

# The Bailing Wire

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Dedicated to Freedom of the Road

## Lobbyist's Legislative Report

by James Lombardo, Lobbyist & Assistant Legislative Director



**November 2 is upon us!** I hope that every member of ABATE goes to the polls and votes on this important day. How lucky we are in this country, where we are allowed to form any political party we wish, and establish principles for which we stand. We don't have shootings, bombs or fear for our lives, as is commonplace in many other parts of the world, when we go to our polling places and exercise the freedom to choose our next Governor, US Senator and other State Office holders.

In California, we choose half of our Senators and all of the State Assembly. It trickles on down to many Mayors, City Council Members, County Supervisors and other Local officials, including School and Water Board Members. Many countries don't even have real elections — so how fortunate we Americans really are! We owe our Armed Forces members a **Special Thanks** for the job they do around the world, protecting our freedom to be able to safely ride to our polling place and vote on Election Day!

Our Governor, or "Benedict Arnold" Schwarzenegger, signed SB 435, the **ANTI-MOTORCYCLIST/ANTI-MOTORCYCLE**

**NOISE Bill**, on September 28. He could have simply vetoed SB 435 and stated in his veto message that since the bill does not take effect until January 1, 2013, he will let the next legislature and the new Governor deal with noisy motorcycles. Instead, he chose to shaft future motorcycle riders when they buy motorcycles after 2012 and have to worry about easily visible EPA noise compliant stampings on their mufflers.

We should be proud, however, of our legislative accomplishments, this year! We **KILLED A MOTORCYCLE SMOG BILL ON THE SENATE FLOOR!** Senator Pavley even gave us full credit when she presented her amended SB 435 in the Assembly Transportation Committee. "*ABATE killed the smog portion of my bill on the Senate Floor.*" stated Senator Pavley. Later, we killed the noise provisions of SB 435 that would have cost **all** riders with pipes **not** having matching Federal EPA noise standard stickers, a \$300 ticket (you would have to replace non-compliant aftermarket exhausts with stock mufflers sometimes costing upwards of \$800 **if** you could still find them). The \$300 ticket would have also been a moving violation, that is, a point on your DMV record.

Any cop could have stopped you just because he didn't see the EPA sticker on your mufflers while driving 70 mph down the freeway. A traffic enforcement officer, or meter maid, could have ticketed you when parked in any public area. Due to ABATE's efforts and pressure, **ALL OF THIS WAS REMOVED FROM SB 435!** "**Benedict Arnold**" would have approved a much worse bill instead of what he did sign. This experience should provide enough motivation to find an ABATE *Voter Guide* (it's on our website, for easy reference) and go work in a local campaign to elect and send more motorcyclist-friendly officials to Sacramento.

We did get AB 1848, by Assemblyman Martin Garrick, signed into law. AB 1848 makes it more difficult to steal our motorcycles. It will be illegal to be near a motorcycle with "pigtailed" that can be used to illegally

start our motorcycles without a key. It was sponsored by San Diego's District Attorney who said that unless a thief was sitting on the motorcycle holding a pigtail, he couldn't charge them and get a conviction. We were requested by Assemblyman Garrick, the Assembly Republican Floor leader and fellow motorcycle rider, **TO SUPPORT HIS BILL.** We took a position at the April meeting to support it, and were instrumental in its passage.

**PLEASE SIGN UP FOR OUR LEGISLATIVE ALERTS!** As of today, we have less than 10% of our members signed up to receive them (and many of those signed up aren't even ABATE members)! This is how I can send important information, instantaneously, when I need Assemblypersons or Senators pounded with phone calls, e-mails, faxes or personal visits to their district offices to tell them to quit screwing with motorcyclists! It is a very important tool help pass and/or kill legislation, so **PLEASE SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE TO RECEIVE THEM, TODAY.**

I will have a full Election Report in the next *Bailing Wire* issue as well as using our Legislative Alerts for updates. That's another good reason to sign up to receive them, today!



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## *Executive Director's Report*

**by Anthony Jaime,  
Executive Director**

Greetings Brother, Sisters, & Friends:  
Over the years, ABATE of California's accomplishments have been numerous. From our early days ABATE has been the one true representative voice for California's motorcyclists and the torchbearer of individual rights and personal freedom. While we have not successfully been able to repeal the mandatory helmet law, ABATE of California has nevertheless been able to successfully lobby for pro-motorcycle legislation and to successfully oppose anti-motorcycling legislation such as SB-435. Most importantly, ABATE of California has grown from a single-focus issue grassroots organization into a broader based organization capable of tackling such current issues as emissions, noise, and discriminatory behaviors such as biker profiling. Nevertheless, we must look to the future and put some efforts into charting the course ABATE of California will take in the foreseeable future.

So, what does the future hold for ABATE of California? Only time will tell, as we hold the future in our own hands. One of the most important aspects of self-determination will come from our ability to meet and adapt to new and rapidly changing strategies and technologies. I was recently told that these aren't the good old days anymore and that things had changed. Well, it's possible, but they certainly haven't changed for the better. And truthfully, no matter how much things change, they still stay the same. The same age old concepts of domination, oppression, and tyranny that free men have been fighting against since America declared her independence from England and other European influences are still here today, the only difference is that they have been repackaged and bundled up into sound bytes, blogs, and twitters being force fed to an ever growing uneasy American populace, who can feel that something is wrong but who, for the most part, can't put their finger on exactly what it is that bothers them.

As America somnolently slumbers under the spell of the men behind the government and corporate media curtain of mass distraction, un-elected bureaucrats are

working with a never ceasing zeal to erase the most sacred gift our forefathers left to us to guard and preserve: Our Freedom. As activist motorcyclists, we often see European and international regulations being forced upon our limited focus of perspective which is motorcycle rights, but in our national consciousness, we often overlook many of the root causes of erosion of our individual rights and liberties because we are isolated by our own singular focus. While two of the main challenges for the immediate future are noise and emissions, profiling of bikers is on the rise and a couple of shots were recently fired at one of the primary methods of generating revenue, as bike rallies and events have come under increasing scrutiny and harassment from law enforcement and community organizers. Hot on the heels of that type of discriminatory behavior, we have been recently apprised that poker runs have now been targeted as a form of gambling. Where will it end?

What kind of vision do we have? It is often said that it is hard to realize that you're up to your ass in alligators when your origi-

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## MAIL-IN BALLOT

### ABATE of California Board of Director's for 2011-2012.

**Vote for one or no more than 5.** Couple members can vote twice.

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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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nal intention was to drain the swamp. For nearly the past 30 years, ABATE of California has labored hard to maintain freedom of the road for California's motorcyclists, and we have virtually worked our fingers to the bone, basically breaking even in terms of financial success and independence as we have struggled to pay the bills, keep the lights on and the doors open. Through no fault of anyone, that strategy has kept us ticking but it has done little else in terms of organizational growth or making us financially independent. We have struggled to make ends meet, and while we have always managed to stay one foot ahead of the bill collectors and creditors, we have little else to show for our efforts save our legislative accomplishments. It is time to turn our attention to making the necessary corrections to grow this organization in terms of a larger membership base, a healthier financial outlook, and a long over due corporate restructuring.

How can ABATE accomplish its goals? The first thing that I would point to is the need for men and women of de-

liberate will who put the necessary time and effort into creative efforts that will develop a master plan for ABATE of California to follow and grow prosperous under. We also need to begin to establish closer ties with like-minded organizations that can offer us support, outside knowledge and experience. One such beneficial relationship is our membership in NCOM. I would only say while financial support for advertisement has been great for ABATE of California, I believe that we should explore what further benefits we can gain from an expanded relationship with NCOM. Seminars, guest speakers, and information are only some of the possibilities to explore. In addition to NCOM, I would also point out that closer relationships with the MRF, other state's ABATE MROs, and other freedom of choice organizations would be likely to provide a wide range of benefits and advantages that we have been previously lacking in. We also need to put some serious thought and work into a corporate restructuring and developing financial plans to put us on a more independent financial footing. We need to seriously look at new and innovative ideas in this area.

In order to accomplish this task, I propose that we establish some working groups that will workshop ideas and concepts that can be developed. Special emphasis should be placed upon developing both short term and long-term goals. In essence, we need to become proactive with regard to our future rather than always being reactive. Often, that is why our opponents are so infuriating to us, and effective in accomplishing their goals; they are very organized and have been working with the efficiency of an ant colony for years. It is time to break out of the box and establish our own plan, mapping out where we want to be in 1 year, 2 years, 5 years, and even 20 years from now.

Once we have established those goals, we must move from that planning stage to setting the machinery in motion to make those goals become realities and not just plans on a piece of paper. First we must become thinkers, then we must become planners, and then we must become organizational builders. While many of these things are easier said than done, until we undertake those first steps towards self-determination, we will always remain in the reactive mode and not the pro-active mode. It is time to begin planning for the future.

See you next month.

ABATE of California Inc. neither endorses nor promotes the services of any particular Law Firm. We are committed to working with all MROs including NCOM, MRF, AMA, MMA and any other motorcycle rights organization that strengthens our lobby on legislative issues and on motorcycle safety.

**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.

Donations to ABATE Of California are not deductible for Federal income tax purposes. However, dues and fees may qualify as business expenses and may be deductible in limited circumstances subject to various restrictions imposed by the Internal Revenue Code.

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# Nominees for ABATE Board of Directors 2011 - 2012

## Robert J. Blatz (Bob)



Member of ABATE of CA since 03/2005. Positions currently held: 2010 ABATE of CA Board of Directors; President of Local 15 Contra Costa County; Local 15 PAC Rep.

Positions previously held: Local 15 Run Coordinator; Local 15 Membership Chair.

Affiliate Memberships or Responsibilities: Mt. Diablo HOG Chapter #0364 Life Member since 02/2003; Road Captain – 2004 to present; Chapter Historian – 2006 & 2007. AMA Member since 2005; MRF member since 2005; Patriot Guard Rider since 2008; Roadhouse Monkey member since 2005.

While attending the January Board of Directors meeting in Camarillo, I was approached by another Board member who asked if I'd be interested in being on the State Board of Directors as there was a vacancy created when Lady Kay moved out of state. I mentioned I'd have to think about it.

