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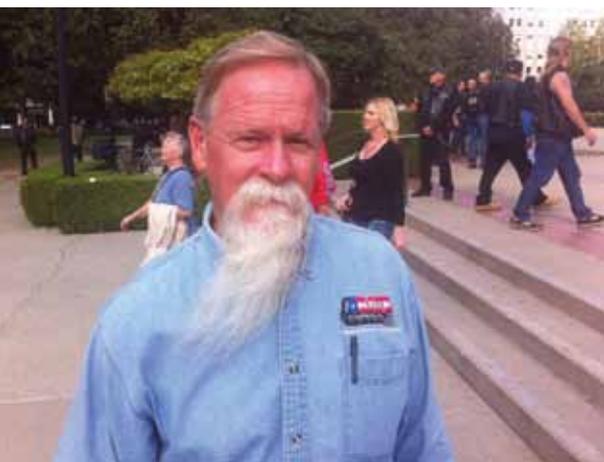
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Jim Lombardo, ABATE Lobbyist, Tomasa Duenas, Assemblyman Bill Quirk's Chief of Staff, & Glenn Phillips discussing AB51 game plan.



Executive Director's Report



by Dave Hastings, Executive Director

After much number crunching and soul searching we have decided to cancel our "Golden State Run" scheduled for September 9-11, 2016 at Frandy Campground in Kernville. This event, like many other events held statewide both by us and other organizations, failed to turn a profit last year and the outlook for this year's event was not very promising either. Planning and carrying out a large, multi-day event such as this takes up many hours of our precious volunteer time and energy along with a substantial amount of up-front ABATE "seed money" to pre-print flyers and advertise the event. In addition we must pay to reserve the campground, secure entertainment for the weekend, make sure we have our required permits and liability insurance and so forth. Those of you who have not worked an event like this may not be aware of how many hours are involved in pre-event planning, the actual "live event" work hours required from our volunteers, and the mandated expenses involved. Since ABATE is an all-volunteer organization and our members are scattered all over California an event of this size can quickly become an enormous drain on our volunteer work force

and our finances. So, with no one close to Kernville to spearhead the event, and with a dark cloud hanging over the financial return on our up-front, non-refundable, expenses we had no choice but to cancel this year.

Now for the good news! In trying to figure out a way to make the event profitable I talked with many of our ABATE members and friends and we all agreed we would still like to go to Frandy Campground in September and enjoy some "small town" Kernville hospitality while we visit with our friends from throughout California. So here's the deal. Many of us have already made our individual reservations for the campground for the same weekend dates - Sept. 9-11, 2016 and plan on showing up for a good, old fashioned camp-out, with our fellow ABATE members and friends. There will be no vendors, live bands, or ABATE liability. We will all just be paid guests of Frandy and will abide by their regular campground rules. Start making plans now to join us but don't wait too long to make your reservation because the campground is now officially "open to the public" and it may fill up fast for that weekend.

In closing, there have been a few ideas passed around about holding a 50/50, a raffle, or even just passing around an ABATE "donation bucket" to our members and friends to raise some needed funds for ABATE. There is also talk of a "minimal cost" Saturday evening dinner for our attendees which will be prepared and served by some of our members at one of our campsites. Right now these are all just ideas and we will keep you informed if progress is made and any of these items are actually going to occur. If you would like to donate, volunteer to help, or have any other ideas for the weekend please contact me at (760) 947-4700. So, make your reservation soon and let's all have a great time in Kernville this September. Contact Frandy Campground at (888) 372-6399 or www.frandy.net for your reservation, and let's get this camp-out party & ABATE fundraiser started! Dave H.

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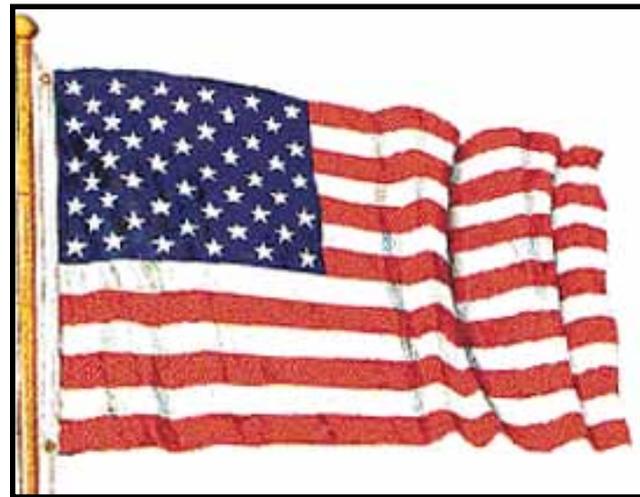


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What is ABATE?

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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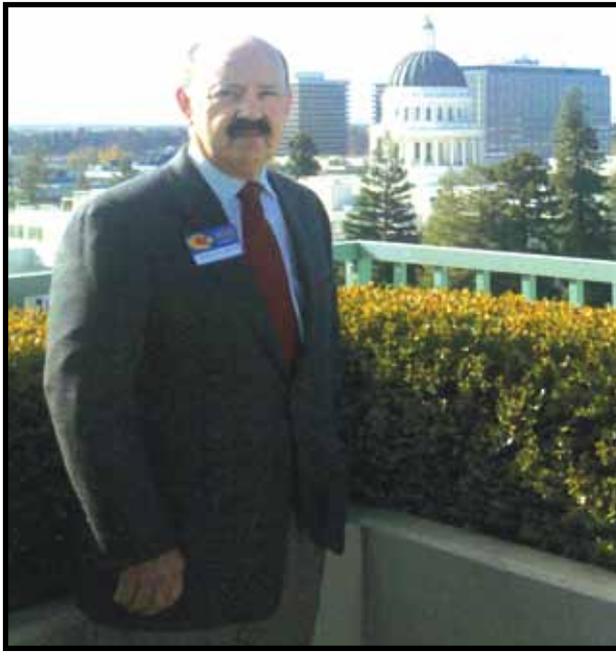
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Lobbyist's Report



by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

The Legislature has sent the 2016-17 Budget to Governor Brown and he is expected to sign it. He will get his **BLUE** pencil out and remove, or amend, line items from the amount put in by the Legislature over the amount the Governor wanted approved. This now guarantees that the legislators will get paid.

Remember, **WE** voters passed Proposition 25 that said "**NO BUDGET — NO PAY**" and legislators have passed the budget on time, every year, since Prop 25 passed. "We" may not have voted *Yes on Prop 25*, if enough of us read the fine print that took away a 2/3rd threshold for passing a budget, like all fiscal bills need!

