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SENATOR ANDY VIDAK

by Gary Haller

Here's a picture of Senator Andy Vidak (R-Hanford) with a Bailing Wire. He's from District 16, is a rancher and has a cherry orchard. He was just elected in a special election after Senator Rubio resigned.

Senator Vidak answered the ABATE questionnaire with the right answers. Looks like he is one of the good guys!

Lobbyist's Report

by James Lombardo

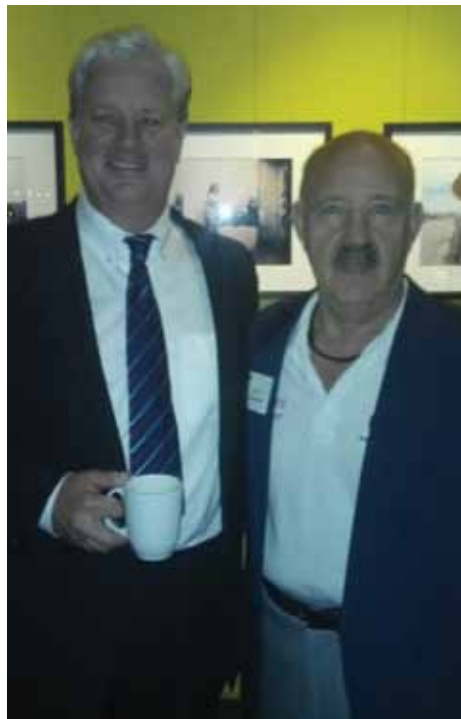
"No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the congress is in session." ~ Mark Twain. The California State Legislature has adjourned/recessed until January 7, 2014.

ABATE had a major victory for our new Off Road rider members. We were able to pass SB 234 Walters which we were one of the many major supporters. The bill grandfathered in all the side by side off road vehicles. That means that all these vehicles that were modified prior to 2013 can leave their off road side by sides as they were modified for additional passengers etc.

I'm sure EVERY year from here on there will be many issues for ABATE to help protect our off road members right to operate and enjoy the outdoors with their friends and families!

The Legislature passed numerous bills restricting gun owners' freedoms and expanding the rights of illegal immigrants to have drivers' licenses and practice law as attorneys.

In January SB 350 Beall lane sharing legislation will be heard in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee. It is important to note that despite the numerous rumors and lies currently being disseminated by uninformed individuals and/or MROs, **ABATE of California is OPPOSED to SB 350.**



Thank you to all of you that continue to contribute to the Lobbyist fund, as well as to all the Locals that designate a portion of their special events' proceeds to the fund. Your generosity and commitment to "Freedom of the Road" help keep me in the Capitol protecting our freedom to ride!

I look forward to seeing you at the Board meeting and Legislative/PAC meeting in Fresno on October 26th.

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Executive Director's Report

by Greg Covell, Executive Director

Although I was unable to attend this year, the ABATE State Run was apparently quite a success. I am looking forward to seeing pics and reading comments from participants, as this event is always well attended and very enjoyable.

If you plan to run for a State Board Office ... * Have you put in your bio and let Carol know? * Board elections are coming up and new blood is not only encouraged to run but essential. This has been a relatively inactive year for ABATE on most fronts and the Board has been focusing on internal growth and change to become a stronger more effective organization. I and several of the Board members have expressed that we will not be running for office this November. It is therefore essential for new people with vision to step up and continue with ABATE's efforts to support and protect the motorcyclist community.

Each and every Local is also in the process of preparing for nominations to fill their Local's offices for the next year. I urge all members to become active in the operation of their ABATE Locals. Many

hands coordinated to complete a task make the job easier, overloads no one person and makes for a strong effective organization as a whole.

I've said it before and I'll say it again: "Complacency and apathy is easy and comfortable – but in the long run the cost of doing nothing is very high."

Keep Your Eyes Wide Open



*The Deadline for ABATE 2014-2015 Board Candidate Submissions and 2013 Freedom Fighter nominations was September 15, 2013.

Meeting with Anna Bryson

by Spike, Local 20

Gill and I jumped on our bikes and headed for south Orange County's 73rd Assembly District to meet with State Assembly candidate Anna Bryson. Our mission was to introduce ABATE and discover what Ms. Bryson's views and stances were on a number of biker issues. We were delighted to find a fellow freedom fighter.

Anna Bryson, the only Republican woman candidate, is a trustee on the Capistrano Unified School District board, California's 10th largest. Ms. Bryson has served as Board President and is a proven

education reformer.

Ms. Bryson's experience in a wide range of business roles helped her to be an effective and fiscally sound member of the board. She has owned a restaurant, was vice president of a marketing firm that serviced major corporate clients and owns a successful small business.

Ms. Bryson is fluent in Spanish. She is a life member of the NRA, a new member of ABATE (thanks to Gill), and has written "Preserving Liberties & Protecting Schoolchildren" in the February 2013 issue of The Firing Line.



We talked of our eroding freedoms and old subjects such as the helmet issue, lane sharing, biker discrimination and profiling.

Ms. Bryson, a rider herself, shares many of our concerns and I, for one, would like to see her reach her political goals so we can work together on our future political agenda.

Cheers – Spike, ABATE Local 20

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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 19.**

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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.

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.

Continued on next page

MARK "DOGMAN" CASTILLERO



Nominees for ABATE Board of Directors 2014-2015



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.

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



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

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Bios are on pages 4-6.

LOCAL NEWS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all you Freedom Fighter readers of this column! Due to the fact that the members of my Local who attend the monthly meetings will be attending the State Run, I have cancelled this month's regularly scheduled meeting at the Elks Lodge.

Due to the fact that the Love Ride is on the third Sunday of the month in October, I, president Sporty Milligan, decided to have the **October meeting the second Sunday of the month – October 13 - at Big Jim's Family Restaurant which is located in Sun Valley.**

In November we will resume the regular meetings at the Elks Lodge – third Sunday, November 17.

I hope that those of you who attended the ABATE State Run in Kernville had a ball. Wish I could have been there.

