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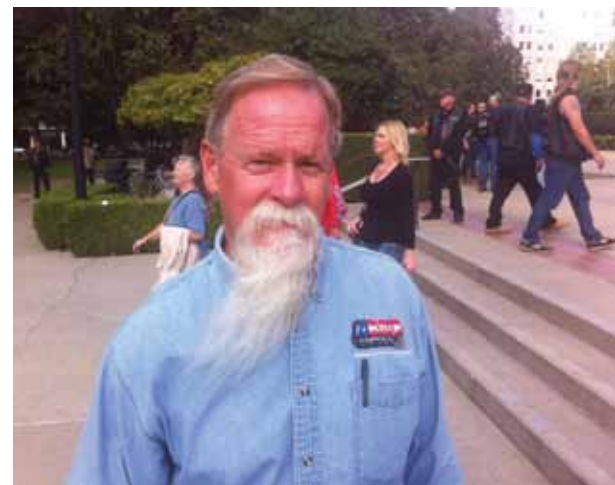
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**Spike and Gill met once again with  
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## *Executive Director's Report*



**by Dave Hastings, Executive  
Director**

The holiday season is upon us and this will be my last article for 2015. Remember we will not print a Bailing Wire magazine in January because we combine the January and February editions into one issue after the new 2016 Board of Director members take office at our January meeting. I'm going to combine my PAC/Lobbyist information into this article also because the legislature is currently in recess and ABATE is in a holding pattern until they return at the beginning of the new year. We have several pieces of legislation that we are supporting that were introduced in 2015 and we are still monitoring those bills at this time. Jim Lombardo will give more information regarding these bills in his article so I will move on to other items.

I want to say "Thank You" to every member and Local statewide that responded to my request for funds for our Lobbyist account. We have paid Jim for the fourth quarter of 2015 and are on our way to raising enough fund-

ing to start off 2016. You, our loyal ABATE members, have again voted with your pocketbook's to make sure we have the funds to continue our lobbying efforts in Sacramento. Hopefully the outpouring of support exhibited by our members will continue throughout 2016 and into the years to come.

ABATE has made a name for itself and earned the respect of the legislators in Sacramento by always being focused, determined, and adamant about our desire to protect and improve motorcycle riding and rights in California. Jim Lombardo's lobbying efforts have been a big part of us achieving our goals and his advice and expertise in the politics of Sacramento have been very helpful to our organization over the course of the last twenty-some years. Your donations today will ensure our ABATE success and influence will continue into the years to come and for that I, and hopefully every other rider in California, am grateful and appreciative.

In closing I would like to wish you and yours a very joyous holiday season and remind everyone to enjoy and cherish the time you spend with family members and friends. I'm very proud of my extended ABATE family and the friendships this organization has allowed me to make. So, no matter how hectic the holiday season seems, take some time to enjoy what's left of 2015, celebrate the holidays with your own unique family traditions and festivities, and let's get ready to ride in 2016! Dave H.

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## What is ABATE?

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

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

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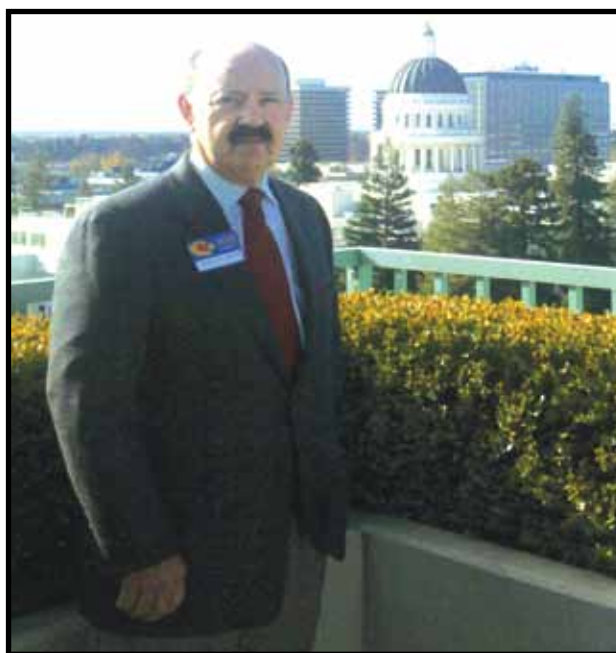
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## Lobbyist's Report



### by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

The Legislature remains in recess until January 4. They are busy traveling to various parts of the world exploring new ideas, which means good junkets to go on for free! Meanwhile, when they return, they will have to deal with the bills left over from the first part of the 2015-16 session, then introduce more bills and get ready for a big election year.

Bills left over from last session that concern California motorcycle riders: 1) Assemblyman Cooley's AB 334, the "motorcyclist anti-profiling bill" will have to be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee before the end of January. If not passed by the Assembly by

then — it's dead. 2) AB 51 by Assemblyman Bill Quirk, a bill which will codify lane splitting has passed the Assembly and is in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee. Because it has passed the Assembly already, it has to pass the Senate by July 1, 2016.

I attended the California Motorcyclist Safety Program Advisory Committee Annual Meeting in October, as ABATE of California's designated representative. The new Program Director, Lee Parks of Total Control, gave an update. They have trained over 41,000 riders so far this year, with a higher number of failures for riders taking the course. Their philosophy is to have safer, better trained, riders pass the CMSP, rather than just push people through as the previous contractor may have done to generate numbers and increase revenue!

One other issue came up with the Highway Patrol spokesman telling the Advisory Board that **ALL** motorcycles must have the EPA muffler noise compliance stamp on them or they can be cited for a noise violation. I pointed out, **VERY STRONGLY**, that they were completely wrong!

The Vehicle Code states **ONLY** motorcycles manufactured after 2013 are required to have the EPA stamp on their mufflers. They sheepishly conceded that I was correct!

Thanks to **ALL** ABATE Members and Locals who stepped up so that I could be paid for this last quarter. January comes soon with the Legislature returning with serious issues concerning motorcyclists to be considered.

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

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## November 15, 2015 ABATE Board of Directors Meeting Recap

**Submitted by Dave Hastings,  
Executive Director**

Because of the mandated CHP road closures, we had no choice but to cancel the Board of Directors meeting originally scheduled for October 17th in Fresno. So, on November 15th we held an "On-Line" BOD meeting to close out 2015 and fulfill our mandated four meetings schedule for the year. This will be a quick recap of that meeting and the "official" minutes will be available soon.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm and was attended by a quorum of (7) of our (11) BOD members. Tom Lubbers, "Sarge" Matthews, "Sporty" Milligan, and "Spike" were unable to attend and were excused. After routine introductions and start-up business was conducted we held a "Moment of Silence" for Local 8 member Geno Ruecker, Local 17 member Anthony "Sonny" Zappetta, and Local 44 member Christine "Blondie" Walters. Again, may their family and friends take comfort in knowing that we will never forget these individuals and the contributions each made to ABATE of California.