A week later at the lunch of Local 17's run I talked again with this individual and another Board member about my interest in fulfilling the vacant position. I was then contacted by our Executive Director and told to prepare a biography and send it to Carol at the state office. Within a few days I was informed by the Board that I would have the opportunity to fill the position and be ratified at the next quarterly meeting in Vacaville, but would have to be elected by the membership in the upcoming elections if I'd like to continue.

My intention, with your approval and vote, is to retain the Board of Director's position, represent the State, the Membership and continue with my responsibilities. Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to serve.

## "Lil' David" Morena



Every time they pass a law, we lose a little more freedom! That's why I joined ABATE of California back in 1990. I have learned that politicians are like little boys and dogs; you have to keep an eye on them!

I hold, or have held, various positions within ABATE of California. Currently on the State level, I'm a Board Member, Treasurer, Regional Director and an individual PAC member. On the Local level I have held the President and Vice-President of Local #25.

I ride and want to ride tomorrow, so I'm committed to fighting for our rights to ride! I ask for your vote to continue our fight.

## Gill Mellen



I have been a member of ABATE since 1998. In 2004, Dave Hastings asked me to do Public Relations for ABATE. From 2004 - 2008, I was the Public Relations Officer. In 2005, I took over as President of Local 20 so Basil could spend more time with his wife. I am still the President of Local 20 at this time. I speak at the COC in Orange County on bikers' rights and try to get new members for ABATE. I've submitted bills to ABATE for toll road reduction in price for motorcycles and pushed for Basil's bill to increase the fines and penalties for killing a biker. The most recent bill is for motorcycle parking at state and all new construction and stripping, city and county buildings, etc.

I have been on the ABATE Board of Directors since 2004 and have not missed one Board meeting, PAC meeting or President's meeting. As most of you know, I am always available to ABATE members whether it is phone calls or e-mails. I normally win the prize for signing up the most new members. Ron Vonsild has given me a lot of good competition and has won the last few years and I came in second.

As most of you know, I am always 100% for ABATE and willing to serve an-

other term. I will do my best for you if I am elected. Thank you.

## Lori Adams



Hi everyone! It's that time of year for a big decision; to run or not to run. After a lot of thinking I have decided to throw my hat into the ring for another two years, if elected. My qualifications I will let you decide if I'm worthy.

This has been a turbulent year in ABATE, no one can deny that. A lot of changes to our organization, but most of them have been for the good. I believe we have one of the strongest Boards we have had in many years. Although I disagreed with the neutral position for SB435, I stand behind ABATE in the final vote. We have re-organized our PAC committee for the better.

I have taken on the assistant position for Safety Officer with John Del Santo and assistant MRF with Robert Cuthbertson. I'm also actively trying to get our hands on the safety money that has been unattainable, it's seems, up to now - we will see if I'm successful.

I'm argumentative, opinionated, strong willed, and I don't always go along with the crowd. I'm sure I've been a thorn in some people's side; however my first and only position is to fight for my motorcycle rights. I want to believe that my hard work in ABATE is making a difference, that I don't just sit back and let someone else decide what is good for me. So if you feel like you want me to stay, I'd appreciate your vote. Thank you for giving me a chance these last two years.

Lori Adams, Local 28 and current Board member

## Dave Hastings

I have been a member of ABATE of California since 1996 and have held almost every office available at both the Local and State level since joining. I have tried my best to encourage, enlist, and support the



riders of California and have decided to once again seek a position on our ABATE Board of Directors.

I am currently the PAC Treasurer and an appointed member of the Board of Directors for 2010. We still have many obstacles lying in our riding lanes and I feel I have the experience, tenacity, and perseverance to assist in charting a safe and sane path through them. Please give me your vote of confidence and your continued support for a new two year term.

If you have any concerns or comments regarding the road ABATE is traveling down, please feel free to contact me at (760) 947-4700. Thank You.

## Don McAfee



Hello! My name is Don McAfee aka "Grasshopper". I have been a member of ABATE Local 44 for nine years and am currently vice president. I am a native of California currently residing in Apple Valley. I'm 57 years old, father of one daughter, US Army veteran and have been riding motorcycles, either on or off road since I was around 8 years old. I retired in 2003 after some 30 years from one of the major telecommunication companies, but have been working as a consultant off and on since.

I enjoy riding and the freedom it represents. I have seen politicians take away the riding public's rights, piece by piece for as long as I can remember. I believe, as do I'm sure all our ABATE members, that we have the duty to stand up for our beliefs and our rights as American citizens to practice our sport/hobby/necessity as we see fit and not what some bureaucrat deems is in our best interest.

If elected to the State Board, I will try to represent ABATE of California in the best interest of all members state wide. Thank you.

## Nominations for 2010 Freedom Fighter

by "Lil' David" Morena.

I would like to personally make two nominations for the 2010 Freedom Fighter award. Two because I can't decide on which one is more deserving!

I nominate **LORI ADAMS**, a current ABATE of California Board member, Regional 1 Director, and Local #28 President. Without her extra work, the Northern California Regional Rally would never have happened!

I also nominate **CYNTHIA WITTHANS**, a current ABATE of California Board member, and the State Merchandise Coordinator. Without her extra work, the ABATE 2010 Bike Raffle would never have happened!

I ask for you to vote for the one that you feel is most deserving.

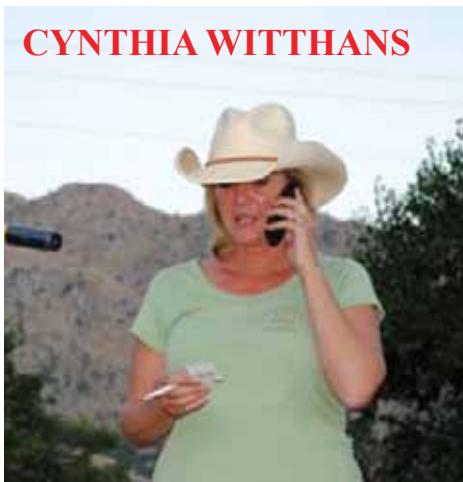
### LORI ADAMS



By Lee 'Sporty' Milligan

I would like to nominate **CYNTHIA WITTHANS** for Freedom Fighter of the year. I feel that she has contributed greatly to the benefit of ABATE by being the spear head for the bike raffle that is to take place at the State run this year. I also feel that her service as Merchandise Chairman has been a big boost to our organization; especially her coordination on the tee shirt contest - this led to one fine tee shirt. And her value on the Board of Directors and as a member of Local 44 has been enormous.

### CYNTHIA WITTHANS



## Donations for the General Fund – THANK YOU!!

These are the ones who have sent extra money in since the October Bailing Wire:

**Jim Brown, Local 6;**  
**Jerry Lay, Local 14;**  
**Robert Lindeman, Local 58;**  
**Mike & Linda McIntyre, Local 00;**  
**Rick & Jan Mullaly, Local 60;**  
**Garry Oly, Local 27;**  
**Tony Tosta, Local 16;**  
**ABATE Locals: 2, 6, 11, 21, 24, 27 & 31.**

Thank you to all of YOU listed above!!

And THANK YOU all for the very significant profit from the Motorcycle/Bike Raffle!!! Thank you to all of the people who bought those bike raffle tickets and those of you who "pushed" the sales of them!! It's a team effort, and what a team, you got the job done!!

When the commitment and responsibility of such a high-dollar item is taken on, it can lead to some extreme moments of anxiety attacks - the sales of tickets MUST cover the cost to purchase the item that will be raffled off, that's attack number ONE, and it doesn't stop until it's covered, the next at-

tack starts when you start getting into the goal of the profit, that one lasts until the last day of the ticket sales! So it truly helps to have a team to share it with! Thank you every one of you on that team!!

As for the Winner of the Bike – (heard from a reliable source): June Farrar, Thousand Oaks area; when she heard she had won the bike she signed up to take the Motorcycle Safety Course, and she joined ABATE Of California!! Not only is she "happy", we are happy to have another new member!! Another plus, the gentleman that came with her to pick up the motorcycle from Victorville Harley-Davidson, just happened to be Kim Peterson, the photographer, from Easyriders, and various publications; took lots of different pictures and will be published in one of their magazines.

Who wants to step up for next years Major fundraiser for ABATE Of California??

**FOR SALE:** '06 Harley Davidson Electra Glide classic. 9,000 miles, black, smoothy rims, adjustable passenger pegs, fairing mounted mirrors, soft bag inserts for traveling, pizza box organizer, new rear tire, and a SEVEN YEAR UNLIMITED MILEAGE SERVICE PLAN, TRANSFERABLE. \$13,500.00. Call Dennis (619) 818-2579

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Local #01 Los Angeles



It was a rainy drizzly morning and our President Sporty and our Vice President Sarge were in Sac town at an ABATE Board of Directors meeting. However, the Local 1 faithful still showed up and we had an excellent meeting.

We discussed elections, working campaigns, CARB'S admission to overestimating pollution by 340 percent, the EPA's plan to allow more ethanol in gasoline, and so much more.

Also discussed was The Fred Jordan Mission Run (LA Toy Run) which will be held on December 12. This is the 23rd year ABATE Local 1 has hosted this run in conjunction with Glendale Harley Davidson. We hope all the ABATE Locals in Southern California will support the run and, thereby, support a bunch of homeless kids.

## Local #02 Simi Valley



Rocktober Rocks! Time is still flying by real fast, great riding weather, So. Cal rocks! We here at Local 2 meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 10049 at 4242 Los Angeles Ave in Simi Valley. We serve a great meal for \$5.00 starting at 6:45 PM and our meeting starts at 7:30 PM. Thanks to our cooks, VP Scott and Frank! It's always good when these two guys get us going. Thanks to the VFW's staff for getting us going in the right direction, to start our meeting of course!