Regards, Sporty Milligan, President Local 1

Local #02 Simi Valley



Well September is almost over and time for changes! I'm personally getting excited for fall. To me it's the best riding weather of the year.

The smell of BBQ has lured me once again to our meeting. Thanks to our volunteer cooks Guy and Pattibock! We start serving our famous \$5.00 BBQ dinner at 6:45 pm; then our monthly meeting starts at 7:30 pm sharp. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 10049, 4242

East Los Angeles Street in Simi Valley. We all thank Post 10049 for their gracious hospitality, every month for many, many years!

Our Vice Pres. Scott filled in for Ray, after the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag, our VP talked about the upcoming elections for 2014. We all emphasized on new blood for the elected positions this time around, some of us have been doing it for many years in a row and would like to see others get involved as well.

We will be having our Christmas party here this year on December 10, which is the second Tuesday of the month by the way.

Our secretary, Jane, read the minutes and treasury report. Safety officer Norm talked about riding at your own skill level. Our road guy, Guy, talked again about the 25th Golden State Rendezvous. Guy also showed us our new style of ABATE shirts that we are doing for 2014. They are the mechanic type with our logo on the sleeve and the back. They will be a dark grey color - NO BLACK!!! Come to our next meeting and order one or two! These shirts look really good and I'm glad it's not a t-shirt.

We had our nominations as well, and would really like it for all to come on down and participate. It's not too late to get nominated! We miss all who couldn't be here and hope you are at our next meeting.

Ride Safe and Ride with Respect, PTL norm e.

Local #08 Orange County



ABATE Local 8 has **cancelled the Trick of Treat Run that was scheduled for 27 October 2013.** The high cost of insurance has caused the cancellation. We contacted Cook's Corner (our designated end point) to try to change the run to a static event, which would utilize their insurance and sidestep the insurance issue. This idea didn't fly.

In order to raise funds for Local 8 we are preparing to have a Local 8 booth at the

Long Beach Swap Meet in late September. If you read this in time, we could use your support.

Local 8 had a recent pizza party and we are planning to have another member outing in the near future. Come to the meeting and help plan the event.

Every meeting each attending member puts \$1 into the membership drawing can and we draw a tab from a can with all current Local 8 members. If you are at the meeting, you win the amount currently in the pot. We just modified the rules. If you are a life member and you haven't attended a meeting within the past year, we draw another name. The membership drawing is intended to get more members to attend meetings. Join us. You might win some bucks.

Larry

Local #17 Solano and Napa Counties



Local 17's annual Toy run is on Sunday, December 8. Run will begin at the Vacaville Moose Lodge, 6585 Gibson Canyon Road in Vacaville. We will meet at 9 am and depart at 11 am. Our final destination is the Veterans Hall in Dixon. PLEASE bring one unwrapped toy.

For more info: Glenn 707-624-6310 or Glennphillips01@comcast.net or www.Abate17.org.

Local #20 Orange County



LOCAL NEWS

We are excited to have Messengers of Recovery, with four of their members, join ABATE as a business member tonight. Thirty one members attended as well.

Azraels MC announced that they raised a total of \$6,400.00 for the San Clemente Military Family Outreach Program from last month's fund raiser.

Gill said that it is extremely important that you never use E15 Flex Fuel in your bike because it will destroy your fuel system.

Anna Bryson is running for State Assembly 2014 and though we don't live in her district everyone was encouraged to tell all friends and family that are in her district to vote for her because she is biker friendly.

Spike said that if you don't think that the government isn't watching and recording everything you do, you should Google, National Network of Fusion Centers and PRISM which are just some of the tools used by the US National Security Agency (NSA) to collect private electronic data belonging to users of major internet services like Gmail, Facebook, Outlook, and others. A total invasion of our privacy!

Make plans to join the 7th Annual Downed Biker Rally by Bikers for Christ on October 5th at 4905 E La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92807

We drew Rick Lister's name for the dollar draw but he was not at tonight's meeting so \$71.00 rolls over to next month.

Submitted by: ~Leenie~

Local #21 Antelope Valley



I didn't make the state run this year - bummer! But Mark, Ron and Ros did to represent our Local and I hear it was great!

We did send in some green to all the funds and Mark paid the lobby part of it. Thanks Mark! And thanks to all the really good Local 21 folks who show up at the meetings when I don't. I do feel like Antelope droppings and should be shot, but then who would send in the money? Being treasurer has its bennies.

Daryl for Local 21

Local #25 Sacramento



Ruby called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Steve Miller and his better half, Selina, were introduced as guests. Steve works for Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM), and is a member of Local 21.

Secretary Theresa H took the minutes for July; summarized, we talked about the Belden Town run. The Local voted to pay ABATE membership for Rick and Linda. Treasurer Joe says he will have full update next month. Our Membership/Public Relations position is vacant. Ron, merchandise, says we don't have much inventory.

Linda found out that Farrell's donates slightly blemished candy to worthy causes. She suggested we ask for the candy and include it in our Christmas baskets.

Gary H, PAC, said that SB 234 is off the Senate floor and on the Governor's desk with urgency clause. This is an off road bill that allows owners to put a back seat in their off road vehicles.

David M went to Belden Town. The site is on the river between Oroville and Quincy. Several raffle prizes were given away and they had bike games. This was supposed to be an ABATE event that never happened. The Locals will be more involved in the planning next year.

Local 25 sent 5 raffle prizes and Linda donated jam to the state run in Kernville. David and Joe planned to go early.

There is an article in the August Thunder Press honoring Ruby Weber. She was acknowledged at Sturgis.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be October 26 in Fresno. Our meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by: David Smart

Local #52 Grass Valley



It's a wrap! Summer is officially over (nice warm days notwithstanding), bike nights are fizzling out, and kids are back in school. Don't know where the time went, and I'm getting tired of saying that! I said I'd get to more events, do more riding, see more friends. Got busy and did less of all the above. There's always next year!

