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MERRY CHRISTMAS &
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The January-February Bailing Wire will be printed late January so the staff can spend the Holidays with their families and friends.



Lobbyist's Legislative Report

by James Lombardo, Lobbyist &
Assistant Legislative director

checkpoints will be heard on January 9th at 1:30 p.m. in Room 4202 (that's the same hearing room for those who have attended the show, before) at the State Capitol in Sacramento.

We will have our Freedom Rally on the South steps of the Capitol at 11 am; if you want to be in the group picture, please be there by 10:30. Both Assemblymen Norby and Jefferies will be keynote speakers. Also, outspoken Freedom Fighter Assemblyman, Tim Donnelly, who represents our office in Hesperia will also be a featured speaker! Please attend and send some folks! They don't have to be fellow riders; **JUST SHOW UP TO SUPPORT OUR CAUSE — FREEDOM!**

The Board Meeting and Legislative/PAC meeting will be at the La Quinta Inn on January 8th — see the *Bailing Wire* for complete information and the special motel rates that apply.

Please, all Locals need to send in support letters to the Assembly Transportation Committee, 1020 N Street, Room 112, Sacramento, CA 95814, so that you can be listed in support of both bills. Also, if our **Business supporters** wrote in, as well, that would be a big help!

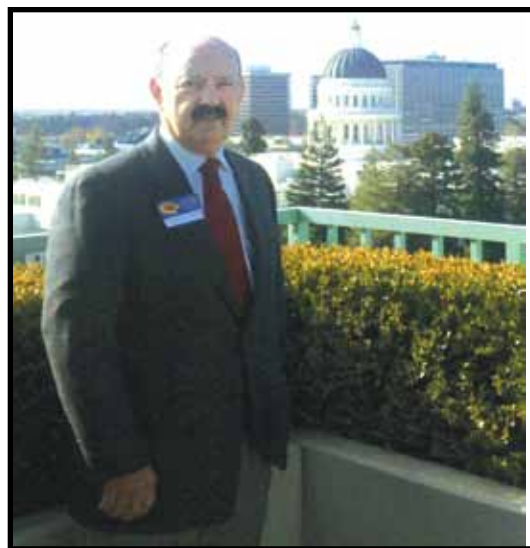
See you on the 8th and 9th of January in Sacramento!

THANKS AGAIN to all the individual ABATE members and Locals that have sent contributions to the Lobbyist Fund to pay me for the honor of representing you!

Happy New Year!

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I want to wish everyone a **Wonderful Holiday Season!** Soon the Legislature will return to its usually crazy pace. **ALL BILLS** held over from last session will have **one shot** to pass out of the policy committee; the Transportation Committee, in our case. Then, the week after, one shot in the Appropriations Committee, and then just two weeks more to clear the Assembly or Senate Floor.

Our bills, Chris Norby's AB 695 to repeal the motorcycle helmet law for adults, and AB 1047 by Kevin Jefferies to stop motorcycle-only

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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In Memory of

It is with great sadness that I write this message. My dear friend, John Del Santo, passed away (November 19, 2011) after a short stay in the hospital. As many of you know, his health has been failing for several years now. Fran is doing reasonably well, but requested not to have telephone calls or flowers.

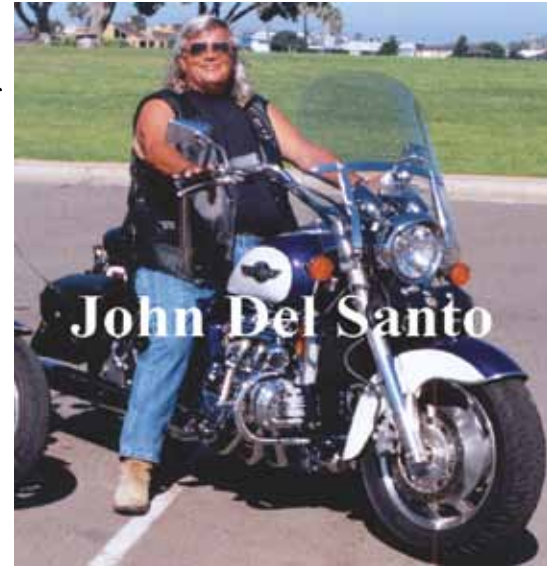
John has been an integral part of ABATE of California and Local 6 for many, many years. He served as the Safety Officer for the State and as an officer of Local 6 for most of his time. He just stepped down as Local 6 president this last year.

John will be interred at Fort Rosecrans in San Diego, and a Celebration of Life for John will be planned in the near future. John was one great guy, friend, and freedom fighter ... he will be missed by many. Rest in Peace John.

Nancy Nemecek

This issue of The Bailing Wire is dedicated to John Del Santo, our Safety Officer & Local #6 President. He will be missed!

Milky



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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 through political and legislative action. ABATE promotes motorcycle safety through education, training and public awareness.

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ABATE of California Board of Director's for 2012-2013.

Couple members can vote twice.

Ballots must be postmarked **NO later than December 8, 2011.**

Candidate bios are page 3 & page 5.

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FREEDOM FIGHTER Nominations for 2011 are:

John Del Santo



As Carol Cromwell says, John is a wealth of information on the ABATE "E" for Education. Not just for the motorcyclists, but for other drivers and readers, too.

As most of you know, John is the State Safety Officer and worked diligently this year to get the freeway signs with motorcycle messages flashing for motorists to see ... these appear now on a fairly regular basis. DMV and the CHP like to take credit for this, but his perseverance and tenacity is what really made it happen.

He is one of our representatives to the California Motorcycle Safety Program and serves as an advisor on motorcycle-related issues. They meet on a regular basis by phone and in person once a year.

John is in constant contact with Cal Trans about road conditions, etc. He also monitors other government agencies to make sure that we know the current laws and rules. Most everyone has read some of John's safety articles in the Bailing Wire which are always a wealth of helpful and possibly life-saving information. Many of his articles are published in other magazines and newsletter as well.

John Del Santo has been a life member of ABATE of California since 1996, and has been president of Local 6 for quite a few years now (just stepped back to VP). He is the backbone of Local 6 and a true asset to ABATE of California. There are a lot of folks in ABATE who deserve to be a Freedom Fighter of the Year, please vote so that John can be given this honor for 2011.

Thank you, Nancy Nemecek. ABATE Local 6

Sarge Matthews



I would like to nominate Sarge Matthews as Freedom Fighter of the Year. Sarge has been on the Board of Directors for 23 of his 25 years with ABATE. He has been the Chairman of the Board for 3 years and has done an astounding job in this position. Sarge has shown that his leadership skills are impeccable and has led by example.

We at ABATE have had many challenges in recent years and Sarge has led us through many hard decisions, always with keeping what is good for ABATE in the forefront of every decision.

Sarge brought NCOM to ABATE, which was not a popular decision, however it has proven that this decision has not hurt any of us in ABATE, on the contrary a lot of Locals have taken advantage of NCOM's program to pay for the Local's flyers or postcards for runs and events.

The time that Sarge has donated to ABATE has shown that he is a true Freedom Fighter.

Respectfully Lori Adams, Local 28

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AB695 the Helmet Modification Bill authored by Assemblyman Chris Norby and
AB1047 the Motorcycle ONLY Checkpoints Bill authored by Assemblyman Kevin
Jeffries are tentatively scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Transportation
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and ask for their **support** on these two bills NOW!!

Protect YOUR RIGHT TO RIDE!
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Board Candidates Statements for 2012-2013 Term

Lee 'Sporty' Milligan III



Well ABATE members, it's time again for elections for the Board of Directors and, after careful consideration, I have come to the conclusion that I will seek another term as a Board member.

You all know what I stand for; keeping motorcycling better for all riders in California. I am confident that we, as an organization, can strive to get better and better. We are dealing with how to survive in this poor economy and making the necessary changes to accomplish that goal. I have only ABATE's interests at heart and treat each member equally.

Again my position is clear; you get no bull from me. So with that said, I respectfully request your vote for me as a Board member.

Sincerely, Lee 'Sporty' Milligan III.

Gregory Covell

My name is Gregory Covell. I have been a member of ABATE for going on 12 years in varying capacities and I am currently the president of Local 27 in Riverside - the fastest growing Local in California - and accepted a Board position when the need arose this year.

With 42 years of riding experience in motorcycling, it has become clear to me that the proliferation of restrictive laws, apathy of the voting public, and the loss of community inter-communication has infiltrated the motorcycling community.

Fear, Isolation, Apathy and Anger are emotions that seem to be evident everywhere in our society today. We must strive to re-unite and show that all motorcyclists in California can stand together to regain and retain that independent, pioneering spirit which built this country. Only by working together can we protect the freedoms, rights and protections that we as Americans deserve.

I am submitting my name to be considered as a continuing representative on the ABATE state Board of Directors.

Sincerely, Gregory M. Covell

Johnny O'Kane

Apathy rules, I got a nomination and a second at our last meeting. I won't write a bio or ask for votes, if there's a seat that needs filled chances are...

Sarge Matthews



If you don't know me by now, you must be living under a rock. I've been a member of ABATE since 1986, and have served on the Board for 22 of those years. I've served as president of Local 1, where I currently serve as run coordinator and vice president. I also served as State Run Coordinator for 10 years and through that run, raised thousands of dollars for ABATE.