Mark "Dogman" Castillero, our State Treasurer, then presented his report and brought several items to our attention that were noted in the report. The report was accepted and unanimously approved by the BOD.

I then delivered my State of the State report and brought up the fact that we need to seek new ways to recruit and retain members. One of my suggestions was for our Local Presidents to visit the HOG Chapters and M/C Clubs in their area and ask for permission to make a short monthly ABATE presentation. Ideally we can establish a mutually beneficial information exchange with these organizations that may lead to some new members and support for ABATE.

Speaking of supporting ABATE, we still have one BOD position open and available for our 2016 Board. If you or a member of your Local are interested in becoming a BOD volunteer please send a short bio to the State Office and we will contact you for a possible appointment to the open position at our January BOD meeting.

I also thanked my fellow BOD members for participating in the "on-line" meeting and recommended we start using this format for two of our scheduled meetings next year. We would still have two "in-person" meetings (one in the North and one in the South) and the "on-line" format will save the Board and our members the time and expense of traveling to all four meetings each year. This would make being a "volunteer" BOD member or State Officer more affordable and possibly more enticing to any member considering a run for any State Office position. We will discuss this option in greater detail at our January meeting.

Carol Cromwell reminded everyone reports are due on the 15th of each month for inclusion in the Bailing Wire. Gill Mellen encouraged everyone to think about possible legislation to be introduced in 2016 and feels we should reexamine the current "Right of Way" law in California to see if we can get stronger penalties added to the law for violations that cause serious injury or death to motorcycle riders. I then let everyone know that we have submitted our 2016 ABATE insurance application and are waiting for a price quote.

The next agenda item was the 2015 State Run in Kernville. I reminded the BOD the event was managed by a promoter this year and after all was said and done we made a profit. I feel we need to review this event at our January BOD meeting and determine if the event will occur next year.

The BOD then approved continuation of free "Associate Memberships" for purchasers of motorcycles at a licensed dealer and (10) free "Associate Memberships" will be allotted to each Local in 2016 to recruit new members for ABATE.

Under New Business I informed everyone that our Lobbyist, Jim Lombardo, has been paid for 2015 and we are well on our way to having enough funds in the Lobbyist Account to retain him in 2016. I feel our members have spoken with their pocketbooks regarding the program and hopefully the commitment they have shown at this point in time will continue throughout the coming year.

The 2015 Freedom Fighter Award will be presented to the family of Anthony Michael "Sonny" Zappetta of Local 17. The award will be respectfully presented by fellow 2016 BOD member and Local 17 President, Glenn Phillips.

The last agenda item was setting a date and location for the January 2016 Board of Directors meeting. We gave approval for Local 20 to host the meeting in Orange County and Gill has secured January 23rd for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.



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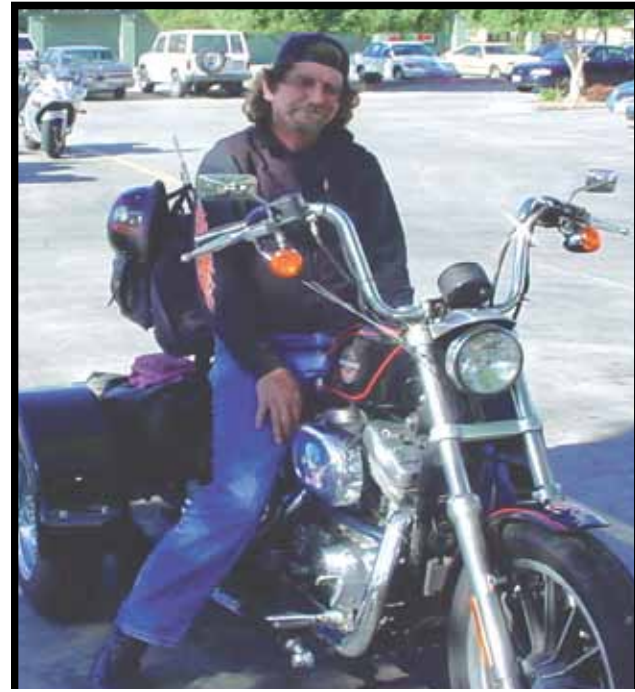
by Lee "Sporty" Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hi all! Sporty with this month's Membership report. This is the last Membership report for 2015. I am hoping that we were able to meet my goal of 150 new members. I also hope that you were able to keep your renewals who are the back bone of our organization.

I am not sure what it is going to take to get you to help out with the Membership program on the state level. We could use some ideas to make the Membership program better. So please help us out with some suggestions. You can email me at [williammilligan285@yahoo.com](mailto:williammilligan285@yahoo.com)

At the ABATE Board meeting in January I will give out the prize money for the 2015 Membership Drive. So you still have time to get busy and get new members! Carry your membership cards with you when you are doing the toy runs this year. The ABATE organization, which helps prevent bad laws against motorcyclists in California, welcomes members. Do your best to help increase our membership.

At this point I rest my case on the membership report. Regards, Sporty, Membership Chairman



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Frank Conard, Past President of Local 22, and a current ABATE Member; Ernie "Godfather" Dorsey, Local 40 President, (passed in December 2014); Sandy (Benjamin) Lake, Local 3/13; Alan Molineux, Local 44; Geno Ruecker, Local #8 & B.W.S.P.; Art Truex, Local #20 & IWMC #433; Dave "Grumpy" Turner, Local 44; Bruce Abbott Waldron, aka Long Distance Rider, Local 24; Christine "Blondie" Walters, Local #44 & F.O.E. #4181; Brian Scott Wassell, aka Briman, Local 2; Rocky White, Local 17; Anthony "Sonny" Zappetta, Local 17; Rest In Peace, May they ride Forever Free.

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## Local #01 Los Angeles



Local 1 lives on in spite of the low meeting attendance. At our meeting this morning the following members showed: Jeri Alexander, Shelia Lindsey, Kathleen Edwards, Jim Nickla, Dale Ferrens, Bob Warren and his lady friend, Robert Nadler and Ralph and Mickey Walker.

We discussed the political bills AB-51, AB-344 and AB-8, also informed the membership of our treasury balance.

We talked about the change in the December 13th toy run, which is scheduled to be held at Glendale Harley Davidson. This year we will be taking toys to the Hillside Family Resource Center.

Changes for the 2016 Polar Bear run were discussed, with the start and finish being at the same venue, but due to weather conditions being testy, doing a possible rain date.