Pres Ray got us going again, he talked about a lot of good stuff, our VP Scott talked about all the runs Local 2 is doing and about

other Local's runs, these two guys rock! Our hard working secretary, Jane, read the minutes and then some, thanks. Our treasurer, Stephanie, said we are good! Linda, our PAC person, talked about SB 435 and other stuff, like the mistake our Gov made! Thanks Arnold, for nothing! Norm and JP donated their time slot for our special guest, Dennis DeYoung, who is running for State Assembly 40th District. A biker friendly politician, what a concept! He talked about getting involved to protect our rights etc. What I learned from him was, get involved, you (we all) are ultimately responsible for our government's actions, so get off your duff and vote, and help what you believe in, like what ABATE does for everyone!

We had our own elections tonight as well, I'm sure we had 100% voter turnout as far as who was at our meeting, all had voted! If you missed our meeting you missed out on some good information tonight, besides, we miss you as much as you miss us, and next month's meeting will be important so please make sure you are there and get there early and enjoy our \$5 meal and our camaraderie! The 50/50 drawing was won by Kevin and he donated it back, Thanks Bro! Our infamous membership drawing was won by Steve who gave a third back, you Rock!

As I wrote this article I reflected on the dedication from all the Officers of Local 2, why was one of my biggest thoughts, and here's my why: We care about everyone's rights and freedoms as well as the camaraderie from all of us, so come here and enjoy what we do for ALL!

It is that time of the year that you have to make sure your bike is safe and weather-proof for the winter riding pleasures! PTL Norm e. New.

## Local #06 San Diego County



It was another great day for a Local 6 meeting at Kate Sessions Park overlooking

beautiful Mission Bay in San Diego. We had a decent sized crowd of members and visitors. Our discussions covered a wide array of subjects, including the ramifications of the passing of SB 435, which was signed into law by our MINO (Motorcyclist In Name Only) Governor. We also discussed upcoming legislation and news from the MC Community, NHTSA's plans on pushing a nationwide helmet bill, and the unconstitutional MC ONLY roadside checkpoints.

Want to keep abreast of topics like these? C'mon down to the next meeting! By the way, would you like to listen in or join into some good motorcycle conversation? Every Thursday between 6 PM and 8 PM call (347) 826-7753 and follow the prompts for the "Bikers of America" show.

At our meeting we had at least one renewal, we voted to send \$200 extra to the State Office for expenses, and voted to donate to Snowman's Christmas Ride to the VA Hospital which happens on December 12. Watch this spot for more info on this rewarding gathering.

Douglas Findlay, a Local 11 member, showed up with a political guest who carried a bunch of doorknob hangers to pass out. Douglas is the main coordinator of Ride 2 Repeal. Local 11 Prez, Tim Clark, was here too, as usual. John made us aware of a couple of local safety hazards on Route I-5, and notified us of a tentative lower fine for violating the Right Turn on Red law. Watch out for more cars blowing into an intersection on a red light.

Thanks to Moe who supplied the members with another batch of those neat ABATE pins, thanks to our phone-tree callers Keith, Bill and Chop for keeping us informed, and to the (Swiss) Family Robinson for taking care of our membership.

Do you need to check anything on our past Minutes of the Meeting? Contact Patty Wilber, our Recording Secretary. Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 28, for the 30th Annual San Diego Toy Run. Local 6 is, as usual, a sponsor of this run, so please plan on showing up. Admission for the ride is only one new, unwrapped toy. The gathering place is the Fire Training Center on Harbor Drive just west of the San Diego International Airport at 9 AM - 10:30 AM.

The Local 6 meetings happen on the first Sunday of each month at NOON at Kate

Sessions Park in Pacific Beach, San Diego - C'mon Down! John Del Santo.

## Local #09 South Orange County



Hi all, Red Fox here. Bad Bones has been busy with his real job, so ta-da! Heard that the State run was a blast, even though we did the President Challenge, at last minute, no one was able to attend. Too bad.

We added two new members to our Local, Mike York and Cal Banyan.

Ghouling day will be over by the time this gets out, so hope everybody dressed up and had fun. Thanksgiving feeds and toy runs will be next.

Local 9's toy drive flyer is in this issue, so please mark it on your calendars. We have lots of needy kids in our area we help make happy.

I would like to pay homage to all involved in putting the Voter's Guide together! Great job! Makes my ballot marking easier! Many thanks!

Still lots of runs going on, so be careful out there. Till next time, keep the shiny side up. Red Fox, President, Local 9.

## Local #11 North San Diego County



Another great Sunday turnout with about 27 members. Tim, our Prez, had another information filled meeting with updates about things going on in the state. Our PAC Rep Dan gave an outstanding rundown

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on our local candidates running for office, he is very well informed. Our V.P. Dave had all the info on up coming runs in our area.

The Confederation of Clubs Rep, Preacher Dick, also represents us very well at their meetings and brings us a lot of information. Our Regional director, Dave Connors, brought a guest, Olivia, who has access to several acres that we could use for a future event. If any of our members have any ideas, please come forward and let's hear it.

Now that the State run is over all I can say is what a blast! Our Local came back with a trophy for most percentage of members' present, way to go people! And one of our members, Paige Sardo, won the 50/50 again! That is two years in a row! Not only did she win at the state run but she has won **seven** 50/50s at various runs throughout the year! She is one lucky girl and I am one lucky guy to have a lucky girlfriend.

The San Diego Toy run will take place on November 28 and start at the Fire Training facility near Lindbergh Field and end up at San Diego Harley Davidson. Bring a toy and put a smile on a child's face.

Our 50/50 was won by our VP Dave Caldwell (because Paige was not present!) and he donated back to our fund. Thanks Dave! Until next month, your faithful scribe, Jim.

## Local #13 Ventura County



The holidays are sneaking upon us with a rush. This is a busy time of year for most, and Local 13 is no exception. First on our agenda is the Kid2Kids Toy run on November 14. We've been helping Chris out with this for several years now, and 2010 is no exception. All they need from us this year is to run the Poker run itself. We need several volunteers to man the card stops. That's it. We don't have anything to do with sign-ins, cooking, feeding, nothing. The run will start

at Simi Valley Harley, and finish up at Camarillo Grove Park.

**Our normally scheduled meeting for November falls on Thanksgiving Day. We'll be looking to move that up one week, to the 18th, if the VFW can accommodate us.** I'll have that information locked down by our October meeting. December's meeting is on the 30th, so instead of our traditional Christmas Potluck, we're planning on having it as an early New Year's celebration.

This is also the time of year we have nominations and election of officers, both at the Local and the state level. At the state level, the nominations are done. You can use the ballot here in the Bailing Wire, whether a hard copy, or print out a digital copy, and send it in to the state office. We will also be handing ballots out at the November meeting, and sending them all in together to the state office.

Local 13 has its nomination for Local officers during the November meeting, and then the election is supposed to be during the December meeting. In the 11 years I've been a member it's never quite worked out that way. I've never seen a contested office in all that time. Maybe this will be the year that we get scads of folks running for office. I hope, I hope.

At our September meeting, David Samury won the membership drawing, but wasn't present, so it rolls over once again. We're now approaching \$200 that somebody is eventually going to walk away with. It could be you. I hope it's me.

We also welcomed a new member at the September meeting, welcome to ABATE, Chuck Bothwell.

The Local 13 bowling team is holding its own, having 6th place nailed down out of 14 teams. That's through the 5th week of a 16 week season. I'm not really a bowler, but it's been a lot more fun than I thought it would be.

That puts me right up against my word limit for the month. Yea! So 'til next time, ride carefully, ride often, ride free. Dave Walsh.

## Local #14 Alameda County

I'd like to apologize to everyone because it's been three months since I've been able to attend a meeting. Working over sixty



hour weeks and trying to find the time to handle the normal everyday stuff becomes very tough. Anyway that's enough of my problems. Thanks for being patient. Especially you Animal! lol!

Our bank account is getting a little thin and through the power of conversation I would like to thank Don Nicolas, Animal, Carl Smith, Jeff Powell and our new member Craig and his wife, Rose, for their generous donations to our kitty!

I would also like to thank Gary Vargas for selling the raffle tickets and everyone who participated. As you can see, the raffle is the best way for us now to generate revenue. So if you attend a meeting, bring a prize or two.

I really don't have much more than this because I'm a prime example for not knowing what's going on unless I attend. So, no preaching to the choir for me. Until we meet again. Ride Safe, Franklin.

## Local #17 Solano & Napa Counties



Winter is coming and the events are getting far and few between. Currently we only have two things on our calendar for the remainder of the year. First is our Annual Christmas Party on December 4 at the Moose Lodge in Vacaville. It's more like a family reunion due to our great group of members. Then the following morning, December 5, we will all meet up for our Annual

Toy run, leaving from the Moose Lodge after a yummy breakfast. This year we will be returning to the Dixon to donate all the toys to the children.

By this time next month we will have our new Board members voted on and in place for 2011 and we are excited to start planning events for next year.

We invite everyone to attend our monthly meetings held at Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon in Vacaville on Midway the third Sunday of each month at 10:00 am. Michele Stuart-McInnis.

## Local #19 Pomona Valley

To the folks at Local 19, I can only say that this will be a little different this month. I'm off to Laughlin early tomorrow morning and this is going out tonight. The local HOG group is having their Rib Feed this weekend and I don't want to miss this one. These are the same people that have partnered with ABATE Local 19 for 22 years to put on the annual Toy run in December. We are getting ready for December 5 when we collect all the toys and funds possible to give to Santa Claus, Inc. Come join us for a few hours and help make it Christmas for some kids that will truly appreciate it.

I guess everyone is now aware that our Governor signed bill SB 435 without comment. It sure wasn't the same document it started out to be. I hope you are going out to vote. It's that time of the year and there are some candidates that need our support. There are others that we may just want to vote against. Make your best decisions and vote for the ones you think will do the job best.

We are getting ready for 2011 elections as well. Local 19 is taking nominations and looking for the new officers for next year. If you are interested in a position, please let it be known. Talk to one of the current officers or have a buddy nominate you for a position you are interested in trying. Even if you aren't interested in a position, come to the meeting and vote for your 2011 leaders.

We meet the fourth Wednesday of every month at B's on the corner of Benson and Holt. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm but you can come early for food, if you want. It would be great to see you there.

