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## Lobbyist's Report

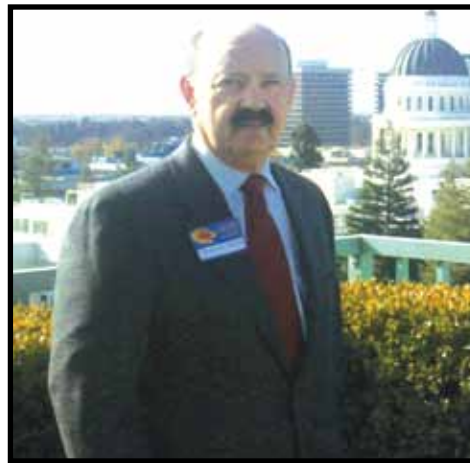
**by James Lombardo, Lobbyist**

The Legislature adjourned September 13 after sending Governor Brown over 900 bills for him to sign or veto. He signed 90% and vetoed 10% of them, in becoming the longest serving Governor in California history.

He passed Earl Warren who was elected to three consecutive terms as Governor of California, and was then appointed Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

None of the bills that reached the Governor's desk affected motorcyclists adversely. We were able to kill or hold negative bills in their policy committees. For example, Senator Beall's SB 350 that changes the current lane sharing conventions will/may be heard in January when the Legislature returns.

We are **OPPOSED to SB 350** and will try to kill it when, or if, it is heard! We will be discussing our strategies at the ABATE Legislative/



PAC meeting in Fresno on October 26.

We were successful in helping pass SB 234 by Senator Mimi Walters for our new off-road membership, this session. SB 234 grandfathers in all Side x Side aftermarket passenger seating, before 2014 model year units,

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Thanks to all the individual members, Locals, and special events that raised funds for the Lobbyist Fund to pay me as your Legislative Advocate!

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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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# Executive Director's Report

by Greg Covell, Executive Director

Hope all are well and ready to ROLL. With some trepidation and many questions I was, two years ago, nominated and elected to be ABATE's Executive Director.

I have been a member for 14 years now. As president of Local 27 in Riverside, I have led a very involved and committed group of people and brought our Local up to be one of the strongest Locals in California. Our efforts to gain members, create involvement, and get into the public eye have been very successful.

It was my hope to bring some of that energy to the State Board and create a stronger and more active ABATE of California. I was, unfortunately, not able to overcome the established hierarchy and was unable to accomplish many of the



changes necessary to update and energize this organization.

We will soon be electing 6 new Board members and I wish them well. It is my sincere hope that their energy, ideas, and efforts may be the next steps toward success for the future of ABATE of California.

Keep Your Eyes Wide Open



## Anna Bryson with Gill & Spike

Anna spoke at Local #20's meeting.

Anna Bryson is the only Republican woman candidate for south Orange County's 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District seat. She also rides a motorcycle and is a member of NRA.

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## Mission Statement

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

**ABATE of California now has their off road division up and running!**  
**Join on Page 21.**

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Nominees for ABATE Board of Directors 2014-2015

LEE ‘SPORTY’ MILLIGAN



Hi all! A lot has gone on these past few months; I am still mending, but getting better.

It is time once again to run again for a position on the Board of Directors.

I have been at this a long time and you are probably asking, “Is Sporty energized to run again for the Board?” The answer to that question is, “Yes! I still feel that I can make a contribution to the organization and I also have the time available to do the job right.”

You folks know where I stand on the issues. With me you get no bullpuck approach to solving the tasks that we have put before us.

With that said, I once again ask for your vote for Board of Directors. And remember my motto: “Prevent tooth decay which is fighting to prevent bad laws against motorcyclists from happening in California!”

Regards, Lee “Sporty” Milligan

Current member of the Board of Directors, President of Local 1, Membership Chairman.

MARK “DOGMAN” CASTILLERO



I have respectfully accepted the nomination to run as a candidate for the ABATE of California Board of Directors. I’m a long-time motorcyclist, having logged over 400,000 miles over the course of the last 40 years.

I was a member of the Boozefighters MC (9 years). During my tenure with the Boozefighters MC, I served as the club’s National Representative which afforded me the opportunity to interact with Boozefighters MCs throughout the country. My position also afforded me the opportunity to network with various motorcycle clubs nationwide.

Until recently, I served as the San Diego County Unit Commander for the US Defenders. Under my purview as Unit Commander, I was responsible for disseminating political and legislative information specifically pertinent to the motorcycle community in San Diego County, as well as of general interest to all California motorcyclists. I’m a current member of the San Diego and Southern California Confederation of Clubs (COC). I’m also an active member of ABATE Local 11 and currently serve as my Local’s PAC representative. In addition, I am a current member of the Modified Motorcycle Association (MMA).

Last year I was nominated as a candidate for the ABATE 2013 Freedom Fighter of the Year Award. While the recognition was awarded to Nick Benson, a well-deserving Freedom Fighter, I was deeply honored by the nomination.

I own Pro-Train Innovative Dog Training, a successful dog training business in San Diego. I am passionate and hard-driven, with a strong business acumen and experience in the political arena; yet, I’m open to new and innovative ideas. My sense of patience and perseverance can be directly attributed to my 18 years as a student of martial arts. I have the ability to articulate clearly and communicate effectively and possess a strong willingness to share my expertise and knowledge.

I’m grateful to have been endorsed by the following individuals: Nick Benson, Dave “Moony” Jordan, Steve Kinzey, Sandra Lubbers, Tom Lubbers and Sarge Matthews.

As you thoughtfully consider all the candidates, I would value and appreciate your vote to serve as a member of the ABATE of California Board of Directors.

Thank you.

ED ROGERS

Hello! My name is Ed Rogers and I am running as a candidate for A.B.A.T.E. of



California Board of Directors. My wife and I have been proud members since 1994 and a business member since 2005 of Local 24 Fresno. I proudly served as Local 24’s President for close to 10 years.

I have attended many Board meetings in the past and knocked on the doors of Senators at our capitol. I truly believe in the purpose of ABATE.

I have successfully managed and ran my own business for the past 32 years and am still currently in business. While I was president of Local 24, I did my best to run it as a business organization. I believe this experience will add to helping the Board of Directors. As a small business owner you can never give up and, if you elect me, I will never give up fighting alongside the other Board members for A.B.A.T.E.

I also served as 6th District Regional Director. I listen to all members and what they have to say. I feel the way to success is to get people involved. I believe to succeed is to be a team. I believe Local 24 is strong due to all the members who supported and fought together. As a member, and if elected to the Board, I will fight hard for our freedoms.

I feel that the Board members need to reach out to the Locals, one on one, and listen to the ideas and needs of each and every Local. I also believe that we should give credit where credit is due regarding the success of each Local.

If you give me your vote, I promise to represent each and every individual to the best of my ability.

Thank you again for your consideration, Ed Rogers, Proud Member of Local 24.

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# Nominees for ABATE Board of Directors 2014-2015



As indicated earlier I'm already working with others to regain our rights. Together we can stop losing our freedoms and regain some of the ground we have already lost. Please select me as one of your choices for the ABATE Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted, Greg "Coach" Coppes

## JIM SCHLACHTER



I am asking all members for their vote to become a member of ABATE of CA Board of Directors. I will do my best to represent all members of ABATE.