Jim Nickla donated the rest of the ABATE Local 1 t-shirts to be sold by me with the stipulation that the first \$100 of the sales goes to the lobbyists fund. The shirts will cost the Local 1 members \$10 and non-members \$15. We sold \$60 worth of shirts. Sizes left are large and extra-large.

I called the meeting to a close and we had the good Elks Lodge breakfast.

Regards, Sporty Milligan, President Local 1

## Local #02 Simi Valley



Yes! The last BBQ of our year was great! Yes! The last time we congregated and had a great time before our meeting was great! Yes! The VFW Post 10049 was a great place for us to meet! Yes! The bar at the post was great! You will only get a positive "Yes!" report from me because this has been one heck of a year for us!

A double thanks to our volunteer cooks Jim and Kelly! Yes! Another great job! We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 4242 East Los Angeles Street at VFW Post 10049. We start our famous and super delicious \$5 BBQ meal with all the fixin's at 6:45 until 7:30, and then our meeting starts.

Our meeting started with VP Jim leading our Pledge of Allegiance and then our Pres Guy opened the meeting. He talked about what our Local was doing for ABATE and what we are planning to do in our city as well.

He also talked about our up-coming Local 2 Christmas party, which will include BBQ Tri Tip. We are to bring the side dishes. This is our one meeting of the year that's not a meeting, it's just a party and a good one at that! Great food and great people make for a great time.

Co-Vice President Pattibock talked about the Veterans Day service at the Veterans Park in Simi, Secretary Jane read the minutes, our Treasurer Pat gave

us the report on our finances, PR Norm talked about reading the Bailing Wire, Pres Guy also stated that you should go to ABATE's website to stay current with all the laws etc., Frank our membership guy talked about our current members, Bob (Pigface) talked about rides and our next ride for December, and Scott our merchandise man talked about our stock and what our new merchandise man will have in store for us in 2016.

We had a great raffle give away and Pres Guy won the membership drawing, which he donated back to ABATE! With the end of the year coming soon, I'd like to thank all the volunteers from Local 2! It was a great run we had! I'm sure all the other officers thank you, as well. We missed all who couldn't make it and hope to see all at our end of the year Christmas party. I'm looking forward to being a part of this great group of volunteers and hope to see some more new faces and some old faces as well as the regular attendee's!

Ride Safe PTL norm e.

## Local 03/13 Thousand Oaks/Ventura County



Our Local is growing! We are so excited and thankful for the support and comradery! We are looking forward to upcoming elections with "new blood" stepping up for officer positions!

We ran a successful Trivia run last month and were able to send funds to our State Organization. Upcoming events include our involvement in the Dave Mann Chopperfest on the 13th of December and our Local 3/13 Christmas Party on the 21st.

Joining ABATE makes a statement and sends money to work towards fair treatment of motorcyclists whether you ride with ABATE or ride with another group. We engage in communication and sharing our ABATE message to those in other Locals, as well as within other riding groups. It's not just about hanging out with your own ABATE Local, but with other Locals and especially with members of other clubs and groups. Our Local 3/13 of Thousand Oaks and Ventura County continues to reach out to the motorcycle community and to other ABATE Locals to work together for an even bigger voice.

Our Local Bike Nights (held the first Thursday of each month at Azar's Sports Bar) enjoy the attendance of not only our members, but those of other nearby groups. It's been great to share our enthusiasm and to reach out, inviting all motorcyclists to join our mission! We also attend other groups' Bike Night and riding events, creating relationships with other fellow riders.

Our Local 3/13 is always welcoming new members. Bike Nights are held 1st Thursday of the month, 7 pm at Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park. General Membership Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7 pm at the Elks Lodge, 158 N. Conejo School Road in Thousand Oaks. Sunday rides are every Sunday, meeting at Azar's for a fabulous breakfast around 9:00 am and kick-stands up by 10:15. Come join us at any or all of these events and bring your friends!

Check us out on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/ABATE313](http://www.Facebook.com/ABATE313) to follow our events and issues. It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups and organizations. ... Kathleen B.

## Local #08 Orange County



In the cold morning on a Sunday in November, Local 8 came together for a very humbling charity run to Totally Kids Rehabilitation Hospital in Loma Linda. Local 8 met up with well over 100 riders at the Chopper Place in Riverside. With kickstands up and the rumble of engines we were off with several very efficient guards to ease traffic for the large number of riders we had. The ride was really great and very smooth with no mishaps at all!

Each year we gather items on a wish list given to us by the staff to help provide a more enriching quality of life for the children at the hospital. We also bring such excitement to the children who are able to come outside and watch the parade of bikes roll in. The kids love giving high fives to the riders as they enter the hospital.

We are always met by a spread of breakfast foods, beverages and such a welcoming spirit. The children, who are able, come and mingle with the riders for a program of gratitude and presentations of donations of the day. Some of our riders offer rides to the staff after the event.

This year was really grand for Local 8 as we hosted two new people to this run. They were both overwhelmed at the amount of people all coming together for a wonderful common cause. \*We Rock!\*

We at Local 8 wish all of You and Yours a Holiday Season filled with Wonderment and Delight. Kick Stands Up for a Blessed New Year.

Local 8's very own Hawgette

## Local #11 North San Diego County



Howdy from North San Diego County! I am back. I have been out for a while for personal reasons. I definitely have some catching up to do. I would like to thank our treasurer Tim Clark for stepping in (railroaded as he put it) and doing a fine job on last month's column.

Our meeting was held as usual at the Escondido Moose Lodge 1874 on Sunday, November 8th. Absolutely beautiful day for a ride. A little chilly in the morning for SoCal lately. We had a relatively small turnout likely because of the local events happening Sunday. Oceanside had the Toys for Tots run which is a biggie and hosted by Kennedys Custom Cycles.

Prez Dan Buse led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dan then discussed the Local 38 Turkey Run in El Centro. Like I said we had a small turnout, basically the officers and a few members, but managed to take in \$160.00 donations for Local 38's run on November 21st. We also discussed possibly having someone speak at the Biggs Harley Davidson HOG meeting on Fridays on ABATE information. They will allow us 2 minutes.....

We are working on having a Local 11 Raffle in the near future. More on that later. VP Dick gave us the



# LOCAL NEWS

## Local #20 Orange County



The cold may have kept some people home tonight because we only had 24 people at tonight's meeting, 3 of those were guests.

Spike renewed his membership and we have two new members. We took up a collection and received \$115.00 for the lobbyist fund.

Gill told us that the Lane Sharing bill is coming up again. Spike said that we are still working on the Profiling bill but it's not the answer to all of our problems and suggested we all check out [motorcycleprofiling-project.com](http://motorcycleprofiling-project.com) by David "Double D" Devereaux.

