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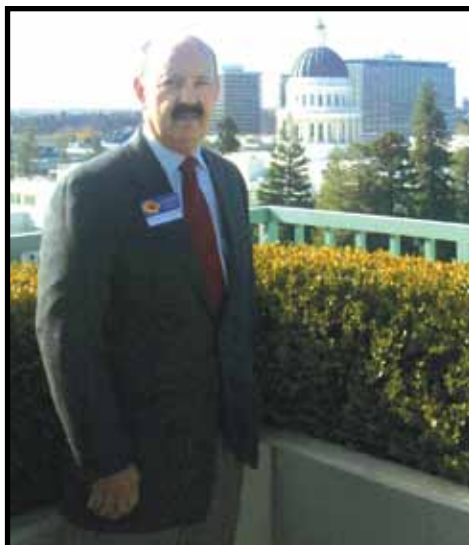
Lobbyist's Legislative Report

by James Lombardo, Lobbyist
& Assistant Legislative Director

Well, not much has changed in the State Capital since my *Bailing Wire* article last month, with the exception of bills introduced and special elections. California is still facing a **\$25 Billion budget deficit**. Quite simply, the State takes in roughly \$85 billion of our hard-earned tax dollars and spends \$110 billion, thus creating a \$25 Billion Black Hole. To close the gap, Governor Brown has proposed cutting \$12.5 billion from the budget and extending the expiring sales taxes of 8.25 to 8.75% depending on where you live for 5 more long years, among other levies, to generate \$12.5 billion in new tax revenue.

The Budget sub committees have been meeting and discussing the various cuts with support from the Republicans for deep cuts, and *Nays* from the Democrats who want to protect home health care, (unionized) workers, K-12 schools, Community Colleges, University of California and State College subsidized tuition, and work-to-get-welfare (Cal Works).

Again, all are pushing back against a **Democrat** Governor - last year, it was the same pushback against "GAS" (Republican Governor Arnie S). When the full Budget Committee met last week, both sides argued so much that they could hardly agree on the simple rules and procedures of how the Committee will operate.



Through all this chaos in the hallways, filled with lots of folks whose programs are being cut by proposed legislation, I was able to meet with Assemblyman Chris Norby (R-Fullerton), and he enthusiastically agreed to carry our helmet law Modification/repeal bill - AB 695. If you would like to thank him for sponsoring this important **FREEDOM LEGISLATION**, write to Assemblyman Chris Norby; his e-mail address is assemblymember.Norby@assembly.ca.gov.

ABATE's other important anti-motorcyclist discrimination legislation is being carried by the Vice Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee, a long time friend of motorcycle riders and a (mainly off-road) rider himself, Kevin Jefferies (R-Murrieta). Our bill AB 1047, will prohibit the Office of Traffic Safety from disbursing any grant money/grants to California law enforcement agencies to do roadside checkpoints for **MOTORCYCLISTS ONLY!** So get ready for a real battle over this one! Local, city and county cops won't like their power and cushy overtime pay taken away for rousting motorcycle riders. Neither will

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What is ABATE?

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

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

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Executive Director's Report

by Anthony Jaime, Executive Director

Greetings Brothers, Sisters, & Friends: There is quite a bit of good news to share with all of you this month. First on the list; I am pleased to announce that those hard working folks on the Southern Regional Rally Committee have found a location for this year's event. The 2011 Southern Regional Rally will be held at the Shady Oasis Kampground, 16530 Stoddard Wells Rd, Victorville, CA 92395. As is our tradition, the SRR will be held on Mother's Day Weekend, May 6, 7, & 8. Pre-registration prices are \$30 a single and \$40 for a couple, with \$5 added if you register at the event. From the looks of the campground website, it appears that that the SRR committee has once again done an outstanding job of locating another excellent location for this year's event. The Southern Regional Rally has long been a staple of ABATE of California's fund raising efforts. These folks work very hard to bring you a quality event every year so let's give them a hand by pre-registering as soon as possible so that we can all help to make this year's event a success. Run flyers are available in the Bailing Wire and I encourage all ABATE members to attend this event.

Next, your Board of Directors would like to announce that ABATE of California will be entering into an affiliation with the US Defenders program, under the Coalition of Independent Riders segment of their organizational structure. Let me explain a little more in depth exactly what the US Defenders program consists of. The US Defenders program is not an SMRO like ABATE, the MMA, the MRF, the AMA or NCOM, but smaller components of motorcycle clubs and independent riders organized into controllable elements of manpower. Originally developed by the Texas COC, the US Defenders Program is being exported to states around the nation as yet another tool to help in the fight to regain our stolen or trampled upon civil liberties and rights. The concept is simple; to tap into the vast reserves of manpower in the motorcycling community and mobilize them into a rapid reaction force capable of generating a large volume of letters, faxes, and emails directed at specific "calls to action."

The primary function of the US Defenders program is to train volunteers to participate in grass action letter writing, email, and phone call strategies which are orchestrated under specific call to action campaigns from national leaders and SMROs. The US Defenders program will be conducting training seminars in these grass roots strategies nationwide and this looks to be a very exciting and unifying tool that will provide a platform for independent riders, motorcycle club members, and even non-riding individuals to all join together in solidarity and unity as we flex our muscles as concerned and involved citizen activists to defend our Constitutionally guaranteed civil liberties and to protect our right to pursue the biker lifestyle we live and cherish. I am proud to announce that Board Member Tom Lubbers has been chosen to be our COIR State Commander for the US Defenders program. We are also planning on having US Defenders national Commander Gimmi Jimmy in Sacramento as a guest speaker at the annual Freedom Rally. This year's Freedom Rally will be held on May 23, 2011 on the Capitol Steps from 11 am to 1 pm.



Last on my list of items of good news; I am also pleased to announce that ABATE of California will again be taking a run at repealing the mandatory helmet law in 2011 and we have found a sponsor to carry the bill for us. California Assemblyman Chris Norby, (R Fullerton) is sponsoring AB-695, a helmet repeal bill for ABATE of California this year in the 2011-2012 legislative session. Please get ready for a massive letter writing, email, fax, and phone campaign to support this effort to regain our right to ride free in this state. We also need to stand ready to pack the hearing room when this

bill comes up for review by the appropriate committee after it is introduced. And I would also ask that each of you take the time to email Assemblyman Norby a note of thanks and appreciation for having the courage to support and stand with us on this issue, which has been such an integral part of our ongoing fight to regain our lost freedoms and liberties. Assemblyman Norby can be reached at assemblymember.Norby@assembly.ca.gov.

As I bring this month's installment to a close, I would like to say a few words about profiling. Due to the implementation of motorcycle only checkpoints in state after state across the nation, it is apparent that bikers nationwide are being targeted simply on the basis of mode of dress and our chosen lifestyle as motorcyclists. Not only is this happening, but bikers and bike events are increasing coming under attack. Bikers are being refused service based on the clothing they choose to wear. On any level, this type of discriminatory behavior is wrong and must be stopped. Not only are motorcyclists being targeted in motorcycle only checkpoints, but individual riders are being detained and harassed by law enforcement officers who have gone so far as to make riders undress and display tattoos, as well as photographing their tattoos. No charges were brought and there is no other way to describe such behavior other than discriminatory profiling and harassment.

I personally know one member of a club who had his home raided and trashed, his motorcycles and club items seized and confiscated, his security clearance revoked causing him to lose his job and not one charge ever brought against him. What is wrong with that picture? Just last year, ABATE members attending the Board of Directors meeting in Camarillo were subjected to having their license plates written down and photographed. If we allow this type of profiling to continue, any of us could be subject to such harassment and intimidation. It is my opinion that, as an organization, we must join with other state MROs to oppose profiling and support legislation that would offer statutory relief by defining and make illegal such activities as refusing service to motorcyclists wearing vests with patches, motorcycle only checkpoints and indiscriminate pretextual traffic stops to investigate bikers simply because they choose to ride motorcycles.