I'm cutting it a bit short this month, but it's time to pack for that ride tomorrow. The

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bike is ready to go. All checked out with a full tank of gas. Get out and have some fun while the weather is still good. Be safe and ride smart so you can ride again another day. In the meantime, keep the shiny side UP! Ed.

## Local #27 Riverside



My name is Greg Covell and as interim president I am pleased to say Hello from Riverside and Local 27. Last month's poker run at the American Legion Post 79 was a big success. Not only did we have fun, but we covered our costs and gained many new members as well as several renewals.

Slowly we are gaining strength and involvement of members is increasing to the point that we may actually have a full and complete Local board. It is my hope that as the months progress and involvement increases, we can once again become a strong political force in our area for motorcyclist rights.

At the state Board meetings (Presidents, PAC, and Board) on October 16, retention of members and loss of renewals of memberships was brought up as a serious problem. We as individuals can express our opinions and views. We as individuals can vote our consciences. But numbers count when ideas are presented to government representatives. We need the numbers to increase dramatically if we, as ABATE, are to be taken seriously. If you are a member encourage others to join ABATE. If you are not a member – WHY NOT?

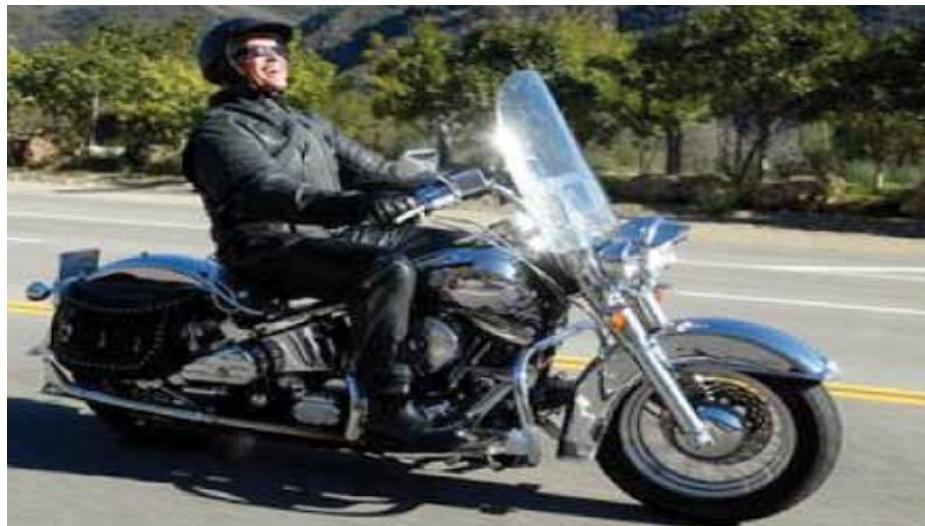
This next election, like all others, is important. Read the Voter's Guide and then VOTE! Don't just give up— apathy is a killer – make yourself heard. Voting is not just a right and a privilege, it's a responsibility.

December 11 we will have our annual Christmas at Renegade (rain or shine). Here we provide turkeys and canned goods for the Salvation Army who will distribute them to needy families in Riverside. Come join us in helping our community. G.M. Covell.

## Local #60 Colfax

Colfax Crew - Local 60 - is alive and well! I, Larry Burch, was elected as the new president since Chuck moved to take advantage of a new employment opportunity. Best of luck Chuck, and thank you for your service.

# “BENEDICT” ARNOLD



As (Benedict) Arnold Schwarzenegger's final run as Governor potentially saved many riders' lives.

draws to a close, his swan song for California motorcycle riders is evident in the photo that sums up his feelings about our state's 1 million+ riders. Instead of simply vetoing SB 435 to kick the motorcycle noise issue “can” down the road to the next Governor and Legislature, like he recently did with the 100-day overdue budget, he signed SB 435. Luckily for him, his modified fishtail-muffled bike will probably escape being ticketed for the lack of muffler noise emission stamps because of SB 435 AMENDMENTS FORCED INTO THE BILL BY ABATE ----THAT EXEMPTS ALL EXISTING MOTORCYCLES AND EXHAUST SYSTEMS MADE BEFORE 2013. So much for The Terminator!

With the signing of SB 435, our motorcycle-riding Governor continues to disappoint over 1 million+ California riders. In 2008, he vetoed a modest bill to have Caltrans re-post “Motorcycles OK” freeway signs in HOV lanes, designed to alert drivers that they need to share HOV lanes with motorcyclists. The signs would have been reinstalled during normal Caltrans maintenance and repair activities to save money, but no, he vetoed a bill that would have

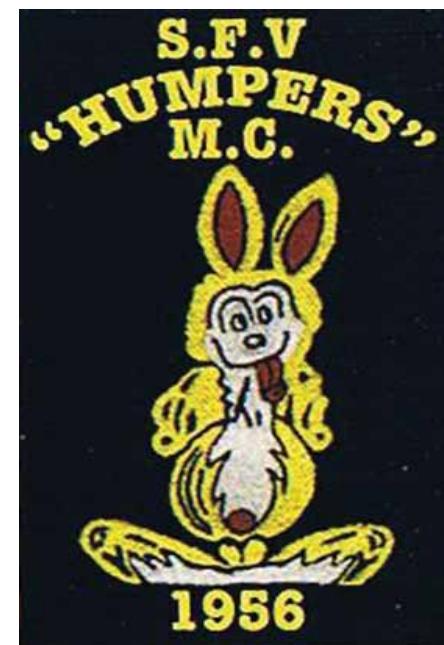
In 2006, his behind-the-scenes role in defeating a motorcycle helmet law repeal bill with a real chance of passing, allowed him the luxury of not having to deal with deciding to sign or veto it, as Governor.

As he rides off into the sunset, maybe he will reflect on all of the lost opportunities missed by him to improve the lot of California motorcycle riders. Maybe not.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger riding his motorcycle in a 2004 file photo. Monica Almeida/. New York Times



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# Sporty's Rides

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan

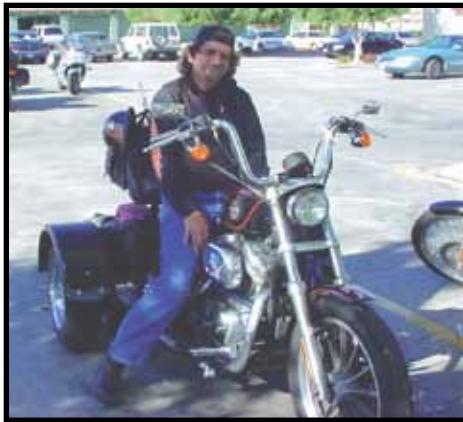
Hello all! Where does the time go? It seems that I just wrote my last column and BAM! It's time to write another. Anyway as you might recall from last month's column, I am going to start out with the State run. This usually takes place in Kernville at the Frandy Campgrounds.

The ride up there was not too special. Thursday was the day to be there as I am helping Tina with the raffle booth. So I arrived at the campgrounds about mid-afternoon. My camping gear consists of a tent, sleeping bag and a small air mattress. They all pack neatly on the bike. The tent is a different one as I messed up the front entrance on my old tent. The new one is different and tougher to set up but I managed to get it setup.

I helped Tina set up the canopy for the raffle booth with Carol and someone we corralled to help put it up. OK we set up the raffle booth and Carol decorated it nicely and put out a really neat information table.

Carol and Tina bring stuff that I can eat. At this stage of my life food prep is a real pain in the arss. I am dammed if I do damned if I don't. So Thursday night's eats went OK. Bless their hearts for doing the heart care food for me. Friday morning it was oatmeal for breakfast and Sanka coffee - because it's decaf.

By this time my Local 1 member, Iceman, showed up. Later on Steve B from Local 1 showed up and we were getting a crew to do the raffle booth Saturday. Tina is doing a commendable job. Steve B and Iceman are working in the booth selling 50/50 tickets and merchandise raffle tickets as well. Ok, Sporty, what are you doing? I am helping to sell bike raffle tickets. We're doing quite well with that at this point.



Anyway Saturday we sold a bunch of bike raffle tickets, 50/50 raffle tickets and merchandise tickets as well. Yak's we had a good bunch of raffle prizes to give away. Yermo Eddy helped Tina sort out the tickets, which go on the prizes and Esaa, from Grass Valley Local 52, was a big help as well throughout the weekend. When the raffle was concluded we had left over raffle prizes, which we gave away until all the prizes were gone. I drew tickets and did my best Sarge Matthew's auctioneer voice calling out

the numbers. When this was completed we assembled to the main stage where they drew the winner for the big raffle the 2010 FXDC Super Glide Custom. ABATE made a nice profit on this. To all that were involved in this venture, NICE GOING! To find out the winner read last month's Bailing Wire.

Later that night we had a wet shirt contest and I got to be a judge - SWEET stuff. Friday night we were pleasantly surprised by the tunes from Local 27 Member, Elmer Simeon, very professional! The bands for both days were fine. Oh, I bought men's Cologne from the Mary Kay Cologne and Perfume vendor. Surprisingly, she did quite well sales wise.

I had a good time. Sunday packed up and rode home with Steve B. Iceman was going to Ridge Crest to check on a job. Thanks to Tony for making the State run work again.

Next on the agenda was my day with Local 1 member, Glen C. He had gotten campaign signs from the candidate we're supporting, Dennis DeYoung for Assembly in District 40. We put the signs in the Local 1 member's yards that live in his district. I rode to his house on my 1200 low Sporty. By the way, both of my bikes have high mileage. The 2002 883 just turned 84,500 miles and the 2007 has over 50,000 on the clock. So for several hours Glen drove his truck to our member's homes that were getting yard signs. We started about 9ish and were finished by about 2 pm. So we're doing our part to help a biker friendly candidate get elected.

I had planned to do Imperial Valley Local 38's 18th anniversary party in El Centro. I left Friday, October 1, to be there by nightfall so I could be rested for the run on October 2. Unfortunately, by the time I got to Banning it was pouring down rain and thundering. I turned back and instead went to my special meeting.

Luck was with me, as I found out through Dennis DeYoung's web site that they had scheduled a precinct walk. So I did a precinct walk, both odd and even numbered addresses, in the little truck that could. It took quite some time to do all the houses because when I got back at 3:30 pm the box where you put the extra stuff was there, but everyone was gone. That was alright because I did my part to help elect a biker friendly candidate.