AB 51, by Assemblymen Quirk and Lackey, passed the Senate Transportation Committee, unanimously, on June 14th and now moves on to the Senate Appropriations Committee. Soon after its expected passage, AB 51 will go to the Senate Floor, and then back to the Assembly for concurrence on the changes made in the Senate, and then finally to Governor Brown for his expected signature. Recent amendments remove any speed limit concerns, but now allow the CHP to once again, legally develop lane splitting guidelines, which may not have the effect of an actual enforceable law regulating lane splitting. I led off the SUPPORT testimony, followed by Nick Haris AMA, Michael Gunning PIFC (Personal Insurance Federation of California) (The Insurance companies who usually oppose us) and Liberty Insurance. Our Chairman of the Board Glenn Phillips, Sporty, and Ruby Weber also spoke in support! Thanks to them for showing up and lending their support!!!

ABATE's legislation, AB 1932, by Assemblyman Jay Obernolte, which will allow motorcycle riders who are ticketed for a moving violation to attend a motorcycle traffic violators traffic school — that may include a dedicated rider class component, will be heard in the Senate Transportation Committee on June 21 and is expected to proceed to the Appropriations Committee, soon thereafter. When passed, it will keep a moving violation off the DMV records, so no points will be added to a violator's DMV record.

I will present the results of the June Primary races at the next ABATE Leg/PAC meeting in Fresno, so please attend and take all the information provided back to your Locals. See you in Fresno on June 25th at 10:00 a.m. — Thanks again for contributing to the dedicated Lobbyist Fund to keep me in the Capital fighting for your riding freedoms!

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

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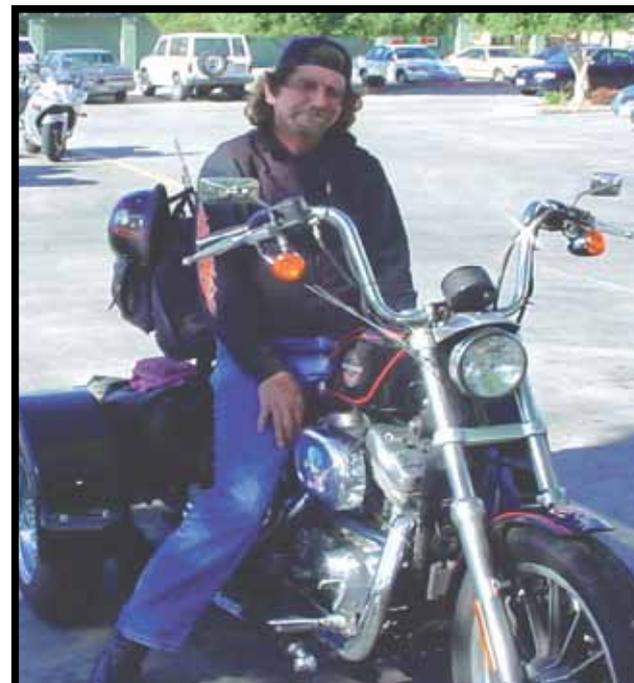
MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Sporty Milligan,
Membership Chairman

Hi all Sporty Milligan your membership chairman with the monthly plea for you to address your local membership issues. So far the membership drive has gathered a little over 50 new members. The more new members we get increases the riders who are learning about ABATE of California and what we do to protect your right to ride.

However while the influx of new riders is important to the overall solvency of ABATE its equally important that each Local do its best to keep their membership intact. Be sure to make all of your members feel a part of the Local.

You can accomplish that by doing the following: 1.) Make a list of your members e mail addresses (those that have one) and send them meeting reminders and local and state information on the issues regarding ABATE. 2.) Those members without e mails, send post card reminders. 3.) Possibly set up group rides within the local for weekend rides. 4.) Remember that as a leader in ABATE how you conduct yourself determines whether your members will renew their membership. So act accordingly and if that is accomplished you will get a renewal check in the mail. In July I will draw the winning ticket for the mem-



bership special raffle. Thanks to all who participated in helping make the membership drive once again cost free.

Thanks to all that have gotten ABATE new members. There is unity and strength in numbers of members.

Regards Sporty Milligan ABATE Membership Chairman.

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LOCAL NEWS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Again we are having a meeting on Father's Day at the Elks Lodge. Hope for a fair turn-out. We will discuss AB-51 Lane sharing bill and try to get members to attend the Board meeting. Local one is still alive and I will try to encourage more local 1 member participation. Hope again that members will support our bills.

Regards, Sporty Local 1 pres.

Local #02 Simi Valley



It's a great day for a BBQ and a meeting! We still serve a great \$5.00 BBQ dinner and we had Burgers, giant hot dogs and hot links and of course all the fixin's you could want and then some, our volunteer cooks were Norm and Frank and they rocked it! We are blessed to have a really good bar as well, we start serving our fantastic meal at 6:45 until 7:20 then our meeting promptly at 7:30. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW POST 10049 at 4242 East Los Angeles Ave.

VP Jim got us going with the pledge of allegiance to start the meeting. Pres Guy opened the meeting and talked about our Sweaty Buns Run, he stated that we could use more volunteers; he also talked about our starting place (Simi Harley) and our new and exciting end stop. Pres Guy also talked about the ads on our run tee shirt and talked about our box of flyers for our event that Russ Brown motorcycle attorney's supplied, they are freakin great! Pres Guy also talked about the progress of the bill AB51 and where it's at for now. VP Jim/ VP Pattibock talked about it as well. Our secretary Jane read the minutes and was also selling them yellow raffle tickets for ABATE. Pat, our treasurer, gave us our report on our finances, PR Norm talked about going to the Big swap meet in Long Beach to push for ABATE as well

as other stuff. Frank gave us our membership report, Group ride master Bob talked about rides that we are doing and other rides as well, Merchandise Ken gave us his take on our future orders and our SBR shirts as well.

This was a good meeting and very formal, it's a serious time for us at ABATE Local 2 our Sweaty Buns Run is our once a year event and it's going to be really good this year and we have been planning this for a long time, also we had a good crowd and we wished all those who couldn't make it can be at our next meeting. It's crunch time and we need you besides missing you! Ride Safe and have some Fun! PTL norm e.

Local #03/13 Thousand Oaks/Ventura County



May saw our Local's membership numbers increase, again! Three new members: Roy Nesbitt, John Derbyshire, and Mike Harris; and three renewals: Joe LaGioia, Michael Cagley, and Jim MacMillan. We are happy to welcome all and the enthusiasm continues! Many of our inactive members have been showing their faces again and joining in on rides and meetings. Pretty soon we're gonna need to give our Prez. a gavel just to keep order, since everyone seems to have a lot to contribute and are enjoying each other during our Officer's and Monthly meetings. Love the passion for ABATE! We are proud of and thankful for the energy and dedication exhibited by our members!

Upcoming plans include a HUGE Garage Sale, July 9th, with all proceeds going to our organization; and our big Annual Trivia Run on October 23! That run will also honor and pay tribute to our late Treasurer and longtime Brother, Don Martin. Also planned for October is something new for us "Zombie Hunter" Paintball Train on the famous Fillmore Western Railway. This event is getting HUGE interest. Should be FUN and make some money for ABATE.