I'm a 10-year member of Local 17 of Solano and Napa Counties, am currently Vice President, have served as treasurer for 2 years, and have volunteered at most of Local 17's runs and events.

I initiated two successful state-wide ABATE Motorcycle Raffles - one in 2008 and one in 2013 and served as coordinator and bookkeeper for them.

Vote for me! I'll fight for Motorcycle Rights and Freedom of the Road!

Thanks, Jim

## NICK BENSON, SR.



My name is Nick Benson Sr. Most of you know that I have been active in ABATE for many years and have been on the Board of Directors for the past two years. As most of you also know I am very involved with politics and meet with several representatives

from local council members to supervisors to state level reps such as Senator Jean Fuller pictured here with my wife and me.

I am not afraid to speak my mind to these reps and as such can proudly state that in my districts, whether local or state, each and every one of our reps vote FOR motorcyclist rights.

Aside from on street rights, last November I started the Off-Road division of ABATE and we have gained membership from that division.

I met and discussed with either the staff of, or Senators Mimi Walters and Jean Fuller themselves, on several occasions to ensure the SB 234 - the right to modify our Side X Sides built before 2014 - was passed. And it not only passed, but was signed into law by Governor Brown in August. The off road was a win-win for ABATE. We gained membership and recognition.

I also am adamant about transparency within our organization; believing that each member should have access to the information and workings that the officers have. This organization can only succeed if we unite and work as one. Several members that have called me during my term on the Board have found that I mean what I say about transparency. I do not hide my phone number, my emails, or any contact information about myself. Call me, I will answer or call you back within 24 hours and answer to the best of my ability any questions you may have.

I believe that I have accomplished a lot in the past two years on YOUR Board of Directors and I want to accomplish much more. I have never missed a Board meeting, a Board decision, or a PAC vote. I take my position seriously and hope that I have earned your vote to put me back onto the Board for the next two years.

Thank you, Nick Benson, Sr.

## TOM A. LUBBERS



## GREG "COACH" COPPES

My name is Greg "Coach" Coppes and I will be brief. I am a member of ABATE Local 17. As an electrical contractor and successful small business owner for the past 35 years, I am well versed on how to manage resources and make the hard budgetary decisions. I can bring those skills to bear on any management issues that might arise.

I have been active in local and state politics for close to 20 years and in that time, and working with others, I have managed to assist with getting difficult legislation moved through the state legislature.

It takes a team to effect change, and you will be surprised how much can be accomplished when you don't care who gets the credit. I have made contacts on both sides of the aisle and have learned how things really work.

To facilitate progress in today's political climate you need to use a three prong attack; legislative, legal and grass roots. Working with others we are currently using this approach to try and change the helmet law.

Legislative: Working on an amendment to the current law that would only require helmets for those under 18 and those with less than one year riding experience.

Legal: Working with BOLT to file a federal lawsuit against officers who wrote unconstitutional helmet tickets, violating your 4th Amendment Right. Due to unequal enforcement they will be going for an injunction against enforcing the law itself.

Grass Roots: With the help of the MROs we are putting together a unification ride on the capitol, to take place on a Saturday so everyone may attend without losing work.

I have been a motorcycle enthusiast all my life and an ABATE member for the past nine years. I've served as the ABATE Board Chairman for the 2011/13 term and, most recently, served as the president of Local 5 (San Gabriel Valley), a position I held for seven years.

In addition to my involvement and commitment to ABATE of California, I also serve in a leadership capacity for the US Defenders as the Southern California Confederation of Clubs Unit Commander. Under my leadership, I have been instrumental in developing procedures that ensure timely and effective dissemination of vital information specific to "Calls to Action."

I am extremely passionate about the protection and retention of our personal freedoms, especially as they relate to motorcyclists' rights. I have been diligent in my efforts through ABATE, US Defenders and other MROs, to encourage fellow riders about their individual responsibility to be proactive (and not complacent) in the fight to preserve our rights.

I appreciate your consideration as you cast your vote – I would be honored to once again serve the ABATE constituency, as a

member of the ABATE of California Board of Directors.

Thank you, Tom A. Lubbers

### FREEDOM FIGHTER NOMINEE FOR 2013



I would like to nominate Ruby Weber from Local 25 for Freedom Fighter of the Year. Ruby is one of those Unsung Heroes who have been fighting for motorcycle rights behind the scenes for over 20 plus years for ABATE of California.

Ruby has been a mainstay for Local 25 in various positions such as Vice President, Treasurer; ABATE Liaison to the MMA and

an all-around getter-done gal. If you have been to any of the Freedom Rallies you have seen Ruby there. She hasn't missed a one of them in 20 years. She can be found putting up/taking down placards for parking meters and talking to politicians about OUR rights or sitting inside the hearings on bills that concern bikers. She's there even when we don't have rallies and a bill is being heard.

Ruby has been to many of the California Motorcycle Safety Programs, held by the CHPs, for us in ABATE to just keep tabs on what LEA's (Law Enforcement Agencies) have in store for us for the upcoming year. She is well respected by the biker community and goes to so many runs and events she'd put many of us to shame!

She has a Facebook page that reaches out to a lot of bikers and she uses this page to spread the word on upcoming bills, news events and anything that could/would be used against us. This year at Sturgis Ruby was recognized for her achievements along with other selected women, for her gallant efforts for doing what she does best, fighting for OUR rights. The honor was well deserved.

Thank you, Lori Adams Local 00

## MAIL-IN BALLOT

ABATE of California Board of Directors for 2014-2015. Vote for one or no more than 6, Couple members can vote twice.

Ballots must be postmarked NO later than December 14, 2013.

Candidate bios are in Oct. & Nov. Bailing Wires.

☐ LEE 'SPORTY' MILLIGAN

☐ MARK "DOGMAN" CASTILLERO

☐ ED ROGERS

☐ GREG "COACH" COPPES

☐ JIM SCHLACHTER

☐ NICK BENSON, SR.

☐ TOM A. LUBBERS

### Freedom Fighter Award 2013

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Bios are on pages 4-6.

# LOCAL NEWS

## Local #02 Simi Valley



I arrived a little early for this meeting and the smell of BBQ burgers and dogs drew me near! We here at Local 2 are truly blessed to have a great facility that allows us to have BBQs plus a nice sized room every month! Thanks to VFW Post 10049 and a really special thanks to Commander Chuck Fleming for being a really gracious host. It's a great thing to have these special people support us as we have supported them!

Another big thanks to our volunteer cooks, Frank and Andi! We serve a great meal for \$5.00! Burgers, hotdogs, chili and chips and all the fixin's you need! Many thanks also go to Frank Warthen our master BBQ man. He does it all and then some. He's one of our behind the scenes men; he buys and makes sure everything is just right, every month! And he has been doing it for YEARS! A lot of them, at least 8 that I know of and I know it has been more.

We start serving our meal at 6:45 pm and our meeting starts at 7:30 pm; we meet on the second Tuesday of the month at: VFW Post 10049 4242 East Los Angeles street.