Ok, Tuesday, October 12, I went to Local 2's meeting in Simi Valley because Dennis DeYoung was going to be there to talk. I got to ask what his final campaign needs were and he stated, "Phone bank." The meeting was good and, as always. I feel welcome at their meetings.

Folks, it's getting late and I'm tired. We are doing some physical work with my weed abatement job tomorrow, October 14, and later that evening I am going to try to get HOG members, the southern California Harley riders, to become ABATE members. I have been asked to speak at their monthly meeting. Hopefully I will talk good stuff and they'll join in mass!

That's it for now. Be good ABATE Freedom Fighters and get a new member or two for the membership drive. Regards, Sporty.

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# Pac/Lobbyist Report

by **Dave Hastings, Treasurer**

Just got back from the State Board meeting in Sacramento and 14 hours in the saddle always gives me a little time to examine and scrutinize a few of our ABATE agenda items. We always seem to struggle with our Lobbyist funding and as it stands right now, our Lobbyist Fund is totally depleted. One of the items that jumped off the page for me at this meeting was the participation, or more importantly, the lack of participation of some of our Locals. We currently have 32 "active" Locals in California and 14 of the 32 have not contributed a single penny to our Lobbyist account during 2010. Even worse yet, of our 32 "active" Locals, 17 have not contributed a single penny to our State General account and 19 have not contributed anything to the PAC account this year.

Why? Why do we allow 44% of our Locals to contribute nothing to our contractual Lobbyist fund and 53% of our Locals to contribute absolutely nothing to our General fund? I'm not so concerned with the PAC fund because none of that money is used to pay for "obligated expenses". The PAC fund is used to "donate" to the candidates we are supporting, but ABATE is not obligated to donate anything, and our money and even more importantly your time spent helping a candidate in that effort is always sincerely appreciated but not mandatory. No funding just means we need to give more of our time to their campaign staff wherever they need it and believe me, they always need your volunteer time for something!

But let me get back to the axe I was grinding all the way home today. Our General fund is obligated to the day in, day out, expenses of our organization. It pays our office expenses, prints your Bailing Wire, pays for postage and UPS charges, your yearly renewal cards and pins, telephone and computer access lines, the list goes on and on, just like your home. And just like your house, our ABATE house has tried to cut expenses to the bone to get through these difficult financial times. Just like you, ABATE knows this is not the time to ask the boss (our members) for a raise because the money is just not out there. BUT - and this is what's so important, if I work for you I want to get paid for the hours I put in and 53% of the time ABATE is not receiving a dime of what's owed to us! No employee would work for free in the real world and ABATE of California should not be a "welfare" organization. These non-contributing Locals use our copyrighted name, our web site and Bailing Wire to solicit new members and advertise, use our tax ID and "not-for-profit" number to sanction their Local and even use our Policy and Procedure Manual and By Law's for their personal benefit.

Why should we (the contributing Locals) be expected to carry the load for these people - our own "welfare" members? Should we place these Locals on some type of sanctioned status? Should we institute some type of "work program" for the Locals that are unable to contribute financially? Possibly a volunteer status for the Local at the State Run, or the Northern or Southern Regional Rally? We must find a way to make

them accountable to the "Mother Ship" - ABATE of California. If we can't pay our "obligated and contractual" expenses because only 47% of our Locals are contributing, should we place the non-contributing Locals on an inactive status so we can cut out our "welfare expenses" and then institute a reorganization to ensure a better cash flow and a more secure future for our organization?



Our ABATE Locals do not and should not be allowed to exist for their own personal benefit. They exist solely to contribute and enhance our state organization and are entirely subordinate to that same state organization. They were never intended to be a "stand alone" entity and should make

every effort to contribute in any way possible to ABATE of California. Unfortunately, I sometimes get the impression that some of our Locals are either not aware of this or purposely choose to ignore the By-Laws they swore to uphold. Their only concern is with their own obligations.

That's what happens when you spend 14 hours in the saddle and look for something to pass the time!

Maybe I've got white line fever but you've got to help me find an answer, a cure, for the sickness in our organization. These are just some of the ideas that ran through my head but I always try to channel the anger into something useful. First, ask your Officers if your Local has contributed this year and if not, why? Then give me a call at (760) 947-4700 or e-mail me at [davesautorpair@aol.com](mailto:davesautorpair@aol.com) and give me your thoughts and input on our funding crisis. The greatest asset ABATE has is our members and I'm sure you have some thoughts and ideas that will benefit all of us. Think about mine, give me yours and let's all get together and do something positive to restore this old ABATE motorcycle organization. We still have a lot of hard miles to cover and I don't have time to sit on the side of "Freedom Road". Help me get ABATE running like she used to!

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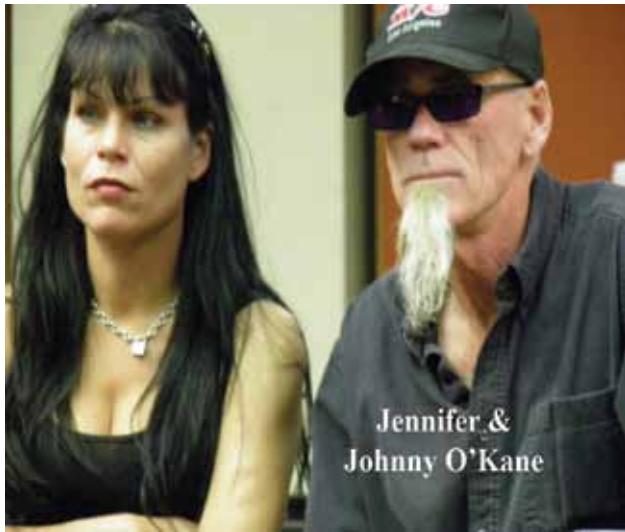
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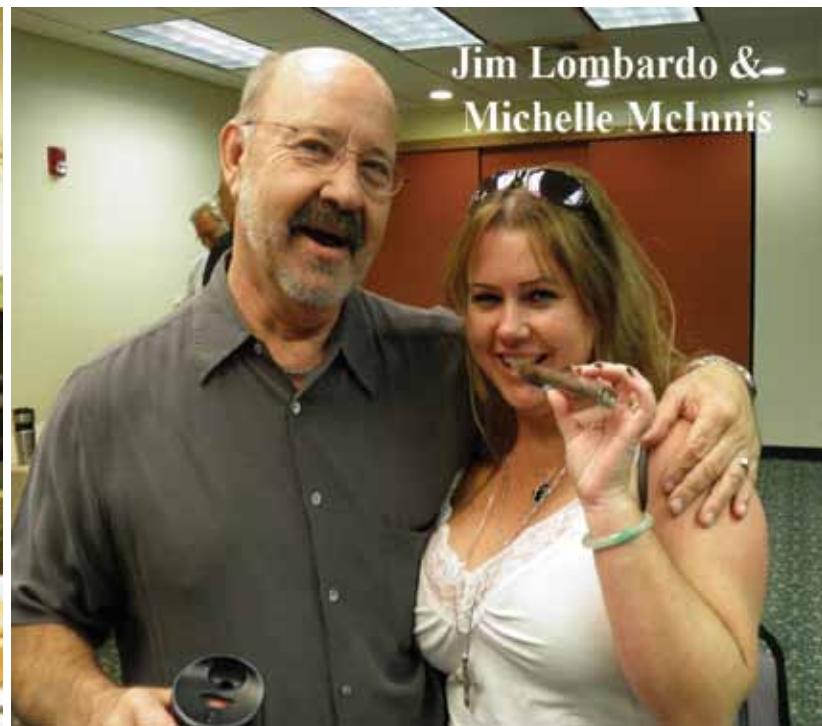
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## COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS



Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish

### FEDS PUSH HELMET LAWS AND MOTORCYCLE-ONLY ROADBLOCKS:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is seeking applications from law enforcement agencies across the country to conduct federally-funded motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints.

Now mirrored in other states, "Motorcycle-Only Safety Checkpoints" were initiated in New York last year and are set up during large motorcycle rallies or near large biker gathering spots to check not only license, registration and insurance, but also for DOT-compliant helmets and legal exhaust systems. ABATE of New York is working with NY AIM (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) attorney Mitch Proner on legal actions to halt these discriminatory roadblocks in the Empire State.

But police forces across the country may soon receive public funds to target motorcyclists, though U.S. Reps F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. (R-WI) and Tom Petri (R-WI) along with several colleagues in Congress have written to Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood asking him to suspend funding of the federal grants for the NHTSA checkpoint program.

In addition, after learning that NHTSA recently testified to the Senate Committee on Commerce Science and Transportation that "The most important step we could take would be to assure that all riders wear a DOT-compliant helmet," according to NHTSA Administrator David Strickland, who added "NHTSA will actively work with Congress to promote helmet use," Congressman Sensenbrenner and fellow Congressional lawmakers have also introduced H. Res.

1498 which "supports efforts to retain the ban on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's ability to lobby state legislatures using federal tax dollars and urges NHTSA to focus on crash prevention and rider education."

The US Defenders have joined with other state and national motorcycle groups in urging riders to contact their Congress members to support H. Res. 1498, and to write DOT & NHTSA to oppose federally-funded motorcycle-only safety checks. "This is one more piece of evidence of the constant profiling attempts targeting our community at large," said Escondido Paul, National Lt. Commander of the US Defenders, in issuing a nationwide Call To Action through all Confederations of Clubs and coalitions in every state. For further information, consult [www.USDefenders.org](http://www.USDefenders.org).

### BLACK MOTORCYCLISTS AT HIGHER RISK:

African-American motorcyclists are more likely than others to die in crashes, even though they are more likely to wear a helmet, according to a study done to determine if race had anything to do with motorcycle crash mortality; and the results stood out in black and white.

Researchers at The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions analyzed statistics from the National Trauma Data Bank of 68,840 people involved in motorcycle crashes from 2002-2006, and found that black motorcycle crash victims were 1.5 times more likely to die than similarly injured white riders.