Well, that's it from my corner this month. Ride safe, ride hard, and ride free.

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the municipalities that they work for appreciate losing the easy fine revenue for using the grant money for profiling motorcyclists.

Both of these bills will need letters, e-mails, petitions and phone calls to get them passed - **GET READY!**

We will not know for several weeks what is contained in all the bills filed by the just passed bill introduction deadline of February 18. We could still be facing another smog check bill for motorcycles or maybe a ban on lane sharing. And who knows what else? Of the bills already introduced, they can be changed or amended **at anytime** and become something **VERY ANTI-MOTORCYCLIST**.

Elections - For the first time, the new two top candidates open primary election law was tested. Former Assemblywoman Sharon Runner (a **GREAT** Friend of ABATE) won the 17th Senate District with 66.4% of the votes. On the same day, another Special Election

was held in the 28th Senate District, where former Assemblyman Ted Lieu beat a large field of seven other candidates by 57% and thus no run off against the second highest vote recipient was necessary, since Senator-elect Lieu received 50% plus 1 of the votes cast.

Two other special elections have been scheduled - the first for vacant Assembly District 4 to replace former Assemblyman Ted Gaines, now newly-elected Senator Gaines. Beth Gaines, wife of the new Senator, is running against six other candidates with her primary opponent being John Al-lard. He is the former Chief of Staff to area Senator Tim Leslie who was a reliable friend of ABATE. No questionnaires have been returned to us at this time.



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The last special election that I want to report on concerns our present Secretary of State, Debra Bowen, who carried legislation on behalf of ABATE when she was in the Legislature! She has a 100% voting record on ABATE issues! She is running against Los Angeles Councilwoman Janice Hahn in a House of Representative Special Election in the South Bay area of Los Angeles to replace long-time Democrat incumbent, Jane Harman. **Please turn out and help Congressional Candidate, Debra Bowen!**

Prepare for another busy year in Sacramento! My special thanks to those members and Locals who contribute to support the Lobbyist Fund!

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

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FREEDOM & MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS RALLY

Sacramento - May 23, 2011
South Capitol Steps 11 am to
1:00 pm

Invited Guest Speakers

**MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO GET
TIME OFF TO ATTEND!!!**

Once again we will be gathering to bring attention to FREEDOM of Choice for Motorcycle Riders and to promote Motorcycle Awareness to other drivers to share the road with motorcycles.

It is also a great time to see your elected legislators in Sacramento to tell them in person about your views on legislation that is proposed or just to say "hi" and hope they can support your views. Please call them beforehand and make an appointment. You can find their contact information at this web site -http://www.legislature.ca.gov/legislators_and_districts/legislators/your_legislator.html

While there, be sure to sign their guest book and leave a business card with their staff.

As we have done in the past, there will be "Sponsored" free motorcycle parking on the North side of N Street between 10th & 14th Streets. Parking will be reserved from 8 am to 6:00 pm. If you would like to sponsor a parking meter, (\$25.00/meter) please contact the ABATE State Office either by email carol@abate.org or call 760/956-1669.

DO NOT RAP your PIPES on arrival or leaving the Capitol! Believe us, YOU will not be promoting a good image with how loud your pipes can be, in fact, it just makes them want to push even harder to quiet your motorcycle or get rid of them altogether!

Everyone is invited to attend. All motorcyclists are urged to attend. This is our chance to be seen. The weather should be even better at this time of the month in Sacramento, too!!

We look forward to having a HUGE crowd in attendance this year; you just can't make a big impression with only a handful of people in attendance. Attending the rally does a few things -

It gives support to the Legislators who are in support of our issues and trying to help us gain back our Freedom of Choice;

It implies to your Legislator that Freedom of Choice is important in that you took the time and extra effort to go to Sacramento to meet with them and their Sacramento staff, not just in their district office;

It shows support for our paid Lobbyist, in that he is not representing some imaginary group of invisible people;

It shows the other Legislators that WE are concerned about OUR Freedom of Choice.

There are rooms available at the La Quinta Inn, 200 Jibboom Street, Sacramento 95814. Call 916/448-8100 to make your reservation and mention ABATE for the SPECIAL room rate. This special room rate will be held until April 30th, so make your reservation before that date.

ABATE of CA

invites ALL motorcyclists interested in preserving
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Meet and hear motorcycle-friendly legislators
and invited speakers.

State Capitol, south steps

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Legislator before or after the rally.

Go to **www.ABATE.org** and click the
Allies & Info link to find your legislators.

Spend Sunday night at La Quinta Inn
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LOCAL NEWS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! It's one of those months where we have not had our meeting yet, but the report is due. Ok, so this month's report will focus on the last minute preparations for the 24th annual POLAR BEAR RUN. This is the first run of the season and Local 1 needs to pull off a good one. So I hope you were able to be there.

We will ask the membership to plan on attending the 17th annual Southern Regional Rally at the Shady Oasis Kampground in Victorville on Mother's Day weekend, May 6, 7th & 8th.

Ok, other than a breakfast after our meeting, that's it for now. Regards, Sporty.

Local #02 Simi Valley



February is a great month out here for getting out the scooter and riding. The only problem is the high cost of living, that's why we ride! Thanks for our volunteer cooks Denny and Kibby! We here at Local 2 serve a great \$5 BBQ meal with all the fix-ins. We start serving at 6:45 pm. till around 7:30. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Ave in Simi Valley. A very gracious thank you to Post 10049! It's a great thing when another nonprofit organization lets us use their facilities for our meetings, again, Thanks!

After our Pledge of Allegiance, Pres Ray got us going and talked about the state of ABATE and our Local. Thanks for the time and energy you give Local 2. Our VP Scott talked about getting involved with

other nearby Locals and supporting them on their runs etc. He said we need to support them as they support us, great message! Our Secretary, Jane, talked about our prior meeting and filled in for our Treasurer, thanks again Jane. Guy, our Run Coordinator, talked about future rides, so get your bikes ready!

Pat, our Membership person, thanked our new members Rick Morgan and Mike Cavinder who owns CycleWorks Etc.

We had another table of prizes for our monthly drawings - thanks to all that give these gifts that benefit ABATE! We still need more gifts for our upcoming meetings, so I will thank all of you in advance, THANKS! Our 50/50 drawing was won by Mike who gave back ALL of the money to ABATE! Thanks Mike! Our membership drawing was won by a no show so it will be rolled over and bigger at our next meeting!

Sporty rode to our meeting and talked about Local 1's 24th annual Polar Bear Run on February 27. He also talked about the Southern Regional Rally as well. Thanks Sporty for all you do in ABATE, you are one hard worker and we will see you on the 27th!

When I think about all the volunteers that work for ABATE from the Local officers and up, I want to thank them all, it takes passion and dedication for the benefit of all who ride, especially the nonmembers.

When I saw the new fines in our BW, it made me wanna puke! They are out of control, and ABATE needs to step in, but we need much more member involvement to correct this injustice. It's more than education; we need to protect our freedoms etc.

It's time to fish, fish for new members! Ride Safely, PTL norm e. new.

Local #06 San Diego



The weather was great, and despite the fact that it was Super Bowl Sunday, we had a pretty good attendance. We discussed all

of the current news and legislations, as per-tains to motorcycling. Douglas Findlay took a collection for the Lobbyist fund, and then matched it dollar for dollar! It was time for annual elections and we are making plans for the second annual Spaghetti Dinner on April 19

John Del Santo had to step down from the position of President, for personal reasons, but will still be here to take care of the other positions he holds. Steve Martin was nominated as President, and then John was nominated as Vice-President, and voted in.

Joe Tatro started a server-site and we transferred the Local 6 website and our 6 notice-line to the new server. Joe will be the Webmaster, with the assistance of Chop Giacalone. We also discussed setting up a Local 6 classified page. Check us out at <http://abate-local6.org/>.

Our meetings happen the first Sunday of each month in San Diego at Kate Sessions Park in Pacific Beach at noon. C'mon Down!