We will have turkey and all the fixings next month and everyone is invited to bring a guest. Dirty Sanchez's name was drawn but he was not present so \$47.00 rolls over to next month. The non-politically correct Gill

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Hello from San Bernardino! Our November monthly meeting was held at the usual place, Vicky's Restaurant, who happens to be a business member. We had our regulars and a few new faces.

Our biggest news is that we elected our officers for the coming year they are: Ed Pelton as President, Mark Loudermilk as Vice-President, Tammy Odel as Secretary-Treasurer, and new for the coming year Ray Holt, one of our long time members who is taking over Membership duties. I will be handling the Media/PR.

We are working to expand our digital presence and reaching out to motorcycle groups and businesses to become familiar with ABATE and what we do. We already have our Facebook page which is [ABATE of California local 23](https://www.facebook.com/ABATEofCalifornia) and our Instagram page user name is [abatelocal23](https://www.instagram.com/abatelocal23).

Several of our members attended the annual One More From The Heart run that takes place at Totally Kids Rehabilitation Hospital in Loma Linda. 300 riders and other people helped to raise around \$12,000 and a big pile of toys, televisions and lots of other stuff. It was nice to see Spike, Gil and Doreen. I ran into Diane Davis from Local 19 Pomona Valley. She made sure I got some of their Toy Run Flyers, which our Local is attending on Sunday, December 6th. If you are in in the area come join us, have breakfast and ride along with us to the Toy Run. Liz and Ron Morris led the Mystery Ride. They took the group up to Angus McCurdy's located at Parrish Ranch in Oak Glen.

Our October Bike Night had a few more riders attending and we hope to see that trend continue. The other events we have planned for December are: Saturday, December 5th is our ABATE yard sale; Sunday, December 6th the previously mentioned ABATE Local 19-Pomona Valley HOG Toy Run for Santa Claus Inc.; Friday, December 11th is our Bike Night 7-9 pm at Tam's Burger in Rialto (see flyer); Saturday, December 12th is our Christmas Party Potluck with Santa -starts at 2:30 pm.

Please note: Our usual first Friday Dinner Ride is cancelled due to the yard sale on Saturday. If anyone would like information on our events check out our Facebook and Instagram pages and you can email me at [abate23pr@gmail.com](mailto:abate23pr@gmail.com)

That's it for this month. Donald Kline

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rundown on upcoming events and will be attending the next COC meeting. One event in particular is the San Diego Toy Run on November 29th. Always a fun ride. Moose Liaison John Genaway let us know about the Moose Riders of the Lodge rides and events.

Treasurer Tim Clark gave us the state of our financials and ran the Opportunity Drawing. Hmm let's see here. I believe Ms. Cheryl Clark has won the drawing in back to back months. Cheryl did kick some back to the Local. Thanks Cheryl!!

I would like to mention a couple of online sites of interest. San Diego Motorcycle Events on Facebook. Doug Findlay stopped by with information on his new website. Please check it out. [www.BillyVote.com](http://www.BillyVote.com). This is a webpage that will show you who your representatives are, how they voted, who is running against them etc. Loaded with information. Use GPS feature and it will give you that information wherever you are. It is a webpage not an app, but will work on your smart phone.

Hope to see ya next month. Gary

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



The holidays are here! Local 17 will be busy. Our Christmas party on December 5th will be a chance for all of us to get together and socialize, followed the next day by our annual Toy Run. Toy runs are everywhere - what a great chance to get out, ride, help a child, and let people know what ABATE is all about.

It was reported at our November meeting that not much will be happening with the State legislature until early January. We will continue to watch for information on the various bills that may affect us.

We also discussed the support of local charities. The following organizations were selected - Sarah's Run offering a scholarship to a local high school student; Vaca FISH that helps feed the hungry; the Wreath Project at Yountville Veterans Home; programs for the homeless at Mission Solano and Solano Crimestoppers. Besides being a good thing to do, supporting and being involved with local charities increases our visibility in the community.

Our Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament in late October brought in some funds to support our cause, and the planning of the next one has already started with a tentative date of May 14th. We are also planning our Freeze Your Ass Off Run to be held on March 5th.

Our membership continues to grow, and some of our newer members are stepping up and taking on additional responsibilities in leadership of our Local.

We welcome Teasa Gonzalez as our 2016 Membership Officer and Leann Lowe/Hibbs as our 2016 Run/Event Coordinator - both new members in 2015! 2016 is going to be a busy, productive year.

With the cold, wet weather of winter, safety becomes even more important. Be sure to check tire pressure, tread condition, and watch out for puddles and slick lanes. Ride Safe, Ride FREE! Shauna



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# One More From The Heart – THANK YOU!

## From HR

I just want you all to know how good we did yesterday (November 8<sup>th</sup>). We Left behind, including the \$1,772.00 for the TV/DVD Fund, \$12,700.00! This folks is a real record for all to be proud of. So many do so much for this outfit, I cannot thank you all enough! Let us hope we can do well next year, too.

Thank You All So Much, C'ya, HR

## From Spike

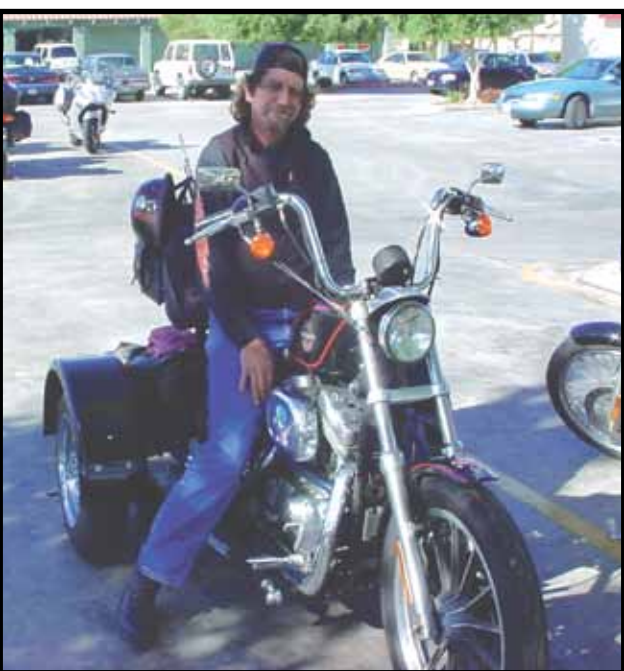
Bikers from all sections of the biker community rallied together at the weekend to spend time and give donations to the children of the Totally Kids Rehabilitation Hospital, 1720 Mountain View Avenue, Loma Linda CA. The facility is home to many fragile infants and children up to the age of 21 that are developmentally or physically disabled and rely on technology for their well- being and survival.