The findings do not help support the push for helmet laws since African-Americans mortality rates were still 50% higher even though they were 30% more likely to wear a helmet; although the highest mortality rates are among African-American motorcyclists without helmets. Whites who weren't wearing helmets were less likely to be killed in crashes than blacks who wore protective headgear.

The study, published in the American Journal of Surgery, raises questions about the efficacy of injury prevention strategies such as state helmet laws that may not be protecting all riders equally.

"For reasons that we are still trying to figure out, one size of injury prevention does not fit all groups of people and just wearing a helmet is not enough," senior author Dr. Adil Haider says in a statement. "Helmet for helmet, African-Americans have more lethal injuries."

Haider suspects several factors -- such as lack of health insurance, reduced access to healthcare, poorer quality of care and a greater number of pre-existing illnesses/injuries -- may be combining to account for the survival gap.

It is possible, he says, riders of different races may prefer different types of helmets or style of motorcycles, suggesting that more research is needed.

### MOTORCYCLE FATALITIES PLUMMET IN 2009:

It's not surprising when accident rates increase in proportion to increased usage and number of miles traveled, but last year motorcyclist fatalities decreased more than any other category of road users despite more motorcycles being ridden more miles!

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System reports that 4,462 riders died in 2009, 850 fewer than in the previous year, representing a 16% drop in fatalities despite a 5% increase in miles traveled and 4.5% increase in the number of motorcycles on the road. The Motorcycle Industry Council recorded half a million more motorcycles in use in 2009, up from 11 million in 2008, and according to the MIC 2009 Motorcycle Owner Survey, they were ridden 1.3 billion more miles.

There was also a decrease in motorcycle accident injuries, down 6.3% from 96,000 in 2008 to 90,000 last year.

Overall U.S. traffic fatalities hit the lowest level ever recorded since 1950 when the government began tracking such statistics and the 33,808 road deaths in 2009 was down 9.7% from the year before. All traffic accidents, fatal or not, declined by 5.3% between 2008 and 2009, though motor vehicle crashes are still the leading cause of death for those between the ages of 3 and 34, NHTSA said.

### CALIFORNIA ENACTS ANTI-MOTORCYCLE NOISE LAW:

Motorcycling California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has put his stamp of approval on a controversial law aimed at cracking down on motorcyclists who replace stock exhaust systems with aftermarket pipes that don't comply with federal EPA noise and emissions standards.

Under SB 435 by State Senator Fran Pavley (D-Agoura Hills), the Motorcycle Anti-Tampering Act makes it illegal for motorcyclists to remove and replace federally

required emissions equipment, and motorcycles manufactured after January 1, 2013 will be required to display a readily visible and unalterable label stamped into the pipes that indicates that they meet federal standards. Bikers will still be able to install aftermarket exhausts, but for bikes built after 2013 the replacement parts must be EPA-certified and permanently stamped.

Similar anti-noise laws have been enacted recently in Boston and Denver.

Illegal tampering with emissions systems in California will be a secondary violation, meaning that motorcyclists would have to first be pulled over for some other infraction before officers could inspect for the presence of the EPA stamp and issue a citation. First time offenders could face up to \$100 fine, but it will be considered a "fix-it" ticket and proof of repair would get the violation dismissed, though subsequent infractions could result in fines of up to \$250.

Pavley's original bill sought to include motorcycles in the state's SMOG emissions testing program, but after being stymied by intense lobbying by state and national motorcyclists rights organizations, she later reintroduced the measure to instead force motorcycles into compliance with existing federally-mandated sound and air pollution levels.

### US SUPREME COURT TO RULE ON PROTESTS AT MILITARY FUNERALS:

A group of patriotic motorcyclists recently staged a counter-demonstration during the Arlington National Cemetery burial of a local Navy SEAL, parking motorcycles and revving engines to oppose a protest staged by members of the fundamentalist Westboro Baptist Church of Kansas.

Similar scenes play out across America, as a grieving family lays their loved one to rest, the funeral of a service member killed in action is disrupted by vocal protesters shouting vindictive and incendiary remarks at mourners and wave signs that read "Thank God for Dead Soldiers" and "God Hates the USA".

The motorcyclists, mostly veterans who are members of the Patriot Guard Riders, led the funeral procession and then strategically parked their bikes in between the family and the protesters and revved up their engines to drown their chanting, and saluted in respect

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as the funeral cortege passed by giving them a thumbs up.

The church protesters, who contend that God is killing members of the military because of the nation's sins, often demonstrate at military funerals, and are now the subjects of a United States Supreme Court case that will decide if the Constitution protects highly offensive hate speech from civil claims filed by grieving relatives.

In *Snyder v. Phelps*, the father of a Marine killed in Iraq in 2006 was awarded \$5 million in his lawsuit against the church for "intentional infliction of emotional distress", but a federal appeals court overturned the ruling on free speech grounds, and now Albert Snyder is asking the High Court to reinstate the verdict.

Justices heard oral arguments in the case on October 6 and the Supreme Court is expected to render a decision late next spring.

**ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES MORE DEADLY THAN MOTORCYCLES:** If you think 3 or even 4 wheels are safer than 2, research suggests you think again as more people die after ATV accidents than after motorcycle accidents.

According to trauma surgeons and public health researchers in a presentation during the annual meeting of the American College of Surgeons, even when the severity of injuries was the same, the patients who had been riding ATVs were 50% more likely to die, and 50% more likely to need treatment in an intensive care unit and mechanical ventilation, compared to the motorcycle riders.

Researchers gathered information from a national trauma bank on nearly 60,000 accidents that occurred between 2002 and 2006 (13,749 from off-road motorcycle riding and 44,509 from ATV mishaps). There are somewhere between 800 and 900 deaths due to ATV accidents each year, according to ATVSafety.gov, a government web site.

Dr. Adil Haider, a surgeon from the Johns Hopkins Center for Surgery Trials and

Outcomes Research in Baltimore, Maryland, who headed the study, said he and his colleagues don't know yet why the ATV riders are more at risk than the motorcyclists.

"We think there are much more energy transfers when an ATV turns over, but we can't tell whether that is because of the stability of the vehicle or the weight of the vehicle as it rolls over on a rider," he said in a statement prepared before the presentation.

**YEMEN BANS MOTORCYCLES DUE TO TERRORISM THREAT:** Riding a motorcycle is a popular pastime in Yemen, but fearing al-Qaida assassins on wheels authorities in Yemen's Abyan Governorate, a growing terrorist stronghold in the Arabian Peninsula, have banned motorcycles from cities in the region's urban centers.

"Using motorbikes in terrorist operations to assassinate intelligence officers and security personnel have been massively mounted over the past nine months in the province," a Yemeni Interior Ministry offi-

cial told the Xinhua news agency following a series of assassinations by al-Qaida militants throughout Abyan and will affect some 5,000 two-wheeled vehicles.

"Motorcycles are typically used by terrorists and insurgents to deliver weapons directly if it's a suicide attack or to make a quick getaway," Dr. Theodore Karasik, Director for Research and Development at the Institute for Near East Gulf Military Analysis told The Media Line. "The banning of motorcycles is indicative of how the government, with help from US officers, is trying to cut down on the movements of al-Qaida members and tribal members who support them."

But while the Yemeni government has shown some concern over al-Qaida's presence in the country, this is a relatively recent development seen by many as a ploy to please the United States.

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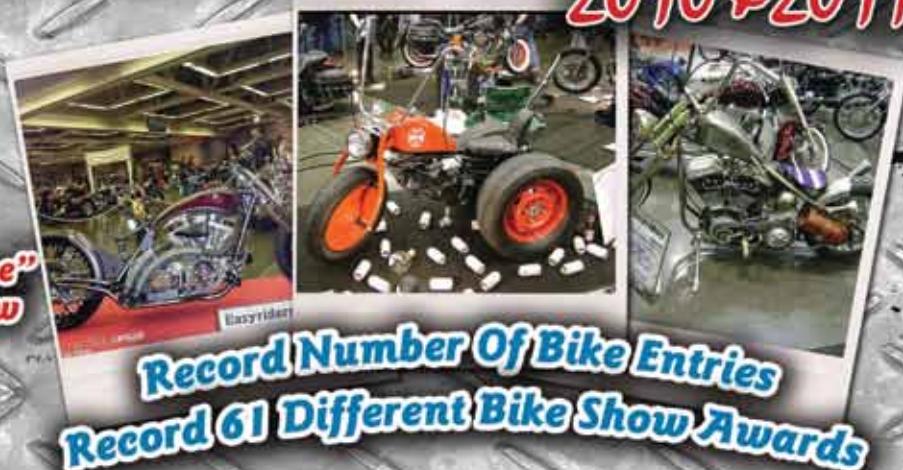
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# Riding in a Cloud

by John Del Santo

The dictionary describes 'fog' as "a cloud that is in contact with the ground." Sooner or later we will encounter fog while out riding. There are some basic things to keep in mind, things that you are already aware of, such as we are unable to see as far up the road as we normally can; our windshield, face-shield or glasses, and our mirrors are misty which reduces our vision of things that are close to us; our depth-perception is hindered in the fog; and even though it may not be raining the roadway surface is also wet, which increases our stopping distance and increases our chances of skidding and encountering an unexpected improper dismount.

There's a dangerous problem that has been discovered by researchers in the past few years. A part of our brain becomes confused when we are driving or riding in the fog that causes us to think we are going slower than we really are, and makes us feel as if we are further away from things around us than we really are. Because we are riding in wet conditions with poor visibility, which calls for even more space around us than usual, this 'brain-fart' effect can cause us to pick up speed and be going faster and closer than we should be. The driver of the car coming up behind you is subject to the same confusion, and will be approaching closer and faster than is healthy for you.

Be ready to flash your brake lights to wake up the car coming in behind you. Because most of us don't have high intensity fog tail lights like the ones used in Europe, cars and bikes here can get closer

to each other in the fog before they realize the other vehicle is there. The headlights and taillights of our newer motorcycles are on all the time, and the headlights should be on low beam to be shooting under the fog, rather than high beam which just bounces off the droplets of water in the fog and back into our eyes. The cars around you should have their headlights on, but very often do not, and are just ghosts in the mist.