I believe in freedom and have always been in the front lines of the fight. I've been known to be somewhat "politically incorrect" from time to time, but I always speak my mind and I'm not afraid to be on the unpopular side of an issue if I think it is right.

I'm asking for your vote because I have the experience, I have the integrity and I have the balls to make the tough decisions. I won't let you down.

Nick Benson Sr.



My name is Nick Benson Sr. I am a 20 year supporter of ABATE of California. I founded Local 47 Barstow in about 1992 and kept the Local alive for a few years before work obligations forbade me from having the time to run the day to day operations of the Local. Since then, I have stayed in touch with both the Local and with the state office and supported them as much as I could.

I was recently contacted by a long standing member who suggested I run for the Board of Directors. When I got the call, my first impulse was to laugh because I thought it was a prank call. It turned out not to be a prank and after

some careful consideration and soul searching I thought to myself "hmmm, I wonder if I am up to the challenge of trying to make a change in both ABATE of California and in the minds of the riding community." I slept on it and decided that although I have been somewhat inactive with ABATE for a few years, maybe it is time to see if I am one of those with talent. So rather than sit on my butt and enjoy my retirement from the seat of one of my bikes and just be a spectator, I have decided to throw my bandana into the ring and see what happens.

I am now retired and have both the time and inclination to attempt to bring life back into this once great organization. I think that we have a lot of good people and a lot of talent, and we just need to harness all that talent into action once again.

I believe that over the past several years people have become discouraged with what they perceive to be inaction by ABATE and no positive results combined with some personal feelings getting in the way, the bad economy, and several other factors that made some members feel as though they were not important or that our fight was hopeless. I think every member is important, every idea is important enough to discuss in a civil manner and although not all of your ideas will become policy or get used, all should be taken seriously.

Finally, I think that we have some "old timers" that have become dormant for whatever reasons and if I can shake the dust off of them and convince them to become active again, we can all focus on our one common denominator, which is riding in a free and hassle free manner. Basically, I feel as though I have to at least try. Just imagine if our founding fathers had just given up on this country and not even tried. Well I don't like the idea of not even trying, so here I am.

If you agree with my thoughts, vote for me. Nick Benson Sr.

Tom A. Lubbers

Tom Lubbers has been a motorcycle enthusiast all his life and an ABATE member for several years. He currently serves as president of Local 5 (San Gabriel Valley); a position he has held for the last five years. Tom also serves in a leadership capacity in the US Defenders as the Southern California Unit Commander and as the COIR State Commander.

Tom is passionate about the protection and retention of our personal freedoms, especially as they relate to motorcyclists' rights. He has been diligent in his efforts, through ABATE, US Defenders/COIR and other MROs, to encourage fellow riders about their individual responsibility to be proactive (and not complacent) in the fight to preserve our rights.

LOCAL NEWS

Local #01 Los Angeles



This is Sporty Milligan wearing his presidential hat for this column's write up. Follow along all you Freedom Fighter ABATE heads.

Because of the date of our meetings, they are usually held after the columns are due for the next month's Bailing Wire.

We at Local 1 share a common bond with the Freedom of the Road theory of ABATE of California. At our meeting we hope to have a fair turnout. I made an agenda that encouraged the fair turnout members to write or fax or email their Assembly Transportation committee members for the bills AB695 and AB1047. These bills will be heard possibly January 9, 2012 in the Assembly Transportation committee. I will be there; how about you? We chipped in for a 25 spot to get ABATE parking at the capital for Local 1.

We made plans for some of us to attend the Local 19 toy run on December 4, and will pass out Fred Jordan toy run flyers which is on December 11, as well as Polar Bear run flyers. Also talked about getting volunteers to help on the Fred Jordan toy run which is put on by Local 1 and Glendale Harley Davidson.

Finally we talked about plans for the Polar Bear run which is February 26, 2012 at Big Jim's Family restaurant in Sun Valley. With all that said we had a good breakfast provided at a nominal cost by the Elks Lodge. That is all! Regards, Prez Sporty Milligan

Local #02 Simi Valley



Well the weather has changed somewhat, only one brave rider tonight, the rest caged it including me! My only defense is my car gets better gas mileage than me hog! BBQ hamburgers and dogs still taste good, and with all the fixins it's still the best \$5.00 meal in town! Fresh off the grill and not the frying pan! Thanks to our volunteer cooks, Guy and Bob Clark, you guys are so swell! We

start serving our \$5 meal at 6:45 pm until 7:30, and then our meeting starts. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Ave, Simi Valley.

Pres Ray got the meeting going and talked about the support papers. Thanks to all who went out and got the signatures! Ray talked about our Christmas party next meeting December 13, Potluck and bring a gift not to exceed \$5. Last year's party was great, and this year it will be awesome and then some, come on out and enjoy the festivities all you missing members, we miss you!

Jane, our secretary, read the minutes, Stephanie, our treasure, gave us the good news. Denny talked about oil change issues, and said to make sure your cap is on securely etc. Guy, our road guy, talked about last month's ride and this month's ride as well as the December ride. Andy, our merchandise Lady, showcased Local 2's goods, and Pat, our membership, Lady said we still have members and by what I saw, she's right!

I talked about tire pressure because I was fixing one of me bro's bike and decided to check his tire pressure and even though his tires looked okay they were low. The front tire was only 24 pounds! And the rear was 26! That's almost half of the required psi! After scolding him, I told him low tire pressure is the first step to getting into an accident. This is the time of year to make sure your bike is ready for cold weather riding and not become a statistic for something that you can prevent.

JP, our ex-safety officer, told us this was his last meeting. He's moving to Phoenix for a while but he renewed his membership! Thanks JP, we will miss you!

We had a good amount of prizes for our monthly raffle. Our 50/50 drawing was won by Jim and he gave it back, thanks bro, you rock! Rick Flores won the membership drawing giving back 38.5% back to ABATE, thanks bro, you also rock!

Please ride safer than the safest person! PTL Norm e. New

Local #06 San Diego



We got rained out for about the fifth time in something like 25 years! And we probably could have had the meeting at Kate Session Park, but we had planned a very short meeting and then a ride up the hill to Mt. Soledad for a tribute to Barry and Carol Sandberg - more on that in a minute - and then to the American Legion Hall for lunch and drinks in their honor. The rain wasn't too bad at meeting time, but we thought it prudent to just go

to the Legion, hold our meeting, and then dedicate the rest of the day to Barry and Carol.

Local 6 President Steven Martin conducted the meeting. The usual treasury and membership reports were given, along with reviewing upcoming events. Steve read John's safety report, which as usual, was excellent information.

Douglas Findlay, our PAC rep, went over ways to get involved in campaigns and urged everyone to volunteer to work campaigns in some capacity. Towards this goal, contact information was passed out for some candidates running for office: Denise Ducheny (Congress), Toni Atkins (CA Assembly), and Bob Filner (Mayor of San Diego). All three candidates are friends of the motorcycle community. It is very, very important to elect biker-friendly candidates; else we don't have a snowball's chance in hell to get favorable legislation passed. Think about it!

This wasn't discussed, but I'm going to throw it out there anyway. As many of you know, John Del Santo's health just ain't what it used to be. This year Steve Martin stepped in to help by taking the President position. John let us know this week that his health has deteriorated even more and he will not be able to attend meetings, etc. but can consult by phone and email. He has asked that EVERY Local 6 member think about what they can do to help the Local. What officer position can you do? Nominations for Local 6 Officers will probably start at the December meeting. Local 6 needs YOU!

Ah, back to the Barry and Carol Sandberg Memorial Ride and Lunch: There was a very good turnout considering it rained on our parade. The lunch was excellent and I'm sure Barry and Carol were proudly looking down on the group. FYI, their case is back on the Crime Stoppers site. There still remains a reward of up to \$51,000 for information leading to an arrest in this case. For information go to <http://www.sdcrimestoppers.com/unsolvedmurders.html>. The info for them is about the 25th item on the page. Barry and Carol were long-time members of Local 6.

Ride safe, we will ride free again! Nancy Nemecek

Local #08 Orange County

I hope that everyone is doing well. Local 8 is



doing better. Can you believe that the holidays are already here again! It's going to be a busy time for our Local the next couple months. We have our elections soon. We are going to have our Local 8 Christmas party on December 12 and a get together for a ride on December 11. We have a group that

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will attend the annual Totally Kids Run out in Riverside on November 13 which benefits the Totally Kids Specialty Health Care Center.

On October 29 Local 8 & 20 had our 6th annual Trick or Treat Run at Cooks Corner. It was a great day of fun with perfect weather and a great turn out. We had two bands, tables full of raffle gifts, tons of vendors and even a masseuse. We had trophies for all the events. The winners were:

Costume contest - Johnny Ybarra.

Hot Tea Tattoo contest - Rick Welty & Jody Maxwell (Moonie).

Bike Show: Best Custom - Steve Schraeder; Best Stock - Linda Alba; Best Show - Joe Biesiada.

Boot Race winners: 1st Place Daniel Pfaffly; 2nd Place Ryan Vincent; & 3rd Place Tom Ybarra.

We also had a 50/50 drawing and Poker high hand and low hand winners! All member volunteers had fun and worked hard. I can't wait for next year's Trick or Treat Run. It really has blossomed into a great event!

Take er easy, Daniel

Local #11 North San Diego



Hello to all our members! Sorry about not getting our Local report out the last couple of months. After my move, my system was not performing the way it should; now that we have a new system I should have no problems.