The Bikers were welcomed by the staff and children with coffee and donuts at this much appreciated event. They get very little public funding and nothing for the extra special needs. With help from the bikers, and organizations such as Kids 4 Ever, aid can be afforded to development programs, services and give aid to families in meeting their children's needs.

They certainly could use help all year-round and can be reached at [www.totallykids.com](http://www.totallykids.com).







## by Lee "Sporty" Milligan

Hi all! This month's Sporty Rides will contain all the thrilled packed adventures of me, Sporty Milligan. Of course there will be the usual medical issues with my leg report.

I have been having issues with the cool liner. This is the device that I put on my stump each morning and it allows me to attach the prosthesis. It is rubber neoprene with felt on the top portion of the device and the tip portion has an attachment that hooks into the check socket of the prosthesis. Apparently the check socket is getting too loose and I will have to get another check socket made. I am in the process of doing just that as of this writing. I will also be given another cool liner as my check socket ripped two of the last cool liners I had and they are \$350.00

per liner. The reason they're ripping is because the pressure point is in the wrong spot. When I get fitted for my new check socket I will address that issue. Until then it's wait and see.

The last 2015 Board meeting was scheduled for October 17th in Fresno at the Piccadilly Inn Airport Hotel. Prior to the scheduled day of the meeting there were mudslides on the Grapevine (I5) and Hwy 58 which stranded traffic. Unknown to me the Board meeting was canceled - I did not receive that message until I had arrived in Fresno!

It was a long day as I had to take the 101 Hwy to Hwy 46 to Hwy 41 into Fresno. When I got to Fresno it was dark, cold and I was pissed. I called my wife who told me that I should have checked my phone messages when I make the necessary stops. Great! So I rode back to Kettleman City and stayed at the American's Best Value Inn. Cost me \$75 for the night - not a bad deal. Denny's provided the meal for hunger pains. I was tired so watched a little TV, then bed time. Next morning it was windy outside. Took a shower sitting on the tub floor as the shower was not setup for a peg leg handicap dude. I called my brother, Jim, to tell him I would not be seeing him this time as I had to get home for the next day, which was the Love Ride 32. I stopped in Atascadero and got a full face neoprene face mask. Good deal! It worked like a charm. Next stop was, of course, Denny's in Pismo Beach. Ate a chicken Philly sandwich. I called everyone I could think of while I was eating my lunch. The next stop was Santa Maria Harley Davidson for coffee. It is set up like a mega store. I rode all the way via

## Sporty's Rides

the route that takes you through Solvang. That was a nice change. I stopped again for coffee at Ventura HD. I met a guy I remembered from my Hollywood Blvd days. We chatted for a while then straight home, tired but safe.

Sunday was the final Love ride. My booth members for the day were Linda and Steve Kerr, Blazen aka Jeri Alexander, Robert Nadler and myself. I met the group at the McDonalds off Lake Hughes road. The Kerr's, in my absence, had set up the booth and got the wrist bands. At our booth we had a lobbyist's collection can where we collected \$102.00. We also scored 4 new members! I signed up 3 and Blazen signed up the other one. When we started the day we had over a hundred Bailing Wires to pass out. We left with none. There were many pretty girls at this event, must be the fact that they had two good bands, the Foo-Fighters and another band named Social Distortion. The ABATE Local 1 booth was visited by Shelia Lindsey, Kathleen Edwards, Jim Nickla, Dale Ferrens and a host of other admirers.

The next event of significance was the Shaggers Toy run. It happened November 8th. This run starts from Lancaster HD and goes to Littlerock County Park. I did the route with Iceman, aka Ed Mathis, and another guy who were both riding trikes. We had a fun day. I saw my Shaggers buddies and made some kids happy as they got toys.

This concludes this edition of Sporty's Rides. Do ABATE events and get new members for the Membership drive. Your ABATE Scribe, Sporty



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**CONGRESS MOVES TO DE-FUND MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS:** On November 5th, the U.S. House of Representatives approved their version of the federal Highway Bill which, like the Senate companion measure, contains provisions of importance to motorcyclists, most notably the ban on federal funding of motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints.

In addition to curbing the controversial roadblocks, the House bill also authorizes a motorcycle crash prevention study; revives the federal Motorcycle Advisory Council; continues off-road trails funding; and makes highway safety grants more accessible.

Approved by a bipartisan vote of 363-64, the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015 (HR 3763) provides \$325 billion in transportation funding over the next six years, corresponding to similar legislation passed by the U.S. Senate earlier this year.

Unfortunately, the House highway bill does not include similar Senatorial language that would ban the U.S. DOT from lobbying local, state and federal governments on policy issues such as mandatory helmet laws, so it is important to contact your federal representatives to adopt such a compromise when the House and Senate convene a conference committee to iron out the details.

**WACO INFO:** One hundred seventy-seven people were arrested and held on million dollar bonds following the melee in Waco, Texas in May that left nine bikers dead and nearly twenty wounded, and on November 10th prosecutors announced 106 felony indictments charging defendants with engaging in organized criminal activity.

"The Waco Grand Jury indictments on 106 individuals for engaging in organized crime are not convictions," explains David "Double D" Devereaux of the Motorcycle Profiling Project ([www.MotorcycleProfilingProject.com](http://www.MotorcycleProfilingProject.com)), "The Grand Jury only determines whether the prosecutor has sufficient evidence to indict. The Grand Jury only hears from the prosecutor, no defense attorneys are allowed, and does not make a determination on guilt."

"Double D", who is also a member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists' Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF), says that as examining trials have made clear, the basis of the prosecutor's argument in many of these cases relies solely on an individual's association with a motorcycle club that had members accused of committing a crime on May 17th. "These indictments based solely on association, particularly the cases where the prosecutor admits that there is no evidence that the individual participated in any crime or violence, flies in the face of recent Federal Court precedent."

A U.S. District Court decision in *Coles v. Carlini*, 9/30/2015, relying on Supreme Court precedent, concluded that the government may not impose restrictions on an individual solely because of their membership in a MC, including a 1% club that the government labels as a gang or criminal organization. "The criminal activity of others does not justify denying rights and privileges solely because of association with an unpopular organization," according to Devereaux.

"Although I agree with many that are concerned about the seemingly broken Waco criminal justice system, recent Fed decisions seem to say that the underlying assumptions of an indictment based solely on association are unconstitutional," said Devereaux in a prepared document titled "Understanding the Waco Grand Jury Indictments."

"The decision by the Waco Grand Jury comes as no surprise to many considering the obviously



over-broad arrests, excessive bail, and unsuccessful challenges to probable cause during examining trials," he concludes, adding that an overly-broad indictment affords the prosecution the ability to offer plea deals, shield themselves against lawsuits, and pressure defendants to testify.