Our pres, Ray, opened us up with the Pledge of Allegiance and then quickly got into the real business which was about the state elections and rules and about our own elections. Our secretary, Jane, read the minutes and treasury report. Andi, merchandise, brought the goods for Local 2. Pat, membership, talked about issues and we kind of ex-

panded on the "how to" to increase business as well as personal members. PR man, Norm, talked about checking out the Bailing Wire on line as well as just reading the monthly newsletter. Guy, our Road guy, talked about our fun ride that he and his wife, Sandy, are hosting. The end stop BBQ get together and games will be at their house on October 20. It will be fun!

We had our elections and we have NEW officers! Mostly new ones in key positions with others returning at their old positions. I'm excited because the new blood in these key positions will breathe new enthusiasm into Local 2! Not saying the others didn't, but it's nice to give them a rest! A super huge thanks to all the outgoing officers, you have raised the bar and the new officers will continue raising it. Again thanks to ALL past officers and to the newly elected and returning ones, too!

Please come to our next meeting and meet them. We miss all who couldn't make it. Ride Safer Always, PTL norm e.

## Local #15 Contra Costa County



Members and Friends: I am sorry to announce that due to a very low participation we voted to **close Contra Costa County ABATE Local #15** at our last meeting on October 2nd.

The balance of our funds will be turned over to the state office for the general fund at the Board of Directors meeting in Fresno on October 26th. Please click on the following link to take this last chance to purchase some

of our custom hats and T-shirts while we still have them and let us bring the state office a little bit more money. <http://abate15.weebly.com/>

Carol at the state office says whatever money we turn into the state will be held for 6 months in case anyone else would like to start up a Local in Contra Costa County. I have already closed the PO Box and the bank account of Local #15.

**PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO SUPPORT MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS IN CALIFORNIA!**

Any members wishing to attend an ABATE meeting are encouraged to go to Local 17 Solano and Napa Counties. They are a big Local with many events every year. They go for a ride after their meetings every month.

Local 17 meets the 3rd Sunday at 10:00 am, Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon, 4823 Midway Road, in Vacaville. Go 80 east to 505 and then north to Midway Road exit and make a left; it's right on the other side of the highway. Call Glenn Phillips of Local 17 at (707) 624-6310 for more info.

Contra Costa riders wishing to attend Local 17's meetings, please meet with a full tank of gas at the Burger King at the end of Park & Shop on Willow Pass Road. We leave at 9:15 am. This is an informal meeting place for whoever shows up.

Over the years many friendships have been made, many fun events thrown, and a lot of legislative manpower generated from this Local, thanks to all.

Down the Road, Greg Howe, founding President of Local #15 Contra Costa County

## Local #20 Orange County

Gill told us that a Long Beach officer impounded a bike because, according to him, the rider wasn't wearing an approved DOT helmet even after another rider offered him a different helmet. Remember that the burden of proof is on



# LOCAL NEWS



the officer, he must prove in court that it is not approved. Gill also reminded us to be sure to always have your current registration and insurance information because if you don't, your bike, and/or car, can be impounded. I keep mine in my wallet so if my bike is ever stolen they won't have my personal information.

Spike said that he and Gill are working hard to bring a bill to the western states like the Anti-Profiling Legislation against bikers in the state of Washington and they have a meeting set up on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October in Sacramento.

We had 32 members and 6 guests at our meeting. One of our guests was Anna Bryson who is running for State Assembly 73<sup>rd</sup> District in 2014. I found her to be a fascinating woman. She is an ABATE member, NRA member, biker friendly, Pro Life, Republican, with a military family background and she believes in personal freedom. By the end of her short speech I was considering moving to the 73<sup>rd</sup> District just so I can vote for her.

After her speech we took a new group picture for the Bailing Wire. Spike's sister, who is in town from England visiting, was at the post for the meeting.

We drew Richard Hrycyk's name for the dollar draw, but he was not at tonight's meeting; so the money rolls over another month.

Submitted by: ~Leenie~



## Local #21 Antelope Valley



Mark C put the Local's lobby money under the wild cat dish and that is about it.

Hope you all had a good meeting. I sent in the Local 21 fund money. We have some \$\$\$ in our treasury. What do you guys want to do with it??

So long for now, Daryl, Local 21

## Local #24 Fresno

39 folks gathered at Yosemite Falls Café for the Local 24 meeting. President Doug started off with the Pledge to the Flag. We discussed the current election for State ABATE Board of Directors. Ed Rogers is a candidate and urged all of us to get involved and VOTE.

Looking ahead at events; we are hosting the State ABATE Board of Directors meeting on October 26. This is open to all members and we expect a large turnout from Local 24.

Our yearly Turkey Run is on November 2. We will meet at Kimmie's at 1000. Good ride and good food with fun folks. ATTEND!!

Next up is our annual Christmas Toy Drive. We will return to Children's Hospital of the Central Valley again this year. The kids really appreciate seeing Santa Clause arrive on a motorcycle. It's tough to think about the medical issues and treatments some of the kids face at the hospital. Let's go all out again this year and make their Christmas a fantastic remembrance.

On Local affairs, Scott would like to step down as Vice President and not run in next month's Local election. We encourage anyone that wants to be a Local office to run.

Phil reported membership at 118 members and 18 business members. Ursula reported the bank account is good.

Our ABATE prize was \$81.00. Charlie was eligible for the Membership prize of \$30.00, but he wasn't there. Lots of good

donations were drawn for and a whole bunch of "Dog Tags." Bruce

## Local #25 Sacramento



Lil' David called the meeting to order at 7:15 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ruby introduced guest JR Voss who has attended several of our meetings and recently joined the Fair Oaks American Legion Riders.

We waived reading last month's meeting minutes - copies of the minutes were available at the door. We didn't get a treasury report as Joe was absent. We had a general discussion of the 9-11 event in D.C.

Gary H gave the PAC report. The Legislature is out of session and won't return until January. The new State Senator from Fresno (S.D. 16 Andy Vidak) appears to be ABATE friendly.

Sacramento Harley is hosting a Bikes and Beer event this Saturday (Sept. 21) and there will be a welcome home party for Tiny at the Marines club house on Saturday, too. The rescheduled Rebie Ride is also this Saturday.

Lil' David handed out an "in case of accident" card, which has headings and lines to make sure you write down all the necessary information for police and insurance at the scene of an accident.

Joe, his two sons and Lil' David went to Kernville for the Rally. Good turn out and music both nights.

October 26 is next State ABATE Board of Directors meeting in Fresno. Gary suggested inviting the new Senator from that area to the meeting (PAC).

There was a discussion about having a holiday food drive. Linda, Ruby and Celeste will find 3 single parent families and ask if they want turkey or ham. We passed the hat and collected \$78.00.

Meeting was over at 8:00. Submitted by: David Smart



# Motorcycle Safety Report

by Norm e. Newiger, Safety  
Officer for Local #02

## Winter in Southern California?

Since I live in beautiful Southern California, I am lucky that I don't have to winterize my bike. That is unless you live in or near the snow zone of higher altitudes. But should we kind of winterize our bikes somewhat? It's normal to not ride as much in the winter months, but then again on any given weekend out here it's riding time! All we need is sunshine and blue skies; forget the temperature, that's not a good enough excuse not to ride.