We've been riding, meeting up and spending time with friends in other clubs and groups. Spreading the word that

ABATE helps everyone! It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all Clubs, Groups and Organizations! Joining ABATE makes a statement and sends money to work towards fair and just treatment of motorcyclists whether you ride with ABATE or ride with another group. We're feeling the comradery and we're feeling the interest in our mission! It's contagious!

It's been great to share our enthusiasm and to reach out, inviting ALL motorcyclists to join our mission! Our Local President, Chuck Pedersen, continues to network with various other groups, building alliances to assemble a formidable voice in Sacramento. Issues we are working on include "AB-334" the Anti-Profiling Measure; and "AB-51" involving defining lane sharing parameters. Join us in support of these efforts! Get involved.

Our Local 3/13 is always welcoming NEW members. Bike Nights are held 1st Thursday of each month @ 7pm @ Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park; General Membership Meetings are on the 3rd Thursdays @ 7pm @ Elks Lodge, 158 N. Conejo School Rd. in Thousand Oaks; and Sunday rides EVERY Sunday, meeting @ 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 out on Facebook @ www.Facebook/ABATE313 to follow our events and issues. IT'S ALL ABOUT MOTORCYCLISTS' RIGHTS – ACROSS ALL CLUBS, GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS! Kathleen B.

Local #08 Orange County



Local 8 is happy to welcome a new member. We had a booth out in Irvine for the America's Ride with much interest in ABATE and what we are working on at the present. People had a lot of interest and discussion about AB51, "lane splitting" and the course it may be taking, we remain hopeful that its outcome favors the current riders in California, and set the guidelines where other States might consider it as well.

We at Local 8 are proud to have sold all its' Membership raffle tickets. We were saddened to hear there will be no State rendezvous this September in Kernville.

LOCAL NEWS

It is one of this riders favorite gatherings.

As we welcome summer remember when riding in extreme heat to take time to hydrate and check oil levels more often. Sunscreen, Sunscreen, Sunscreen, careful out there. Remember as well that as kids are out of school drivers become even more distracted, stay alert for such drivers.

We at local 8 want to give a shout out to Dave Christie had you been at the monthly meeting you would have been some \$30 richer for it. And I leave you with this thought: "Keep your bike in good repair: Motorcycle boots are NOT comfortable for walking." Local 8's very own Hawgete

Local #11 North San Diego County



Pledge of Allegiance was started by Dan Buse. He then talked about Kernville and many disappointed but we will survive and move on and keep working for ABATE! Talked about ABATE 11 party basket raffle. And then on to AB51!

Dick our VP gave a report on future rides/events going on! Eddie (and his lovely wife) Barbara from Local 38 talked about winning at Local 6 drawing which means another local supporting each other, yay! John Genaway our Moose liaison talked about Moose happenings. Eddie Local 38 won 50/50, Tim Clark won goodie basket and John Genaway won 3rd place gift. And to end it all they were all very nice wishing me a happy birthday (3 bloody Marys in) and it was a great meeting! CHEERS! Robin Buse

Local #20 Orange County



Local 20 conducted their meeting on Tuesday, 06/14/2016, at the American Legion in Cypress. Forty-one individuals were in attendance. Various topics were discussed such as the status of the lane sharing bill (AB51), the California anti-profiling bill (currently inactive in the Senate), and an update on police harassment activities involving members of a local motorcycle club. A reminder was provided about utilizing personal video devices

to assist in obtaining evidence to fight these types of cases.

A guest speaker, Gary Douglas, a veterans service officer and President of 501C Saints for Soldiers provided a brief presentation about his services for vets and the need for help.

A dollar raffle took place at the meeting to win \$20.00. Patrick Lewis was drawn and was not present. The money will roll forward to the next meeting.

The next Local 20 meeting will be on Tuesday, July 12th. The ABATE Quarterly and PAC meeting will take place on June 25th in Fresno.

Any questions regarding the content of these minutes or Local 20 meetings can be directed to Gill Mellen at Gillabate@yahoo.com. Moonie

Local #23 San Bernardino



Had our monthly meeting at the usual place at Vicky's Restaurant in San Bernardino. The meeting lasted about an hour. Vice President, Bosco, covered the status of pending-upcoming legislation and a few related topics. President Ed Pelton went over the old business and we discussed some new business. Secretary Tammy Odell went over expenses and bank balances.

The previous Saturday an ABATE 23 Yard Sale and the Annual Chili Cook Off took place at the home of Ed and Tammy. The yard sale raised one hundred dollars and as to the Chili Cook Off Contest, about twenty-five people showed up. Kathy won the Chili Trophy. Russ won the Salsa Trophy. Bea won the Dessert Trophy.

Our Monthly First Friday Dinner was cancelled due to the Chili Cook Off taking place the following Saturday. Friday June 10th was our Bike Night we had a few riders and people showed up. We would like to see more people show up, so put the word out. Our next Bike Night is July 8th. It takes place at Tam's Burgers in Rialto on the second Friday of the Month bring your friends and whomever you can grab. The flier is in the Bailing wire and on our Facebook page.

As for July if you wish to join us, our Monthly Meeting is scheduled for July 10, Vicky's Restaurant; 502 S Waterman Ave; 9:00 am (Vicky's has a variety of good food too – have breakfast? Lunch??, and they are an ABATE Local 23 Business Member). There will not be a Dinner Ride in July due

to the Holiday. Donald Kline

Local # 25 Sacramento



May 19, meeting. Lil' David called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. We had 7 members and one guest. The minutes of the March meeting (no April meeting) were e-mailed to the membership prior to the meeting; a formal reading was waived. Treasurer's report, Joe processed renewals for several members. Several members renewed this last month. No Merchandise report given. PAC Rep, Gary, reported that there was no movement on any of ABATE's bills. There was a general discussion on AB 1932.

The COC for our area has published a list of non-biker friendly establishments. The COC is sponsoring a clubhouse crawl in Stockton on July 10th. The COC is opposed to AB51. The next Stockton COC meeting will be on June 11th.

Runs/Events – On May 21st the Placerville American Legion Post is having a run to the Mather VA hospital. On June 23rd the Lincoln American Legion Post is having a poker run. The next ABATE board meeting will be in Fresno on June 25th. Lil' David gave a report on the Southern Regional Rally. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33.

David Smart

Local # 38 Imperial Valley

Hello Local #38, well we're almost through half the year, where does the time go. We did a breakfast run for Memorial Day, we had almost 50% of our local there, 5 people, we had an impromptu meeting to discuss upcoming events and the local paid for breakfast, yummy. Show up get involved, maybe get a free breakfast.

Our next Local 38 meeting for July we are thinking of going to Rosa's at the Imperial Airport, will keep you posted if the location changes.

At our June meeting we discussed the cancellation of the State Run. Barb and I went to the ABATE Local 11 meeting for June and Dan discussed having a get together in our area, kinda like a too broke for Kernville Run.