Local #11 North San Diego



Another great turnout for our Sunday meeting and as usual Connie had breakfast burritos waiting for us. We started out the meeting with reminding our members to pay their membership dues. Our Treasurer Cheryl gave us the numbers on our holdings and it looks like we need to have a fundraiser or event to build the bank back up. If any members have some ideas, let's hear them.

Our Prez, Tim, gave us some news on Local 6 Prez John Del Santo; John will be stepping down from his duties as President for health reasons, but will still be active with ABATE. All of our members want to thank John for all the years of hard work that he has done to make ABATE what it is today. Steve Martin (not the comedian) will take over as Local 6 Prez. And we will give him all the support he needs.

Tim gave us a lot of info on the happenings around the state and the nation and we

also had our nominations for the upcoming year. For Prez-Tim, VP-Dave, Scribe-Jim, Treasurer-Cheryl, PAC Rep-Dan. The final voting and any other nominations will be at the next meeting.

Our VP, Dave, gave us a rundown on upcoming runs and our PAC Rep, Dan, gave us the input on the local politics. Our C of C Rep, Dick, gave us info on the standings of the motorcycle clubs in the region. Our Ride to Repeal brother, Douglas, gave us some inspirational information and he also passed around a little black can to help with our Lobbyist fund and said he would match whatever we contributed. Great Job, Douglas. Our 50/50 was won by our VP, Dave, and the rest of the meeting is now history. Till next month, your Scribe, Jim

Local #17 Solano & Napa Counties



Our new year is starting off with a bang! Join us on March 6 for our 23rd Annual Freeze Your Ass Off Run. We are meeting at Miss Darla's, 110 Peabody Road in Vacaville. Sign-ups from 9 - 11 am. Come early for breakfast. If you join ABATE the day of the event, you ride free!

High/Low hands, 50/50, Prizes, Music, and BBQ. We ride rain or shine. Run ends at Winters Community Center. Run pins to the first 250 signed in.

Our new officers are putting together a fun filled year for us. They are already working on our Bike Show in June and our Spring and Fall Bingo Runs! We are all excited to see our new fresh meat (I mean officers) put together a year's worth of events and meetings to keep us all involved. Spring is almost here everyone, get your bikes ready!!!!

LOCAL NEWS

Local #19 Pomona Valley

Some new things are happening at Local 19. Is it a new thing if we are going back to the old meeting place? It looks like we'll be meeting at the Round Table Pizza in the shopping center on the South East corner of Mountain and 4th streets in Ontario. It's easy to find and a preferable location for a few of our members. It is early in the year but it would be great to see you all coming to the meetings. Besides, it's a great way to see old friends or make some new ones. The pizza is tasty and I'm looking forward to seeing more of the regulars coming back to the meetings.

The ABATE Southern Regional Rally is just around the corner. Are you going to make it this year? Local 19 will be doing the sign-ins and putting wristbands on the folks who come. You need to register and cover your entrance fee, but there's a lot of fun to be had after that. Bring your camping gear and you are just about set. You are bound to find some good people and good music. Pitch your tent and all that's left to cover is your food and drink. It's happening Mother's Day weekend.

Have you been to a "Thunder in the House" event yet? There will be another one this year in September. If you have never been, please give some thought to checking this out. Last year there was live music all day, a car show, a bike show, a tri-tip lunch, vendors, raffles, dime toss, dunk tank - shall I go on? The nice thing is that all proceeds go to Casa Colina Hospital. The event is done by volunteers and donations are welcomed from any business or person who is willing to give to this wonderful organization. They are famous for the work they do with Severe Head Trauma patients. They are some of the first to welcome first responders like Police and Firemen. I have to tell you though; there are regular folks out there that they help as well. I know this for a fact because I am one of them. I was brought to Casa Colina flat on my back and couldn't move. Two months later they taught me how to walk and talk again. What a miracle!

Local 19 meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Come and join us. Please be safe on the roads. I look forward to seeing you out there. In the meantime keep the shiny side UP! Ed.

Local #20 Orange County



A great turnout for our February meeting with 28 members in attendance and 8 guests: Jerome, NASCAR, Dog, Filthy, Art Odom, Jim Brand, Debbie and No Name. Spike had a family emergency and wasn't present at the meeting.

Topics discussed were red light cameras, red rear reflectors, motorcycle parking, etc. A "snitch city" list was handed out. In 2013, stamps will be on exhausts that are mandated by State/Federal law. ABATE, all clubs and organizations need to work together so we can be heard - Loud and Proud!

Whenever you email, fax, write a letter or call to the politicians, in the body of the letter state that you want a response from them. They have to respond. This is your "receipt" from them. Please make a copy for yourself and send one to Gill. If they say nothing was ever received, Gill has the copies to prove it. When everybody is sending things to the politicians it ties up their incoming calls, faxes, etc. Hello! It makes them WAKE UP!

Jim Lombardo is trying to get someone to author a bill that stops cities from using our money for motorcycle ONLY safety checks. The cities have been using the grant money for "safety checkpoints." The cops only pull the bikers over and see what "violations" one might have. When you receive a ticket, do some homework. Look up the vehicle code to make sure it's correct; if it isn't, the ticket is tossed out. Cops are known to write bogus vehicle codes and they aren't always up-to-date on the new laws.

Runs coming up: Bill W's Froggy Day 2011 on March 27 at Brea Dam Park in Fullerton, The Aztec Riders MC's 2nd Annual Rider & Me (starts in Covina & ends in Azusa), and on May 23 is the first ABATE Freedom Rally at the Capitol. There's always a great turnout for this, rain or shine.

George Osborne lost out on the \$63. monthly pot. Squirt

Local #21 Antelope Valley

On June 18 is ABATE Local 21's Palms to Pines Poker Run. This is a beautiful 2 hour scenic ride sponsored by Daryl's Plumbing and ALLEYGL.ORG to help Antelope Valley kids!

Enjoy a music jam, lunch, 50/50, raffles, and prizes. \$15 Poker run signups from 10 am to noon at the Crossroads Tavern (661)724-0911, 43840 Lake Hughes Road in Lake Hughes.

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Local 22 South Bay



ABATE Local 22 mourns the passing of John McDonald. There was a service for him in early February, but Local 22 will also host a celebration of John's life at our meeting on March 1. All are welcome to pay their respects.

Our NEW meeting place is the Chowder Barge (310 830-7937), 611 N Henry Ford Ave in Wilmington. We look forward to seeing you there!

Local #23 San Bernardino

With the start of the 2011 New Year, Local 23 has elected the following officers: Kevin Sorrell as President, Russ Krause as Vice President, Liz Morris as Secretary/Treasurer, Greg Burien as PAC rep., and our new Road Captain will be Ray H.

Our monthly Friday Night Dinner Ride is the first Friday of each month. We meet in the Denny's parking lot off Orange Show Road and the 215 freeway at 6:45 pm. Kickstands up at 7:00 pm. Dinner destination is announced upon arrival.

Our monthly meeting is held on the first Sunday of each month. We meet at Jenny's Family Restaurant, 7750 Palm Ave in Highland at 9:00 am. Everyone comes early and

has a great breakfast. Join us and share your ideas, thoughts, or suggestions.

February's meeting was full of discussions about upcoming events and fund raisers. We will be having our 2nd annual Chili and Dessert Cook-off on May 14 at 1:00 pm. Awards will be given, raffles and 50/50. Admission is \$5 per person. Event will be held at the Sorrell's residence at 1626 Orange Street in Redlands. More information to follow next month. Tammy

Local #24 Fresno

Well a new year is here and I am back, at least for a while. We are still meeting at Cedar Lanes on the first Wednesday each month. Many thanks to the folks at the Lanes that let us use the room. Please buy a snack or something to help them out.

Ed opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag. Due to a change in dates of the ABATE Board meeting, the check we were to deliver to State ABATE was mailed instead. Next Board meeting will be in Sacramento.