Since I don't live in an area where winter dictates riding seasons, I therefore don't wish to embellish on what they have to do. If you live in one of these regions and don't like it then, move to where the sun shines year round!

I use the winter months to my advantage and that's when I'll do anything major to my bike and or helping one of my friends as well, and since I'm not a major wrench or a serious mechanic I take my time and not worry about how fast the jobs going to take, in other words, no deadline! But that's me as well as others.

It's good to be associated with others that have equal or more experience in the mechanics of motorcycles rather



than taking your bike to a local shop or dealer, but this is mainly due to economics and me being cheap, since I really do believe in having the luxury of supporting local businesses is a good thing, if you can afford and trust them, that's on you!

Back to reality; for me winter is a time for me to get re-acquainted with my bike again. I need to do this for my own sake! And for me to do this it's called a major detailing of my bike with tools as well as all the cleaners on the market. I have learned over the years that there are many, many nuts and bolts and screws and they all seem to lose their grip over the miles that we've ridden. I think about the safety aspect of what I'm doing, and this could prevent any future incidents in which I'm the only one at

risk! Really!

Here are some possible one rider issues that could go bad: You are riding at a fast pace on the freeway in heavy traffic and your throttle cable busts, you are in the fast lane and there is no shoulder to your left side and now you have to maneuver across three lanes to get out of the way of speeding car drivers that don't know your situation. Scary thought! How about this, you're cruising on the same freeway and you lose all power, under your seat a positive wire grounded out killing all electrical life in your bike. You are going down like a plane with no wings. Have you ever been out in the middle of nowhere and your belt snapped?

Simple things like this happen all the time: Have you ever blown your bikes' fork seals? One of your brakes locks up? Here's a good one, a major part on your bike gets loose (multiple bolts loosen up) either engine or drive train and you spew oil and are smoking like a diesel with bad fuel! These things happen all the time! I have been a part of this as either the one or with someone who has. It's just the reality of riding; sometimes it's really unforgiving especially when a rider gets hurt or killed.

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

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

For me the last item I really pay at-



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## Safety Continued

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

For me tire pressure and tread depth are the most important items on my checklist, in fact you should check them all the time. Just do it! We all know that the recommended tire pressure is stamped on each tire, make sure you find this information. The text is small but very important. As the season changes the temperatures change

as well, maybe up to 40 degrees give or take in just a day, and if you are on a long road trip or multiple day trip your tire pressure can change.

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

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

There are hundreds of tire manufacturers in the world and they all express proper tire pressure and tread depth as the most important things you as a consumer can control. I must admit I'm kind of a nut about this, I always ask me buds, "When was the last time you checked your tire pressure?" - it's true!

They say under inflated tires on cars are responsible for most accidents involving vehicles that lost control. I just wonder how true this could be for motorcycles?

I go through my bike usually twice a year. I can ride my bike with confidence knowing that I did all that I could do to make my bike as safe as possible.

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# Collecting shoes for a worthy Cause

by Nick Benson Sr.

Although this is not exactly moto related, it is bikers doing the bulk of the work. I posted this on many Facebook sites and yes I promoted ABATE and Jr ABATE throughout my travels and efforts to collect these shoes.

A story of pride - long, but worth it!

As most of you know or should know, ABATE of California's communication officer Gill Mellen sent out a flyer from Illusions Cycles in Westminster requesting help collecting old worn out shoes. For every 25,000 pairs collected, the Florida based foundation that teaches third world countries how to refurbish these shoes. They will learn a trade and get shoes out of the deal. BUT, most importantly to me is that the foundation will donate \$10,000.00 to the American Soldier Network who will use a portion of the money for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Camp Pendleton's Wounded Warrior SWAG BAG Christmas Drive! That is only the start of this story.

Our local newspaper (Barstow Desert Dispatch) had printed my goal of collecting a minimum of 1,000 pairs of shoes from the High Desert that I will drive in my truck and trailer to Illusions Cycles on the 27th of this month. Victorville Harley-Davidson agreed to be a drop off point for the Victor Valley. While I was talking to the manager of Victorville Harley, the as-



sistant principal from Quail Valley Middle School in Phelan came in with 3 of the ASB students and said they wanted to help. After admiring and sitting on several Harleys, the kids were more than ever determined to help with the drive for our troops. They said that they would challenge their student body to match my goal of 1,000 pairs of shoes! Then we all went our separate ways.

A few days later, Victorville Harley contacted me that they were full of shoes that needed to be picked up. In fact, they had collected 875 pairs! Instead of me picking them up, Annie Nelson - founder of the American Soldier Network - brought in some trucks and some soldiers and they picked up those shoes and took them back to Westminster.

Thursday as my grandsons and I were bundling and loading the 850 pairs of shoes that we have collected so far from

Barstow, Quail Valley Assistant Principal Susan Canchola emailed me that they had 816 pairs of shoes and were ready for me to pick them up!

Friday, Victorville Harley sent a driver, truck, and trailer to help me collect those 816 pairs of shoes along with 50 more from their sister school - Verde Vista. But when I got there, Mrs. Canchola told me that there had been a last minute rush from the students and they now had 1,708 pairs of shoes!!!! The children - rightfully - were beaming with pride. I have never been so proud of our future generation than I was at that moment watching and listening to these incredible junior Patriots! Their faces radiated pride and then many students joined in the conveyer line to help load all those shoes! OMG, I was so proud! Although the picture only shows four of the students (state law prohibits pictures of children on the internet without pa-

rental permission and these kid's parents had given permission), all of the students at Quail Valley Middle School should be given a full salute for their patriotism!

Then we stopped by Victorville Harley where they had a couple of hundred more pairs for us and then they let their driver bring all the shoes to my store in their truck and trailer! Thank you Victorville Harley-Davidson!

Ok, WE now have 2,800 pairs of old shoes loaded and ready to go to Westminster on Sunday (October 27). You have until Thursday (October 24) to get your shoes to one of our drop off points in Barstow or to me, and until Saturday (October 26) to get them to Victorville Harley. Or you have until Sunday to get them to Illusions Cycles in Westminster. On Sunday (October 27), there will be a party/ Barbecue at Illusions to celebrate what we hope will be a 25,000 or more count of pairs of shoes! Everyone is welcome to attend the no host barbecue! That gives us about a week to show the soldiers what we are willing to do for them!

Let's roll!

A HUGE THANK YOU goes to Victor Valley Daily Press, Desert Dispatch, and staff writer, Jose Quintero, for writing and printing articles on the VVDP front page (October 12,) and front page of Section B on October 19<sup>th</sup>) about the shoe drive taking place!



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**DMV NEWS – October 16, 2013**  
**The following was provided by**  
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**DMV BUSTS FRAUDULENT**  
**DISABLED PLACARD USERS**  
 Citations Issued in Statewide Placard Sting

**SACRAMENTO – Today, DMV**  
 investigators issued 241 citations during a sweeping, statewide crackdown of disabled license plate and placard scofflaws on October 16, 2013.

The daylong operation spanned several regions of the state in a planned response to increased complaints from the public.