Our meeting only had about 13 members show up but we still had a pretty good 50/50 with \$35.00 going to the winner and our brother Gary donated it all back to the Local! Thanks Gary!

We started out with our Treasure's report. We are still treading water and staying afloat, but can always use a fundraiser to keep us going. Let's think about some money makin ideas!

As always, Tim, our Prez, gave us a great lowdown on the current events around the country. Our PAC Rep, Dan Buse, gave us a lot of important info on the local political scene and as always he gets the job done. Well done Dan! Our VP, Dave Caldwell, made front page news in the North County Times on Saturday's edition for Veterans' Day! Thank you Dave for your duty to your country and keeping us all free! Mission accomplished! And to all other Veterans, Thank You for your service and commitment to your country!

Our San Diego toy run will be history by the time you get the Bailing Wire, but I will have a report and some pictures to share with you all.

I did not get a chance to comment on our State Rally in Kernville, but what a great time we had! I can't wait to do it again.

Now that the holidays are on us, please be careful on the road and have fun with your family friends. From all of us at ABATE Local 11, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Your Scribe, Jim Fillo

Local #19 Pomona Valley

It's time to elect our officers for next year. If you are interested in any of the positions for Primary Officers, Committee Chairs or others, please make it known. You can always contact Robert to let him know. Please take some time and give thought to those you would want in the various positions and nominate them. We will have elections before the end of the year.

The Toy Run event is December 4. All the toys go to Santa Claus, Inc. and they see to it that less fortunate kids get bicycles, toys and other gifts so they have something at Christmas they would not get otherwise. There is still work to be done before this event takes place and help is welcome from anyone. There is a serious need for more raffle gifts. The cost to enter the event is low and we ask that each person bring an unwrapped, new toy for a boy or girl. Please try to make it to this event and join us for some fun.

Christmas is almost here and that means the New Year is just around the corner. Please be safe out there when you are on the road. There are so many distractions at this time of year and, with the changes in the weather, it can be very dangerous on the roads. Be prepared by keeping up the maintenance on your motorcycle. Make sure you are well rested and physically ready before you start your ride when you go out. Please be safe out there.

I look forward to seeing you out there on the road. In the mean time, keep the shiny side UP! Ed

Local #20 Orange County



Local 20 conducted their meeting on Tuesday, November 8, at the Best Western Hotel in Costa Mesa. 36 individuals were in attendance. Various topics were presented and discussed such as support for AB695 and AB1047, the ABATE Board meeting and Rally on the Capitol steps on January 9, 2012, and various biker events. Additionally, Hessian Spike spoke about road side stops.

A hat was passed to collect donations for the TV/DVD fund for the Totally Kids charity. \$149.00 was collected.

Members turned in their votes for the ABATE Board of Directors. Local 20 elections took place. Gill Mellen will remain as President, Paul Yerardi will be Vice-President, Spike will remain as PAC rep, Sandi Byrum will continue as Secretary, Jody Maxwell will continue as Membership, and Mary Jane will continue as PR.

The membership dollar raffle took place and Cheryl Kopp would have won \$377.00, but she was not present. The raffle money will roll over to the next meeting which will be on Tuesday, December 13. Jody Maxwell

Local #21 Antelope Valley



Well Glen called me up and told me that there was one person at the ABATE meeting and it was him. I then came to realize that I had again spaced out our Local meeting at the Moose Lodge. Feeling like sheet, I fired up the computer to document my absence and sent in \$40 to ease the pain.

Our toy run is coming up on November 27 at the Moose Lodge in Lancaster on Division Street. I will be there! I swear!! Daryl the plumber for ABATE Local 21.

Local #23 San Bernardino



The votes are in and the results are final. Starting in January 1, 2012 Local 23 has elected the following officers: Kevin Sorrell as President, Russ Krause as Vice President, Cindy Krause as Secretary/Treasurer, Greg Burian as PAC rep, Tammy Odell as Membership, and Ron Morris as Road Captain.

We are hard at work planning events for 2012; another Dam Poker run, the third annual

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Chili Cook-Off, and Burger Burns & Bikini Bike Washes.

Local 23 has the best Chili and we would like to see other Locals put their Chili where their mouths are! Flyers will be out soon, so you can save the dates.

I hope that everyone has a safe holiday season, and please don't drink and drive. Tammy Odell, Membership/Events

Local #24 Fresno

We had a good turn out for our November 2 meeting; about 50 members showed up. Just as a reminder ABATE Local 24 meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month starting at 7:00 pm at Cedar Lanes. Thank you to all members for making our meetings a success.

Our Annual Turkey Run, which is one of our biggest runs of the year, is on Saturday, November 5. The forecast is for great weather on Saturday. We are hoping to pick up new members and looking forward to having a great turn out on that day.

And also coming up on November 19 in Centerville is our Hwy 180 clean up. Our thanks go out to those who make this clean up possible.

The quarterly Board of Directors meeting on October 15 was attended by our Local 24 President Ed and Vice President Scott. Discussions that were brought up included the financial report for ABATE. Good news is that by posting the Bailing Wire online, ABATE has saved a substantial amount on printing and postage.

Thank you Bruce for bringing up the issue of AB 1047, which will stop motorcycles only check points. Our bill will prohibit law enforcement agencies to conduct motorcycles only check points. We all agreed that check points for motorcycles should not be done! What we all can do is send emails and letters in support of AB 1047. Helmet law AB 695 has been subject to reconsideration at the state level.

Our Treasurer reported we made money on our End of Summer run to Santa Cruz. Everyone agreed to send \$100 to our State Lobbyist. Caroline

Local #25 Sacramento



Local 25 members have been visiting businesses and clubs to get signatures for support of our assembly bills and telling businesses why it is beneficial for them to advertise in the Bailing Wire.

At our last meeting we discussed the Board of Directors meeting, including our guest speaker, Craig DeLuz, the Capitol Director for Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries. Also state and Local 25 membership was discussed. Lil' David Morena gave the PAC report and talked about Governor Brown vetoing SB 105. We are hoping he will also consider the motorcycle helmet law as a Freedom of Choice decision. We talked about the video of helmet testing, which was given to me by the CA Highway Patrol at their CMSP meeting on October 15.

We discussed our members encouraging others to hand write letters to their local assembly person and send a copy of their letter to the state office. Everyone is encouraged to get local businesses to donate \$25 to sponsor one parking meter for the state Freedom Rally in January.

Gary Haller (past President who owns the coffee shop in the lower level of the Capitol) let us know there will be a 3rd entrance into the capitol building on January 9, 2012. Also a reminder that everyone will be scanned when they walk thru each entrance, so please let's try to keep the line moving by leaving metal objects in your bike/car. That does not mean, take off your boots or belts and leave them, but please leave monetary change, pocket knives, weapons of any kind in your vehicle.

We finished with our raffle and the money raised was put into our treasury instead of raffled off. Our Treasurer, Dave "Topgun" Battles, unfortunately was not at our meeting as he had to have surgery and is recuperating. I'd really like all members to send Topgun well wishes at this time. You can find him on Facebook.

We are looking for volunteers to help us work our ABATE Local 25 booth at the Easyrider's event January 14 & 15th at the Sacramento Convention Center. We are open to ideas on how to improve our booth to make it stand out and open to donations so we can make our booth more recognizable. I'd like to thank Kathy Battles for her suggestions & would like others to send me more suggestions as well.

I am hoping all had a great Turkey day. Please celebrate the Holidays and New Year's Eve events safely and please designate a sober rider/driver. Also watch out for the OTHER driver!

Many thanks to Local 25's officers and to the members that keep this organization running so smoothly. Rebel Ruthi Wolfson - abate.ca.local25@gmail.com

Local #27 Riverside




As I write this, October is past, November is beginning and December is on the horizon. Time seems to be flying by and all of our days are filled with tasks to get completed.

The November 1 meeting was again well attended and nominations for 2012 officers were finalized. Our elections will be held at our December meeting and new Officers will take their positions for January. We discussed our new facebook page, updating the website calendar and links assistance for the American Legion Post and researching a new PR project called "Look Twice - Save a Life".

We had the opportunity to participate in the Riverside Mission Inn run half marathon as pace bikes for the runners and also got several support forms signed at our table with the help of the Geezers M/C. Also spoke with the organizer of the Flabob Air Show about a booth and bike show next year. They were very responsive.

Local 27 has joined forces with the Geezers M/C and the American Legion to hold our annual Turkey Run (Dec. 17) for the Salvation Army. Last year we furnished about 340 families with Christmas dinner. Hopefully we can beat that mark, even with the economy the way it is.

Want to know what's happening here locally? Check our website www.abatelocal27.org. Keep your Eyes Wide Open, Greg Covell, President Local 27, gmcvl@yahoo.com



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Pac/Lobbyist Report

by Dave Hastings, Treasurer

2011 is ending soon and it brings the promise of a better year ahead in 2012. Most of our Locals will be electing their officers for next year soon and I want to remind you to send an update to Carol Cromwell at our state office as soon as the election results are tallied. This updated information is part of your Local's obligation to ABATE of California and it makes our job at the office much easier when we need to give out current and correct information regarding your Local to prospective members interested in our organization.

Also supplying us with accurate and timely Local information updates allows us to update our ABATE web site and Bailing Wire magazine with your Local officers contact info year round - not just at election time. So please, keep our state office informed any time a change is made to an officer position, meeting location, or contact information for your Local.