Our Christmas run turned out real well. All the kids got at least one toy and all families received a turkey and items for a complete dinner.

We will be using different insurance for our runs. Ed will check on the cost and report back next month. The first big run this year is the AMMO Run on April 16. We are meeting at the Brookhill Ranch Restaurant, Chestnut & 99, and will LEAVE at 10:00 am. Drawings start at 6:30 in the Old Cayucos Saloon. First drawing is for \$200, second for \$100, and third for the 50/50 winner. This is the 12th year of the AMMO Run and they just keep getting better. Do not miss this one!

Introductions of several new members and also some returning members were made. It's great to have you all as members and attending the meetings.

Chuck went over the runs in our area for the next month. The CMA has a Regional meeting in Madera on February 18 - 19th. Looking ahead, the Women on Wheels Poker Run will be May 1. Ray will be doing a Day Ride to our Business members in March. Let's have a good turnout and meet our Business members.

Scott reported on the new traffic fines and the push to increase revenue from them.

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The message is, "Take it easy and don't get written up." It will really cost you big bucks.

Ursula reported the treasury is in fair shape and we voted to continue sending \$300.00 to State ABATE to be split into the three funds. The Lobbyist fund needs \$\$, only the first quarter cost has been covered.

Phil reported that our membership is down. We gained some new people, but need to keep more renewals.

Good prizes for our drawings, let's thank our businesses and members that support these drawings. The 50-50 drawing of \$143 was won by Swanee; the membership drawing of \$60 would have been won by Joel Ross, if he had been there. See you all next month. Bruce.

Local #27 Riverside



And we're off and running. Local 27's February meeting was well attended. Lots of involvement, comments and suggestions and we managed to pass the hat to collect over \$80 dollars to help the scouts that share our meeting location acquire safety equipment for their programs.

We were invited to have a booth at one of our local high schools and have registered for a booth at the Arlington Chili Cook-off Car and Bike Show (estimated 30,000 attendees). Visibility is key to growth, therefore we need to stop being invisible. Go to all the runs and events you can, even if it is just one person for an hour or so; visit shops, stores and restaurants. Make sure they know you are with ABATE, introduce yourself, tell them what we represent and do for motorcycle riders. Get involved in community activities and events. Talk to your membership to help, so not only Local Officers are involved - the more the merrier. Grab those new members, but don't forget to contact the old members and offer them a chance to get involved.

We can no longer afford to work in the background. Too many who should be a part of us have never heard of us or are misin-

formed about what and who we represent. We need to take this time between elections to educate future members and supporters.

May is just around the corner. What is your city doing to show support for Motorcycle Awareness Month? Now is the time to start checking out the city council and board members to find out what their plans are and how we can help them. Greg Covell, President.

Local #33 Yuba City

It has been an amazing couple of weeks with beautiful weather and fun parties! Our Local is going to be very busy in the coming months so it was nice to have a couple weeks to take some long, leisurely rides. Now it's time to get to work!

We are gearing up for our annual Motorcycle Awareness Day in the park May 7. We will be having a yard sale at Rick Browns Propane, 5826 Lindhurst Ave in Marysville April 16 - 17th to help defray the cost of the event. Please drop off donations there or at SK Appliance, 1471 N Beale Road. We are looking for volunteers, too! We will be setting up at 6 am and opening the gates at 7 am. Vittles and fixins with the Sisters of Scotia. They will be serving their famous "doggone dogs", chips and soda for a small donation.

We plan on setting up booths at the 131st Bok Kai Festival at Beale AFB Open House, and the Annual Peach Festival. We want the regular citizens to have the opportunity to meet us in their environment so they will be more comfortable and willing to interact with us "Bikers"! We are willing to do anything we can to educate the public about who we really are and to change the poor image given to us by the sensationalistic media.

I want to thank Ken Trexler our Treasurer. He has been quite the workhorse for our community. He wears many hats for several groups including ABATE, MMA, HOG, the Toy Run committee and the ECV! Thank-you for all your hard work!

The OG Riderz MC Yuba Sutter Chapter has asked all the M/Cs and independents to join them February 19 to cheer on the women of Mommie Tsunami as they begin their trek to the state capitol to fight for the Landerman Act. They are walking to raise awareness about programs for the families

of developmentally disabled children which are on the state budget "chopping block". Please join us at Righteous Ink Tattoo shop, 1190 Bridge Street in Yuba City at 10 am. You can find more on this grassroots effort on Facebook/MommieTsunami.

Till next time, ride safe, ride free! Grumbles

Local #44 High Desert



March 19th at 9:00 am we will be picking up the trash along our "adopt-a-street" Hesperia Road. So come on out and help, it only takes a few hours, even less with more helpers.

Maverick Baseball Stadium will be calling back with their new schedule this week and we will have our dates for the ABATE Nights at the Stadium soon.

Southern Regional Rally is in the High Desert this year at the old KOA - Shady Oasis Kampground. Pre-registration is now taking place. Not sure how many sites are left, but we only have 48 total so don't wait too long.

Jeff Ozanne, The PR Guy

Local #47 Barstow



Howdy All! Well it's beginning to feel like spring here in the desert. Local 47 is hosting the Annual Spring Camp Out this year being held on March 25 - 27th at Twin Lakes Campground and RV Park. Dust off those RV's and come out for a fun weekend. Contact Yermoeddy @ 760 254 3833 for more info.

I want to remind all of you folks to make plans for the Southern Regional Rally on Mother's Day weekend and the Freedom Rally on May 23. Both are good ways to celebrate Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Go to your city hall and get a proclamation signed by your city officials. Yermoeddy, ABATE Local 47

Local #60 Colfax

Hi all! Local 60, the Colfax Crew, had a great time at our meeting on February 10. We proudly welcomed two new members, Tom "Oddball" Rawlins and David "Wing-nutz" Kuhnle. Also attending the meeting as a guest was Dave Godard.

We invite any and all to attend future meetings on the second Thursday of each month at the Grand Fathers M/C Club house in Colfax. We thank the Grand Fathers for being our host and their continued support.

We proposed to set up an ABATE booth for the first annual Colfax bike race on March 20 to sell refreshments and promote public awareness. This race is still to be approved by the town council.

Hope everyone had a safe and Happy Valentine's Day. Larry.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan,
Membership Chairman

Hi all! Mr Sporty here with the latest information on membership items. I sincerely hope you are doing as well as can be expected. I am doing ok, recovering from another unfortunate mishap that happened February 10. (More on this in this month's Sporty's Ride column.)

Ok, as you know we're having another membership drive, so fasten your membership cards to your belts or just use your motorcycle membership saddle bag kit and begin the process of getting members for the drive. The drive began January 1 and will go through December 31.

Donations...Another WOW

Thank you to the following:

Reggie & Avril McKay L#11;
Gary Wright L#33;
Steven & Vicki Guderian L#15;
Dave & Carol Hastings L#44;
ABATE Locals: 11, 14, 19, 21,
& 27.
In Memory of John McDonald
– Yermo Eddy L#47.

Thank you ALL Very MUCH – these extra donations along with your Membership dues, and advertising in the Bailing Wire is what keeps the state organization going. Thank you!

Membership chairmen for the Locals, please do your best to keep your current members - the renewals. I can't say enough about them. They are vital for the welfare of our organization's survival. Please do your best to retain them.

Remember if you have questions regarding membership email me at mrsportyiii@yahoo.com or contact Carol at the state office.

Ok! Let's make 2011 a banner year for increasing our membership numbers. Finally remember there is unity and strength in numbers of members.

Regards to you all for being with ABATE, Sporty.

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ABATE is 30 Years Old

From the Desk of the Founder
by "Deacon" Dave Phillips

Thirty years! Yes, I am proud of ABATE of California. We have withstood many ups and downs and (rightfully) take pride in our accomplishments. ABATE has always been a membership-driven organization as the bylaws required. Sometimes the decisions our leadership made were difficult to agree with, but the Policy and Procedures Manual has been a solid foundation to build on. (Sometimes we ask much of our leadership.)