“Fraudulent use of disabled placards is a disservice to legitimate placard owners who really need the parking privilege,” said DMV Chief Deputy Director Jean Shiimoto. “The DMV will confiscate a placard of a legitimate owner if it’s being used by others.”

Investigative teams covered several high-volume areas, including, (but not limited to) shopping mall parking lots, universities and colleges, business

districts, and generally any heavy-populated locations where DMV’s Investigations Division has received a majority of complaints from the public.

The citations are considered misdemeanors; and, carry bail amounts ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 for a first offense and up to \$3,500 for a subsequent offense. Additional costs may vary, depending upon the jurisdiction where the citation was issued.

Following in parentheses are citations issued in specific regions: San Francisco Bay Area (San Francisco, Hayward - 25); Southern Region (San Diego, Mission Valley, Chula Vista - 30); Central California (Fresno, Bakersfield, Stockton - 43) Orange County Region (Anaheim, Irvine - 19); Northern Region (Roseville, Sacramento, Santa Rosa, Vallejo - 15); Midland Region (El Monte, West Covina, LA Metro - 43); Inland Region (Riverside, San Bernardino - 14); Pacific Region (Artesia, Southbay, Culver City - 18); Valley Region (Granada Hills, Lincoln Park, Ventura - 34).

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# COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

## Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish

### SPORTBIKERS ATTACK SUV IN NYC:

Headlines across America shrieked in condemnation over a road rage incident involving a swarm of sportbike riders in New York who were caught on tape viciously attacking a family in an SUV, but according to high-profile civil rights attorney Gloria Allred we haven't heard the whole story.

Everything started when a driver bumped a biker on the Henry Hudson Parkway in NYC and took off, sparking the chase and vicious assault that followed. After the initial contact, the now-famous helmet cam footage that captivated the country shows a rider cutting in front of a Range Rover, slowing down and gesturing at the driver just before the SUV driver clipped his back tire. Following a brief exchange on the side of the road, the SUV driver is seen hitting the gas and speeding off recklessly through the crowd of bikers, running over one of them. A group of riders pursued the vehicle and miles later when it was forced to a halt in heavy traffic, several of the bikers bashed in the windows and dragged the driver out and beat him in front of his wife and infant child.

Allred is representing rider Edwin "Jay" Mieses, the 33-year old father of two from Massachusetts who was ran over and left permanently paralyzed by the SUV driver during his "escape", and she told FOX News during an October 8th interview on "Hannity" that; "First of all, what's not being talked about is what happened several miles before Edwin was run over, and we have evidence of this and police are aware, that the SUV was in the right lane several miles before and decided to move over into the center lane, HIT a bike and kept going and then several miles later hit a second rider and then ran over Edwin, crushing him under the SUV without any warning as he was standing there trying to get everyone to move on."

"Ticked off" by the media's unfair portrayal of the events, Allred said there's no evidence of intimidation on the part of the bikers prior to the accident and the subsequent attack, and riders insist that the SUV driver was the aggressor. "He drove erratically and bumped the bike on the side," one rider told WABC TV, corroborating that the driver had already hit one motorcycle prior to the confrontation. "When he bumped that bike on the side, that biker became aggress-



sive because his life was in danger."

Three bikers have thus far been arrested for gang assault and other crimes, but the SUV driver has not been charged as the case continues under investigation, so stay tuned.

### POSITIONING PLATES TO PERMIT LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) wants to change the angle of motorcycle license plates and has requested comments on a proposed amendment to a safety standard on "lamps, reflective devices and associated equipment to allow the license plate mounting surface on motorcycles to be at an angle of up to 30 degrees beyond vertical" (on horizontal installed plates).

According to the agency, the change would bring the U.S. rule more in line with European regulations, increase design flexibility without compromising safety or increasing costs, and allow license plate recognition technology used by law enforcement organizations to continue reading license plate characters.

**CDC ASKED TO BACK OFF MOTORCYCLE ISSUES:** Congressman Tom Petri (R-WI) has authored a letter to the Centers for Disease Control requesting that the CDC stop investigating motorcycling issues such as helmet laws.

"Given the demands on your budget and the unique ability of the CDC to address such pressing issues as heart disease, diabetes, cancer, Alzheimer's and a host of other conditions, and issues which afflict millions

of Americans and others around the globe, we encourage you to direct your attention and resources to areas that are not currently already being addressed elsewhere in the government," wrote Petri in the letter he is requesting fellow members of Congress to co-sign.

With the government shutdown ending, now is the time to contact your Congressional Representatives and ask them to sign onto Rep. Petri's letter to the CDC.

### NEW NEVADA LAW ALLOWS MOTORCYCLISTS TO GO ON RED:

Under a new law, motorcyclists will be allowed to go through red lights. Starting October 1, if a motorcyclist comes to a red light at a signal that doesn't seem to be working or has failed to detect the motorcycle, the rider will be allowed to go through. Assembly Bill 117 enables motorcyclists, moped, trimobile and bike riders to go through red lights after waiting for two rounds of the signal without getting a green light.

The Nevada Highway Patrol said signals use sensors to detect metal, which may make it more difficult to detect motorcycles than vehicles.

The new law still requires motorcycles to stop at a light, and only proceed through a red if it's safe. The state has launched a website to educate people on the new law.

Nevada joins a dozen other states that allow riders to proceed through malfunctioning red lights. Similar "dead red" laws have previously been enacted in Minnesota (2002), Tennessee (2003), Arkansas (2005), Idaho (2006), Wisconsin (2006), North Carolina (2007), South Carolina (2008), Missouri (2008), Oklahoma (2010), Kansas (2011), Virginia (2011) and Illinois (except Chicago - 2012). In Texas and California, state law requires stoplights to be fitted with sensors that detect motorcycles.

### TEXAS BIKERS AND TRIKERS CELEBRATE A SUCCESSFUL LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

Previously in Texas, three-wheeled motorcycle training courses were costly and not widely available, due to mandated motorcycle training curricula from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation that limited the flexibility of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) in approving otherwise appropriate curricula.

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This was limiting for motorcyclists who do not wish to or cannot drive a two-wheeled motorcycle (perhaps due to a physical disability) but want to drive a three-wheeled cycle.

S.B. 763, "AN ACT relating to motorcycle training, the enforcement of certification standards for motorcycles, and the license requirements for a three-wheeled motorcycle," changes from mandatory to optional whether curricula includes the curricula developed by a particular foundation, giving DPS the flexibility to authorize other curricula that meet the statutory and regulatory requirements of Texas.

The new law also adds a three-wheeled restriction to the Class M license of those Texans who take only a three-wheeled training course. Currently, a motorcyclist who has only taken a three-wheeled training course can obtain a Class M license which permits them to legally operate a two-wheeled motorcycle.

"Another successful Legislative session for Texas Bikers, and Texas Trikes too!" announced Paul Landers, TMRAII Legislative Liaison and National Lt. Commander of the US Defenders/C.O.I.R. "For the first time, a new classification for this group of three wheeled BIKERS. Personally, I feel this builds unity and gives more support to our political initiatives, trike owners can now be a part of what we do and feel good about it!"