Thanks to Rex Holcomb for his business member renewal - 49er Auto and Bike Repair - and donation! Thanks also to Donna Reyes and Chris Wirtz for their membership renewals. Please help us get the word out. New members are few and far between.

The Grandfather's M/C will be looking for donations for the annual Turkey Feed. Once CrayZ and the crew get the details out I'll pass them on. Also, don't forget to support the Nevada County Food and Toy Run. These events are out a ways, but by the time this goes to print, the window will be closing!

Give me some input on a Christmas party this year. Do we want to do it? We've skipped it the past few years. It was always a lot of fun. If we can drum up the interest I'll get the planning in action early.

Enjoy the Fall riding. This part of the country is pretty fun to see this time of year.

Cheers! Craig



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Motorcycle Safety Report

by Norm e. Newiger, Safety Officer for Local 2

Riding at Your Own Skill Level

Have you ever heard this? "I learned my motorcycle riding skills from dirt bike riding when I was a kid." That was me for sure; it was the only legal way you could ride if you were under age. I started out on a Yamaha 80 scrambler back in 1968, and for a \$199.00 you could own a brand new bike, it thrilled me because back then \$199.00 was a lot of money! I learned many skills over the years with riders that were 100% above my skill level, but the most important thing I learned was that I couldn't ride at their level.

Down the road the two most influential dirt bike riding friends I had were pro riders that did everything with ease that I could only dream about doing! Maybe this was a good thing; I only had minor accidents that were low impact, and more of the bruising of the ego than the real pain of crashing.

My dad was all for me and my brothers riding motorcycles but never talked about safety or anything related to the perils of riding. He was a rider himself and I think back in those days you had to learn on your own, getting wisdom from whoever was available, including large oversized drunken men who had more scars than a small town had roads! True story! But they personified the true biker lifestyle. I knew from a distance how much they respected the freedom of riding.

As I got older my bike size increased and I acquired a BSA street bike from my dad when I was a junior in high school. I gradually learned the right way to ride real fast, as it was my only mode of transportation. Over the years some minor crashes actually helped me more than anything I could have learned.



Fast forward to this day! Riding today is so much different than the yesteryears of our past - it's true, period. We emphasize safety first not only for the motorcyclist but for the drivers of automobiles. We have many organizations world wide promoting education for both riders and drivers!

All this boils down to the individual rider amidst all the hoopla of the world! It's all about your skill level. It's about what you do in real time, there is no simulated training out there that could impact you more than what could happen to you in real time! But it is a great start, and what's cool is there are many groups, whether private or just a bunch of bikers, talking about real current day riding and sharing information that's really good. Kind of like me listening to the old farts of the past! You also have private schools and teachers that will give you or a group safety lessons as well as riding lessons. The information highway is so enormous and world wide you get real time facts and BS within seconds! And here's what it

boils down to: **Knowing Your Limitations.**

Many times when you ride with your friends or somebody you don't know, do you ever try to ride to their skill level? Be it more advanced than you or below yours. Even though I've been riding 40 plus years I've been smart enough to know my limitations, with years of dirt and street riding experience I've always found people with greater skills than mine, I've been tested and through experience knew when to pull back. This has saved me more than I can think of. When I was younger I was more daring to the point of recklessness, after a few - shall we say mishaps - I've learned the hard way and I was very fortunate nothing serious ever happened to me or the bike I was riding.

As I gravitated to the next level and so on, I've used my experience to help me keep two wheels on the road. The first thing I realized was the type of bike I had versus my friends, be it a touring type or a sport bike, I know that one does have an advantage going thru the hills versus just cruising.

As my youth left me years ago I'm a different rider today, I do push myself sometimes but my brain kicks in and let's me know how far I can go and sometimes I can almost regret what I just did or be just thankful for what I didn't do. I guess I'll chock it up to experience. It seems like the best rides I've been on are not the ones with just straight lines, it's all about the twisties, the mountain treks and so on.

I don't get mad at the hot rodders or crazy riders, I just let them pass me and, God willing, I'll see them at the top or bottom on two wheels. I don't care if they smack talk me about how safe I ride, be it Grandpa style or what ever they say, I know how good of a rider I am and at the end of the day that's what matters the most. By the way, I can lean and scrape the foot pegs thru the twisties, burn rubber, do wheelies and a few other things, but I also know when to do them and that wisdom has prolonged my riding life.

One more important thing as well as knowing your riding skills and level, you can be a super safe rider with an abundance of respect on the road but always make sure your bike is in great riding condition (looks don't matter), go thru your bike regularly making sure nothing of importance has vibrated off or is about to be vibrated off to include expensive decorative chrome parts! It doesn't require much time to do and it could save your life as well as replacing parts.

Always ride safe and with respect, norm e.

State Run Report

by Tina Sanders,
Run Chairman

Thank You to All that attended the ABATE of CA's Golden State Rendezvous State Run and those who couldn't but still supported the run by being t-shirt sponsors, pre-registered, and donating raffle prizes.

For those who missed it - it was a GREAT weekend. We had it all this year, starting with nice weather! Once weekend homes were set up, there were things to do if you weren't there for some R&R. At the ABATE booth Iceman and his Local 1 crew were selling raffle tickets. There was everything from motorcycle supplies and apparel to Christmas ornaments. Essa was selling

event run t-shirts along with ABATE state merchandise. While in vendor row you could stop by The Piliili Wagon for Indian Tacos, CCC Knives, Eagle Sky Silver, Direct Harley parts, Charla's tools, and to say "Hi" to Steve Miller at Aid to Injured Motorcyclist.

Competition started early with signing in for the Largest ABATE and Non-ABATE awards, Bike and People Games, Bike Show, Men's wet shorts and Women's wet t-shirt contests. And for the first time the State run had an Opportunity walk through the campsite. It was a BIG hit! We ended the night with entertainment by the "Left Coast Groovies".

On Saturday the Widow Makers got us



State Run Report

started us off with the Harmon Memorial Local 11, and largest Non-ABATE group ride; then got right to work on the Bike and People games. Before going back to camp participants signed up their motorcycles for the Bike Show.