By now we all know the political campaign season is heating up, be it city, county, state, or federal, and everyone will be asking for our ABATE help and endorsement to either win an election or further their special causes. Hopefully you have already taken an interest in the issues that are important to you and your family and also to our ABATE motorcycle family.



As usual, we will send out questionnaires to the candidates we don't already have on file and our Lobbyist, Jim Lombardo, will contact and evaluate each candidate and then make recommendations on the people and bills that we should support or oppose in the upcoming elections. You can also help in this evaluation process, especially if you have direct access to a candidate or one of his office staff. Please contact us at the state office and we will help you with whatever resources we have to further our goal of ensuring and protecting our "right to ride" in California.

Remember, with the statewide redistricting that was done recently, there will be new and in-

cumbent candidates scrambling to seek election in many areas and we have a very good chance of influencing some of those outcomes in the upcoming election cycle. Jim will help us pick and choose our battles and then we need your help in "mustering up the troops" in those areas to ensure a victory for our California motorcycle community.

So, make contact with the candidates in your area, volunteer your time to them, and Jim Lombardo will keep us all updated on "hot button" issues and elections statewide. This next election cycle may turn out to be the "perfect storm" ABATE has been waiting, working, and preparing for and ultimately we may gain more electoral ground than we have seen in years.

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 Jerry McClure (Local 44);
 Gill Mellen (Local 20);
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 Johnny O'Kane (Local 22);
 Bart & Wendy Perry, (Local 6);
 David "Deacon" Phillips, (Founder of ABATE of CA.)

mailed to them (the month it is physically printed); a Certificate of Appreciation (suitable for framing); their individual Membership card with their name and V.I.P. printed on it; And their names printed in the Bailing Wire under Sustaining ABATE Members. There could be some additional perks to the list; but as of this issue this is what we have available to offer. A Special thanks to our Sustaining Members!!!

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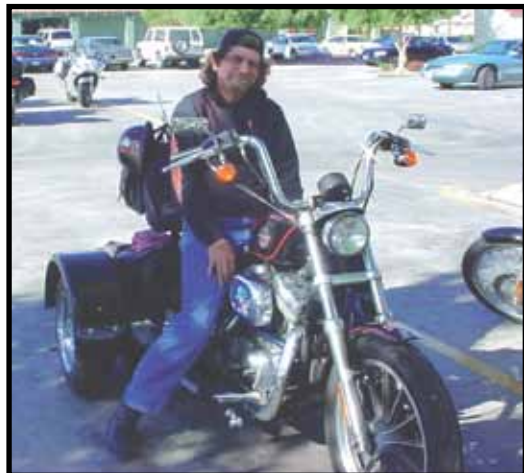
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Sporty's Rides

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan



Hi all! It's getting cold out there and my electric vest has stopped working. The dealer can't seem to get the cord part the right length, so it was either too long or too short and the cord got burnt. This caused the fuses to blow out.

My other bike, the 1200 Sporty is at the dealer's because on the way home from work I broke the clutch cable. As of this writing I am still waiting for the cable. I have been riding the 2002 883 Sporty a lot. You know the one in the picture minus the wheels. It now has a whopping 94,145 miles on it without a rebuild.

Ok, Sporty get on with the story. Yea right the story. Saturday, October 29, was the date for Local 20 and 8's 6th annual Halloween poker run. It started out at the Harley dealer in Orange County - I think it was in Fullerton. The route took us to some other shops and everyone's favorite sport's bar, Hooters. The ladies were dressed in costumes. So I had fun ad-libbing, but since this is a family

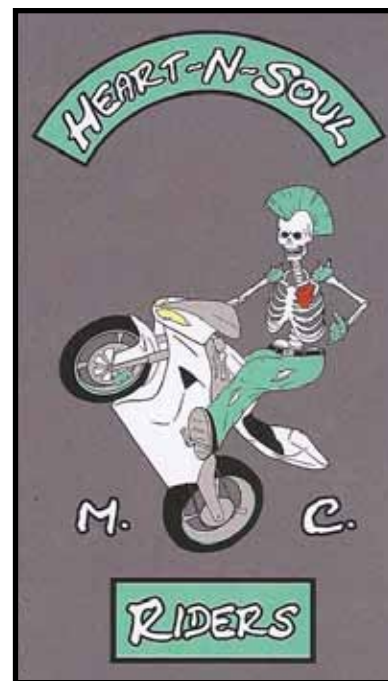
publication I will just say I made the Hooters girl who was in a cat outfit blush. Meow. The end was at everyone's favorite biker bar Cook's Corner. I got folks to sign petitions of support for the two bills we have pending, AB 1047 and AB 965. It's really hard at times to get folks to go out of their way and sign something political. I had my usual good time and was glad I was able to make this run. My bike, the 883 Sporty, ran OK for this one.

So far this month hasn't been a spectacularly eventful month. Yawn. Excuse me I had a really tough day at work and I am really tired - yawn. This addition of Sporty's Rides is going to be kinda short this month as I have not been on any other rides. I have been busy sending out stuff to my Local 1 members so we can have a better turn out for the ABATE elections. As you know, I am also president and treasurer of Local 1, so I have to do stuff for my monthly meetings. These things I do sometimes cuts into my riding time.

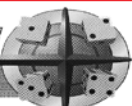
However on Sunday, November 13, I attended the Shaggers poker toy run in Antelope Valley. It started at Antelope Valley Harley Davidson. The route took us through Richmond and wound up at the Pear Blossom city park in the town of Pear Blossom. I had a good time and got an award for being the longest distance rider (I came from the San Fernando Valley). A nice surprise.

Yawn, yawn. Finally I am going to relate to you folks that you need to spread the word to encourage the troops to get busy and recruit more members. Building up the organization will require participation from the membership. I know we can do this endeavor pronto.

Ok, folks, that is really it. I hope to have more to say the next time we meet in print or email. Regards Sporty.



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Love Ride

The Love Ride was held at Castaic again for the first time in four years. ABATE Local 1 had a booth. Volunteers met at McDonalds. They included Sporty Milligan, Steve and Linda Kerr, Keith Johnston and Sharon Rubin, Steve Broughton and Dina Larch, and Chelsea Dollar.



COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

Coast To Coast Biker News
Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish

COURT ALLOWS RAID ON RIDER ED FUNDS: The Illinois Supreme Court may have opened the door for states to reallocate hundreds of millions of dollars from dedicated funding to balance their budgets.

In a recent 6-to-1 decision, the state's high court upheld a prior circuit court ruling that backed the governor and Legislature's ability to take money from hundreds of special state funds to offset budgetary deficits, a practice commonly referred to as "sweeping".

Motorcycle riders sued former Gov. Rod Blagojevich after he swept \$1.2 million from the Cycle Riders Safety Training Fund (CRSTF) to pay general state bills after a 2004 law passed by lawmakers allowed him to do so. A portion of the fee for an Illinois motorcycle license goes into the CRSTF, which ABATE of Illinois argued was only to be spent on motorcycle safety education.

"Clearly, the fee charged by the state for motorcycle registration and licensing is state revenue, and therefore the portion of this state revenue which the General Assembly has allocated to the CRSTF is also public money," wrote Justice Anne Burke in the majority opinion. Burke rejected the ABATE lawyers' argument that the special fund was tantamount to a special trust fund.

The state Supreme Court concluded that the legislature cannot create an irrevocable trust with public money because this would place an unconstitutional restraint upon the legislature's plenary power.

Sweeping special funds was a controversial way to deal with budget deficits during the Blagojevich administration, and although the court's ruling opens the door to more such sweeps, current Illinois Governor Pat Quinn opposes fund sweeps and has worked to end the practice.

MICHIGAN REQUESTS YOUR SUPPORT FOR HELMET FREEDOM: Michigan may be on the verge of repealing their mandatory helmet law as Senate Bill 291 appears destined for the governor's desk, and ABATE of Michigan has issued a "Call to Action" requesting the help of all motorcyclists in their freedom of choice efforts.

SB291 passed the Michigan Senate 24-14 in late June, and is now back for a "concurrence vote" after passing the House 69-39 on Nov 2nd, so a favorable vote will put ABATE's hopes in the hands of Governor Rick Snyder who has not indicated whether he will sign or veto the measure. Two previous repeal bills were vetoed by then-Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

"Governor Snyder prides himself on being all about business and helping business," said Vince Consiglio, President of ABATE of MI, adding: "A letter from a 'FREE' State may help him realize Michigan loses motorcycle money every day of the summer with a mandatory helmet law."

Under the bill, motorcyclists 21 and older would have the option of riding helmet-free if they have two years of experience or have taken

a safety course, and if they buy at least \$20,000 in medical insurance.

"Please urge Governor Snyder to support adult choice," requests Consiglio on behalf of ABATE, by contacting Governor Rick Snyder, State Capital, P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, MI 48909 or call (517) 373-3400 or e-mail Rick.Snyder@michigan.gov.

BIKERS RALLY TO RESCIND UN-FAIR POLICY: "The State Fair of Louisiana, for a minute, mind you, adopted a discriminatory position toward bikers by posting signs that would not allow them to attend the fair in their traditional biker gear, some of which is protective gear," said Mary Baker in an article in the Examiner newspaper, adding that "...bikers everywhere contribute to charity in a way that not many other segments of the population do... And, they definitely make an impact on the local community, spending hundreds of thousands of dollars at local establishments including restaurants, theaters, bars, parks, and small businesses. That is why it is disheartening to hear of discrimination based solely on appearance."