I have always been confident the Board would keep ABATE on track, and it has done so for thirty years. THIRTY YEARS! Amazing! A few people, including several who are no longer with us, had a common dream and it came true. Congratulations to us all.

I count the general membership among my brothers, sisters and friends. Lady Kay and I have traveled a lot and the riders we have met along the way are drawn to us by our member recognition patch and conversations with them mean a lot to us. Even though we are members of other ABATE organizations, South Dakota, Arkansas & Indiana, my lifetime commitment to California has not diminished.

You, your friends, and fellow riders owe ABATE of California a lot. So again, after thirty years, ABATE continues on its mission of promoting education and awareness as well as remaining constantly vigilant in protecting the rights of the motorcycle riders of the State of California.

Thank you, members, supporters and fellow riders for keeping the dream alive!

Pac/Lobbyist Report

by Dave Hastings, Treasurer

Not much happening this month but I want to shout out a huge "Thank You" to everyone who has responded to my request for donations to our Lobbyist Account. Donations both large and small are arriving from all over California from you, our dedicated ABATE members, and even though we have a long way to go, I'm confident in our ability to fulfill our contractual obligation.

Normally I do not disclose our contributors because any amount we receive is important to me and always deeply appreciated. I realize that everyone does their best to help out, but since my request went out we have received several extraordinary contributions including a \$1,500.00 donation from Local 24, a \$500.00 personal donation from Jim Brown (Local 6), and a novel idea for a "matching challenge donation" from Douglas Findlay (ride2repeal).



Douglas showed up at Local 6's meeting and challenged the members to make a personal donation to our Lobbyist Fund and stated he would match the

amount donated that day. Viola! A check for \$170.00 was received at our State Office for our Lobbyist. Then he attended Local 11's meeting and put forth the same challenge and the members contributed a total of \$177.00 with Dane Buse dropping a \$100.00 bill in the can. Douglas matched their amount and e-mailed Carol that we now have another check coming for \$354.00. That's a total of \$524.00 raised in two meetings! "Thank You" Locals 6 & 11 and "Thank You" for "matching" the amounts raised Douglas!

We are off to a great start for 2011, so please keep your donations coming throughout the year and let's not forget our General Fund either. Remember, both of our funds need a helping hand, donate what you can, when you can, pass the hat, I'll say, "Thanks for that"!

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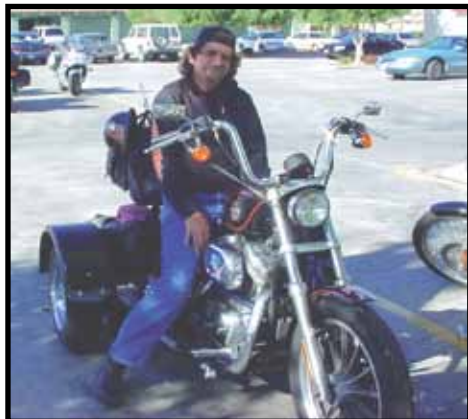
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Sporty's Rides

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan

Hello all! Here's another edition of Sporty's Rides brought to you by me, Mr. Sporty. January and February I have been busy doing my preparation for the 24th annual Polar Bear ride. By the time you read this, hopefully, you will have attended the run.



My 2007 HD Sporster 1200 Low is in the Harley hospital getting fixed at Old

Road Harley in Santa Clarita. So until the end of the month rides consisted of work and a one more check of the Polar Bear route.

February 4 I took off to go to a Southern Regional Rally committee meeting in Fontana at Logan's Run. I stayed at the Best Western motel next door because I was going to John McDonald's memorial service at 10 am the next day in Wildomar, which is near Lake Elsinore.

Ok, the service was very emotional. I was crying throughout the service which was held at the Cornerstone Community Church. They had a reception that I attended in another room at the church. Leaving the church after all was over I decided to take route 74 to San Juan Capistrano from Elsinore. On the way I stopped at the Lookout, a popular sport bike and cruiser hang out, and dropped off Polar Bear and Southern Regional Rally flyers. I also did the same at the Kitchen, another popular hang out. When I got to San Juan Capistrano I dropped off more flyers for

both events. Business always precedes pleasure.

Ok, with as much riding as I do stuff is bound to happen. I have been riding my 883 2002 standard Sporty without the voyager kit attached. I should note it has a sheet load of miles on the speedo, 87,600! February 10 I rode it to work and to my AA meeting in Sylmar after work. I had a good meeting as there were two birthdays celebrated and the topic was something I could relate to.

Trouble was to appear on the horizon. On the way home, heading southbound on Hubbard, going towards Glenoaks Blvd, the light was green and a car made a left hand turn causing me to use my brakes to avoid hitting her car and I had to dump the bike. I got up and tried to pick up the bike and could not. Lucky for me some folks helped me carry the bike to the side of the road. I tried to call home, but my wife, Renee, was not home. Bummer. Seeing that the bike was rideable, I rode it home.

I managed to get the bike parked in the back yard, but at this point I was bleeding pretty good from a gash over my right eye and there was blood everywhere in the back yard. I managed to get inside the house and was bleeding all over the house. So I decided to call 911. The fire dept medics came to my house and took me to Holy Cross Hospital and later I was transferred to my primary care, Kaiser in Panorama city. My wife said when she got home there was blood everywhere and she thought that I was either shot or stabbed.

Ok, the bike took minor damage and I got two black eyes and a large knee, but no broken bones. Presently I am recovering from the injuries and am off work at least two weeks. Hopefully I will be able to lead Local 1 with the Polar Bear run.

Till next time be careful out there!
Regards, Sporty.

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COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish

KIDS JUST WANT TO RIDE ACT: Two years ago the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) implemented the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) of 2008 to regulate the lead content in children's toys, inadvertently banning the sale of youth model all-terrain vehicles and off-highway motorcycles due to trace levels of lead in some inaccessible components.

On January 25, Representative Denny Rehberg (R-MT) introduced H.R. 412, the Kids Just Want to Ride Act of 2011, which would exempt child-sized dirt bikes and ATVs from the "Lead Law" and provide a legislative fix to the misapplied restrictions.

The Kids Just Want to Ride Act aims to clarify the previous federal law, which the consumer agency claims they must strictly interpret as written despite having twice postponed enforcement.

Rep. Rehberg joined 22 fellow lawmakers from both parties in the House to introduce the new bipartisan act, calling the legislation "...the best way to clarify congressional intent and ensure that children have access to the youth-sized vehicles that will keep them safe." Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) has announced plans to introduce similar legislation in the Senate.

Congress conducted initial hearings on the CPSIA on February 17 in the House Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade, and reviewed CPSC resources for implementing the lead law.

TAKING AIM AT CHILD PASSENGERS: A Virginia Beach lawmaker has tried and failed to prohibit children under 8 from riding on motorcycles, but despite the defeat of HB 1850 the issue is recurring in states across the country.

In opposing the measure, Matt Danielson, legal counsel for the Virginia Coalition of Motorcyclists (VCOM), said that there have been no fatalities among children under 8 riding on motorcycles in the past ten years. "I don't look at this as a governmental issue. I look at this as a parental issue," said Danielson on behalf of VCOM, a political action committee that represents motorcyclists' interests in the General Assembly. "I think the parent can make a better decision about whether their child is ready to ride than can some legislator in Richmond."

Such reasoning hasn't deterred other state legislation, such as HB 2232 in Oregon that would ban kids under 7 from riding as a passenger, despite existing state law that requires a motorcycle passenger's feet must reach the foot pegs.



Furthermore, in a bid to ban children from riding motorcycles in the Philippines, a ranking senator has cited the State's power to invoke parens patriae, or the constitutional mandate to "assume and act as a natural parent or guardian in order to safeguard the welfare of any child or individual or an incapacitated and dependent minor who is in need of protection against danger, risk of lives and limbs."