**IDAHO MOTORCYCLE CLUB WINS SETTLEMENT OVER CLUBHOUSE RAID:** Ten members of the Brother Speed MC, along with the club itself, will be splitting a \$16,500 payment from the United States government, to settle their lawsuit over a 2013 raid on their Nampa clubhouse that yielded no charges.

The club and its members sued numerous federal agents and the United States, saying their civil rights were violated when federal agents serving a search warrant broke down the door, set off flash-bang grenades, and sent dozens of heavily armed SWAT team members into the small home. The club members were detained for up to three hours while agents forcibly removed their personal property, including their clothing, and confiscated club memorabilia, according to the club's attorney, Craig Durham. "These were regular guys minding their own business that night," Durham told The Spokesman-Review newspaper. "They were not a threat, and there was no call for the use of terrifying, military-style tactics to serve a simple search warrant."

The government admitted no wrongdoing but agreed to the settlement, under which the club will receive \$4,000, and the individual members will receive payments ranging from \$500 to \$2,500.

"This was never about money," said chapter president Daniel Bugli. "It was about standing up for our rights as citizens and members of this community. Law enforcement officers shouldn't be able to run roughshod over people's rights based on speculation and assumptions."

**BIKERS' LAWYER FILES CIVIL RIGHTS LAWSUIT AGAINST VEGAS POLICE:** A Nevada lawyer who represents motorcycle clubs has filed a federal civil rights, false arrest and negligence lawsuit against Las Vegas police after he was acquitted in March of a misdemeanor obstruction charge.

Southern Nevada Confederation of Clubs (COC) attorney Stephen Stubbs alleges that a Las Vegas practice of harassing motorcycle club members led to his arrest in November 2013, and that being found not guilty by a local judge showed the arrest was improper. Stubbs told the Associated Press (AP) that he was prevented from representing a member of the Bikers for Christ motorcycle ministry who was being questioned by police, and who is a plaintiff in a recent lawsuit seeking at least \$75,000 in damages from the department.

Stubbs is representing members of biker groups, including the Mongols, Vagos, Stray Cats and Bandidos in a federal civil rights complaint filed in June 2012 alleging harassment by Las Vegas and other area police. The lawsuit is pending in U.S. District Court in Las Vegas. It was filed a day after a meeting of Mongols national leaders in Boulder City was monitored by hundreds of local and state police and federal agents.

**ANTI-PROFILING LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN PENNSYLVANIA:** On November 13, 2015 Pennsylvania Senator John Wozniak (D-Johnstown) introduced

Bipartisan Bill SB1058: An Act providing for motorcycle profiling prohibited, and the measure has been referred to Law and Justice.

"No police officer or police department may engage in motorcycle profiling in this Commonwealth," states the bill, and calls for police instruction on "what constitutes motorcycle profiling in patrol procedures and other police department operations and the duty to refrain from engaging in motorcycle profiling."

As defined in this legislation, "motorcycle profiling" means "the use of the fact that an individual rides a motorcycle or wears clothes or possesses paraphernalia that a reasonable person associates with such individuals as a factor in a decision to stop and question, take enforcement action against, arrest or search the individual or motorcycle in violation of Federal or State law."

Such violations by law enforcement "may bring a private right of action in a court of competent jurisdiction against any police officer or police department that engages in motorcycle profiling in violation of this section. In the action, the victim may be awarded injunctive relief, actual damages, punitive damages and reasonable attorney fees and costs."

A companion measure, House Bill 1580, "prohibiting motorcycle profiling and establishing a private right of action" was introduced October 1st by Representative Garth Everett (R-Muncy) along with 46 bipartisan cosponsors and was referred to the House Judiciary committee.

**72 TYPES OF AMERICANS CONSIDERED "POTENTIAL TERRORISTS":** Are you a conservative, a libertarian, a Christian or a gun owner? Support states' rights? Belong to "The Patriot Movement", or display a "Don't Tread on Me" flag? Are you opposed to abortion, globalism, Communism, illegal immigration, the United Nations or the New World Order? Anti-establishment? Do you believe in conspiracy theories, or ever visit "extremist" websites? Are you a veteran? If you answered yes to any of those questions, or a vast array of others, you may be an "extremist" or a "potential terrorist" according to official U.S. government documents.

At one time, the term "terrorist" was used very narrowly, explains the alternative website [www.activist-post.com](http://www.activist-post.com), but says now the Obama administration is removing all references to Islam from terror training materials, and instead the term "terrorist" is being applied to large groups of American citizens, which it delineates in an article on their website; "72 Types of Americans That Are Considered 'Potential Terrorists' In Official Government Documents," by D.C. attorney Michael Snyder.

The "list" covers much of our country's demographics and most of its citizenry, but if you belong to a group of people that is now being considered as "potential terrorists" by the government, the author warns that you should not take it lightly.

**MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FUND PROVIDES SIGN-LANGUAGE FOR DEAF RIDERS:** The National Motorcycle Safety Fund (NMSF), a 501(c)(3) charitable community organization created in 1980 to augment the work of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, has created a new grant program to help rider training sites cover the costs of hiring sign-language interpreters for deaf and hard of hearing students.

MSF-recognized Rider Training Sites regularly receive requests to accommodate students with physical disabilities, so in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and state laws, the NMSF grants will help defray the cost of sign-language interpreters.

There are many deaf and hard of hearing car drivers and motorcyclists on the road today. To compensate, drivers and motorcyclists typically employ risk-reduction strategies such as Search/Evaluate/Execute (SEE), maintain longer following distances, make better use of peripheral vision, and check their mirrors more frequently.

**STUDY INDICATES MOTORCYCLE RIDERS' INJURIES DIFFER WITH HELMET USE:** Helmet-wearing motorcycle riders are less likely to hurt their heads in accidents, but end up with more injuries to other parts of their bodies, suggests new research. Researchers suggest in JAMA Surgery that the results may be due to helmeted riders being more likely to survive high-force crashes, and ultimately end up with more extensive injuries.

The authors write that loosening restrictions on hel-



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in some U.S. states allowed them to study how wearing head protection may influence other injuries. For the study, they used national data from 2007 to 2010 on almost 86,000 people with some sort of motorcycle-related trauma, paying particularly close attention to the number and extent of injuries to people's heads and necks, torsos, spines and extremities.

Overall, the researchers found helmeted motorcycle riders were about half as likely to end up with head injuries, but helmeted riders were more likely to have injuries to the chest and extremities than riders who weren't wearing helmets.

One explanation for increased injuries to other body parts could be that helmeted riders feel more secure and end up driving at higher speeds, wrote the Indiana University researchers.

