighters 101, the Ugly MC and all the riders who participated putting smiles on the kids' faces.

Saturday, December 17th, I decided to attend the Boozefighters 101 Toy run. It started from their club on Sierra Hwy in Santa Clarita. When we assembled, we were told that we were going to use the car pool lane to go to the charity in Pasadena. We must have had at least 100 bikes when we left at around 11:30 am. I guess folks knew that we were on a toy run because they let us have space when we needed it. And we made it down to the charity in Pasadena. Thanks to the Boozefighters 101 for making this run exciting, but reasonably safe. Good job Guys!

Sunday, December 18th, was the ABATE Local 1 meeting at the Elks Lodge in Tujunga. We were requested to have toys and canned good as the Elks of Tujunga make food baskets for the needy in Tujunga. My members who attended did well to provide stuff for the community. Meeting consisted of talks about the Polar Bear run and what we need to do to make it successful. Thanks to those members who attended.

The end of December and the first of January I did stuff with my AA group.

The New Year has arrived and we're still waiting for the arrival of the AB-51 guidelines. Hope to know more by the first quarterly ABATE Board of Directors meeting on January 21st.

During this period I have been making up routes for the 30th annual Polar Bear run. However there was a concern that some of the riders might prefer a mountain route. With that thought in mind, I went out and took a ride to get a mountain route. I can do this because on my old job I was familiar with routes in the mountains. It was a cold run, but bitchen as well because I pride myself on the ability to accomplish this task. Route took me several hours to accomplish, but it is completed with all the twists and turns and thrills a route like this could give you.

Saturday, January 14th, I decided to get a badly needed front tire for my 2007 1200 L model Sportster from our business member Chris Telford who runs CT's Tires. I got to his shop at about 10 am; he had one customer ahead of me so I went to get coffee at 7-Eleven. I got a Dunlap HD tire for \$166 installed. Good Deal! After a brief chat with Chris I went to Top Rocker HD in Canoga Park to check on the supply of Polar Bear flyers. When I got there, I ran into Jim Nickla, my Local 1 VP. I had a BBQ hamburger and coffee and chatted with the folks there. At 1:10 pm I left to complete my day's errands.

Shortly after getting home at 4:15 pm I got a call that Jim Nickla had a mishap on the freeway on the way to Glendale HD. He was sent to USC medical center, as the trauma centers in the valley were full. He was bruised, but not broken and his bike, a 2017 Milwaukee 8 Road Glide, would need repairs. My Local 1 membership chairman, Glen Cheslock, would pick him up later that evening. Sometimes life deals you an unexpected curve. Jim will recover, which is good, and the bike will be repaired.

Well this concludes my Sporty's Rides for this issue of the Bailing Wire. My request for this year is to get ABATE at least one new member, do an ABATE Local ride, and support ABATE legislation when asked to do so. Be good.

Till next time, regards from your ABATE scribe, Sporty Milligan.

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Motorcycle Safety Report

by Norm e. Newiger, Safety Officer

Welcome 2017

I love the New Year because everything is fresh. It's the start of many things, the beginning of new adventures, of our cycled seasons and on two wheels let the new adventures begin! I love being a part of the ABATE family, I absolutely enjoy everyone's contributions every month and year after year. It's a pleasure and an honor to be a part of "our history"! I hope that everyone will become more involved with ABATE, not for just your own sake, but for everyone, whether you're a member or not, because it's about fighting for the rights of all. Nothing more and nothing less.

2017 is going to be very different. This year will make us all think that we are forced into changes that we thought we'd have control of or wish we had control of.

The big new law for me and probably many others is the new weed laws that have been passed. While I'm kind of neutral on this subject, it worries the hell out of me. It's about abuse rather than recreational use. I cannot get into the pros and cons of this because you have alcohol, prescribed medicine, synthetic drugs, street drugs, legal over the counter drugs, mental health, and redneck jerks that enforce laws and a legal system so flawed that you have to be rich and or famous to proclaim your innocence.

The new laws and changes that we have now is all about money and generated future income for all that is concerned. It all starts out as an idea, then it's lobbied until it becomes a law of some sort. It's not about the perpetrators; it's about the benefactors, i.e. the state of California etc.!

We will forever put alcohol as the number one reason why we have certain laws that are supposed to protect us against the effects of this drink, whether we are the drinkers or just an innocent bystander. It hasn't changed since it was discovered and that was way before we started falling off of horses!

We are still trying to get this cell phone/texting use under control, now add the new weed laws. I'm all for our freedoms, but it seems like it's getting very complicated and is progressing faster than we can control it. There will be amendments after amendments until it's filtered down to something very basic, but the costs will be traumatic. The one thing I hope this will do is improve our safety for everybody!

There are 898 new laws for the state of California starting January 1st. If you are a multiple state driver you'll need to look up new laws for those states. I'll bet you'll need reading glasses by the time you view all these new laws or amendments, let alone existing ones that have been around as long as dirt has.

Just remember this, it is your civic duty as a resident of California to read and understand all the new laws. It's not an easy task for most of us. The court systems will not let you claim "I didn't know". It's like motorcycle safety, how far will you take it? Riding a motorcycle is a choice and motorcycle safety is



a choice. The laws of the road are designed for our safety and we as humans will always try and break them, whether by choice or accident, it's something we will do - just remember your last California stop.

Now let's get to the beef and potatoes of motorcycle safety in the winter cycle of the New Year. For me, winter is a time to get re-acquainted with my bike. I need to do this for my mind's own sake! And for me it's called a major detailing of my bike with tools as well as all the cleaners on the market.