**MOTORCYCLISTS HOPE TO CHANGE NEW ILLINOIS POKER RUN LAW:** A new law meant to protect poker runs is creating frustration. House Bill 2520, the "Poker Run Act", was drawn up earlier this year because of concerns that poker runs were a type of illegal gambling. The bill to legalize poker runs for charities and Not For Profit organizations was passed with overwhelming support and was signed into law in August, moving the fundraisers under the Illinois Charitable Games Act.

However, the regulations means charities and poker run stops all need to pay for a license. All locations involved are now required to pay a fee of \$50 a year. The non-profit behind the event must have a permit that costs \$200. Any funds raised will be taxed at 3%.

Motorcycle groups are now looking for a new solution. Poker runs bring out bikers and bring in big dollars for charity causes, but many fear the new law will put an end to many of the events.

The push for change came when the motorcycle advocacy group, ABATE of Illinois, wanted to protect poker runs, which some states are cracking down on as illegal gaming. According to WSIL TV (ABC), the Illinois Department of Revenue says lawmakers didn't ask for their help in drafting the legislation so now the agency is enforcing those taxes and fees, but they're also talking with bill sponsors about finding a new category for poker runs.

Representative Rich Brauer has already drawn up a bill that would put poker runs under the jurisdiction of the county where they're being held.

**BIKER DISCRIMINATION AT OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR:** On the 15th of September 2013, two members of The Horsemen MC out of Moore, OK went the State Fair of Oklahoma, walking past four Oklahoma City police officers at the gates who watched the two of them buy tickets and enter the fair. They entered with club colors on and the Police made eye contact but let them in.

About an hour into being there, a Sergeant of the OKC P.D. pulled them aside and told them to remove their cuts or colors, whereupon the two Horsemen refused. The Police then told the two riders they had one chance to leave and if they didn't, they would be arrested. The riders then agreed and started heading toward the gate.

They told them they would like their ticket money back since there are no signs posted informing motorcyclists they were not allowed to wear Colors in the fair. They did get their ticket money back but had to give their personal information to the police so they could run their identity through to see if they had any warrants. They took pictures of their vests and insignia, wanted to list their tattoos and informed them that they were a "gang".

"The Horsemen walked away without being arrested but hopefully our Riding Community can understand there is a serious problem with this," said Tiger Mike Revere in his report in the ABATE of Oklahoma newsletter. "In the meantime, club members who have been mistreated at this point will be interacting with attorneys for possible litigation."

Tiger Mike, who is the ABATE Liaison for the OK Confederation of Clubs and also serves on the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) board of directors, encourages any biker who experiences discriminatory treatment to go to the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs website at: [www.okcoc.net](http://www.okcoc.net) to download, print and sub-

mit a Discrimination Complaint to NCOC, and advises that this issue will be discussed further during the NCOC Region 2 Conference scheduled for November 22-23 at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City.

**GITMO FOR BIKIES:** Bikers going to jail in Queensland will now be sent to a "bikie-only prison" at the ultra-secure Woodford Correctional Centre as part of the Australian government's push against "bikies". The biker gang-only facility, which critics have compared with Guantánamo Bay, will form a core part of the Newman Govt's attempt to drive outlaw bikie gangs from Queensland.

Convicted outlaw motorcycle gang members will be kept in their cells for 23 hours a day at the centre, denied access to gym equipment, televisions and be subject to a more stringent regime of drug testing and searches. All calls unrelated to their legal representation will be monitored and their mail opened and censored while visitor contact will be restricted to one hour a week. Bikie members already in Queensland prisons will also be transferred to the new facility, which is aimed at denying them the ability to use prison time to recruit new members and widen their drug distribution networks says government sources.

Premier Campbell Newman told The Courier-Mail that the facility will be an integral part of sweeping legislation to be introduced and passed through State Parliament, adding that the new laws will also automatically ban bikies from accessing bail and hand greater investigative powers to the Crime and Misconduct Commission. In addition to mandatory enhanced prison sentences of up to 25 additional years for gang members, the government is also considering tougher penalties for crimes committed in prison, including weapon offenses, assaults and drug use, as well as stiffer penalties for prison staff caught colluding with gang members.

Civil libertarians and members of the legal fraternity have condemned the proposed bikie crackdown as unnecessary, ill-conceived and arrogant.

Thanks to Mike Davis of the NCOC Brothers Behind Bars (BBB) outreach for sharing this information.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "Never forget that everything Hitler did in Germany was legal." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-68) American clergyman and civil rights leader

# Pac/Lobbyist Report

by Dave Hastings, Treasurer

November brings a change to our clocks (Daylight Savings Time ends) and for most of us, a change in our weather. "Old Man Winter" will soon be upon us and our days will become shorter, wet, and colder for most who choose to ride. Many of you do continue to ride and some just park until spring arrives. Either way, most of us will have some "parked" days ahead and hopefully you can use them to ABATE's advantage.

The 2014 election cycle will bring a flurry of political activity statewide and we will be deluged with candidates asking for contributions and campaign help in their quest to return to, or win a new office, in the upcoming November elections. You will have the opportunity to get involved with your city, county, and state elections and we will need your help in choosing who to endorse. Remember, ABATE is non-partisan and will support any candidate from any political party as long as they meet our established criteria and fill out an ABATE questionnaire form and submit it to our state office. We need your help



with this process, and hopefully you will ensure that "your" candidate fills out and files that form.

Once we (ABATE PAC) have endorsed the candidates, then we will need your help working with their staff to assist in any way you possibly can, to ensure the candidates successful election to office. Our "free" volunteer time is indispensable to their staff and we save them a tremendous amount of money that can be used for additional advertising, campaign signs, phone banking, etc. to ensure the candidates success. This is what really makes us so essential in the process and allows us to

influence the outcome of these political races. Yes, we do sometimes contribute financially, but our real value is our ability to work "free of charge" for the candidate in whatever capacity they need at the time. Something as simple as stopping by their office to assemble campaign signs and posters or picking up a phone list and making phone calls asking people in your community to support them saves them from hiring and paying wages to someone for that task.

So, take the time to get involved with your candidate, keep our state office updated and informed of your choice, ensure your candidate has our questionnaire filled out and on file for an ABATE PAC endorsement, and above all else, volunteer some of your time to their staff to ensure both your candidate and ABATE of California win big in 2014!

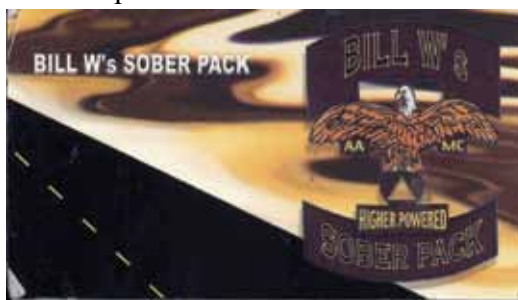
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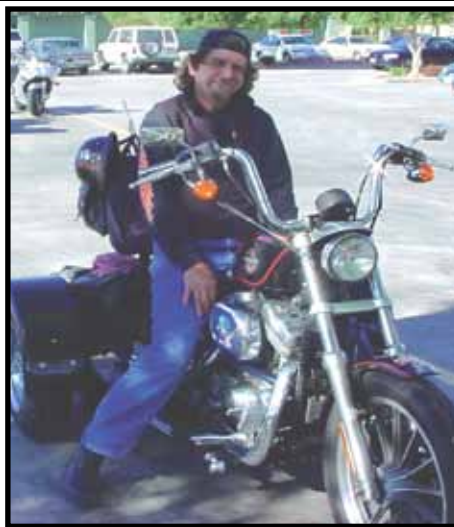
# Sporty's Rides

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan

Hi all! Greetings to you ABATE Freedom Fighters out there in California!