There was no difference in the time people spent in a hospital regardless of whether they were helmeted.

**CALIFORNIA DMV OFFERS "VETERAN" DESIGNATION ON DRIVER LICENSES:** Veterans in California can begin applying to receive the word "VETERAN" on their driver's license or identification (ID) card starting November 12, 2015.

In accordance with the legislative language contained within Assembly Bill 935, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) requires veterans to first obtain a Veteran Status Verification Form and to pay an additional one-time \$5 designation fee to apply for the special Veteran designation.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "Tous pour un, un pour tous." (All for one, one for all.)  
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# 2015 ABATE Events

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**ABATE Local 3/13 – Monthly Bike Nights – 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Thursdays of the month – 7:00pm at Azar's Sports Bar & Grill ; 2215 Michael Dr; Newbury Park 91320.

**ABATE Local 23 – Monthly Bike Nights - 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Friday of the month 7:00pm – 9:00pm at Tam's Burgers, 180 E Baseline Rd; Rialto, CA 92376. For more info Contact: Bosco 951/599-5234 or Tammy 951/970-0176

**December 6** – ABATE Local 17 – 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Run (See flyer this issue for details.)

**December 6<sup>th</sup>** – ABATE Local 19 – 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Run (See flyer this issue for details.)

**December 12** – ABATE Local 52 – Annual Toy Run Contact Craig Griswold 530/263-8071 for details.

**December 13** – ABATE Local 1 & Glendale Harley-Davidson – 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Run, **Has been revised.** (See NEW flyer this issue for details.)

**December 19** – ABATE Local 38 – Annual Toy Run (Details TBA.) Contact Ed 760/554-8843

## 2016 Events

**January 23<sup>rd</sup> – ABATE of CA - First Quarterly ABATE Meeting – hosted by Local 20 at the American Legion; 5646 Corporate Ave; Cypress 90630**

**March 5** – ABATE Local 17 – 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Freeze Your Ass Off (aka F.Y.A.O.) (Flyer this issue)

**May 6, 7 & 8** – Annual Southern Regional Rally (hosted by ABATE Local 44). Details coming soon.

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

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## Donations!! - General, Lobbyist & PAC Funds - THANK YOU!!!!

WOW – Donations! – THANK YOU!

In answer to our Annual Donation letter aka "Beg" Letter and the more recent request for ABATE's Lobbyist fund – we have had a very positive response! THANK YOU MEMBERS and ABATE Locals!!!! Your monetary answers help immensely!

Donations have been received from the following (received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of November): WE owe each and Every one of YOU a BIG THANK YOU!!! So - THANK YOU!!

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



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Recently the off-road community was caught totally off guard by the passage of Assembly Bill 1595 that severely impacts the ability to modify and use "upgraded" off-highway side-by-side vehicles.

AB 1595 prohibits the use of (approved/sanctioned racing style) seat belt harnesses, prohibits the addition of full roll cages, and requires mandatory helmet use in these and ONLY these vehicles.

Portions of this law go into effect on January 1, 2013 and all parts of the law will be enforced on July 1, 2013. AB 1595 will have an immediate and very negative impact on side-by side safety and prevent the use of many of these family recreational vehicles that have been upgraded with additional safety equipment.

Please join ABATE of California in our quest to repeal this poorly written legislation and help us restore the rights of side-by-side owners statewide who use these vehicles for safe and responsible family off-road recreation.

Your annual membership will help us retain a full time lobbyist to watch out for future negative off-road legislation. With everyone's help, we can beat these laws, without your help, we could lose all of our off-road freedoms. Join us now!

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## Tech Tips by Craig Griswold

### S&S Gear Drive Camshaft Upgrade

In this series of alternatives to the Harley-Davidson spring loaded cam chain tensioner shoes (pre-2007 Big Twin/2006 Dyna) we come to the final, and the most robust of all upgrades, S&S's gear drive cam kit. This kit eliminates the chain drive system altogether.

There are several advantages to a gear drive system. Since there are no tensioner shoes, the need for periodic inspection is eliminated. A solid economic argument if you are paying your favorite shop to do the deed. For the horsepower junkies, the more radical cam profiles are much tougher on valve train parts, especially cam shoes. The fast opening ramps place a lot of strain on the chains. Gear drives offer a solid mechanical means of moving the cams. And lastly, there is a minor amount of timing lag as a result of shoe wear and chain stretch. This would certainly be more prominent with performance cams.

In the give and take world of high performance, when there are advantages there are disadvantages. First and foremost, S&S states a tolerance of no more than .003" run-out on the pinion shaft. I can't quote you any stats on the percentage of flywheels that exceed that run-out, but they are in the minority. Based on the number we have seen in our shop I could take a SWAG and say about a quarter of them. It's worth



mentioning that Harley D. sets the run-out new specification at .000 - .010" and .015" service wear. That's enough to shake your fillings loose should your motor fall into the outer limits of that spec! Measure that run-out before making the cam purchase!



If you read the previous month's tips this will be a bit redundant, but I'll mention briefly some key points. One exception to following your service manual procedure for removing your cams is the removal of the stock pushrods. Unless you have a reason to disassemble the rocker assemblies (leaking gaskets, high mileage rocker arm bushings that may need replacing) you can leave them intact and bolt cut the stockers. Replace them with an adjustable set that are specifically for this set up. The nomenclature will state "easy install" or "quick install" or words to that effect. Not all adjustable pushrods are of the type that will install with the top end intact. The Screa-

min Eagle kit is excellent quality and most certainly the most economic choice. Remember to unload the valve train on the cylinder from which you are cutting the pushrods. This requires rotating the engine until the lifters on one of the cylinders are at their lowest point of travel (on the cam base circle). To be certain, the opposite cylinder's lifters will be moving. The intake will be ascending while the exhaust is descending.

Follow S&S' instructions for install. The cam kit will come with replacement inner and outer bearings. The inner bearings will be the superior Torrington style full complement bearing. Although the stock INA bearings are adequate for stock applications, the Torrington is much stronger. As a rule if you have the occasion to go into the cam chest for any reason, spend a few bucks and replace the INA bearings regardless of cam choice. Also, you'll notice the outer bearings that come with this kit are both ball type. The gear drive does not need a roller for the rear cam as the side forces that exist in chain drives are eliminated.



This is by far the strongest cam drive set-up for the Twin Cam engine. Although a great system for any cam install, it is a must for radical cam applications such as those in or above the .640" lift neighborhood.

Ride safe!

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

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November 12, 2015

### DMV Begins Offering "Veteran" Designation on Driver Licenses *Veteran Status Verification Form and Fees Required*

**Sacramento** – Veterans can begin applying to receive the word *VETERAN* on their driver license or identification (ID) card starting today, November 12, 2015. The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) wants to remind veterans that they must first obtain a Veteran Status Verification Form from a County Veteran Service Office (CVSO), BEFORE visiting a DMV office to apply for the designation.