Come to our meetings and stay informed. Our Los Nino's Toy Run turns 25 this year and we will be having commemorative shirts to mark the occasion. They will be grey or as close to silver as possible. The Turkey Run is fast approaching and we need sponsors for both of our shirts. Bye for now. Ed Aranda, Prez Local 38.

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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

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ROCKFEST RESCINDS "NO COLORS" BAN:

When Rockfest announced on their website that no motorcycle club colors would be allowed in the Kansas City music festival, members of the motorcycle club community and the Kansas Confederation of Clubs (www.kscoc.net) reacted promptly, and within 24 hours event promoters rescinded the policy.

"This ban is tantamount to profiling motorcycle club members based on how they look and prevents them from exercising their rights of free association and expression guaranteed under the First Amendment to the US Constitution," wrote spokesperson Brian Cohoon in an open e-mail to Rockfest promoters, sponsors and every club in the Kansas COC condemning "in the strongest terms this outrageous ban on Motorcycle Clubs wearing their colors to Rockfest. News of this ban and our reaction to it is being disseminated by the most expeditious means possible to every Motorcycle Club in this region. We strongly encourage you to reconsider this ban and allow Motorcycle Club members to attend in whatever attire they deem appropriate in their individual judgment."

In addition to many individual clubs and representatives also voicing their disapproval to the radio station promoting "North America's largest one-day music festival," the Chairman of the neighboring Missouri Confederation of Clubs e-mailed Rockfest promoter KQRC-FM 98.9 The Rock in protest of the policy, and the Kansas A.I.M. Attorney (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) was tasked with sending a letter condemning the ban.

As a result of their coordinated activism, online language referring to the colors ban was immediately taken down and the show went on as usual May 14 without incident, just as it has since 1992.

CLUB COLORS BARRED FROM HEADSTONE:

Before biker Richard Cody died on Sept. 5, 2013, he told his family and friends he wanted the logo of his beloved South Madison Motorcycle Club on his headstone, but nearly two years later his son Jeremy was forced to file a lawsuit against the city of



Painesville, Ohio to make sure his father gets his last wish.

Representing the family and club, Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Ralph C. Buss filed a motion for preliminary and permanent injunction to prevent city officials from removing, defacing, touching or changing the headstone of the Vietnam veteran buried in Riverside Cemetery, after officials informed the Plaintiff that the club colors engraved into the back of his father's grave marker, "is not deemed appropriate" and ordered the S.M.M.C. artwork to be removed within 60 days at their own expense.

Buss told The News-Herald in a May 10 interview with the newspaper that "the headstone's logo is not vulgar or offensive in any way, and it complies with the requirements that were in place in 2014 when it was installed" and further charged that new regulations "conveniently" passed afterwards violate the First Amendment and "are nothing more than a license allowing city employees or agents to judge a person's expression and deny it without any reasoning."

All the media attention and ensuing barrage of publicity, including a 3,500-signature petition asking city council to allow the headstone to remain unaltered, and accompanying legal actions, resulted in the desired effect.

"When I first got the letter from the City of Painesville telling me that after two years I had to remove my father's headstone due to it being "offensive", I was outraged," Cody recently told Ridin' On Motorcycle Magazine (www.RidinOn.com). "My only thoughts were 'I don't think so!' For two months I pleaded with the city to change their minds and they were not budging. So I then got social media involved and contacted my attorney Ralph C. Buss, who just happens to be known for helping other motorcycle enthusiasts when in need. Within three days the City of Painesville decided it was in their best interest to let the stone be left there. It was my father's wishes to have his club patch engraved on his headstone and I was not about to let that wish be taken from him."

NEW IMPROVED LANE SPLITTING BILL AMENDED IN CALIFORNIA: Motorcyclists in California are allowed to travel between lanes of traffic because unlike the other 49 states there is no law against such maneuvering, creating a legal grey area, so AB 51 was introduced last year to codify the act of lane splitting and provide legal guidelines (no faster than 50 mph, and no more than 15 mph faster than traffic).

But if it isn't defined, it isn't breaking the law, so motorcyclists generally opposed regulating "lane splitting", preferring to leave well enough alone and not create another new crime, and so AB 51 was pulled by its sponsor, Assemblyman Bill Quirk (D-Hayward), because "Lane splitting is a very complex issue and the author feels he needs more time to work out the details so that it's more likely to be signed." At the time, the bill had passed the state Assembly and was on its way to the California Senate floor.

Now, AB 51 was recently resurrected and amended to its purest form, simply riding between cars, with no limiting language in the current wording of the bill, retaining the spirit of lane splitting and let the rider decide what's safe. Even under current statutes, a rider can be cited with other violations for unsafe maneuvering.

The new improved AB 51 strikes all references to miles per hour conditions, and simply defines "lane splitting" as "driving a motorcycle between rows of stopped or moving vehicles in the same lane, including both divided and undivided streets, roads, or highways."

Quirk's office said the current bill has the expressed support of more than a dozen key organizations, among them motorcycle organizations such as ABATE of California, as well as multiple law enforcement agencies.

AB 51 was swiftly approved by the State Assembly on May 28, 2016 by a vote of 58-14 and sent to the Senate where it passed Transportation and Housing Committee unanimously 11-0 on June 14 then re-referred to Appropriations Committee before coming up for a floor vote.

Although lane "filtering" is common throughout Europe and Asia and many other countries, California is the only state where it is not expressly illegal. A bill to legalize lane-splitting in Nevada was voted down in 2013. A similar bill in Oregon was defeated in 2015. Other bills have surfaced and died in Arizona and Texas.

SUZUKI RIDERS THE ANGRIEST, SAYS SURVEY: Suzuki riders experience the highest levels of road rage followed closely by owners of Harleys and then Triumphs,

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according to a recent survey in Britain. A thousand British motorcyclists were asked to assign a road rage score from 0-10 to a series of hypothetical scenarios such as drivers texting at the wheel.

Suzuki riders typically assigned higher levels of rage to the scenarios than owners of other bikes, earning an "average road rage score" of 71%. Harley riders scored 68.7% and Triumph riders 67%.

The survey, performed by dealer chain Jennings Harley-Davidson in the U.K., also found the thing that angered riders most was drivers texting, with a score of 86.5%, followed by "bike blindness" at 83.2% and "getting cut up (cut-off)" at 82.5%.

"We wanted to highlight the fears that many motorcyclists have around riding on the road, and the ignorance that often comes with motorcyclists' safety," said Jennings H-D director Sohail Khan. "It was important for us to show the severity of their fears amongst sharing the road with car drivers."

MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES UP IN 2015: Following two consecutive years of decreasing motorcycle fatalities nationwide, the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) reports that more than 5,000 motorcyclists were killed in the U.S. in 2015, which represents an estimated 10% increase over 2014.

The annual study attributes the increase mainly to increased travel nationwide and better weather leading to a longer riding season in many states. Low fuel prices also contributed to a 3.5% rise in motor vehicle miles traveled last year over 2014, according to federal data.