Upon being alerted of the fair's new anti-biker policy, Facebook exploded with messages like this: "ALERT/INFO: The State Fair of La. has adopted the policy: NO COLORS... Signs are now being posted at all gates. NO BIKER COLORS OF ANY KIND. Please pass this on to ALL BIKER friends and family. MC's are being Discriminated against. To Complain... Call State Fair of La. Let Your VOICES be heard... Repost!!!! Don't support the fair..."

You can imagine that bikers, their friends and family were livid. They began to complain about the discrimination with phone calls to the Director of the State Fair, and his offices. The result: Before the end of the day, this message by the representative for Independent Riders, Northwest Louisiana, was posted on Facebook: "UPDATE...UPDATE... UPDATE... WE HAVE WON!!!! Just received a call... And the State Fair of Louisiana has now changed their policy. THE SIGNS HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND ALL BIKERS ARE WELCOME AT THE FAIR!!!!!! Never, never, NEVER underestimate the power of a close knit FAMILY!!! Thanks to all who made calls and helped!!!!"

Louisiana State COIR (Coalition Of Independent Riders) Commander Lionel "Nite Train" Bailey reported that the US Defenders and COIR conducted a phone campaign, and not only have the Louisiana State Fair officials rescinded their No Colors policy, but even offered to organize a Bike Night to a Blue Oyster Cult concert.

LAWMAKERS OVERRIDE GOVERNOR'S VETO OF RED LIGHT BILL: The Illinois House voted 94-21 and the Senate voted 45-6 to override Gov. Pat Quinn's veto of the "Dead Red" bill supported by ABATE of Illinois that would allow motorcyclists to proceed through malfunctioning red lights.

As written, House Bill 2860 sponsored by Senator Gary Forby (D-Benton) and Representative Daniel Beiser (D-Alton), specifies that a motorcyclist would be permitted to legally run a red

light "after a reasonable period of time," but Quinn vetoed the legislation with the request that a two minute wait time be amended to it.

The law will now go into effect on January 1, 2012, and according to Sen. Forby, "A measure I sponsored (HB 2860) will now become law after I was successful in overriding the governor's amendatory veto. The bill allows motorcyclists to go through a red light if it fails to change to green because the switch hasn't been tripped, or didn't recognize the motorcycle. To alleviate a few of the concerns some of my colleagues raised, I introduced a "trailer bill" that requires motorcyclists to wait 120 seconds before proceeding through the red light. For those of us who have been stuck at a light without it ever changing to green, we know how reasonable this legislation is. This situation happens more than many people think and is a growing concern for bikers at outdated intersections. In fact, 360 rear end collisions occurred with motorcycles that were slowed or stopped in traffic in 2010. If bikers are trapped at a light, this bill gives them an opportunity to safely proceed through that signal, because otherwise they don't really have much of a choice. 11 other states already have laws like this in place, none of which have tried to rescind it."

INTERNATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SAFETY REPORTS RELEASED: Headlight configurations that make motorcycles more noticeable, why drivers fail to give way to motorcycles at T-intersections, and how mirror use influences car-motorcycle conflicts are among the topics researched and reported on in the new January issue of Accident Analysis & Prevention (AA&P), a journal primarily focused on causes and impacts of transportation accidents.

The themed AA&P edition is titled "Safety and Mobility of Vulnerable Road Users: Pedestrians, Bicyclists, and Motorcyclists" and consists of a selection of papers presented at an international conference organized by Israel's National Road Safety Authority.

In a report entitled "Recognizability of different configurations of front lights on motorcycles," the researchers say that "Results of a laboratory experiment have shown that motorcycles with a T-shaped light configuration are more quickly identified, particularly when the motorcycles are in visual competition with other motorized road users."

In "Why do car drivers fail to give way to motorcycles at t-junctions?," researchers studied differences between novice drivers, experienced drivers, and "dual drivers," i.e., drivers who also ride motorcycles. They found that dual drivers were better at recognizing motorcycles than either of the other two groups. While the results are inconclusive, the researchers state that "We argue that this is potential evidence for an oculomotor basis for Look But Fail To See errors."

The report "Attention and search conspicuity of motorcycles as a function of their visual context" says that multi-colored, reflective, and white rider outfits consistently made the riders more noticeable than a black outfit.

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Cars changing lanes without recognizing that a motorcycle is in that lane is a common experience for motorcyclists, and that topic is addressed in “Attending overtaking cars and motorcycles through the mirrors before changing lanes.” Not surprisingly, the researchers found that “Risky maneuvers were less likely to occur in those cases where more time was spent gazing at the mirrors.”

Other reports in this issue address other motorcycle-related issues, and can be accessed on a for-pay basis, but abstracts of the reports are available on the journal's website at www.journals.elsevier.com.

MOTORCYCLISTS BEWARE: STATES WITH THE WORST DRIVERS: You might believe that your state has the worst drivers in the country, but a newly released report from Carinsurancecomparison.com ranked states according to their safety record to determine where the bad drivers live.

Five factors were considered when determining the rankings; fatalities per million miles traveled, drunken driving, the number of tickets issued, failure to obey traffic signals and carelessness, utilizing data compiled from the National Highway and Transportation Safety Administration (driving fatalities), the National Motorist's Association (traffic tickets), and MADD (drunk drivers).

Here is their list of the 10 states with the worst drivers: #10) South Carolina - Ranked 48th for fatalities and 45th for obeying road signs. #9) Alabama - 46th for tickets. 42nd for fatalities. 41st for obeying road signs. #8) Montana - Highest ticket rate in the country. Also ranked 40th for

carelessness. #7) Kentucky - 42nd for carelessness and 48th for drunk driving. #6) Arizona - Arizona ranked poorly across the board. #5) Oklahoma - Lots of DUIs, fatal accidents, and traffic tickets. #4) Florida - Not as many drunk drivers... But Florida has more tickets than any other state. #3) Texas - Texas ranked pretty poor in all categories. #2) Missouri - Ranked in the bottom 10 for carelessness and DUIs. #1) Louisiana - In the bottom 10 in all categories except failure to obey signs.

The safest driving state was Rhode Island, followed by Connecticut, Massachusetts, Virginia, and New Hampshire.

WEIRD NEWS: SPAIN FINES OVER HELMETLESS TOM HANKS POSTER: The Spanish distributor for the movie “Larry Crowne” was fined for a poster showing stars Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts riding a motorcycle without a helmet.

Tripictures was given a traffic fine of 30,000 euros (\$41,500) for using the film's U.S. poster to promote the movie's overseas premiere because the government claimed it promoted reckless driving.

The distributor initially thought the ticket was a joke, but in 1985 Spain instituted a law that banned advertisements from promoting reckless driving. Fines are also given to celebrities if they promote the image of poor driving. One example came last year, when singer Shakira drove through Barcelona on a motorcycle without a helmet in one of her music videos.

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ABATE Local 22 – Debt Buster Raffle

Contact a Member of Local 22 for your ticket, or attend their meeting first Tuesday of the month; 7:00pm at the Chowder Barge; 611 N Henry Ford Ave; Wilmington, CA 90744. **Drawing held January 14, 2012** Winner need not be present to win!

December 4 – ABATE Local 19 & Pomona Valley H-D Annual Toy Drive; (See flyer this issue for details.)

December 8 – BALLOT for 2012-2013 ABATE Board of Directors & 2011 Freedom Fighter Postmark DEADLINE

December 11 – ABATE Local 1 & Glendale H-D 24th Annual Skid Row Ride (See flyer this issue for details.)

December 17 – ABATE Local 27 & Geezers MC – Christmas Turkey Run – (See flyer this issue for details.)

2012 Events

January 8, 2012 – First ABATE Quarterly Meeting for the Year – Sacramento – (La Quinta Inn – 200 Jibboom St; 95811; Room Reservation call 916/448-8100, Mention ABATE for special room rate. **Price held until December 18.**) **Tentative Schedule:** Meet & Greet 9:30a – 10:00a; Presidents Meeting 10:00a-10:45a; PAC Meeting 11:00a to noon; Lunch Noon to 1:00p; Board Meeting 1:00 pm.

January 9 – 2012 – State Capitol – South Steps – Freedom Rally (details are on line at www.abate.org Home page and the Events page. Group picture at 10:30 am on the South Capitol Steps; followed by invited Guest Speakers. Transportation Committee Meeting at 1:30 pm. Scheduled bills AB695 & AB1047.

January 14, 2012 – Local 22 Debt Buster Raffle Drawing – You do not have to be present to Win; See flyer for Details.

February 26, 2012 – ABATE Local 1 – 25th Annual Polar Bear Run (see flyer this issue for details.)

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.



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Membership Report

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan, Membership Chairman

December date line: ABATE toy runs means opportunities to give the ABATE spiel to potential new members and to remind older members to renew if they haven't done so.

We, as an organization, have the tools to get and retain members. In your attempt to get new members you can use our accomplishments list which is like a greatest hits lists.

For the up-coming year I would like the following to happen: 1) Getting Locals that have a high retention of the members to explain to the membership just how they accomplish that feat. 2) Suggestions for the membership drive on how to improve or encourage participation. 3) Ways our organization can work to strengthen our goals - Freedom of the Road - and the ability to provide a strong membership base. 4) To make all the Locals feel welcome and a part of the whole units.