Then, it was finally time to present our winners from the day's activities: Opportunity walk winner was Linda Hammer Local 13 and Cheryl Clark Local 11. Bike Game winners: Wienie Bike was Critter and Amanda; and Slow Race was Jeff. People game winners: Wheelchair race, GForce and Marie.

Thank You! Great job Widow Makers and Local 40 for supplying the fun and plaques!

Bike Show winners: Shirley Parsons for Classic; Bill Shearer for Custom; Sherry Reilly for American Cruiser; "Daddy Rat" Roy Tate for Rat Bike; Matt Deslaurier for Metric Cruiser; and "Gamer" Bob Krause for Best in Show.

Opportunity drawing winner was Shirley Parsons. Shirley donated it back to ABATE. Thank You!

Largest ABATE Local in attendance was

Local 11, and largest Non-ABATE group was the Boozefighters – thank you for your support of ABATE!

While the talent got checked in for the Wet contest, "English Revolver" started entertaining us. Then, it was time for the Wet Contests. Sarge emceed the women's contest and Sherry emceed the men's contest. Between the talent and the judges it was very entertaining! You can use your imagination! The winner for the Men's Wet Shorts contest was Randy from Barstow. And for the Women's Wet T-shirt contest the winner was XXXXXX! Thanks to our judges, Sarge and Sherry, and the talent for the entertainment.

To all that donated raffle prizes - Thank You! ABATE of CA Locals 00, 1, 2, 3, 11, 13, 17, 20, 23, 25, 38, 44, 47, 52 and 58, AIM, BikerCrap.com, Boozefighters, Charla's Tools, CCC Knives, Direct Harley Parts, Dan Buse, Eagle Sky Silver, Hank Hallmark, Ferris Optical, Frandy Campground, Fred & Patty Cammack, Law Tiggers, Nick's Computer Works, RidgeCrest

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Now, for everyone that volunteered and put this event together for you: Carol Cromwell, Esaa DePew, Fred & Patty up at Sign-in. ABATE Local 1, High-Desert Trikers, Iceman, Sherry & Rich Wilhelm, Lil' David, Rick & Loretta Tollope, Jim Nickla, Ed Aranda & Barbara for running the raffle booth, Steve Broughton for manning our Bike show, Ken Samples, Nick Benson & Sarge for traffic control, Sporty for rallying the troops! We missed ya!

I didn't forget those I recruited at various projects: Jim Fillo, Elmer Simeon, and Christopher & Randy. And last, but not least, Frandy campground and their crew, Beverly, Mike, Tony, Big Red Dog, Jim D and Rob, for having us again.

If I've left anyone out I apologize in advance. THANK YOU TO ALL!



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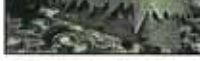
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COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS



CHRISTIAN AND VETERAN BIKERS SUE OVER BEING THROWN OUT OF FAIR:

Motorcyclists who were thrown out of the Florida State Fair for displaying their love of America and Christianity on their vests must amend their lawsuit, a federal judge has ruled.

According to Courthouse News, Mark Denico, Thomas Griswold Jr., Timothy Newberry and Dennis Walsted had arrived at the Florida State Fair on February 7, 2010. Denico and Griswold are members of the U.S. Military Vets Motorcycle Club, while Newberry and Walsted belong to the Spirit Riders Motorcycle Ministry. Walsted said he was planning to "lead all the motorcyclists in prayer once inside the fair," but he and the others were escorted out once they paid for admission. Fair rules ban gang colors or signs, and members of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office told the quartet that they could not enter the fair while wearing vests with the patches indicating motorcycle club membership.

Tampa Bay Times reported that approximately 50 bikers from numerous clubs were turned away that day. In their subsequent lawsuit, the four accused law enforcement and fair officials of violating their First Amendment rights to freedom of association and religion.

U.S. District Judge Virginia Hernandez Covington nevertheless dismissed the complaint without prejudice because it failed to specifically indicate claims under the federal civil right law Section 1983, which creates a private right of action for civil damages. The fair demonstrated that the

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"2 MILLION BIKERS TO DC" TRUMPS "MILLION MUSLIM MARCH":

A few dozen demonstrators attending a rally on the National Mall, once billed as the "Million Muslim March", were vastly outnumbered by hundreds of thousands of motorcycle riders from across America participating in the "2 Million Bikers to DC" ride to honor September 11 victims and to counter the pro-Muslim rally that many said was inappropriate for such a solemn day in U.S. history.

The American Muslim Political Action Committee scheduled the rally to draw attention to what it said is an unfair and ongoing fear of Muslims after the September 11 terrorist attacks. Among the bikers, however, the provocatively scheduled rally was considered an insult to the nearly 3,000 people who died on September 11, 2001, when Islamic terrorists hijacked three commercial jets and crashed them into the World Trade Center buildings in New York and the Pentagon in Arlington. Another hijacked plane headed for Washington, D.C. crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Though the biker gathering fell short of 2 million strong, some estimates ran as high as 880,000 riders, and "What began as an idea on Facebook quickly turned into a national movement thanks to social media and dedicated bikers from around the nation," wrote the Examiner.com; and as bikers from as far away as the west coast began their journey to D.C., Twitter lit up with photos and vid-

eos showing thousands of bikes overflowing out of rest stops and parking lots as the hastily organized ride gained momentum.

So many turned out that plans to have them ride through the streets of the Capital had to be changed, particularly in light of the fact that local authorities denied a permit that would have provided the riders a police escort through traffic -- a sore spot with organizers who believe the denial was for political purposes.

"We didn't need a permit in the first place," National Event Organizer Belinda Bee told a local Fox News station, citing D.C. law; "it shall not be an offense to assemble or parade on a District street, sidewalk, or other public way, or in a District park, without having provided notice or obtained an approved assembly plan." So the event went on -- legally -- without the permit, although the group apologized to the public that "What could have been a one or two hour ride through" tied up Beltway traffic from early morning into the afternoon.