With the growing number of motorcycle users worldwide, and with economic influences making motorbikes the most affordable mode of transportation, the matter of children riding and who is ultimately responsible for their safety and welfare will be a mounting concern.

U.S. HOUSE BILL ENCOURAGES STATE VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAMS: U.S. Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX) has introduced House Bill 229, the Michael Jon Newkirk Transportation Safety Enhancement Act of 2011 that establishes national standards for state safety inspections for motor vehicles. The bill requires states to establish minimum annual vehicle safety inspection programs or lose specific federal funds.

Included in the requirements listed in the language of this new bill, states must enact and enforce "a law that requires the owner of a motor vehicle registered in the state to present the vehicle for inspection on an annual basis to ensure that the vehicle meets or exceeds motor vehicle safety standards to be established by the state."

Less than half the states have vehicle safety inspection programs and of those programs that do exist, many have inconsistent standards, a situation that HB 229 intends to address by standardizing such safety inspection procedures.

WARNING: AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY DEVICES COMING SOON TO MOTORCYCLES: Within the next two years, motorcycles could be sporting collision detection and other safety features more typically found installed in cars. The new safety systems being tested for motorcycles include speed limit warnings, information about neighboring vehicles and changing lanes, and information of the tightness of road bends and the speed in which to turn.

According to a report from the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation), tests are being completed to bring the latest technologies found on cars to two-wheels, and the rise in motorcyclist fatalities has prompted researchers to adapt the first bike-based safety systems by late 2012.

MIRA (the Motor Industry Research Association) acts as a testing and innovation center for carmakers and has been carrying out tests on the "Saferider" systems on road bikes and simulators. An ITS (Intelligent Transportation Systems) consultant at MIRA, Jonathan Moore, said of the project: "Saferider takes the driver safety systems that are becoming standard on cars and tries to adapt them to the unique needs of motorcyclists."

Moore said making safety systems on motorcycles useful was "challenging" because of all the distractions to which riders were subjected. With traffic noise and motorcycle helmets insulating riders from the traditional audible alarms found on car collision systems, researchers have looked for ways to alert bikers of pending danger with tactile warning systems such as vibrating seats and special gloves.

New hi-tech systems could also protect riders from themselves, as one system being tested warns that a rider is going too fast to negotiate a turn. MIRA has developed "smart" software that acts as a "co-pilot" which, with the help of a digital map, knows what speed a motorcyclist should be traveling to make it around an approaching curve in the road.

MOTORCYCLE SALES CONTINUE DECLINE, BUT SHOW SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT: Sales of new motorcycles, scooters and ATVs dropped from 2009 to 2010, but some increases were seen in the month of December according to a recently released sales report for 2010 from the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC).

In 2009, motorcycle sales saw a drastic drop. Close to 360,000 fewer motorcycles were sold in 2009 as compared to 2008, and sales have continued to decline. Total motorcycle sales, including scooters, through 2010 dropped 15.8% or 82,198 fewer units in 2010 for a total of 439,678 motorcycles sold this year. If you break it down into category, off-road, dual-sport, highway, and scooters all saw a decrease in sales this year.

The biggest loser was off-highway motorcycles, which saw a 23.3% decrease with a drop of nearly 25,000 bikes. The scooter segment saw the smallest decrease at 9.4%, amounting to 3,000 fewer units than were sold in 2009. ATV sales were down 64,000 units, or 20% down.

December saw increases in some segments over the prior year month. Scooter sales were up 20% over the year-ago month, with an increase of 322 units. Dual purpose motorcycles also increased, at 7.2%, with a rise of 86 units over December 2009.

SOUTH CAROLINA BILL WOULD ALLOW CHARITABLE RAFFLES: With many states around the nation cracking down on everything from poker runs to raffles, lawmakers in South Carolina are moving to ensure that local churches, schools and nonprofits do not unknowingly break the law when they hold charitable raffles.

Legislation, already approved by a Senate committee 18-4, would change the state Constitution to allow the groups to hold a limited number of raffles and casino nights annually -- as long as 90% of the money raised goes to benefit charitable causes.

"It's a good start," said Austin Coates of ABATE South Carolina, a motorcyclist rights nonprofit that holds hundreds of raffles annually for Special Olympics, breast

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cancer prevention, burn victims and others. "But there'll be a fight ahead before it becomes law."

The bill next heads to the full Senate for consideration. Should it survive there, it would go to the House. Ultimately, however, voters would have to approve any change in the state Constitution.

MOTORCYCLE CHECKPOINTS IN GEORGIA DURING BIKE WEEK:

The state of Georgia has received a \$70,000 federal grant to launch motorcycle-only checkpoints in early March, just as Daytona Bike Week is getting underway. For most travelers, their route will take them through Georgia and likely into awaiting roadblocks to check for such things as proper license and current registration, insurance, DOT-approved helmets, EPA-approved mufflers, working horn and lights, etc, etc.

"We were informed by unnamed sources that the Check Points would start in early March to coincide with the Daytona Bike Week event," said Dan Forrest, State Director of ABATE of Georgia. "Most points of entry to Florida will be involved, so anyone traveling through Georgia to Daytona might want to rethink their route."

The US Defenders have issued a Call To Action regarding the proliferation of these motorcycle-only roadblocks being funded by NHTSA grants, and are urging the motorcycle community to voice their opposition to these so-called "Safety Checks" by contacting NHTSA, the US DOT and most importantly by asking your own federal legislators to support H.R. 1498 by Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) to retain a ban on NHTSA's ability to lobby State Legislators using our federal dollars through the "Motorcycle Law Enforcement Demonstration" grant program (DTNH22-10-R-00386).

"These roadblocks or checkpoints for motorcycles ONLY are being conducted illegally and are discriminatory to say the least," says Escondido Paul, National Lt. Commander of the US Defenders. "This is one more piece of evidence of the constant profiling attempts targeting our community at large."

WASHINGTON STATE BILL WOULD PROHIBIT MOTORCYCLE PROFILING: The Confederation of Clubs, US Defenders and ABATE of Washington are seeking support for legislation that would condemn and prevent the widespread law enforcement practice of motorcycle profiling.

The Washington Courts have confirmed that the Washington State Patrol is guilty of unlawful profiling and discrimination against motorcyclists. In 2002 the Court granted a permanent injunction against the State Patrol's use of a training pamphlet titled BIKER 101 (Wulfekuhle v. Washington State Patrol). However, on November 23, 2009 the WSP, under oath, explicitly admitted that they profile members of motorcycle clubs and continue to use BIKER 101 as a training manual.

This gross violation of a Washington State Superior Court injunction proves that the pattern of motorcycle profiling continues and that the WSP brazenly violates the liberties of motorcyclists even in the face of judicial reprimand.

To curb such injustices, Rep. Steve Kirby (D-Tacoma) introduced HB 1333 on January 19 to require law enforcement agencies to adopt a written policy that condemns and prevents motorcycle profiling, review existing procedures, and institute training to address the issue of motorcycle profiling, which means using the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related clothes as a factor in deciding to stop and question, arrest, or search a person or a vehicle without legal basis. (Companion: SB 5242).

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Who Owns the Road?

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 haz-



ard and the most unpredictable. They'll 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.

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.

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 over-driving your visibility. A cattle warning sign or steel pipes built into the road or vertical paint stripes indicate an Open Range Area where

cattle is 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 politely made aware of the fact you are approaching 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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March 25-27 ABATE Local 47's Spring Camp Out at Twin Lakes RV Park in Newberry Springs. Contact Yermoeddy @ 760 254 3833 for price and reservations.

April 16th – ABATE Local 27; 9th Annual Bare Necessities Run; Riverside (see flyer this issue).

April 30 - ABATE Local 17's Spring Bingo Fun Run. Sign-in: 9am @ Miss Darla's, 110 Peabody Road, Vacaville. 1st Game 10am. \$5 Donation per card per stop; no limit. Ride, Play and Ride some more. Join ABATE day of the event & get 1 card free at each stop.