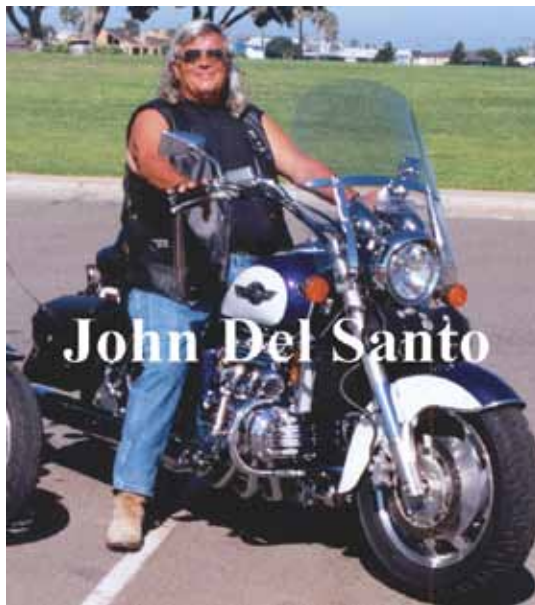
Together we can accomplish these goals. Our Board members can and should be more available to the needs of the Locals. If we start doing this in earnest, we will be able to survive another year in an extremely tough economy.

Ok, with less then two months left in the drive for 2011, do your level headed best to get more members and retain the renewals. Remember there is strength and unity in numbers of members. Also do the Sputnik mirror question, "What have you done for ABATE lately?" If you have a negative response to that inquiry, then it's time to get busy for ABATE.

Regards, Sporty Milligan, wearing the Membership hat for this column.

Are You Prepared?

by John Del Santo



A tragedy occurred recently when a man driving a van on the freeway fell asleep and cut across three lanes of traffic, smashing into a motorcyclist and doing her great bodily harm. The only thing that kept her alive long enough for the ambulance to reach the scene was the fact that two of the women riding with her were nurses and the driver of one of the autos that stopped for the collision to block the traffic, was also a nurse. Most of us will probably never have a group of medical professionals like that with us when we ride, but there are things that we can do to prepare us for the unforeseen. Whether something bad happens riding with friends or at home with the family, we can be helpful or even save a life.

Qualify yourself and some of your friends and family for First Aid and CPR. There are classes that you can attend listed all over the internet.

There are instructors who will come to your club and instruct and certify your members, and even First Aid classes that you can take On Line. Our Medical Advisor said that he doesn't feel that CPR can be properly learned on the internet though, that 'hands-on' CPR training is really the way to go. And if you are so inclined, and want to help a lot of people, donate a pint of blood from time to time. Ask around in your area about motorcyclist Blood Bank accounts.

Having a First Aid kit with you that is small enough to carry on your bike, but full enough to be of use, is a big plus. REI Sportswear has some small first aid kits at a reasonable price. Our Advisor chose an "Adventure Medical Kit Ultralight/Watertight 5" kit packed in a yellow bag for \$17. At www.rei.com you can even order one by mail. After you have the kit, have a nurse check it out, and see which items need to be added to it. The First Aid kits from stores are usually shy of something or other. You can also pick up a very small bottle of Bayer Quick Release Aspirin Crystals - these may stop a heart attack that is already in progress - and pack a small package of non-drowsy antihistamine which will stop swelling if a bee gets in your jacket and stings you somewhere that affects your breathing.

Having a cell phone with you to call 911 is a plus, but there are areas where we ride that have no cell towers to relay a message out, so you can't always count on the phone. Having some first aid knowledge under our belts will at least keep us from being part of the "Uh-oh Squad" - those folks who just stand around at accident scenes shuffling their feet and staring helplessly at what's going on.

Knowledge is power, be prepared, the life you save might be mine!

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How a new device is reducing repeat drunk driving offenses

During the holiday season, the California Highway Patrol sets up DUI checkpoints which have led to hundreds of citations for driving under the influence across California. These checkpoints are great way to prevent drunk drivers from staying on the road. Driving impaired can cause serious injury or death to you, passengers in your vehicle or other people on the road. The Department of Motor Vehicles cannot stress enough the importance of a designated sober driver, especially during the holiday season. The consequences of a DUI are severe, expensive and can follow you for the rest of your life. An ignition interlock device (IID) is one such countermeasure that is designed to reduce the number of drunk drivers on the road.

An IID is wired to the vehicle's ignition. The device is slightly larger than a cell phone, easily installed and requires a breath sample before the engine will start. If the IID detects alcohol on your breath, the engine will not start. As you drive, you are periodically required to provide breath samples to ensure the continued absence of alcohol in your system. The International Council on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety maintains that IIDs, when combined with a

comprehensive monitoring and service program, lead to a 40-95 percent reduction in the rate of repeat drunk driving offenses among offenders as long as the IID remains in the vehicle.

If you are cited for a DUI in Alameda, Los Angeles, Sacramento, or Tulare counties, as part of a mandatory pilot program you will be required to install an IID in all vehicles that you operate or own. The requirement for participation in the pilot program is determined by the county in which the violation occurred, not the residence of the driver. Individuals who do not own or have access to a vehicle can request an exemption from the IID installation, by completing and returning the Exemption for Ignition Interlock Device (DL 4055B) form within 30 days of receiving notice from DMV regarding the IID requirement.

Do not assume that because you live outside of the pilot county that you are exempt from installing an IID. The requirement for participation in the pilot program is determined by the county in which the violation occurred; not the residence of the driver. Also, if you have been convicted of a *second* or subsequent DUI violation outside of the pilot program counties and have completed at least one year of your DUI suspension/revocation you may qualify for a restricted license if you meet these requirements:

• Install an IID on your vehicle and provide the DMV with a "Verification of Installation" (DL 920) form

• Clear all other outstanding suspensions/revocations on your driving record

• Comply with a drinking driver program's requirements and have the program provider submit either a Proof of Enrollment form (DL 107) or Notice of Completion form (DL 101) to DMV (which ever applies to your case)

• Submit an SR 22 form establishing proof of financial responsibility issued by your auto insurance company to DMV

• Pay all required fees, including the \$15 IID restriction fee

Once installed in your vehicle, the IID must be calibrated and inspected by a certified installer every 60 days. The inspections make sure the device is working properly and that no violations have been logged. Drivers who do not comply with IID requirements are reported to the court or to the DMV (whichever applies) and may have their driving privilege suspended or revoked.

If a person with an optional DMV IID or court-IID restriction attempts to remove, tamper with, bypass, or fails to comply three or more times with any requirement for the maintenance or calibration of the IID, the DMV will immediately suspend or revoke the person's driving privilege for the remaining period of the original suspension or revocation, and until all reinstatement requirements are met.

Tampering with the IID or having other people blow into it for you is illegal. The IID has "running retests" and will ask for breath samples throughout the duration

of the drive. If a test is not taken or if the test is failed, the unit will log a violation. With some devices, the horn will honk until the vehicle is turned off. California law imposes fines and/or jail for individuals assisting in the circumvention of the IID.

During this holiday season, the CHP and DMV would advise that you always assign a designated sober driver when attending an event where alcohol is being served and consumed by you or your friends. The consequences of a DUI have a long term impact and not worth even one evening of irresponsibility. For more information on the consequences of a DUI, the IID and tips on assigning a designated driver, please visit www.DMV.ca.gov.

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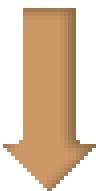
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CHANGING LANES/SIGNALING: If our bike is equipped with working electric directional signals, the law requires that we use them when changing lanes. (CVC 22110). The State handbook also suggests that during times of heavy traffic, or poor visibility, that we also use hand signals so that cars are better able to see what our intentions are.

Before each lane change check your mirrors, signal your intentions, check your blind spot, make your move. The CA Drivers Handbook suggests that at freeway speeds we signal for at least five seconds before a lane change.

GENERAL: Traffic lanes are often referred to by number. The left or fast lane is called the Number 1 lane. The lane to the right of the Number 1 lane is called the Number 2 lane, then the Number 3 lane, etc.

If you are pulling a little camping trailer behind your motorcycle or car you now come under the same 3-axle category as a tractor trailer. You are restricted to the two right lanes of the freeway, restricted to 55 MPH, and not allowed to use the HOV lane. (Pg 35 CA Drivers Handbook)

LANE SHARING: The California Vehicle Code does not allow "lane sharing, lane splitting", etc. The California Vehicle Code does not prohibit "lane sharing, lane splitting" etc. The CA Vehicle Code, The Law, Does not mention "lane sharing, lane splitting". Etc.

California Motorcycle Handbook (pg 15) suggests that "Cars and motorcycles each need a full lane to operate safely. Lane sharing is NOT safe". While the CA Driver Handbook (pg 60) tells us that "Motorcycles may travel faster than (other) traffic during congested conditions and can legally travel in the unused space between two lines of moving or stationary vehicles, which is usually called lane splitting".

FOLLOWING DISTANCE: California Vehicle Code 21704 (a) States that "The driver of any motor vehicle that is operated outside of a business or residence district, shall keep the vehicle he is driving at a distance of not less than 300 feet to the rear of any other motor vehicle". That's a space that would fit about five tractor-trailers, or is almost a football field long.