This crash data -- based on an early look at current data, trends, and developing issues -- reports that this is more than 450 motorcycle fatalities over 2014. GHSA says it projects the final motorcyclist fatality total for 2015 will be 5,010 -- only the third year in U.S. history, and the first time since 2008, in which the fatality number topped 5,000.

The increase is consistent with preliminary numbers from the government that show

traffic deaths overall rising an estimated 8% last year after trending downward for the past decade, marking the largest year-to-year percentage increase in a half-century and making 2015 the deadliest driving year since 2008.

The report takes data from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and compared to 2014, motorcycle deaths by state increased in 31 states, decreased in 16, and remained the same in three others along with the District of Columbia.

While acknowledging contributing crash factors such as alcohol and drug use, increased speed limits, and a record number of vehicles on U.S. roads, the GHSA calls for restoring helmet laws in the 31 states that don't mandate helmets, and requiring DOT standards.

TRUMP STUMPS AT ROLLING THUNDER MOTORCYCLE RUN IN D.C.: Throngs of bikers listened on Sunday, May 29, as presumptive Presidential GOP nominee Donald J. Trump delivered remarks to a crowd at the Lincoln Memorial during the 29th annual Rolling Thunder motorcycle run over Memorial Day weekend that is dedicated to accounting for military members taken as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action (POW/MIA).

For the blunt-spoken real estate mogul and television celebrity, who stresses his desire to strengthen the military and improve how veterans are treated, the gathering provided a receptive audience. "Look at all these bikers," Trump said with admiration. "Do we love the bikers? Yes. We love the bikers."

Wearing a red "Make America Great Again" hat and forgoing a necktie, Trump told the crowd of seeing large numbers of bikers at his campaign events. "I said, 'What are they all doing here?' and my people would say, 'They're here to protect you, Mr. Trump,'" he said. "It's an amazing thing. And I want to tell you, some of these people are tough," but added when he shakes their hands, "there is love, and it's an incredible feeling, and that's why I wanted to be with you today."

Trump's supporters include a group called "Bikers for Trump," which boasts more than 61,000 "likes" on Facebook.

"I'm not a huge biker, I have to be honest with you, O.K.?" lamented Trump to the motorcycle gathering, "I always liked the limo better."

Nancy Regg, a spokeswoman for Rolling Thunder, told the New York Times that the group had invited Mr. Trump to appear. The group did not extend an invitation to Hillary Clinton or Senator Bernie Sanders, she said.

AIM/NCOM WEBPAGE UPDATES: "To best serve the motorcycle community, it is always our aim to keep our Aid to Injured Motorcyclists / National Coalition of Motorcyclists (AIM/NCOM) webpage at www.onabike.com up-to-date, convenient, and useful," wrote AIM/NCOM Executive Coordinator Sarge in an open letter to the motorcycle community. "To do this, we are in the process of revamping a few pages including providing some important NCOM links to and from other WebPages. We have a list of the NCOM Members at www.onabike.com/national-coalition-of-motorcyclists/members.htm available, but would like to expand it to include all of our NCOM Member Groups, Confederations of Clubs plus more clubs and associations."

Here's what you're asked to do if your MRO / COC / Club / Association is on the NCOM Member Groups list:

If you have a link, verify that it is still correct. If not, please provide NCOM with the updated information.

If you do not have a link and one is available, please provide us with the appropriate link.

If your motorcycle organization is not on the NCOM Members List and would like to be added, please send information and e-mail address to Sarge at ncompms@aol.com.

"Finally, the last part of our update is to ask each MRO / COC / Club / Association to put a link to NCOM on their webpage. To this end, please add www.onabike.com. Graphics can be provided at your request, THANK YOU!"

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Pac/Treasurer's Report

by Dave Hastings, Treasurer

The primary election is over and now the battle lines are being drawn for the upcoming elections in November. We are already receiving requests for financial help and "boots on the ground" volunteers for those elections. Our PAC will soon decide which battles to get involved in and we will advise our members accordingly. Remember, ABATE chooses our candidates based on their M/C voting record and their response to our questionnaire. We do not endorse by political party affiliation so you will see candidates from all parties asking for and receiving our help. This is why we are both respected and sought out at election time, because we are truly non-partisan and, we are very effective at getting out and helping candidates that support our motorcycle lifestyle.

We are currently working with several bills going through the legislature. AB 51 (lane splitting bill) just unanimously passed out of the Senate Transportation Committee and is now on its way to the Appropriation Committee. We will keep you apprised of its progress towards the Governor's desk. AB 1932 (motorcycle traffic schools) has run into some unexpected opposition and is being evaluated by its author. I hope to have more info on this bill's progress soon.

My last item, as usual, is funding for our lobbyist Jim Lombardo. As we all know, Jim is our expert and indispensable, legis-



lative advisor and lobbyist in Sacramento. Chuck Pedersen, Nick Benson, and Jim, collect information and data, evaluate, advise and guide our ABATE PAC on critical M/C issues we deal with on a day to day basis. Jim is paid a very modest (by Sacramento standards) salary for the work he performs for us. I personally feel he is

one hell of a deal for our organization but I know there are members who always question, and rightfully so, every expenditure our organization makes. Regardless of your personal feelings, ABATE does have an obligation to pay his agreed upon fees every quarter and I as your PAC treasurer make out and sign that check. Please make sure you and your Local members are contributing to the Lobbyist Fund so I will always have the monies needed to pay our bills, on time, and every time. I know we are a volunteer organization so I'm asking you to personally volunteer some of your funds for your organization. It makes my volunteer job easier and much less stressful to perform and all of us will ultimately benefit from money that is frugally but wisely spent. Dave H.

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Donations have been received from the following (received between May 16th & June 15th): WE owe each and Every one of YOU a BIG thank you!!! So - THANK YOU!!

Donations received from Individuals to the General Fund:

James Cast, Jr, Local 20;
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Thank YOU for your contributions in helping to preserve "Freedom of the Road" by supporting ABATE's paid Lobbyist and the General Fund!!! Thank you to our Members that renew their Memberships and those that join us – that too helps in preserving and fighting for Motorcyclist's Rights!! And Of Course the Locals that contribute to the funds regularly and when they do events. THANK YOU!! It's a team effort, so thank you for being a part of the Team!

2016 ABATE Events

You can also go to our website www.abate.org and Events Calendar to download available flyers.

July 9 – ABATE Local 3/13 – Garage Sale (Contact 805/496-0323 for details.)

July 24 – ABATE Local 2 – Annual Sweaty Buns – Simi Valley (SEE flyer in this issue for details).

August 27 – Sarah Renee Phillips 17th Annual Memorial Run – Proceeds Benefit Sarah Renee Phillips Memorial Scholarship. See paid flyer in this issue for details.

September 9-11 – NOT the ABATE State Run – But you can still go to meet your friends there! Contact Frandy Campground direct 888/372-6399 or www.frandy.net for your reservation. Please read The Executive Director's article in this July Bailing Wire for the details.