I have learned over the years that there are many, many nuts and bolts and screws and they all seem to lose their grip over the miles that I've ridden. I think about the safety aspect of what I'm doing - this could prevent any future incidents in which I'm the only one at risk! Really! Here are some possible one rider issues that could go bad:

You are riding at a fast pace on the freeway in heavy traffic and your throttle cable busts, you are in the fast lane and there is no shoulder to your left side and now you have to maneuver across three lanes to get out of the way of speeding car drivers that don't know your situation - scary thought!

How about this, you're cruising on the same freeway and you lose all power. Under your seat a positive wire grounded out killing all electrical life in your bike. You are going down like a plane with no wings.

Have you ever been out in the middle of nowhere and your belt snapped?

Simple things like this happen all the time: Have you ever blown your bikes' fork seals? One of your brakes locks up? Here's a good one, a major part on your bike gets loose (multiple bolts loosen up) either engine or drive train and you spew oil and are smoking like a diesel with bad fuel!

These things happen all the time! I have been a part of this as either the one or with someone who has, it's just the reality of riding. Sometimes it's really unforgiving, especially when a rider gets hurt or killed.

This is why when I do a major detailing of my bike I make sure all the nuts, bolts, screws, cables, gas lines, brake lines, electrical wires etc. are up to factory specs or my own specs. It takes time to do this. For me it's a two-day affair or longer, depends on how far I want to go. It is worth it to me because any type of mechanical failure can kill your trip or you!

After I have finished with the main frame of my bike, I go thru all the electrical wires to include all of the lights on my bike. I count on all my lights working, and it's a good thing to be highly visible in daylight as well as night.

The last item I really pay attention to is my tires. First thing I do is check the spokes. This is a very painstaking endeavor that has to be done, if you have a lift then the job is very easy. It's not that you have to tighten all the spokes to specs, it's about finding loose ones. If you have any doubt about them, take your bike to a shop that can true your spokes. If you have solid rims then, nice!

Tire pressure is the most important item on my checklist, in fact you should check your tire pressure all the time. Just do it! We all know that the recommended tire pressure is stamped on each tire. Make sure you find this information; the text is small but very important. As the season changes the temperatures change as well, maybe up to 40 degrees give or take in just a day, and if you are on a long road trip or multiple day trips, your tire pressure can change.

A tire's pressure can change by 1 PSI for every 10 degrees Fahrenheit of temperature change, as temperature goes, so goes pressure, plus you lose approximately 1 PSI of pressure per month. That's why most tire manufacturers recommend checking your tire pressure once a week. There's nothing wrong with your tires, it's just physics!

Here is the main reason you should be concerned about tire pressure: Under inflated tires! Riding on tires with too little air pressure is dangerous. First of all, they will generate excessive heat, damage your tire, reduce your tire life, cause fatigue cracking, cause tire failure, adversely affect your cornering ability, make your bike feel mushy, and increase fuel consumption. Just remember this; heat is the enemy of tires. Under inflated tires generate additional heat by flexing more than they should, while a properly inflated tire runs cooler.

There are hundreds of tire manufactures in the world and they all express proper tire pressure and tread depth as the most important things you, as a consumer, can control. I must admit I'm kind of a nut about this. I always ask my buds, "When was the last time you checked your tire pressure?" They say under inflated tires on cars are responsible for most accidents involving vehicles that lost control. I just wonder how true this could be for motorcycles!

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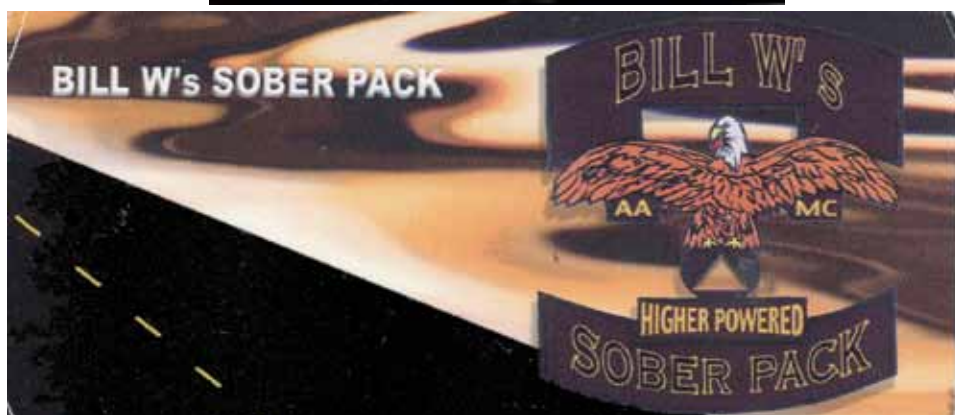
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91362

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562/298-6236 American Legion #354
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90621

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2104 Continental Ave. American Legion
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916/616-9605 Denny's
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Riverside CA 92513 2979 Dexter Dr.
951/377-5772 (in Fairmont Park)
Riverside, CA 92501

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P.O. Box 2334 Odd # Months
29 Palms CA 92277 Call Marty for Location
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Chico 95973

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Olivehurst 95961

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Ed Aranda Last Thurs - 6:30 PM
Edward_A12@yahoo.com
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1950 South 4th St.
El Centro, CA 92243

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Bakersfield 93308

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16782 Danbury Ave. Eagles Order #4181
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760/947-4700 Hesperia 92345

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Penn Valley Pizza & Grill'
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Grass Valley 95949

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