Co-founders Belinda Bee and "Top Fuel" Bill Williamson credited everyone who helped with the unprecedented success of this year's ride, and promised another ride next year, "and every year for September 11."

"Sending out a BIG Thank You to all who supported and cheered on the 2 Million Bikers to DC ride," e-mailed Angel Richardson, a member of the NCOM Board of Directors who attended the hugely successful event; "We have a kick ass bunch of patriots!"

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"plaintiffs' naked reference to § 1983 is insufficient for defendants or this court to assume that they intended to bring [counts one through nine] under its rubric," according to the ruling. "Plaintiffs may have identified constitutional rights alleged to have been violated, but have failed to allege causes of action associated with those violations," Covington added.

The judge also declined to give the plaintiffs an injunction restraining the defendants from "ordering, compelling, bullying, requesting, coercing, or threatening a member of a motorcycle club or motorcycle ministry to remove their vests with 'patches' on them signifying membership within a particular organization." Injunctions are appropriate only if plaintiffs can show they will continue to be harmed during the course of litigation, according to the ruling. "Conspicuously absent from the operative complaint is any allegation that the plaintiffs intend to return to the Florida State Fair wearing their prohibited patches or that the plaintiffs face specific future harm at the hands of the defendants," Covington wrote. Vaguely alleging that "the Florida State Fair Authority will continue to selectively exclude certain motorcyclists from the fair" is not sufficient to reach the standard for an injunction, the court ruled, and so the club members must amend their complaint before moving forward with the lawsuit.

MOTORCYCLIST FINED FOR TIRE

TREADS: A New York rider who set out for a Friday the 13th motorcycle trip to Port Dover, Ontario told local CTV News that he was unfairly ticketed and pulled off the roads by Waterloo Regional Police in Canada. Jeff Selby of Elmira, NY claims the officers were excessive in their punishment after a routine roadside check found the tread on his motorcycle tires was point five millimeters under code.

Selby says he offered to drive his bike straight to a repair shop to have the tire replaced but the officers said no. "He goes it doesn't matter. Your bike will be off the road as of today. We're gonna take your plate, we're gonna charge you and you're gonna have to get a tow truck."

Selby told the news station that he understands the safety concerns but says he has a clean driving record and deserves a warning first, and that the five hundred or more dollars he's now facing in fines, relicensing fees and towing cost is exorbitant. Police there say the law is the law and you can't put a price on safety, adding that when it comes to safety there's no room for warnings or second chances and it's their responsibility

that's on the line.

The legal regulation for tires on any motorized vehicle is that they have to have at least 1.5 millimeters of tread on the majority of the tires circumference.

SIHK-ING HELMET EXEMPTIONS

DOWN UNDER: On April 23, 2013, Queensland became the fourth Australian province to exempt bicyclists from the Sikh community from wearing a helmet. Calling it a "common-sense approach," Queensland transport minister Scott Emerson said, "By amending the Queensland Road Rules, we will join Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia which also have this exemption."

Now, Sikh motorcycle riders are seeking exemption from helmet laws as well. Harpreet Singh, who is originally from New Delhi, told ABC News that he has not ridden a motorbike since moving to Tasmania in 2008 because of the legal requirement to wear a helmet. Members of the Sikh faith wear turbans for religious reasons and do not want to remove them. "I have ridden motorbikes all my life and in India it is allowed and even in the UK, Canada and the US, Sikhs can ride a bike with a turban on."

Anti-discrimination commissioner Robin Banks says it would be better to exempt the entire Sikh religion, in order to avoid the situation where every Sikh has to apply for an exemption and then prove they have one if they are stopped by the police. She also points to other parts of the world where similar changes have been made: "In Canada there's been human rights cases that have decided that instead of having to wear a motorbike helmet, or even a safety helmet on building sites, [they] are permitted to wear their turbans."

The Tasmanian Government says the transport commissioner has the power to exempt individuals from wearing a helmet. In Tasmania, the fine for not wearing a helmet is \$140 and three demerit points.

ACCIDENTS POSSIBLY LINKED TO BRAIN MISCALCULATIONS:

Incidences of cars pulling out in front of motorcyclists run regularly in headlines -- locally, statewide and throughout the nation -- and there could be a scientific reason. Recent research by a Texas Tech University psychologist suggests that the regularity of this problem isn't necessarily a case of poor driving or carelessness, but may be related to a basic human judgment error.

Pat DeLucia, the coordinator of the Human Factors Psychology Program, said her results show that small, near objects can appear farther away than larger, farther objects. The study is published in the peer-

viewed scientific psychology journal "Current Directions in Psychological Science."

An interest in softball prompted DeLucia to study how the human brain perceives objects, their size and motion and an object's time to impact. Her finding -- that an object's size affects distance perception -- may be the basis explaining why car drivers miscalculate motorcyclists' distance and speed.

Many times, the brain interprets objects with a larger retinal image as closer. Since motorcycles are smaller than cars, DeLucia said the brain may use this shortcut to judge a smaller motorcycle farther away than it actually is.

This size-arrival effect can lead drivers to misjudge when a vehicle would arrive at an intersection and could be considered a contributing factor in motorcycle/vehicle accidents.

DeLucia hopes to find funding from the Texas Department of Transportation to create an educational program to inform drivers of her findings and reduce the incidents of these types of accidents.

HONDA TOUTS TECHNOLOGY TO CUT MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES:

Honda North America executives announced that the Japanese automaker hopes two experimental safety technologies it is testing could help reduce pedestrian and motorcycle deaths by the end of the decade. By equipping a car and smartphone with wireless dedicated short range communications technology, Honda said it can alert both a driver and pedestrian, or motorcycle rider, of an impending collision.

Vehicle-to-Pedestrian and Vehicle-to-Motorcycle technologies are still in the early development and testing stages, but Honda intends to integrate the advanced collision sensing and predictive technologies into their vehicles through a special licensed radio band that allows cars to send and receive messages from surrounding vehicles. The system that might be an app one day on a smartphone is capable of alerting drivers that a pedestrian or motorcycle is near, even if the driver can't see them, in time to avoid a collision.