Veterans are required to pay a one-time \$5 designation fee, in addition to any other application fees associated with a renewal, duplicate, or original driver license and/or ID card. The designation fee is included in the legislative language contained within Assembly Bill 935 (authored by Assembly member Jim Frazier).

To apply, follow these easy, but important steps:

**STEP 1** – Visit a County Veteran Service Office (CVSO) to obtain a Veteran Status Verification Form. To find a local CVSO, call 844-737-8838 or visit [www.calvet.ca.gov](http://www.calvet.ca.gov).

**STEP 2** – Present the completed and stamped Veteran Status Verification Form and driver license application to a DMV representative at your local DMV field office.

**STEP 3** - Pay your \$5 designation fee and related application fees.

For faster service, schedule an appointment at a DMV field office by visiting [www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov) or calling 800-777-0133. Also, the DMV [webpage](#) explains the process to obtain a "Veteran" designation.

[Editor's Note: AB935 was first introduced 2/22/2013 as **San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transp.** the content of the bill was amended/changed to reflect "Driver's licenses – Veteran designation" and was chaptered (644) and signed by Governor Jerry Brown on September 27, 2014 and became effective November 11, 2015. For more detailed information and to see the names of your Assembly members & Senators who supported this amended bill go to [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov) and search for AB935 in the 2013-2014 session.]





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# Motorcycle Safety Report

by Norm e. Newiger, State  
Safety Officer

## Final Words of Wisdom for 2015

If you had a safe year, no accidents or life changing situations while riding, then congratulate yourself! You are one of many. I truly believe we can, and have the power to, expand our safety conscience every time we ride or even when we don't ride. Knowledge is powerful and you can learn anywhere there is conversation in regards to our motorcycle life. Being a good listener is as important as being a good speaker; after all you can't learn what you already know, so pay attention!

This is my last article for this year and it's been one heck of a ride. I'd like to thank ALL ABATEers and anyone who reads the Bailing Wire on line or the hard copies. I also would like to thank all of the ABATE officers for a great corroboration of a unique situation that we, as volunteers, get to be a part of from the upper echelon to the smallest Local, being a part of a serious organization that promotes everything you'd want as a rider.

As I write this article the weather has changed and daylight savings occurred. It seems to me the weather changed almost drastically, from the hot 90s to the cool low 70s fast! At night it's in the low 60s - high 50s. Either I'm getting old or I was hoping for a slower change into the cooler weather, go figure.

It was a hard transition to get used to for me and others that I talked to. Some said the crazy or stupid drivers one-upped themselves while in this transition. I know it to be true; riding at 5:30ish in the evening is more challenging and more dangerous for us riders. At this time the drivers and riders are still aggressive, with thoughts of their final destination for the day on their mind, it's just who we are. I know people have to get used to this time transition because it happens in one day. Now that darkness is upon us and in the reality of things this is important for us because of one thing –



visibility. It's good to be seen! I know people have to get used to this and all I can say is stay safe and be patient because it does get better, we hope.

So I've had to work for several months and was the passenger of a vehicle. This gave me time to take a good look around on our roads and especially the freeway systems. The one thing I noticed was how polluted our freeway systems are - the trash that litters our roads! It's not just the papers and weeds, it's everything! In one area I saw so many black tire treads of all sizes along the freeway it got me to start counting them. In one stretch there were over 18 pieces within a mile, but it never ended. Those 18 wheelers with their retreads flying off make it very dangerous for motorcyclists! The garbage is continuous as much as the bushes and weeds that line the freeway. These sightings were not just on the shoulder, but against the concrete barrier that divides our directions. I've talked about obstacles on our roads in previous articles, but, as a passenger, this opened my eyes more because I didn't have to be fixed on the traffic. You name it, it's on the side of our beautiful freeway systems. I know a lot of it mysteriously jumps out of our vehicles seeking freedom, but I think that our government needs to get serious about this.

It's nothing new to them but all they can say is, "Please don't litter"! Those government folks are more worried about our rights and so called safety rather than what they can do to make the roads safer for us. I know the trash does eventually get picked up and they probably have some kind of schedule? But it's ridiculous, after all it doesn't just jump to the side of the road, it kinda works its way across the lanes - maybe being propelled as vehicles hit it constantly, who knows? They need to get Caltrans to clean up the freeways more often.

I know we have to be on the lookout for road debris and, as I have said before, it can be literally anything. I've seen refrigerators, buckets, tire treads, carpets, ladders, wood, dead animals, furniture, and anything that you could transport. The main thing to do is to stay focused on what's ahead of you and if you see cars making quick moves in front of you, you have to prepare yourself quickly to react because it could be more devastating to you as a rider, than if you were driving a vehicle of some sorts.

Just remember that this is the time of the year that not only does the season change, but so do drivers and riders. As we get closer to the end of the year people become more preoccupied and stressed. It's a known fact that people become more aggressive due to the holiday pressures and, as a motorcyclist, you are not on their mind! It's hard to slow down for the holidays. It's a plea from law enforcement that really doesn't work, thanks to the black Friday specials and the major onslaught of commercials that sends us into the frenzy world of saving a dollar!

I hope all have a great Christmas and a great holiday season - to each their own. But remember to ride safer and enjoy life, this season only happens once a year. I hope 2016 will be a great year for us and we should focus on our rights, safety and our brotherhood! After all, we volunteer our time for each other and the others who don't know us or care about what we do. It's what makes us unique! ABATE will be there for the New Year, will you?

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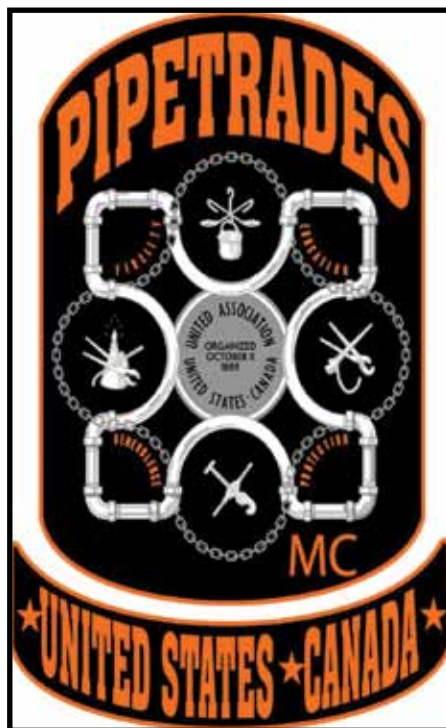
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