October 23 – ABATE Local 3/13 – Trivia Run & Tribute to Don Martin (Details TBA).

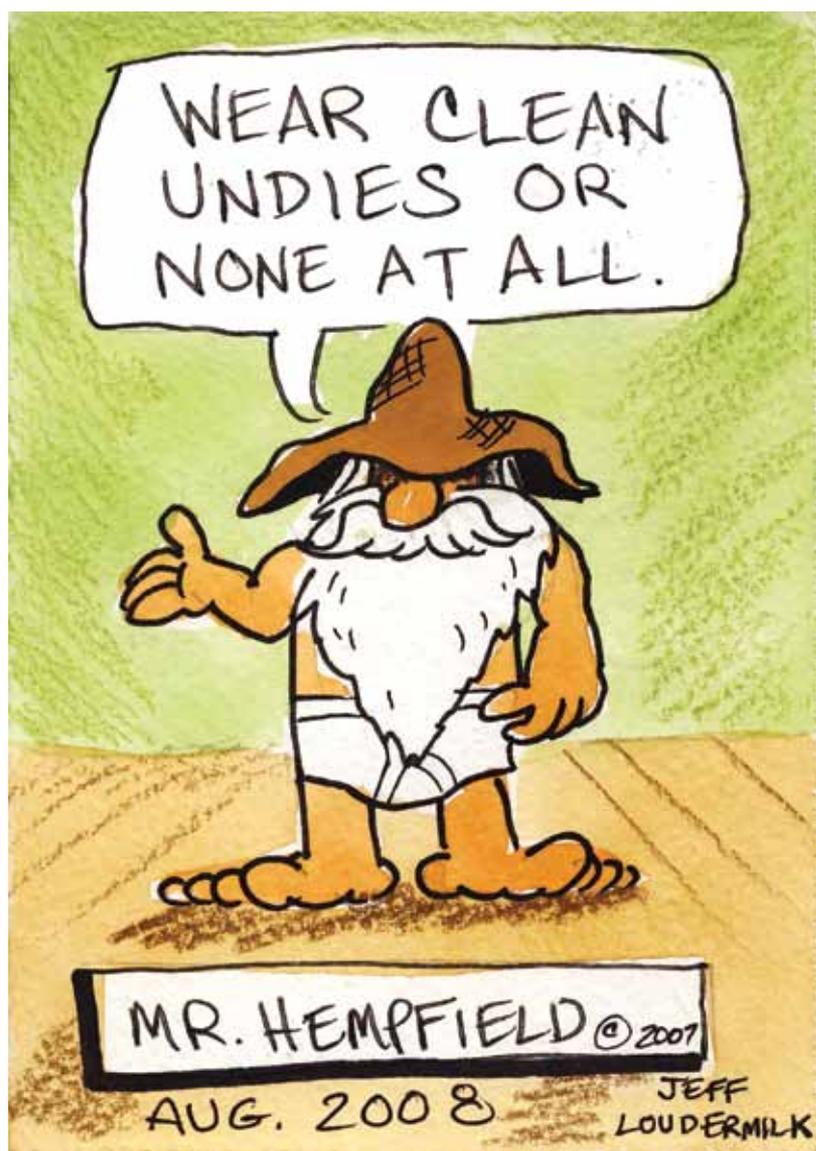
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ABATE LOCAL 3/13 – 1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH (SEE flyer in this issue page 10)

ABATE LOCAL 23 – 2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH (SEE flyer in this issue page 11)

If you have a date for your event, and no details 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.



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Tech Tips by Craig Griswold

Carburetors (Part IV)

Although Harley-Davidson tried out many carburetors over the years, the Keihin Constant Velocity (CV) carb was probably the next best thing to fuel injection. First installed on the 1988 models, this carburetor replaced the Keihin butterfly model.



HD stuck with these until all bikes went to Electronic Fuel Injection (EFI) in 2007. We covered the basic tuning circuits in part one, so we'll outline the specifics to this well designed carb.

As the name implies, the carburetor maintains a constant velocity through the intake. This is achieved by a vacuum operated slide, controlled by a diaphragm. As engine load changes (vacuum), the slide moves up and down effectively changing the bore size. This, in turn, maintains a constant velocity. This ensures a smooth fuel delivery throughout the power band.

Like other carbs, this one utilizes a pilot jet (also known as a slow jet) for metering fuel for idle and low range up to approximately 1/8 throttle, an air/fuel mixture screw, and a main jet.



Much like the Mikuni, the Keihin has a jet needle for tuning the mid-range. Instead of using a clip to position the needle height, the CV uses shims. The shims are small washers that can be installed to raise the needle position which in turn allows the tuner to bring in the main jet earlier in the power band.

There is one down side to this well designed fuel mixer. The accelerator pump is not adjustable. Once performance upgrades are installed and fuel demand increases, lean fuel delivery may cause a cough through the intake or a stumble (check for vacuum leaks first!). Fortunately the aftermarket has a nifty fix for this issue, the Boyesen Twinshot.

Main Jet



This really cool device gives you a nice range of adjustability for the accel pump.

There are many ways to upgrade your stock CV carburetor and in most cases they are more cost effective than buying a new aftermarket product. We get a lot of customers that come in with a brand new – fill in the blank name brand – replacement because their buddy told them to junk that stocker. These are outstanding carbs and are definitely suitable for most engines in the double digit displacement category. Screamin Eagle even has a 51mm CV should you decide to swap out that tired old 88 incher for a big bore monster.

Next month we'll talk about the CV's predecessor, the Keihin butterfly carburetor.

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June 10, 2016

Hello ABATE member!

After examining all options for conducting a state run (ABATE Golden Rendezvous) this year in Kernville, we have made the decision that it is not cost effective to go forward with an "official" event. With the cost of paying the promoter, the insurance, and all of the other costs associated with putting on the state run, we have determined that we could in no way hope to make money and therefore we have decided to cancel this year's "official" event.