Medical up date: First off October 8 was the day I went back to see my leg and ankle doctor to see if I was going to have to have more surgery. This caused more mind games in the head area than I need to have happen. It was like being in a Twilight Zone episode. Sporty's Big Dilemma starring Jackie Gleason and Audrey Meadows. I have not been a real nice guy at times while recovering from this trauma.

We're at the doctor's office and of course it's packed. They x-rayed my leg where the break is and at this point I am very nervous, but will survive this, God willing. So I am waiting for the results of the x-ray. This wait is kinda like the ending of Dragnet where they say something like, "On October 8 at Panorama City Hospital North Bldg 2, an x-ray was taken and in a moment the result of that x-ray."



They put me in a room, the doctor showed me the x-ray and it showed growth! What a relief. Doctor said I could go back to work if my Job had light duty full time work. We called my boss, Isaac, and told him the news. He asked my department head, Ray Smith, if there was light duty work. They sent me something that said "no" to that. So I have to wait until December 1 to find out if I am going back to work full time with no restrictions. Bummer.

However the good thing is I can drive and I have physical therapy sessions once a week. I have been doing my special meetings, which I do to keep my head screwed on right. I guess I just have to get positive about stuff.

I can do my ABATE stuff and that is a big relief. I was able to do our Local 1 meeting on October 13 and was prepared. I will be doing the Love Ride October 20 and I hope to see many of my riding buddies there. I am also planning to attend the final ABATE Board of Directors meeting of the year on October 26 in Fresno.

I have a physical therapy session on October 17. I am going to have to ask the doctor what to do about the swelling of my foot and ankle to reduce it.

Anyway, remember there is still time to sign up new members for the Membership Drive. So get ABATE new members and retain your Local's renewals. Our organization, ABATE, depends on your support.

Regards, Sporty

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## EVENTS for 2013

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**October 26** – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly ABATE Meetings (last one for the year!) Hosted by ABATE Local 24, Fresno. A Block of rooms have been reserved for October 25 at the La Quinta Inn under the name "ABATE of California". Call 559/449-0928. La Quinta Inn is located at 330 E Fir Avenue; Fresno, CA 97370. The Quarterly meetings will be on October 26<sup>th</sup> in the Conference room at La Quinta Inn. Approximate start time at 9:00 am.

Tentative Schedule is: 9:30 am - Presidents Meeting; 10:30 am - PAC Meeting; Lunch at Noon; Board Meeting 1:00 pm.

**November 3** – Daylight Savings time Ends

**November 11 – Veteran's Day – THANK YOU ALL for your Service to our Country to preserve our FREEDOMS!!!**

**November 23** – ABATE Local 38 (Imperial Valley) – Annual Turkey Run

**November 28** – Thanksgiving Day

**December 1** – ABATE Local #19 & Pomona Valley Harley-Davidson Annual Toy Run (See flyer this issue)

**December 7** – ABATE Local 24 (Fresno) – Christmas Toy Run to the Valley Children's Hospital. Meet at Christi's place (in Madera) between 0900 and 0930. We are due at the hospital at 1000, so don't be late.

**December 8** – ABATE Local #1 & Glendale Harley-Davidson – Annual Skid Row Toy Run (see flyer this issue)

**December 8** - ABATE Local 17 (Solano & Napa Counties) – Annual Toy Run (See Flyer this issue)

## 2014 Event

**February 23, 2014** – ABATE Local #1 – 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Polar Bear Run (see flyer this issue).

All Event flyers that have been received are also on ABATE's website [www.abate.org](http://www.abate.org) on the event calendar with their respective details (sign-in times, Location, Cost, etc.) and can be downloaded in a PDF format.

Please email your ABATE Event information (in Microsoft word document) and Flyers (in a JPG file) to [Bailing.wire@abate.org](mailto:Bailing.wire@abate.org) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be listed in the next issue. Your flyers MUST be in a jpg file to be used in the Bailing Wire. Your event flyer will also be on the ABATE web site on the Events Calendar.

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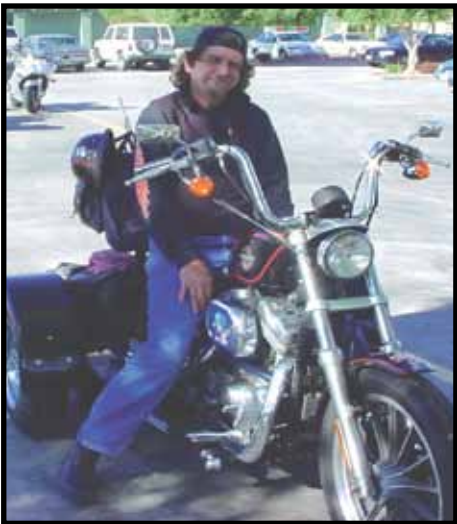
Membership Report

by Lee ‘Sporty’ Milligan,  
Membership Chairman

Hi all! Once again the Membership Report is coming to you live from the computer desk in Sport’s dining room.

I have heard from folks that lead meetings - aka Local presidents - that their membership does not attend meetings. This is the same issue that has been going on in all kinds of various organizations since time began recording group events. Each one of you is given a membership list. Unless you are like Local 1, which was the starting Local for ABATE, you may not have a lot of Life members in your Local. What is important to note is that the majority of your members have email. In Local 1 about half of the members have email. We, being in the instant information age, can send information out faster then a fart in the wind goes. You’re probably wondering, “What is this leading up to?”

Ok. I’ll tell you what I have done for my Local. I made a list of all my members who have email addresses. With a click of a button I can bring up the list



and send out an alert or general email that gives those members information like – zap! - now.

“But Sporty how do you protect the confidentially of your members emails so they are not compromised?” Very simple; put the list in email address that says “bcc”. Then – bam! - send the email out .It will send the email to the members under the heading of “undisclosed recipient”. This protects your members from a hacker.

This also keeps your membership informed of the stuff going on in

ABATE. And the results are renewals. The important part of this is that once you take a new member into the fold, you need to keep them in the fold. Renewals are a very important part of this organization.

A little bit about those members who are not technically advanced and don’t have email. Post card reminders work well. A letter also works well. And Ma Bell, the telephone, works well to keep these members informed about important issues and when your meetings are.

These are the ways I have found that work to help keep members in the fold. Members, we need our renewals. That is what is important - keeping members in the fold.

You still have time to get members for the Membership Drive. There are runs and toys runs where like minded Freedom Fighters congregate so you can explain to them the benefits of being in the ABATE freedom fighter fold.

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Regards, Sporty Milligan - now able to drive!