It is common in fog or blowing dust for people to bunch-up and get too close to the vehicles in front of them. They don't want to lose sight of the road, so they creep even closer to keep sight of the vehicle in front. The result is those hundred vehicle crashes that you see on the evening news. If the whole situation starts ganging up on you and you feel that the visibility is way beyond safe, just say 'fog it' and pull off the road until conditions improve. We should pull a good distance off the road, not just onto the shoulder, and turn your lights off. We want to become invisible so the next guy coming up the road behind us doesn't see our lights, think that we are on the right road, and follows us in.

To see or not to see; that is the question. Be Aware, Be Prepared and Ride Safe.

## Membership Report

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan, Membership Chairman

Greeting all! Sporty here reminding you that in this constantly changing world we must be ever diligent in our quest to get new members and to keep the renewals.

We're on the last two month's of this year's drive and you can help old Sporty out by getting a new member and keeping the renewals in the fold.

Hopefully you have your membership motorcycle saddlebag kit chocked full of the information you need when you're out and about on your bike to get members.

So, in last month's report I asked you for a little help by giving me suggestions as to a new and better membership drive. Again, I am asking for suggestions to help this venture.

As always, we have the tools at the state office to enrich your membership needs. Feel free to email me at any time at [mrsporty-iii@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsporty-iii@yahoo.com) with your membership concerns.

Guys and Gals, I hope you can get ABATE some new members, keep your renewals and make your Local stronger.

Final thought: Remember there is unity and strength in numbers of members. Regards, Sporty.



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# A Near Miss or a Near Hit?

by John Del Santo

“That guy ran the red light and almost killed me! My light was green I had the right of way!” I didn’t? That driver was supposed to yield the right of way to me, but if he doesn’t, then I don’t HAVE the right of way! The National Safety Council describes ‘Defensive Driving’ as “driving to save lives, time and money despite the conditions around you, and the actions of others.” Another favorite of the National Safety Council describes an ‘accident’ as “when a tornado hits town and carries off your garage. Whereas a ‘collision’ is what happens when a motor vehicle hits something.”

Whose fault is the collision? ‘Fault’ or ‘blame’ are words used by lawyers, not by safety professionals. That’s because investigation reports show that most traffic crashes have driver error as their number one cause. Instead, we will become better riders if we think about preventability. The National Safety Council describes a ‘Preventable Collision’ as “one in which the driver(s) failed to do everything reasonable to prevent it.” If I am involved in a collision and if there was ANYTHING I might have done differently to change the outcome of the collision: Was I checking left-right-left as I approached each side-street? Was I maintaining a full following distance, expecting the worst from the drivers around me and maintaining my escape routes? If there was ANYTHING I could have done differently and did not, then I am partially responsible for that collision. The insurance companies call that ‘contributory negligence’. In other words, if the other guy came through a stop sign and hit me, BUT there was plenty of visibility, why didn’t I notice that this car was not slowing

down as he approached the stop sign? And the insurance company might ‘charge’ the other car with 90% of the collision, and me with 10%. Or at an uncontrolled intersection, the chargeability might depend on which vehicle hit which vehicle, and where did they hit them, front, middle or rear.

The reason insurance companies use this gobbledygook terminology, is so they can try to find a way to bail out, and avoid responsibility for their client’s actions, so they can avoid paying for the collision. By the same token, if we go around trying to duck any responsibility after we are involved in a collision or close call i.e. “That idiot pulled right out without looking”, “It’s that dummy’s fault he looked right AT me and didn’t SEE me”, then we are trying to lay the blame totally on someone else, and we are doomed to repeat our involvement in the next collision. You have heard that type of person talking, “Yes, I’ve had 13 accidents, but only one of them was my fault.” Whereas someone who rides defensively would consider, “Was I being observant enough? Should I have expected that driver to make that move? Traffic was getting a bit heavy, could I have used a bit more following distance? I have a cold; will I need more reaction time than usual? Was I in that guy’s blind spot? Even though that driver messed up BIG TIME .was there anything reasonable that I could have done to prevent the collision?” THEN we are using the situation as a learning experience!

“What doesn’t kill me should make me a smarter rider.”

Thanks to the National Safety Council for the use of their terminology in this non-profit article.

# ABATE 2010 Events

**November 6** – ABATE Local 3 – Thousand Oaks – Historic Trivia Tour (flyer this issue).

**November 14** – Totally Kids – “One More From the Heart” – Loma Linda  
Info – Honda Ray 951/279-4370 (flyer is on ABATE’s web site for the details.)

**November 20** – ABATE Local 38 Imperial Valley – Turkey Run (Flyer this issue)

**December 5** - ABATE Local 19 & Pomona Valley HOG – Annual Toy Drive (flyer this issue).

**December 11** – ABATE Local 9 – San Juan Capistrano - 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Drive (flyer this issue)

**December 12** – ABATE Local 1 & Glendale Harley-Davidson – Annual Skid Row Toy Run (Flyer this issue)

**December 18** – ABATE Local 38 –Imperial Valley – Christmas Toy Run (sorry, no flyer, contact Ed at 760/337-8372 or Steve at 760/996-2093 for more information.)

**January 15, 2011** – ABATE Quarterly Meetings – Details TBA

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## Tech Tips by Craig Griswold

### Winterizing

This month's topic is season appropriate as we'll hit the highlights on winterizing your scooter. The first item on the list is your battery. Unless you're one of the few hardcore, all weather riders, your bike may sit idle for periods of time, especially during the winter. Batteries have a static discharge that will, over time, pull it down to just below useless. Motorcycle batteries are much more susceptible to this than their automotive counterparts. Battery tenders resolve this issue by providing a regulated charge that will bring the battery to a full state of charge and then reduce the output to maintain the battery without overcharging. If you don't

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Changing fluids and maintaining tire pressures are a few other things you can do. Last, and definitely not least, is the fuel. Fuel stabilizer is a wonderful thing. Gas sitting stagnant for prolonged periods does nasty things to fuel delivery systems, and doesn't burn worth a damn either! Add a shot of stabilizer (quantity varies by manufacturer, read the directions) and run the engine for a few minutes to distribute. You can also drain the fuel, but the former option keeps you ready for that unusually warm day that may spring up out of nowhere.

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

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# Crossroads Crunch

by John Del Santo

Do you want to meet new people and try some exciting, death-defying aerobatics? No, not Bungee Jumping, just roll on into that next intersection! In any urban area about half of all collisions happen at intersections; 22% of them because someone did not yield at a stop sign or red light. A high percentage of motorcycle accidents occur when a car driver makes a bad left turn. Watch for them! Are his wheels straight or turned? Is he on the car phone? The new car phones just clip onto someone's ear and we don't get the tip-off of seeing their hand up next to the side of their head. Does he look aware and awake? Does he SEE you?

Be visible: When traffic is heavy, car drivers often jump back and forth from lane to lane and often don't check the blind spots around their vehicle. Be conspicuous: In daytime heavy traffic a headlight modulator or running a high beam can cause you to be seen quicker. When you are entering a big crowded intersection, stay out in the open as much as possible where you are visible to most of the drivers. Be visible! When you are coming to a stop at an intersection, the

traffic coming in behind you is where your hazard is. Flash your brake lights, be visible, but be ready to scoot!



We will be in someone's blind spot about a thousand times a day, but the trick is to stay there as short a time as possible - drop back, move forward, or change lanes. One of the worst blind spots on a big truck is just off their right-front corner. Big trucks have big convex mirrors to help the driver

see along the sides of the truck, but motorcycles show up as just a little blurb. If you are using a high beam headlight you are more visible to them.

When you see a car at the next corner, consider them to be potential trouble. Can you make eye contact with them? If not, for whatever reason, consider them to be double trouble! Anyone changing lanes in an intersection creates a hazard. Many people doing a "right on red" forget the part that requires them to make a full stop. These are the same folks that think that an amber light means "go real fast". The last vehicle into the intersection on a yellow and the first in on a green are usually those involved in a collision. YOU KNOW THAT PEOPLE JUST DON'T SEE MOTORCYCLES! If you expect everyone at the next intersection to make the worst possible mistake, then you are ready and can be pleasantly surprised when they don't.

Now you have a better chance of getting through that intersection with both wheels on the ground. Be Aware, Ride Straight, and Ride Safe!

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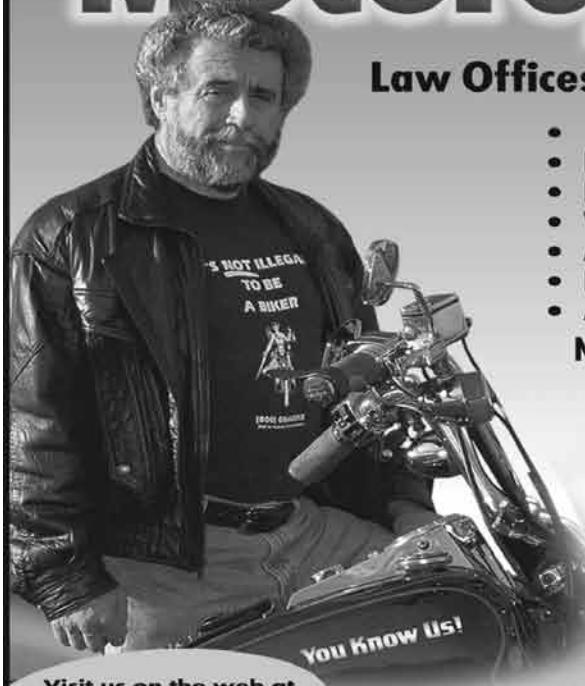
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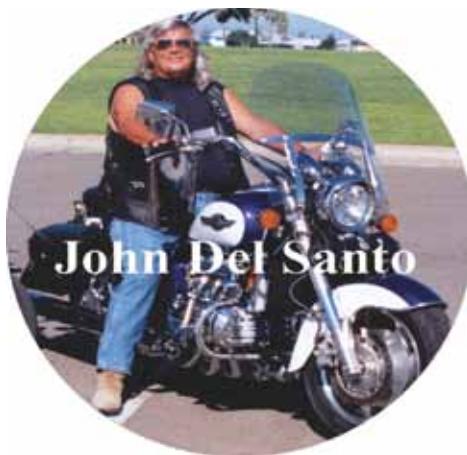
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Which brings us to 'us'. "A biker doesn't stop riding because he or she gets



older; they get older because they stop riding". I know there are a lot of people who get to a certain point and you just don't see them out there on the road anymore. Unless you know them, you don't know if they had an incident or if they just reached that point. More and more folks in the baby-boomer age bracket are showing up on three-wheeler trikes. My personal hero is the 83 year-old

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guy in the news who crashed his motorcycle into a cow at midnight on Wildcat Canyon Road. When I reach 83 I'll be lucky if they let me out of the house!