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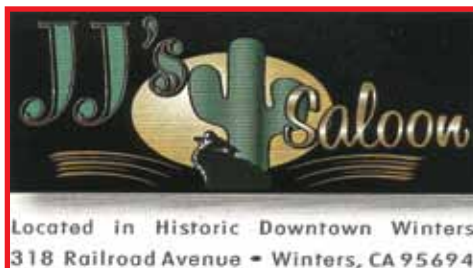
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by Craig Griswold

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Over time, the event transitioned into what most now know as Speed Week. Until 2004, motorcycle riders had to stand in line with their automobile driving counterparts to get a shot down course. World renowned land speed racer Denis Manning wanted to change that. If you don't recognize the name, you'll almost certainly recognize his company, BUB Enterprises. One of the largest manufacturers of motorcycle exhaust systems. Mr. Manning went after his dream to start a motorcycle-only land speed racing event. And there you have it. Seven years ago the BUB Motorcycle Speed Trials became the land speed event exclusively for motorcycles.

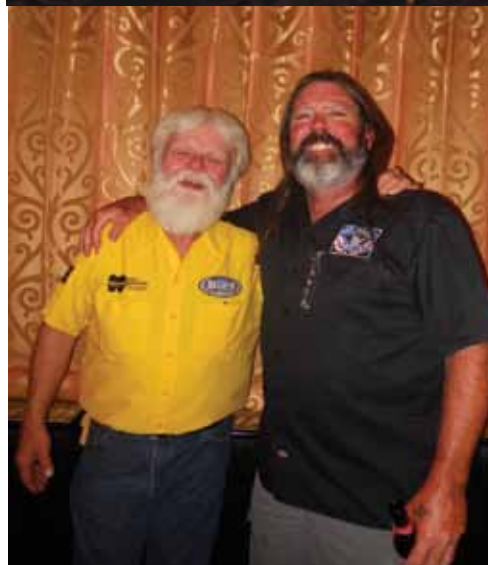
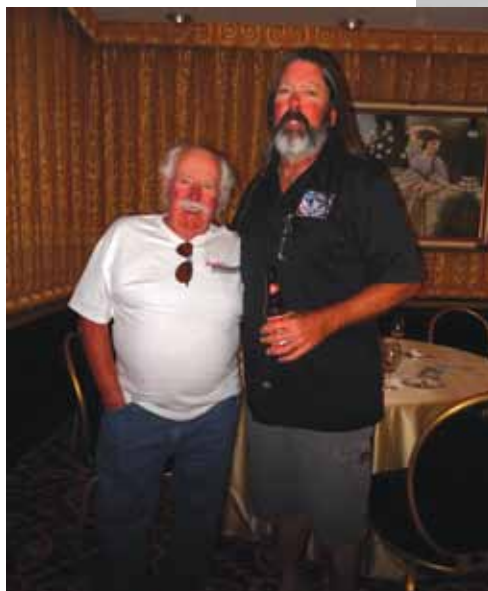
This is the real deal, and what a sight to behold. Denis put this together with some major sponsorship, a few dedicated employees from the shop, and a good size group of volunteers. Sanctioned by the FIM (world records) and the AMA (national records), everything from the fastest pit bike to the fastest streamliner and all things in-between compete. There's a 50cc streamliner approaching 150 mph. There are sit-on bikes breaking 250 mph. And the big dogs like the BUB 7 and the Ack Attack streamliners which swap the world record just about every year are edging up on the 400 mph mark.

There are two courses. The international course is 11 miles long and is reserved for bikes attempting world records (any speed) and national record runs greater than 180 mph. The other is the short course. It's five miles long and is used for the national record runs under 180 mph and the Run Whatcha Brung. The latter is as the name implies, bring whatever you want to run. If it passes tech inspection, you get a chance to run the course for a measured time. No records here, just braggin rights.

This year's event will be held August 27 through September 1. You can come out and compete or watch from the pit area which is located mid-course. See ya there! For more information, check out speedtrialsbybub.com and bub.com.

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When you travel to an ABATE function, be alert, you just might notice that he's traveling with you. I don't think even death would stop him from wanting to ride along. Thanks for being our friend John. Larry Pfaffly





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New ABATE of CA Bulletin Board

from Dave Walsh,
Moderator
& President of Local 13,
ABATE of CA

To all ABATE Members,

As announced at the quarterly meetings (Jan. 8), we have been working on a new Bulletin Board to replace the Google Groups Discussion Line we now use. This forum type format is similar to that used by nearly every special interest group on the internet. It is a different look than the current Discussion Line, and while not perfect, will be a major improvement over what we're using now.

Just like the current Discussion Line, you must be a member in good standing of ABATE of CA. Members will need to re-register for the Bulletin Board, even if you are currently a member of the Discussion Line, transferring your membership there isn't feasible. Only registered members will be able to see the Bulletin Board. The Bulletin Board is web-based, not email

based, so there is no email option to get the discussion line. You will be able to choose whether or not to get email notifications when there has been a new post added to a thread. This should end the spam problems of the email based Discussion Line.

We will run the new Bulletin Board and the old Discussion Line concurrently for the next month and a half. The hope is that we will abandon the Discussion Line at the end of February. I understand that it will be awkward for a while, but it will allow us the time to get used to the format and kick the tires, so to speak.

To register for the Bulletin Board go this web address: <http://www.abate.org/bulletin-board/Login.aspx> (if the link doesn't work, cut and paste the address into you browser.) This will take you to the Login page. I suggest you Bookmark this page or add to your Favorites, depending on what browser you use to make it easy to find in the future. We will be adding a link from the main website; we just haven't gotten there yet.

Near the bottom, left hand side of the Login page is a link to register, click on that.

This will take you to the registration page asking for a bit of information:

User Name: For this, we ask that you use something simple, such as your 1st initial and last name, all in lower case and without any spaces. i.e.: jsmith. This is the name you will login with.

First and Last Name: That should be fairly self explanatory. This will also allow us to identify your account should you forget your password.

Display Name: Also known as your *screen name*. This can be your real name, your road name, nickname, or whatever you want to call yourself.

Email Address: We will need this to send notifications to you, some of which will be explained, so make sure it's a legit email address that you use.

Password: Create a password you can remember for use when you login.

Then there's a security code you need to enter, then hit the "Register" link at the bottom of the page in order to complete the registration process.

You will not get immediate access to the Bulletin Board. An email will be shot off

to the administrator, who will review your application to make sure you're not Sen. Pavley. Upon approval, we'll shoot an email back to you notifying you of confirmation. You will then be free to login and access the Bulletin Board. Go to the Login Page that you Bookmarked and enter your *User Name* and *Password*.

Once on the Bulletin Board, move your cursor to hover over "ABATE Forums" in the Title Bar. A drop down menu will appear showing the various Groups we have for various subjects. Click on one and you will be taken to that Group.

I'm not going to pretend that this will be a seamless transition. There will be a learning curve for most all of us here, but it shouldn't be too difficult. Feel free to ask questions, but please be patient; we're going through this learning curve with you. I'd much rather learn how to rebuild a 6 speed transmission than learn this web stuff.

Presidents, please forward this to your Local members. Hopefully we can get enough participation that the Bulletin Board will become an effective communication tool for ABATE of CA. Thanks.

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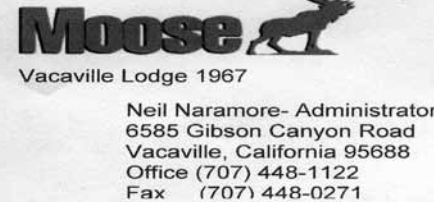
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A Trunk Ornament

by John Del Santo

Do you know what they call a motorcyclist who tailgates cars? A Trunk Ornament! Following distance is like money, you can never have too much, but if you have a little less than you need, you can be in trouble!