Jim Keller, chief engineer for Honda R&D Americas, Inc. said connected vehicle technology could be on the road by 2020, and the technology would be much cheaper than implementing cameras and other safety systems equipped on vehicles today.

Honda is one of eight automakers involved in a federal vehicle-to-vehicle communication study which began a year ago in Ann Arbor with the help of the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute and has been extended six months.

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Pac/Lobbyist Report

by Dave Hastings, Treasurer

The 2013 ABATE State Run is now in the books and I would like to be one of the many who say "Thank You" to all of our volunteers that worked their collective butt's off so the rest of us could have a great time last weekend. This annual event is one of our ABATE functions that always contributes every penny earned to our organization. I also need to say "Thanks" to every participant, and especially the non-ABATE people, that paid their way through the gate and helped ABATE of California with our fund raising, fun filled, weekend! We were treated to excellent live bands both evenings, bike and people games, vendors and food booths, and a first class music system that provided free entertainment during the day. Mother Nature provided great weather for the weekend, and as usual the Kernville community welcomed us into their lovely river front town with open arms. I always appreciate the opportunity to visit with our ABATE members from all over the state and this year was no exception. If you haven't been to this event you need to put it on your "must do" list for 2014. Help yourself to a great time and help ABATE in the process!

Statewide elections for ABATE Board of Directors and Local Officers will be upon us quickly and I encourage you to vote for your 2014 leaders both on the State and Local level. You control ABATE of California through the ballot box so take advantage of that power and use it to shape 2014 into a productive and ultimately successful year for our organization.



As we all know 2014 will also be an election year for our State of California politicians. The November 2014 races will start heating up rapidly and we will be getting involved with many of the candidates in their quest for office. Keep a close eye on events and people in your area and get involved with your ABATE PAC process so we can have an opportunity to influence the outcome of some of the races that will directly benefit California On and Off Road riders. We all have the chance to volunteer and ultimately, heavily influence the outcome of these political races in our areas.

Contact the ABATE state office and we will do our best to prepare you for the upcoming political season.

In the meantime, get yourself ready for the changing motorcycle and political weather ahead and remember to attend and support every ABATE function you can to close out 2013. We need your support and your hard earned dollars along with a generous contribution of your time to be successful. ABATE members are truly special people and we need to encourage others to get involved with protecting their rights. Ask them to join us in our fight for freedom and the preservation of the rights our founding fathers guaranteed us when they signed their name to the Declaration of Independence and started this great country.

ABATE means many things to many people, but it too was founded, and is still based on a "Dedication to Freedom". Help us guarantee the rights of every rider in this state and don't be afraid to ask for help from another rider. There is strength in numbers and we need to continue to gather more members to ensure we win every battle, not just a select few. We must build a political organization that is unbeatable if we wish to be unstoppable. Let's get started now.

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WEIRD NEWS: BLIND DISABLED MOTORCYCLIST SETS SPEED RECORD: The dangers of riding a motorcycle are obvious even to able-bodied operators, yet blind, disabled Scottish biker Stuart Gunn threw caution to the wind by setting a new world record by clocking 167.1 mph.

Gunn is a real world Daredevil, and with a little help from his father, Geoff, the pair ride together and dad cheerfully informs his son if he's drifting or should brake, assisting his blind and paralyzed-from-the-waste-down son to beat world speed records.

"I hope this proves to people that just because you are blind or have a disability doesn't mean it should change or limit your life," says Gunn, the World's Fastest Blind Motorcycle Rider.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The natural progress of things is for liberty to yield, and government to gain ground." ~Thomas Jefferson to Edward Carrington, Paris, May 27, 1788~

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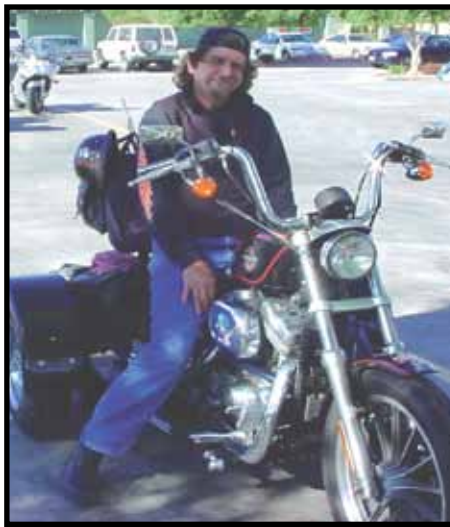
by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan

Hi all! It's time to gather round your hard copy of the Bailing Wire for another exciting chapter of Sporty's Rides. For the past couple of installments I have started out the column by giving you a brief update of the condition of my broken leg. I have been regulated to wearing a boot walker. I wear this when I go to my doctors appointments. I am doing exercises to strengthen my ankle and toes. This will help make it easier to walk on the foot when my doctor says I can put pressure on my foot. The plan for that will depend on how it goes at my next visit October 8. Again, say a prayer for this visit to be successful. When I say successful I mean that the doctor is satisfied that the area where the break is has growth enough to not require an additional surgery to put in more bone marrow. That would result in at least another month of down time before I could put pressure on my foot.

This has been, to say the least, very demoralizing. The time goes slowly by. I get a lot of computer time. However I miss ABATE events like the state run. I just hope my members who are filling in for me do a good job of keeping you entertained. Ice-man is running the raffle booth. If he does as good a job as he did at the Regional Rally you will have a smooth running booth. He has a crew of dedicated helpers from Local 1 and his trike club to make things go smoothly.

Local 1 has been given a booth at the Love Ride (October 20). Hopefully, God willing, I will be able to be a part of that group, but like I said earlier in the column I have to wait until October 8 to see how things go.

We're going to have our next meeting for Local 1 the second week in October on Sunday the 13th at 9 am. At this meeting things



will be decided because this Local 1 meeting is after the October 8 doctor's appointment with my bone specialists.