The people who don't admit to aging, "I'm just as good as I was when I was twenty," will go down in a blaze of glory one day. But the folks who realize that their reflexes are slower, and their night vision and glare recovery take more time, and then compensate for the liability with more following distance - they are ahead of the game.

You have seen the folks that can't find their keys, or hat, or left shoe and you wonder if they'll be able to find their brake pedal when they need it in a hurry. The more that we don't use our brain cells, the quicker they die off. Well, we can exercise our brain in just the same way that we exercise other muscles. Challenge your brain: Eat with your opposite hand; change the position of your wall clock or wristwatch; put on a blindfold and walk slowly through your house; find some neat brain games on your comput-

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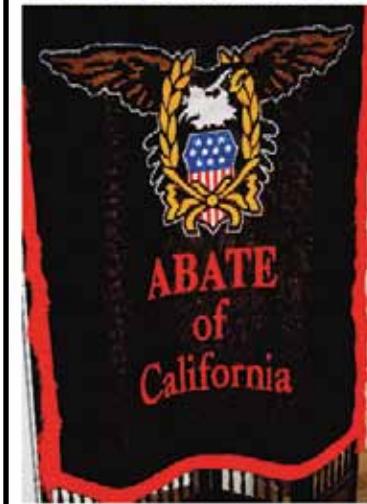


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**Los Angeles County - Local #01-Reg#8**

Sporty Milligan 3rd Sun-9 AM  
1616 4th St Elk's Lodge  
San Fernando 91340 10137 E. Commerce  
818/ 361-8800 Tujunga, CA

**Simi Valley - Local #02-Reg#8**

Steamer Arnow 2nd Tues 7:30 PM  
661/251-8360 VFW Post#10049  
4242 E. Los Angeles Ave. Simi Valley

**Thousand Oaks-Local#03-Reg#7**

Chuck Pedersen 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM  
842 E Avenida De Las Flores Elks Lodge  
Thousand Oaks 91360 158 N. Conejo School Rd.  
805/496-0323 Thousand Oaks

**San Gabriel Valley - Local#05-Reg#8**

Tom Lubbers 3rd Mon - 7:00 PM  
626/335-6508 Peppertree Restaurant  
1020 E Route 66, Glendora

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

John Del Santo 1st Sunday - 12 Noon  
P.O. Box 7998 Kate Sessions Park  
San Diego CA 92167 Pacific Beach  
619/223-0421

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

Ryan Vincent 2nd Mon. 7:30PM  
714/785-8384 American Legion #354  
8071 Whitaker, Buena Park

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

Cory Torioian 1st Tues. 7:00 PM  
949/496-2936 Denny's  
27142 Ortega Hwy. San Juan Capistrano

**Tuolumne County-Local#10-Reg#5**

Call the State Office 760/956-1669

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

Tim Clark 2nd Sun - 11 AM  
13641 Silver Lake Dr. Oakvale Country Store  
Poway 92064 14900 Oakvale  
858/748-0524 Escondido

**Sonoma County- Local #12-Reg#1**

Meets with Local#17

**Ventura County - Local #13-Reg#7**

Dave Walsh Last Thurs. - 7:30 PM  
1354 W. Olive St VFW Post #3935  
Oxnard 805/486-1093 300 Surfside Dr.  
or 469-6522 Pt. Hueneme CA 93041

**Alameda County Local#14-Reg#3**

Joe Schwirian 1st Wed 7:30 PM  
510/683-9304 The Florence  
37349 Niles Blvd., Fremont

**Contra Costa County - Local #15-Reg#3**

Bob Blatz 3rd Tues - 7:00 PM  
P.O. Box 269 Fuddrucker  
Concord CA 94522 1975 Diamond Bl. #E260  
925/427-5135 Concord

**Santa Barbara County - Local #16-Reg#7**

Meet with Local#13

**Solano & Napa Counties - Local #17-Reg#3**

Scottor Leech 3 rd Sun - 10:00 AM  
P O Box 148 Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon  
Vacaville 95696 4826 Midway Rd.  
707/688-8874 Vacaville CA

**San Francisco - Local #18-Reg#3**

Meet with L#14 or 15

**Pomona Valley - Local #19-Reg#9**

Steve Kawecki 4th Wed - 7:00 PM  
P O Box 4664 B's Sports Bar & Grill  
San Dimas 91773 1542 W. Holt Blvd  
909/910-1369 Ontario, CA 91762

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

Gill Mellen 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM  
2104 Continental Ave. Good Ol' Boys Saloon  
Costa Mesa, CA 92627 10624 Katella Ave.  
949/632-9787 Garden Grove 92840

**Antelope Valley - Local #21-Reg#13**

Ron Sundquist 1st Thurs - 7:00 PM  
37230 52nd St. East Primos  
Palmdale 93552 Valley Central near Walmart  
661/586-5555 Lancaster  
ron.sundquist@sbcglobal.net



# ABATE MEETINGS

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

Suzanne Palmiere 1st Tues - 7:30 PM  
310/326-3667 Walker's Cafe  
suzpalmiere@aol.com 700 W. Paseo Del Mar  
San Pedro

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

Kevin Sorrell 1st Sun 9:00 AM  
909/793-1112 Jenny's Family Restaurant  
7750 Palm Ave, Highland

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

Ed Rogers 1st Wed. 7:00 PM  
559/264-2891 Cedar Lanes  
3131 N. Cedar, Fresno

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

Gary Haller 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM  
916/726-6703 Denny's  
3520 Auburn Blvd.  
Sacramento 95821

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

Greg Covell 1st Tues - 7:00 PM  
P.O. Box 7070 Flo's Farmhouse Cafe  
Riverside CA 92313 5620 Van Buren Blvd.  
951/522-3434 Riverside  
www.abatelocal27.org

**Lake County - Local#28-Reg#1**

Lori Adams 2nd Thurs - 7:00 PM  
707/245-8036 105 S. Star  
Lakeport 95453

**Morongo Basin - Local#29-Reg#10**

Marty Rapp 2nd - Thurs - 6:30 PM  
P.O. Box 2334 Rattlesnake Jakes  
29 Palms CA 92277 51572 29 Palms Hwy  
760/367-1694 Morongo Valley 92256

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

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

**Santa Clara Valley - Local #32-Reg#4**

Dan Scott Last Sun. 9:30 AM  
950 Meridan Ave#19 Sherwood Inn  
San Jose 95126 2988 Almaden Expy  
408/903-7623 San Jose

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

Steve Katen 3rd Thurs. - 7:PM  
530/749-1003 American Legion  
5477 Feather River Blvd. Olivehurst

**Hanford - Local #34-Reg#6**

Meets with Local#24 1st Wed - 7:00 PM  
Cedar Lanes  
3131 N. Cedar, Fresno

**Monterey Bay - Local #35-Reg#4**

Call for info 760/956-1669

**Palm Springs - Local #36-Reg#10**

John "Grumpy" Grubb 4th Sunday - 8:30 AM  
P.O. Box 460 American Legion  
Rancho Mirage 92270 400 N Belardo Rd.  
760/564-4336 Palm Springs  
jgrubb123@aol.com

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

Steve Mitosinka Last Thurs - 7:00 PM  
660 W State St SOBE's  
El Centro CA 1151 S 4th St.  
760/996-2093 El Centro

**Bakersfield - Local#40-Reg#6**

Omar Macias 1st Monday 7:00PM  
661/832-5240 Magoo's Pizza  
661/900-8690 5700 Stine Rd  
Bakersfield

**High Desert - Local#44-Reg#13**

Cindy Demel 2nd Sat - 9:00 AM  
P.O. Box 3094 Eagles Fraternal Order  
Victorville CA 92392 16195 Main St.  
760/868-5042 Hesperia

**Banning - Local #45-Reg#10**

Trine Howell Call for Meeting Info  
760/323-9860 67387 Mission Dr.  
Cathedral City 92234

**Modesto - Local #46-Reg#5**

Call for info 760/956-1669

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

Yermo Eddy 2nd Sat-9:00 AM Meet with L#44  
PO Box 521 Eagles Fraternal Order  
Yermo CA 92398 16195 Main St.  
760/254-3833 or 760/953-7353 Hesperia

**Hemet - Local #48-Reg#9**

Meet with Local#27

**Humboldt County - Local #50-Reg#1**

Barbara Kennedy 4th Wed  
707/946-2248 Call for meeting place & time

**Calaveras County - Local #51-Reg#5**

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

Steve Shoemaker 3rd Wed - 6:30 PM  
P.O. Box 356 Larry & Lena's Pizza & Grill  
Chicago Park 95712 15690 Johnson Place  
530/798-0001 Hwy#49 Grass Valley

**Owens Valley - Local#53-Reg#13**

Meet with Local#58

**West San Fernando - Local#54-Reg#8**

Meet with Local #1

**Visalia - Local #57 - Reg#6**

Meet with L#24

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

Tony Jaime 3rd Sat 10:00 AM  
760/371-5136 Mickey's Pub  
1661 W. Triangle Dr.  
Ridgecrest

**Kern River Valley Lake (KRV Lake) Local#59-Reg#13**

Meet with Local 40 or Local 58

**Colfax - Local #60-Reg#2**

Larry Burch 2nd Thurs 7:00 PM  
530/613-0912 Grand Father's Club house  
301 Railroad St., Colfax

**Local #61 Shasta County-Redding**

Call for info 760-956-1669