ON THE FREEWAY: Miles per hour times 1 1/2 equals feet-per-second traveled. At 65 MPH a vehicle is traveling about 100 feet every second.

Many motorcyclists prefer traveling on the freeway in the Number 1 lane (far left). This leaves the rider able to only worry about bad moves from the vehicle to the right, and the vehicle behind. Riding in the Number 1 lane also leaves the shoulder on the left as an escape route to avoid dangerous moves from other drivers.

Unlike many other states, if you are traveling in the left lane - the Number 1 lane - and you are maintaining the posted speed limit there is no legal reason for you to move out of that lane unless an emergency vehicle comes up behind you showing lights and/or siren.

The California Motorcycle Handbook (pg 13) tells us "There is no "best lane position" for riders in which to be seen and to maintain a space cushion around the motorcycle. Position yourself

in the lane that allows the most visibility and space around you".

Generally speaking, I have been told by highway police that their attention is most drawn to vehicles that are jumping around from lane to lane, not to those that stay mostly in one lane.

GROUP RIDING: "If you ride with others, do it in a way that promotes safety and doesn't interfere with the flow of traffic" If the group is more than four or five riders, divide it into two or more smaller groups. Use a staggered formation and keep a 2-second following distance from the rider directly in front of you. (Pg 32 CA DMV Motorcycle Handbook).

When we are riding in a group on the freeway with five or ten other vehicles, WE ARE NOT AN EXCLUSIVE GROUP; to the law, and to the rest of the world, we are just five or ten individual vehicles. If other vehicles want to, or need to, make a lane change into our lane, they have every right to do so, and we have no right to try to stop them from doing so. Even convoys of army trucks or funeral processions lose their right to exclusivity when they are on a freeway.

HOV LANES (HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE) (Carpool Lane): No vehicle may cross double yellow lines into or out of an HOV LANE. In some areas, such as near Los Angeles, the double-yellow lines are about 18 inches apart. Contrary to some popular belief, these are NOT teeny little HOV lanes for motorcycles. These are still double-yellow lines which no one may cross into or out of an HOV lane.

ONE OR TWO PERSONS ON A MOTORCYCLE OR TRIKE (3-wheeled motorcycle) ARE ALLOWED TO USE AN HOV LANE, unless otherwise posted. (Pg 34 CA Drivers Handbook).

No vehicle pulling a trailer may use an HOV Lane.

EMERGENCY VEHICLE STOPPED ON FREEWAY: CVC-21809. (a) A person driving a vehicle on a freeway approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle that is displaying emergency lights, a stationary tow truck that is displaying flashing amber warning lights, or a stationary marked Department of Transportation vehicle that is displaying flashing amber warning lights, shall approach with due caution and, before passing in a lane immediately adjacent to the authorized emergency vehicle, tow truck, or Department of Transportation vehicle, absent other direction by a peace officer, proceed to do one of the following: (1) Make a lane change into an available lane not immediately adjacent to the authorized emergency vehicle, tow truck, or Department of Transportation vehicle, with due regard for safety and traffic conditions, if practicable and not prohibited by law. (2) If the maneuver described in paragraph (1) would be unsafe or impracticable, slow to a reasonable and prudent speed that is safe for existing weather, road, and vehicular or pedestrian traffic conditions.

OFF THE FREEWAY: CENTER LEFT-TURN LANES: A set of yellow solid lines with dotted yellow lines just inside them. These are to be used to start or complete left turns or to start u-turns. We may not stay in them for more than 200 feet (three tractor trailer lengths).

DOUBLE-DOUBLE YELLOWS: Sets of double-double yellow lines are considered a barrier or island. We may never cross those even to get into or out of our own driveway or to make a u-turn.

NARROW STREETS: When riding in parts of town with small, narrow streets where there is not a centerline painted in the street, the Driver Handbook suggests that we ride out near the middle of the street, when no traffic is approaching us from the opposite direction. This reduces the chances of someone in a parked car making a move that would surprise or endanger you. Naturally, near an intersection we would be back towards the right side of the roadway.

TURNOUT AREAS AND LANES: Special "turnout" areas are sometimes marked on two-lane roads. Drive into these areas to allow traffic behind you to pass. If you are driving slowly, you are required to pull in if there are five or more vehicles behind you that want to go faster. (Pg 35 CA Drivers Manual).

SOMETIMES THESE TURNOUT AREAS ARE UNLIT AND UNPAVED, AND ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT, MOTORCYCLISTS WOULD HAVE TO MAKE SERIOUS CHOICES TO USE THEM OR NOT.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ZONE: A "safety zone" is the area or space lawfully set apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and which is protected, or which is marked or indicated by vertical signs, raised markers or raised buttons, in order to make such area or space plainly visible at all times while the same is set apart as a safety zone. CA Vehicle Code 540.

CROSSING BICYCLE LANES: As long as there are no bicycles using the bicycle lane anywhere near enough you to be a hazard, you may cross a bicycle lane to turn into or out of a driveway. If there is a bicycle lane, and no bicycles are using it, and you plan on turning right at the next corner, you should check your mirror, signal, check your blind spot, and move into the bicycle lane NO MORE THAN 200 feet from the corner (three tractor-trailer lengths) to approach your right turn. You may park in a bicycle lane, as long as there is no sign that proclaims "Bike Lane No Parking".

Motorists passing bicyclists are to be patient when passing a bicyclist. Slow down and pass only when it is safe. Do not squeeze the bicyclist off the road. If road conditions and space permit, allow clearance of at least three feet when passing a bicyclist. CA Driver Handbook.

THESE RULES AND LAWS MAY DIFFER WHEN LEAVING CALIFORNIA AND ENTERING OTHER STATES.

Would you like to check out any vehicle laws or rules? Go to <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/vctop/vc/vc.htm> Ca Vehicle Code OR http://www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/hdbk/driver_handbook_toc.htm CA Driver Handbook.

DISCLAIMER AND WARNING: This guide is to provide accurate and authoritative information on this subject. If expert assistance is required, the services of a competent professional person should be sought.

Whose Road Is It, Anyway?

by John Del Santo



Whose road is it, anyway? What will you find in the road right around the next curve? It would be nice if we could depend on a clear road, but the good rider knows there are more possible hazards along the open highway than space invaders in a video game!

Deer are the most common animal hazard and the most unpredictable. The months of October, November, and December, are the period that motorists are most at risk of colliding with these animals that have no innate sense of avoiding other moving objects.

Drivers would do well to be on high alert during this year-end period. The National Motorist Association reported last that deer-vehicle collisions increased by 20 percent during the preceding five years, even though vehicle miles driven across the U.S. only went up 2 percent during the same period.

Deer will stare at you as you approach and then leap into the road as you reach them. Every year there are well over a hundred-thousand reported collisions with deer, resulting in the loss of more than a hundred human lives.

Be extra alert when visibility is at a low, in areas where trees come up close to the road, and where there are posted deer-warning signs. There is controversy regarding whether deer can hear those little plastic deer-whistles that you can mount on your vehicle. If you see two deer cross the road, expect a third; if you see three, expect a fourth.

Animals don't wear reflectors at night and can be closer than a hundred feet away when your headlights pick them up. Even at 40 MPH you need more than 100 feet to stop, so swerve around them if you can, but not at the risk of driving into oncoming traffic or into a big Oak tree. Someone's instantaneous reaction would be to avoid the deer, but if their choice is the deer or a large solid object, then it should be "Sayonara, Bambi"!

Secondary state highways often resemble petting zoos for all the animals we find out there. Larger animals may not be as common as deer, but can be a lot more deadly. Moose and horses can weigh up to a thousand pounds, and are taller than

your bike. A cow on the road can make a massive blockade, if you are overdriving your visibility. A cow warning sign or steel pipes built into the road (or vertical paint stripes) indicate an Open Range Area where the cows are not fenced in. Many drivers have struck dogs and then were badly bitten when they tried to comfort or move the animal.

Our fellow two-legged critters should know better, but often require as much care and caution as four-legged road hazards. You can expect almost anything in your lane, right around that next bend in the road including a stopped car with the driver taking pictures of the deer that just crossed the road, a flock of joggers, or a herd of bicyclists. It's best that they be made aware of the fact you are approaching, with a tap on your horn, so they don't swerve out to avoid a pothole or puddle. Many states require this by law, but prohibit using a horn when approaching a horseback rider.

Whose road is it anyway? No matter how many wheels or feet the other road users have, and no matter where they pop up from, the good rider will expect the worst and do the best at avoiding hazards. Defensive riding will take you a long way toward seeing the end of a trip with nothing bigger than bugs stuck to the front of your bike

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ONE MORE FROM THE HEART

**Thank You from HR
Pics by Gill**

Well here we go again! A whole darn bunch of you just had to go an do it, huh? Always thinking of somebody else instead of yer-selves! Well who could be prouder than me? You all continue to just push the bounds of generosity to extreme new limits! The "One More From the Heart" run participants done goooood this year, again!