Anyway, I miss riding bad but I will just have to be patient. On the Local 1 horizon we have the annual Fred Jordan mission toy run on December 8th and next year in February we have the Polar Bear run. Just to let you know, I have my old 2002 883 in the garage and I periodically go out and start it up to keep the battery charged.

Ok folks, please do what you can to help ABATE. And, again, wish me luck for a faster recovery time! I am going nuts!

By the way, I feel that because of my injury I might have let you folks down with my inability to be out and about. I am up for reelection to the Board of Directors and I am running again – I should be able to fulfill all my duties next year. Ok with that said, I close and wish you all safe travels when you're out on your motorcycle. And please support the membership drive by getting new members and keeping renewals in the fold. Thanks!

Regards, Sporty

HELP! MISSING BANNERS!

by Carol Cromwell

To those of you who attended the state run – THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!! I do not have an accounting of anything yet, but the campground was full and it appeared that ALL had a great time!!

HOWEVER I do have a have a BIG concern for any who attended - if you saw anything, know anything about this...

The ABATE STATE RALLY BANNER and the BLUES FEST BANNER were both MISSING Sunday morning from Frandy. The ABATE Banner was on the entrance gate to the campground and the Blues Fest Banner was on Frandy's fence facing the Street.

If anyone knows anything about this - well, the State Office would like the ABATE Banner back (10240 7th Ave; Hesperia, CA 92345-2631); and Frandy would like the Blues Fest Banner back (11252 Kernville Rd; Kernville, CA 93238) – their event has not happened yet, so they still need to advertise it.

In the many years that we have had our event at Frandy – and the graciousness of them letting us use their entire site for our annual event and keeping cost affordable to us – it is really a shame to have had this happen on the weekend that we were there!

Just to let you know that decent campgrounds that allow bikers to attend and remain affordable are hard to come by these days; so I hope we do not get ABATE's and biker's reputation in general tarnished with Frandy owners.

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October 6 – ABATE Local 17 (Solano & Napa Counties) – Fallen Riders Memorial Run (See flyer this issue)

October 12 – ABATE Local 27 – Carnival & Concert, Riverside (See flyer in this issue).

October 13 – ABATE Local 17 (Solano & Napa Counties) – Annual Fall Run (See flyer this issue)

October 26 – 4th 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 26th 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 23 – ABATE Local 38 (Imperial Valley) – Annual Turkey Run

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 Madeira) 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

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

All Event flyers that have been received are also on ABATE's web-site 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 by the 15th 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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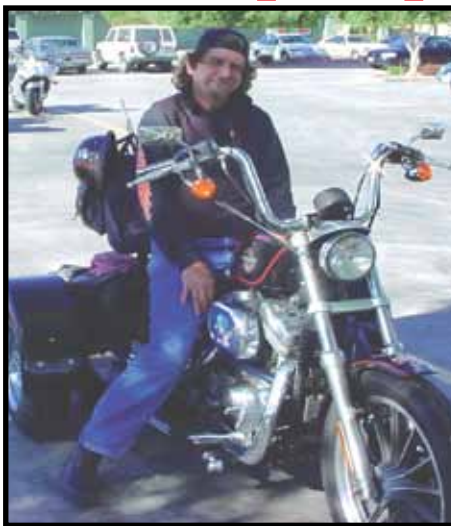
by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan,
Membership Chairman

Hi all! Once again it is time for the Membership report. As you all know we are doing our annual membership drive. As of this writing we have gotten 98 members for the drive – Thank You!

Local 1 is doing the Love Ride event with its annual Local 1 booth. I am hopeful that we can score some new members at this event and perhaps we might get some business members as well.

I realize that the other Locals will be having events where you might be able to get members as well. My hope for the up-coming month till the end of the drive will be to generate lots of new member traffic.

I am also reminding you each month through this column to do your best to retain your renewals. By retaining your renewals you go a long way toward strengthening your Local.



Our state office can assist you with the needed supplies to help your membership chairpeople do their job better. We have copies of the ABATE accomplishments and membership applications which help you in your quest to obtain new members. How you get new members is your goal to improving the over-

all outlook of your Local, which help build up the organization as a whole.

Finally when you get new members make them feel a part of the Local. Another thought; please feel free to let the other Locals know what your Local is doing to get new members and also how or what you are doing to keep your Local members in the fold. The more we share ideas on the ways you get and keep your members, the better it is for ABATE as a whole.

With that said, please share your ideas on how to keep and retain your members by emailing your ideas to: sportymilligan@yahoo.com. Remember there is unity and strength in numbers of members.

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Events like this help ABATE!

We will do our best to recognize your generosity by thanking you here, if we leave you off – please contact carol@abate.org or Dave Hastings 760/947-4700 and we'll get you on next month's list. YOU ALL deserve a pat on the back and to be thanked!!!

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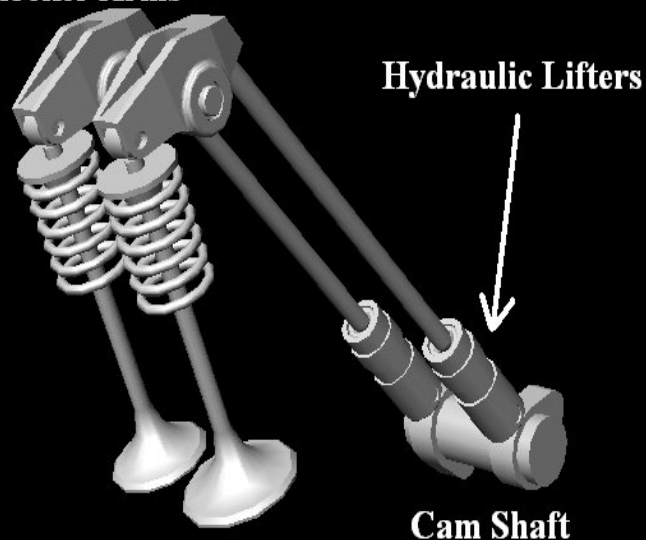
One of the primary differences between the traditional air cooled V-Twin engine and their overhead cam counterparts is the valve train. The former uses lifters, pushrods, and rocker arms. More moving parts and added weight compared to the much higher revving, short stroked overhead cam engine which needs none of the components listed above. The cam lobes are in direct contact (well, sort of) with the valve. The sort of is the cap and shim used to adjust the valves.