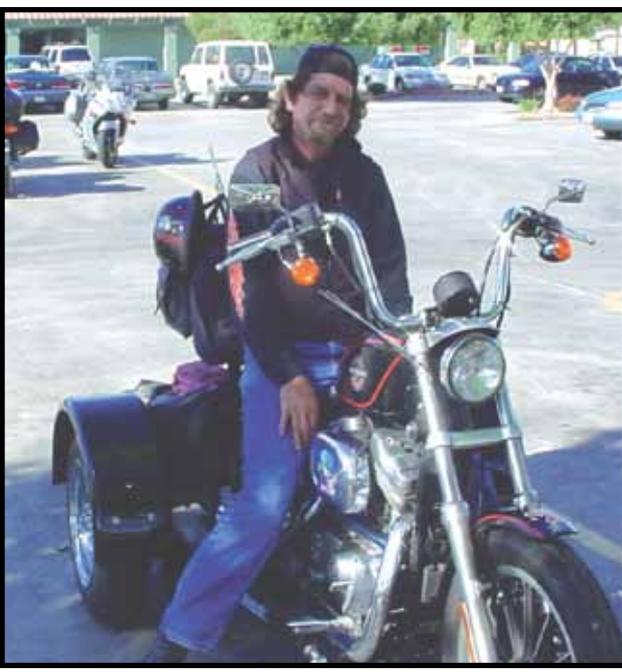
I have been talking to quite a few of our ABATE members while trying to put together some way to make this event profitable. Many of us would still like to get together for a good old fashioned "camp-out" on the same scheduled weekend of Sept. 9-11, 2016 at the Frandy Campground location. So here it is - no bands, vendors, or planned activities - just a fun "unofficial" weekend with our ABATE friends from all over California. You make your own reservations and just show up - no ABATE sanctions, insurance, or liabilities. We will be just individual Frandy Campground guests and abide by their campground rules. One of our members has suggested they might be able to find someone willing to cook at their campsite and possibly serve some liquid "refreshments" to our ABATE members and friends for a small donation. What if we were to have a 50/50 drawing on Saturday evening for our member's? I guess we might be able to do a raffle too if someone wanted to take it on. How about just simply passing a "donation bucket" around and raising money from our members and our friends that want to contribute directly to ABATE of CA?

Remember, the campground will now be open to the general public so don't wait until the last minute to make your reservation. If you do, you may find that Frandy is full for that weekend and you will be left out of the fun! Visit Frandy Campground @ www.frandy.net to view their site map and to secure your online reservation or call them direct at [\(888\) 372-6399](tel:8883726399) and speak to a "real" person. Hope to see you all there and let's have some good old fashioned camp-out fun!

If you have any comments or questions, please contact me at davesautorpair@aol.com

Dave Hastings
Executive Director
ABATE of California

Sporty's Rides



by Sporty Milligan

Greetings All, I am writing my ever popular column this afternoon June 15th and home from my trip to Sacramento for the Senate Transportation and Housing hearing that took place June 14th.

I have recovered from my recent setback. During my recovery I came to the conclusion that it would be best if I retire from my job with LA County Agricultural Commissioner's office weed abatement. I have been at that job for 35 years total time, 26 years permanent time. I saw my Inspector Isaac June 7th to sign final papers and turn in my equipment. I must say the meeting with my boss went well and we both had a mutual understanding as to why I am retiring. I also said good bye to my co-worker Nate who I have worked with for over 30 years. My other co-worker Ignacio was out in the field working with the tractor vendor. He called me later that day because I wished him good luck with his very young son who is having another surgery to remove a tumor in his brain. Prayers in order for a safe operation.

In order to get retirement completed I had to get a copy of my official marriage document. This meant that

I had to go to Van Nuys to the courthouse and get an official copy. This took almost 3 hours as the line wrapped outside the building and inside as well. This will take about 14 business days to complete.

June 4 was Local 23 Chili cook-off at the presidents' house in Rialto. I took my 2002 883 to the event and it ran good there. My 2007 1200L Sporty is at this point in the shop at top rocker formally Barger's HD in Canoga Park. It was good seeing all the folks that I have not seen in quite some time and I won some neat stuff in their raffles. The chili's and salsas were quite good as well as the desserts. Awards were given out for first second and third place for all the categories. Thanks to Local 23 for having the event and for me being able to be there.

June 5, there was, surprise, another Chili Cook-off at Bartels Harley Davidson in Marina Del Rey. It seemed like every vendor had their own version of chili. Just by sampling all the various chili's you could get filled up. The Messengers of Recovery Santa Clarita Valley Chapter had their booth and made a batch of nice chili. The event was well attended and that was good as they are a Local 1 business member.

June 10 I attended my usual Friday AA meeting. They have a 50/50 raffle and I bought 10 dollars' worth of tickets. There are times when my Luck is good and yes my luck has been good recently, with this meeting being no exception. I won the raffle which netted me 45 dollars. I went to another AA meeting at another group in Santa Clarita and was able to buy dinner at the pizza restaurant next to the AA meeting hall. Lucky me.

Saturday June 11, I met at the AA

hall in Sylmar my newest Abate member Bill. We were off to spend the day with the Day with the Messengers of Recovery at their Annual weekend camp out at the KOA camp grounds off Soledad CYN in Acton. We left at around 8.30am. When we arrived at the event the party was in full swing. The Santa Clarita and San Fernando chapters are business members of Abate local 1. Most of the Clubs that attend this event are clean and sober clubs. For a good price of 15 dollars we got a run pin and a really nice chicken dinner. I spent most of the day chatting with members of the Shaggers. There was a vendor there that did leather repairs to patch Vests. I took a chance and had my vest fixed up for a good price of 25 dollars. The company's name was Cal-leather jackets and the owner is Gwen Cornell. I now have good working front pockets and front snaps. Bill and I had a GREAT day and after dinner we road home with a light rain falling on us.

The last part of this extravaganza was the trip to Sacramento for the Senate Trans. and Housing hearing for our bill AB-51. Monday I left to go to Sac. It was overcast. Again I got money and gas in Castaic and headed up the Grapevine. There was a stretch that has me slow down to 50 miles per hour but I managed to get through that with only one squirt. Going down towards Bakersfield it began to clear. My old 883 with over 10,4678 miles on the speedometer seemed to run good at 60 to 70 miles per hour. I called my wife Renee when I got to Delano so she would not worry. Every 90 to 100 miles I stopped for gas. Also, so I would not burn up I kept myself covered up. When I got near Livingston off the 99 there were signs indicating that there was going to be a slowdown of the traffic. Yes we had about 10 miles of stop and go traffic because there was a major crash on the south bound 99. Terrible because at the Turlock rest stop there were reports that at least 3 fatalities.

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Motorcycle Safety Report

by Norm e. Newiger, Safety Officer

The Fun Begins!

It's that time of the year! The month of June is the beginning of motorcycle riding bliss, for some it's just another day on the road and for the majority it's the start of one adventure after another. We have so many options, let alone just you and the highway or getting out with your buds. We have the local scene (where ever you reside) bike nights and weekend sponsored biking events to state events and nation-wide events, so many choices your head could spin like a top if you were inclined to do so. This is a season about having Fun, about freedom of the road, going out and enjoying life on 2 wheels. We know about the local hangouts and the one's that required this, road trip! We will ride 50 miles or 200 miles or more, it doesn't matter just get on your bike and ride, the fun is the adventure of the day or week or however long you must go and go you must. I have been doing this since I've first started riding, the good thing about our zone in So. Cal is it's almost a year round thing, there are a few states that allow this and I'm glad to be living in the best one! The good news out here is that we don't have winter lockdown and that's a true blessing in disguise, I've lived back east in the frozen tundra zone and that white stuff that falls from the skies will hibernate your bike real fast.