First let me say that the weather cleared for a bright and shiny day, a day the Gods hath made for motorcycling. The Chopper Place crew lined up 100 cups of Grade A Joe and 7 dozen various flavored "Fat Pills" (donuts) and stepped aside to see what happened. Well a busload of riders with "Stuff" showed up, gobbled up the donuts, sloshed down the coffee, lined up for the outhouse, then, after a prayer from Pastor Jose for a safe journey, Duck's annual speech on the Run's history, and yours truely's safety speech, formed up with the POBOB MC leading the way with the Paid in Full Ministry riders and Bill W Sober Pack holding traffic at bay, they departed. Funny thing about that, this would have been my 5th year in a car but my best friend sold me a new ride and I was excited to ride again. After the pre-ride safety talk I told everybody 10 minutes and we'll form up to go. Well I walked over to my new ride, secured my stuff and got my passenger, Sharron Haliburda, squared away only to realize that everybody had already left! I always like to ride in the back of the pack anyway, but we were a good 4 or 5 miles behind. Well Sharron's friend Diana and us made a nice two vehicle parade out to Totally Kids. We caught the pack at the Mt. View off ramp, seems nobody missed us!

Well there was already a good sized crowd there and once parked and secured we all headed in to do some good and enjoy more coffee and donuts! And they had donuts, boxes and boxes and boxes of them. Saw some new faces and many of the old faces with one or two missing, but there IS next year. The crowd was a bit light compared to last year, but we were still an impressive mob.

Things are a bit lean these days and it is amazing what folks were still able to cough up. The TV/DVD fund was not as big as other times, but it was big enough. Here we need to give credit to Joseph Valona and Thea for the lions share of the collections which yielded 1 X Box, 1 Nintendo wii and all the bells and whistles that go with them, a few additional games, 2 year extended warranties and 2 DVD players. Not bad at all.

The "Pile'o Stuff" was just enormous as usual, chocked full of their requested needs. Paul and Jan Thomas had their DJ outfit set up and were playing some groovy tunes while we discussed how we put the wrong year on the flier and how that won't happen again, RIGHT?!?!





Before addressing the crowd I was kind of looking around and saw Sharron and Diane sitting on Basil's bench. TK got the bench to honor Basil after his untimely passing for his dedication to this facility. But it made me reflect on all those that I've known that are not here any more to join us physically in this event. Man, this run has been the spark of many friendships for me, Basil and Sharron among them, and it really makes ya think when you realize how many are gone, but I do know they visit with us on this day, you can feel it in the air. Further I noticed that there were two people who have had heart transplants, at least ten that I know have lost their spouses of many years yet their faces reflected a most radiant joy at just being there and participating. It just astounds me to observe folks that have every reason in the world to be sad just bursting at the seams with joy. It is a marvelous thing to behold at this very special place.



Totally Kids Director, Doug Padgett, head nurse Patricia, and myself passed out "Atta'boys" all around, even to the girls. Doreen Matsumoto told how she got her ladies charity club to work with Local 20 by getting Gill to not call women broads long enough to raise "A substantial pile of dough" for the "Kitty". This event has dug itself deep into many folk's hearts and compels them to great acts of generosity. I had more than a few folks tell me how their clubs had held their own fundraiser for TK for toss'n in the "Kitty".



I have maintained a policy of not singling out anybody's contribution so not to 1) detract from anyone else's and 2) for fear I would surely miss somebody and cause hurt feelings. You all know who you are and you know what you did, but you may not know just how big it turned out. We would not have gotten where we did without all the 1 dollars as well as the thousands.



Are ya sittin down? We left behind \$10,806.00!!!! Can you believe it? Ten thousand Eight Hundred and Six simoleons, smackerns, shekels, bucks or just plain ol' dollars. Dang howdy! How did you all manage to do that!! Wow! You folks are a caution, I bow deeply to you all.



Well that about used up our welcome. So after giving the nursing staff motorcycle rides and an employee inventory was taken and balanced, we departed behind the leadership of Kevin and Bea Sorrell for the Mystery ride. What no Bea?!?!? What gives? She's the only reason we all tolerate Kevin. He explained how she had woke up under the weather and was heart broken she had to stay home. Her grinning mug was sadly missed and I enjoy the view riding behind her. Solo, Kevin led us on a pleasant back road ride back into Riverside to Duke's, a well known biker friendly establishment right next to the freeway. We ate, we drank, we talked, we laughed, I don't think anyone cried except maybe Bea, well and me, I missed the view.



We departed for our respective homes after hugs all around and a slight discussion that next year it will be on November 11, 2012, Veterans Day, and we would like to do something special. Be there and see what we come up with.



THANK YOU ALL AND MAY GOD BLESS EVYERONE OF YOU!!! C'ya, HR

Local 24's Turkey Run by Bruce

Clovis, CA, Saturday, November 5, 2011:
On a bright and very clear day with real brisk temperatures about 47 bikes and 60 plus people gathered at Kimmie's in Clovis. It was time once more for the yearly Local 24 Turkey Run.

Quite a few of the folks took advantage of the special Steak and Eggs breakfast Kimmie's is famous for.

Leaving Kimmie's we took a very roundabout route to the Reedley and the Kings River. Our next stop was Kelly's Beach. Chips, salsa and some warming snacks were available. Some do like it hot; I stuck with chips and salsa. Note for the future, Kelly's Beach does a real fine job on sandwiches and soups.

After riding various routes the final stop was La Cantina at Chuck's place. El Pueblito catered another great Mexican dinner for all of us. The "special mixing" machine also did a fine job.

Dark was approaching and I bid farewell without seeing the final outcome of the drawings and prizes, but I am sure it was a ride to remember.

Once again a special thanks to Chuck Kallas for opening up La Cantina and sharing his special vehicles with us. This definitely is the season highlight for Local 24. We thank all the riders that helped support ABATE of California.



Trick or Treat Run Pics



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Los Angeles County - Local #01-Reg#8

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

Simi Valley - Local #02-Reg#8

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

Thousand Oaks-Local#03-Reg#7

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842 E Avenida De Las Flores Elks Lodge
Thousand Oaks 91360 158 N. Conejo School
805/496-0323 Thousand Oaks

San Gabriel Valley - Local#05-Reg#8

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

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John Del Santo 1st Sunday - 12 Noon
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San Diego CA 92167 Pacific Beach
619/223-0421

Orange County - Local #08-Reg#11

Faviola Andaya 2nd Mon. 7:30PM
P O Box 550 American Legion #354
Anaheim CA 92815 8071 Whitaker, Buena Park
714/471-6749 otflag15@hotmail

South Orange County - Local #09-Reg#11

Cory Torioian 2nd Tues. 7:00 PM
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Tim Clark 2nd Sun - 11 AM
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Dave Walsh Last Thurs. - 7:30 PM
1354 W. Olive St VFW Post #3935
Oxnard 805/486-1093 300 Surfside Dr.
or 469-6522 Pt. Hueneme CA 93041

Alameda County Local#14-Reg#3

Houdini 1st Wed 7:30 PM
510/575-1500 The Florence
37349 Niles Blvd., Fremont

Contra Costa County - Local #15-Reg#3

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

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

Mike VanBuskirk 3rd Sun.- 10:00 AM
P O Box 148 Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon
Vacaville 95696 4826 Midway Rd.
707/486-6454 Vacaville CA

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Robert Cuthbertson 4th Wed - 7:00 PM
P O Box 4664 Round Table Pizza
San Dimas 91773 1020 N Mountain
909/921-2159 Ontario CA



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Gill Mellen 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
2104 Continental Ave. Franciscan's Best Western Inn
Costa Mesa, CA 92627 2642 Newport Blvd.
949/632-9787 Costa Mesa CA 92627

Antelope Valley - Local #21-Reg#13

Ron Sundquist 1st Thurs - 7:00 PM
37230 52nd St. East Moose Lodge
Palmdale 93552 44545 Dvision St
661/586-5555 Lancaster 93535
ron.sundquist@sbcglobal.net

South Bay - Local #22-Reg#11

Suzanne Palmiere 1st Tues - 7:30 PM
310/245-0543 Chowder Barge
suzpalmiere@aol.com 611 N. Henry Ford
Wilmington 90744

San Bernardino - Local#23-Reg#9

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Vickie's Restaurant
909/793-1112 502 S. Waterman Ave.
San Bernardino

Fresno - Local#24-Reg#6

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

Sacramento - Local#25-Reg#2

Rebel Ruthi Wolfson 3rd Thurs-7:00 PM
916/320-6439 Denny's
Abate.ca.local25@gmail.com 3520 Auburn Blvd.
Sacramento 95821

Riverside - Local#27-Reg#9

Greg Covell 1st Tues - 7:00 PM
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Riverside CA 92513 2979 Dexter Dr,
951/522-3434 Riverside, CA 92513
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707/245-8036 Round Table Pizza
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Lakeport 95453

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Marty Rapp 2nd - Thurs - 6:30 PM
P.O. Box 2334 Odd # Months
29 Palms CA 92277 Call for meeting Location
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North Valley - Local #31-Reg#2

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Last Call Lounge
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Santa Clara Valley - Local #32-Reg#4

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2988 Almaden Expy
San Jose

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

Palm Springs - Local #36-Reg#10
Closed

Imperial Valley - Local#38-Reg#12

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El CentroCA 1151 S 4th St.
760/996-2093 El Centro

Bakersfield - Local#40-Reg#6

Omar Macias 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM
661/832-5240 Rusty's Pizza
661/900-8690 5430 Olive Dr
Bakersfield 93308

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760/948-0491 Hesperia

Barstow - Local #47-Reg#13

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760/254-3833 or 760/953-7353

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P.O. Box 356 Larry & Lena's Pizza & Grill
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1661 W. Triangle Dr.
Ridgecrest

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Larry Burch 2nd Thurs 7:00 PM
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