To Harley's credit, sticking by the old set up retained a target market that proved quite successful. Charles Colton once said that *imitation is the sincerest form of flattery*. Good point! The Japanese cruiser market ran with this theme, and some may argue, gave the Motor Company a pause for cause. This month's column focuses on the pushrod.

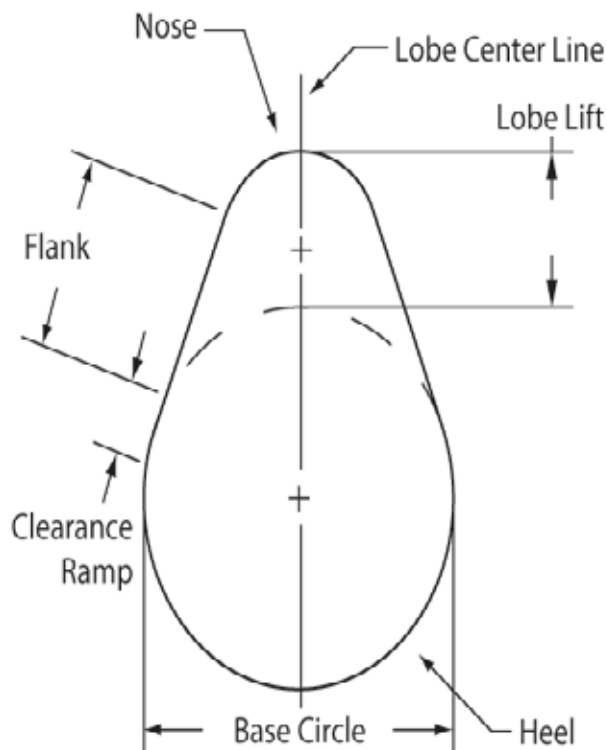
The function of the pushrod is pretty straight forward. It's the connection between the lifter and the rocker arm.

Rocker Arms



Stock Harleys from the Knucklehead to the Twin Cam utilize a solid (non-adjustable) pushrod. In addition to some dimensional differences, the Knuck, Pan, and Shovel pushrods were without an oil channel. Evo and TC styles are hollow. This allows oil to pump up from the lifters to the top end. They are designed to operate with enough length to preload the hydraulic lifter. The intake rods are the shortest, the exhaust rods are longest. When removing them from the engine, note their position.

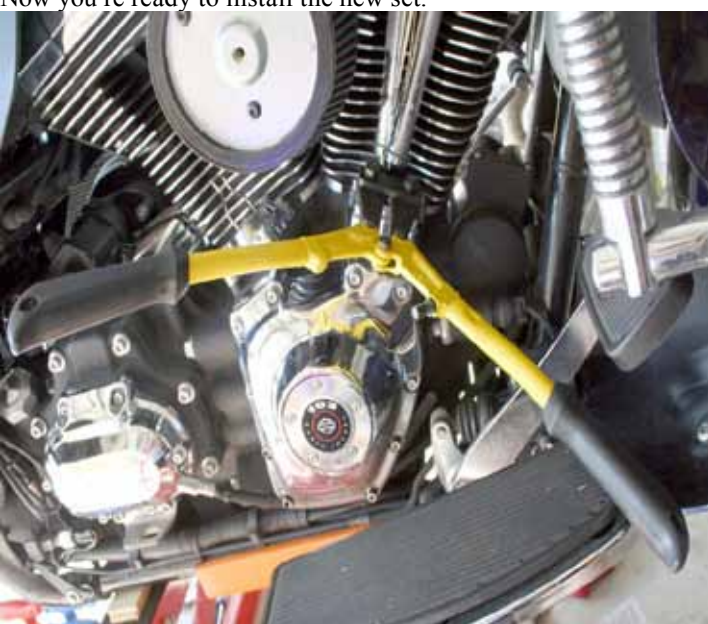
Certain aftermarket cams will have a larger base circle than stock. This will increase the lift outside of the cam lobe's lift duration which can potentially preclude the valve from seating completely. This is one of circumstances that require the use of adjustable pushrods.



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Another reason would be the use of solid lifters. Without the "self-adjusting" function of a hydraulic lifter, solid lifters will require a small amount of play to ensure full closure of the valve. A specific amount of "lash" is required for proper adjustment.

In the adjustable pushrod department, there are two basic types. One is simply adjustable in length and still requires the removal of rocker assemblies to install. The other is known as an EZ Install or other vernacular. These pushrods are the wonderful invention that allows removal and installation without rocker box tear down. When it comes time to replace cam chain shoes, cams, or any other work that requires unloading the valve train, it is usually less expensive to buy the easy install pushrods than to pay for the rocker box disassembly, gaskets, and reassembly. The process is a little unnerving at first, but it works well. Just cut the stock pushrods with bolt cutters on the unloaded cylinder. Rotate the engine to unload the valve train on the other cylinder and then cut those out. Now you're ready to install the new set.



When buying adjustable style pushrods make sure the product literature specifies the "easy install" function. Word of caution for Twin Cam owners: Replacing the pushrod covers with the longer upper Evolution style parts will allow significantly more room to work during the adjustment process. The stock TC covers leave little room to work! Some kits come with everything you need; the new cover pieces, o-rings, and of course the pushrods. These kits are usually the most economical option and are of high quality.



Lastly, not all pushrods are threaded equal! Different thread pitches will require different adjustments. For example, the Screamin Eagle Quick Install rods require 2.5 turns from zero lash. Others will require 4 full turns due to a finer thread pitch. Check with the manufacturer.

Ride safe!

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 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.