The main question you could ask yourself is, is my bike ready? Is it ready to put on some serious mileage without issues? Have you done a thorough safety inspection on your bike? Do you care enough to do so? For me I have my own requirements that I must fulfill constantly year round and especially if I'm going on one road trip after another on most weekends, like I have stated before in previous articles, when I clean or detail my bike I also have all my tools to check all the vibratory nuts and bolts and screws and any piece of chrome that's a part of my bike, thank you V-Twin magic! Because I do this all the time, I know what's going to get loose and what's not and I am so familiar with my bike it's like it's a part of me, true story! Breaking down is such a buzz kill, and I know because I've been on both sides of this phenom and stuff happen whether you like it or not, it just does, breaking down does lead to accidents and sometimes it puts you in a very bad situation, like in the fast lane with fast traffic on a jammed freeway, can you maneuver to the shoulder safely, people become assholes when you impede on their speed. Reacting to this situation is critical, slow or stopped vehicles of all sorts become targets whether you're on the freeway, highway or surface streets and being on a bike is very scary sometimes because people just don't see motorcyclist's hobbling to the side of the road that often. Also is the fact that you have no protection surrounding you like a car or truck.

A simple flat tire while riding can put you in a dangerous situation where you have seconds to react and move to the shoulder, the front or rear tire feels like thick wobbly mud while you wrestle your bike to safety to a very slow speed and the place including the traffic can make it a real challenge just to get to the side of the road. Using good judgment can really make a difference no matter what the traffic condition is, and this has happened to me a few times. While I was riding



on the freeway in the fast lane my brand new rear tire got a nail in it while I was doing around 70 mph, as I reacted very quickly because my handle bars was doing the twist faster than I was traveling I went into emergency safe mode, my bike was automatically slowing down but I had to safely slow it down faster, I was forced to slow down but the traffic wasn't and I had to get over 3 lanes to get to the shoulder. The traffic was heavy and merging right wasn't an option because of the speed of the other vehicles and besides everyone one was doing the infamous tailgating so you can't squeeze in front of me thing. I had to make a decision real fast because I was slowing down and the only option was to merge left to the center divider concrete barrier and the space was about 3 feet from the barrier to the fast lane, I knew it was a good choice because people just don't care about you as long as you don't infringe on their speed, and if you do then they could become an instant asshole. Getting a flat tire really sucks and it sucks the fun right out of you faster than the air in your tire! Luckily for me the CHP was there in a few minutes and they shut down the freeway so I could get my bike to the shoulder and out of a dangerous situation. Like I said earlier, breaking down or getting a flat tire happens all the time even if everything is good, but being able to react to these situations is far more important than the mishap itself.

As this new summer adventure begins for us so does the jump in accidents from the very minor ones to the major ones, as we get used to riding so does the general public, as there are many more bikes on the roads and now the other vehicle have to get used to the influx of motorcyclists, especially on the weekends. We become very vulnerable because we are not prominent in the flow of traffic everywhere, we get more exposure as the summer goes but we must think about our safety and not take for granted that just because we have our lights on or have a loud exhaust system we will be noticed. I wish that it was more true than false but the truth is that we have to be responsible and we need to be focused and more safety orientated as the summer goes. Now here's the real deal, when entering any intersection it's up to the rider to become defensive prior to arriving at the intersection, this is where most accidents occur, albeit cars vs. cars or motorcycle vs. cars. The first and most important thing we can do is be visible! You have move towards the center of the road to be most visible (past the oil slick build up at intersections), if you have two lanes then be more

towards the center of both lanes, this should be a natural operation with experienced riders. Being visible will save your life, don't ride next to the left turn lane when entering an intersection, especially if there are multiple cars waiting to turn left, you will surprise the other person turning left in front of you, they might stop as they are turning but you could clip them enough to get airborne, and that's not good.

The second most important thing is the speed in which we travel, most drivers of cars turning left or right guess our speed and then make their move or they wait, but if we change our speed by going faster to get thru the intersection then this in fact can produce a dangerous situation and the consequences could be fatal! The resulting reasoning from car drivers is "I didn't see them!" Or, the motorcyclist was going too fast and I misjudged their speed! At the time of the accident it doesn't matter whether they are right or wrong after the collision, because the probabilities of that person getting injured in a car versus a motorcycle is far less than what could happen to a motorcyclist. This is an un-intentional meeting of vehicles whereas a person running a red light or stop sign is an intentional meeting because of the failure to be a responsible driver or rider, this sad fact happens all day, every day 24/7. Just remember this: Upon entering an intersection we should evaluate the traffic conditions and apply any and all safety measures to include an escape route, a well-trained rider does this automatically, and I don't feel bad if I slow down when I'm entering an intersection because you just never know, sometimes I have this feeling and if I see their eyes and they are looking at me I'm cautious but more confident that that person is paying attention to the traffic and sees me. You can also lose your visibility to on-coming traffic if you are in the slow lane and a car is in the fast lane and you are in their right side blind spot, people making a left turn cannot see you and when they do it could be too late, so it's up to you to either get in front of the other car or back off so that you are visible to on-coming traffic. As the summer of fun begins it's time to refresh yourselves with safety and reacquainting yourself with your motorcycle. Take it slow and easy then go nut's, not really, but you all know what I mean, we all need to ride safer than last time and enjoy the roads that you have paid for.

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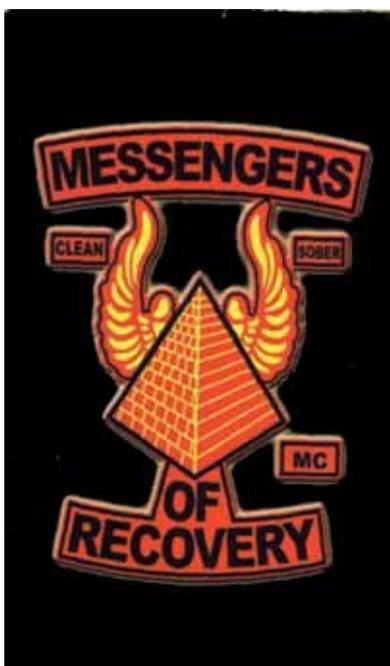
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 805/796-6328 VFW Post#10049
 4242 E Los Angeles Ave.
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 Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge
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 Thousand Oaks
 91362

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 P O Box 501946 Pacific Beach
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Steve Howe 2nd Mon.7:30PM
 562/298-6236 American Legion #354
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 90621

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 buse13@att.net Escondido Moose Lodge
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 2104 Continental Ave. American Legion
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 37230 52nd St. East Text 661/789-7502 for
 Palmdale 93552 meeting place.
 661/586-5555
 ron.sundquist@sbcglobal.net

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 626/513-6314 Vicky's Restaurant
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 P.O. Box 7070 American Legion
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Marty Rapp 2nd - Thurs - 6:30 PM
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 29 Palms CA 92277 Call Marty for Location
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 5477 Feather River Blvd.
 Olivehurst 95961

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

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 5430 Olive Dr
 Bakersfield 93308

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Dave Hastings 2nd Sat. 9:30 am
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Craig Griswold 3rd Wed - 6:30 PM
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