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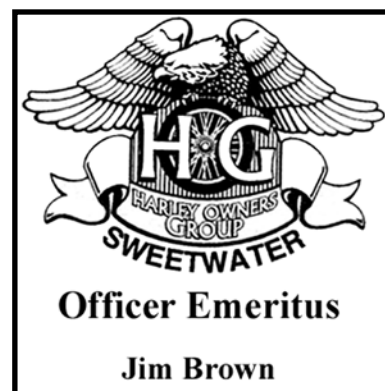
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### Winterizing

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 (not me), 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 with-



out overcharging.

If you don't own a battery tender, GET ONE! They are reasonably priced, easy to use, and it's not uncommon to get 5 years of service or more from a good, maintenance free battery (we'll discuss battery types in a later article). Most tenders come with a pigtail that can be installed on the battery, making the connection a breeze.

There are many products out there and the nomenclature can vary from "battery tender" to "trickle charger" to name a few. Make sure the device you use states clearly in the product literature that it contains a mechanism (circuitry in the power adapter) that prevents overcharging. There are trickle chargers and low

power chargers that do not switch over and can cook your battery.

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.

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 805/496-0323 158 N Conejo School  
 Thousand Oaks

**San Diego County - Local #06-Reg#12**  
 Snowman 1st Sun - 12 Noon  
 C/O Boozefighters M/C Kate Sessions Park  
 P O Box 501946 Pacific Beach  
 San Diego CA 92150  
 619/855-9981

**Orange County - Local #08-Reg#11**  
 Daniel Pfaffly 2nd Mon.7:30PM  
 American Legion #354  
 8071 Whitaker  
 Buena Park  
 714/649-2516

**South Orange County - Local #09-Reg#11**  
 Cory Toroian Meets with L#20  
 949/496-2936

**San Diego County (North) - Local #11-Reg#12**  
 Dan Buse 2nd Sun - 11 AM  
 buse13@att.net American Legion #149  
 760/807-7294 230 E Park Ave  
 Escondido

**Ventura County - Local #03/13-Reg#7**  
 David Blackburn Meet with L#3  
 805/402-3943

**Alameda County Local#14-Reg#3**  
 Houdini 1st Wed 7:30 PM  
 510/575-1500 The Florence  
 37349 Niles Blvd., Fremont

**Contra Costa County - Local #15-Reg#3**  
 Meet with L#17

**Solano & Napa Counties - Local #17-Reg#3**  
 Glenn Phillips 3rd Sun.- 10:00 AM  
 P O Box 148 Judy's Wild  
 Vacaville 95696 Wrangler Saloon  
 707/624-6310 4826 Midway Rd.  
 Vacaville CA

**Pomona Valley - Local #19-Reg#9**  
 Chris Stowers 4th Wed - 7:00 PM  
 POB 2033 Round Table Pizza  
 Rancho Cucamonga 1020 N Mountain  
 91729 Ontario, CA  
 909/525-6950



## ABATE MEETINGS

**Orange County - Local #20-Reg#11**  
 Gill Mellen 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM  
 2104 Continental Ave. American Legion  
 Costa Mesa 92627 5646 Corporate Ave.  
 949/632-9787 Cypress CA 90630

**Antelope Valley - Local #21-Reg#13**  
 Ron Sundquist 2nd Thurs - 7:00 PM  
 37230 52nd St. East AV Roadhouse  
 Palmdale 93552 320 W Ave J2  
 661/586-5555 Lancaster 93534  
 ron.sundquist@sbcglobal.net

**South Bay - Local #22-Reg#11**  
 Suzanne Palmiere 2nd Thurs - 7:30 PM  
 310/245-0543 Chowder Barge  
 611 N. Henry Ford Ave.  
 suzpalmiere@aol.com Wilmington 90744

**San Bernardino - Local#23-Reg#9**  
 Kevin Sorrell 1st Sun 9:00 AM  
 909/793-1112 Vicky's Restaurant  
 502 S Waterman Ave  
 San Bernardino CA

**Fresno - Local#24-Reg#6**  
 Doug Biggerstaff 2nd Tues. 7:00 PM  
 559/222-5306 Yosemite Falls Cafe'  
 Shaw & Blackstone, Fresno

**Sacramento - Local#25-Reg#2**  
 Lil' David Morena 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM  
 916/616-9605 Denny's  
 3520 Auburn Blvd.  
 Sacramento 95821

**Riverside - Local#27-Reg#9**  
 Greg Covell 1st Tues - 7:00 PM  
 P.O. Box 7070 American Legion  
 Riverside CA 92513 2979 Dexter Dr  
 951/522-3434 (in Fairmont Park)  
 www.abatelocal27.org Riverside, CA 92513

**Morongo Basin - Local#29-Reg#10**  
 Marty Rapp 2nd - Thurs - 6:30 PM  
 P.O. Box 2334 Odd # Months  
 29 Palms CA 92277 Call Marty for Location  
 760/367-1694

**North Valley - Local #31-Reg#2**  
 Larry James 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM  
 Last Call Lounge  
 530/893-4827 876 East Ave. Chico

**Yuba City - Local #33-Reg#2**  
 Steve Katen 3rd Thurs. - 7:PM  
 530/749-1003 American Legion  
 5477 Feather River Blvd.  
 Olivehurst

**Imperial Valley - Local#38-Reg#12**  
 Bob Brown Last Thurs - 7:00 PM  
 616 Tangerine Dr Puerto Nuevo Restaurant  
 El Centro, CA 92243 201 N Imperial Ave  
 760/352-7995 El Centro

**Bakersfield - Local#40-Reg#6**  
 V.P. Robert Zamora 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM  
 661/330-9366 Rusty's Pizza  
 5430 Olive Dr  
 Bakersfield 93308

**High Desert - Local#44-Reg#13**  
 George Butterfield 2nd Sat. 9:30 am  
 P.O. Box 3094 Eagles Order #4181  
 Victorville CA 92392 16195 Main St  
 760/954-1227 Hesperia 92345

**Barstow - Local #47-Reg#13**  
 Yermo Eddy Meet with L#44  
 PO Box 521  
 Yermo CA 92398  
 760/254-3833 or 760/953-7353

**Grass Valley - Local#52-Reg#2**  
 Craig Griswold 3rd Wed - 6:30 PM  
 21183 State Hwy 20 Alta Sierra  
 Penn Valley Pizza & Grill'  
 530/263-8071 15690 Johnson Place  
 Grass Valley

**Ridgecrest - Local #58-Reg#13**  
 Dave Cornelius Meet with Local#44  
 760/447-4342

**Regions With Local info:**  
 Region 2: Director Lil' David Morena  
 25, 31, 33 & 52.  
 Region 3: 14, 15 & 17.  
 Region 6: Director Ed Rogers  
 24 & 40.  
 Region 7: Director - Vacant  
 3/13 & 3/13.  
 Region 8: Director Tom Lubbers  
 1 & 2.  
 Region 9: 19, 23, & 27  
 Region 10: Director Vacant  
 29.  
 Region 11: Director Gill Mellen  
 8, 9, 20 & 22.  
 Region 12: Director Dave Connors  
 6, 11 & 38.  
 Region 13: Director Yermo Eddy  
 21, 44, 47 & 58.