A good two-to-three second cushion in front of you can keep you out of other people's mistakes. Keep an eye on the traffic flow well up the road to anticipate stops. If the car or truck in front of you passes over a big piece of debris, this space also gives you time to see it and avoid it. Are you following a tall vehicle that blocks forward view? Change lanes or drop back a bit to build a little more smooth stopping distance. Are you following a vehicle that is towing a utility trailer? They're notorious for poor, or no brake lights; compensate with more following distance. Coming into a curve that you

can't see through? Build a little more stopping distance so that you don't get any surprises. A hard brake combined with a little sand on the road can be deadly.



"Yeah, yeah, but if I keep building all of this space, I'll be backed up all the way to Arizona". No way! You will be making a smooth, safe, uneventful trip without a lot of surprises. Got a

tailgater on your back? You know that dope is a poor driver and he can put you in the hospital if you need to stop quickly. Build some more following distance in front of you so that your stop will be smooth so the tailgater doesn't run you over if the traffic slows down suddenly, or just slow down for three seconds and the dope will move to another lane. That works like a charm.

Those of us who have joined the "grey panther" brigade may have gained skill, experience and wisdom, but we all lose a little bit of our reaction time every year - you can't fool Mother Nature! Compensate by keeping more following distance - that's the 'Wisdom' part.

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Protect your tires, Protect yourself

by John Del Santo

Most people know how to check tires for tread wear and know when to replace them. However, when the sidewalls start to show cracking, at what point do you replace the tires? Is there a test or inspection that you perform? I still have a lot of rubber on the treads, but the sidewalls are starting to crack.

Any time a tire starts showing ozone cracks in the sidewall, it's time to replace them right away. Sidewalls operate at some pretty high temperatures due to sidewall deflection (bending) and any separation on a sidewall can cause catastrophic tire failure.

There is a way to prevent this from happening. Go out and RIDE the motorcycle until the tires wear from use, not sitting and dry rotting!

A tire has a wax-like preservative in the rubber compound to keep it from hardening and splitting. This material is like sun blocker. You can see it on tires that don't get washed a lot (especially Bridgestones from my experience). It's that off-color material that seems to show up on your sidewalls for no reason. I think it was sort of greenish on the Bridgestones. It protects the compound against ozone which is produced by the sun and also by electric motors. This protectant helps the compound to stay soft.

It can be worn away, washed away, and chemically washed/leached out of the tire. If a tire sits in an enclosed dark area with no electrical motors in the area putting out ozone, it will usually survive without this "dry rot" because no one is scrubbing or chemically cleaning the preservative off them nor is the ozone able to harden the rubber. Otherwise, there is an on-going process of deterioration from cleaning, riding, and the sun. My tires used to get

extremely light cracking developing after about a year at which point they were usually worn out and replaced. My bike was used as a commuter so it sat outside a lot.

Here is how to deal with this problem. If you or a previous owner used a petrochemical based cleaner on the tires, you wash the tires a lot, or the bike sat outside a lot, this protectant eventually completely disappears and the tire will start to age quickly and cracks develop. However, you can store the bike inside a garage or shed to protect from the sun.

Also do NOT clean your tires with stuff like Armor All. Only wash them with a brush and soap. This will still remove some of the wax, but it won't work into the rubber removing it quickly.

If you want proof of the negative effect of tire cleaners, look at some of the show cars and bikes that constantly have this applied. The sidewalls have small cracks all over them. In addition, you can look at some tire that has been out in the sun for a long time in a junkyard or some place like that. They usually have extreme drying of the rubber.

Where did I become the "expert," you may ask? I learned it from a Bridgestone Tire representative at a Honda Parts and Accessories seminar. The biggest surprise to me was that the gross green stuff on the sidewalls was supposed to be there and actually served some good. We always wondered what it was and why it appeared.

Oh, if you put on enough miles to wear out tires, about one set a year, you can clean them however you want except don't use Armor All on the tread. You might hurt a lot when you slide out and fall down. You want to wear out the tires before they get a chance to crack badly.

That Old Time Rock and Roll

by John Del Santo

The temperature is warming, and rocks are falling onto the roads from the mountain face above. Depending on the state where you are riding, you may see signs that read "Falling Rock", or signs that read "Fallen Rock." And of course, there will be plenty of places where there are no warning signs.

I would guess that if we ride along looking up, watching for falling rock, we might miss seeing any number of things in the roadway, such as curves, deer, and fallen rock. So as we ride along, we will want to keep our attention on the road, watching for rocks lying in the roadway.

We should keep in mind the biker rule "Where you LOOK is where you will GO." So saying, "Hey, wow, look at that big rock in the road!" would NOT be a good observation to make!

And, just around that next bend in the road, we will anticipate oncoming cars moving into our lane as they swerve around rocks in their lane. The drivers we share the road with tend to overreact to hazards.

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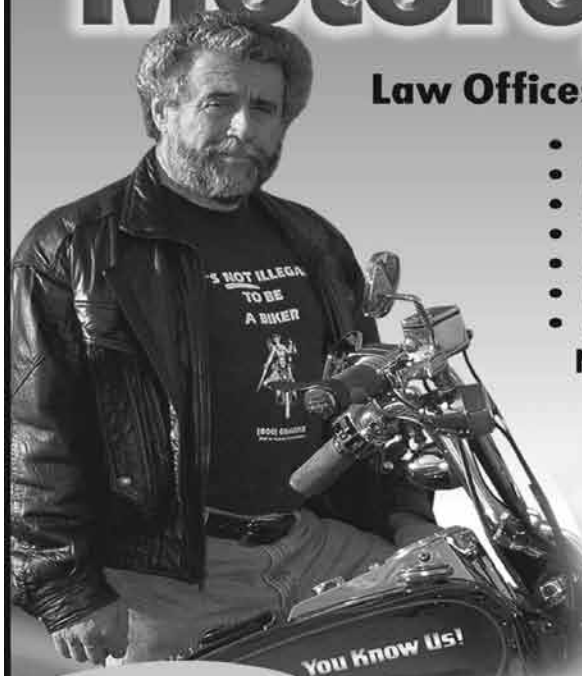
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ABATE Joins the US Defenders COIR

by Tom Lubbers

At its recent Annual Planning Retreat, the ABATE Board of Directors unanimously voted to join the US Defenders program as part of the Coalition of Independent Riders (COIR, pronounced "core").



The COIR is not a membership funded organization or club, but a registration of independent riders from all walks and rides of the motorcycle community. The COIR reaches out to independent cruisers, sport, dirt-bike riders and even non-riders alike who understand that protecting our "Right to Ride" is everyone's responsibility.

Realizing that it will take more than just members of motorcycle clubs and riding associations for our voice to be

heard, the COIR is part of a grass roots movement that is sweeping the nation. There is a time for all motorcyclists to come together in solidarity and that time is now! Defending and protecting our Constitutional rights and our right to ride is all motorcyclists' responsibility.

ABATE of California has the distinction of being the first COIR to be established in California. The COIR is patterned after the US Defenders' chain of command; headed by a National Commander, followed by the State Commander, who in turn will appoint and direct three (3) Regional Commanders (Northern, Central and Southern regions). The Regional Commanders will appoint/direct Unit Commanders within the ABATE local structure.

When a "Call to Action" is made, the ABATE membership will be contacted via their Unit Commanders and will be asked to help implement the action whether it is a letter writing campaign or showing up at the State Capitol.

As members of ABATE of California, we all clearly understand that if we don't stand up and fight to retain our personal freedoms, we might as well kiss them good-bye! The COIR program was

designed with the independent spirit in mind and provides a vehicle for independent riders to take their place in motorcycle history by standing up and doing their part!

It is my honor to have been appointed to serve as ABATE of California's State Commander. In this capacity I am seeking like-minded individuals that are committed to re-establishing our Constitutional Rights, both within the State of California and the Nation, and are willing to serve in a leadership capacity. I look forward to hearing from those of you that are committed to this cause and are willing to "stand up" to make a difference. If interested, please contact me at: wooleytom@dslextrreme.com or by phone at: 626.335-6508.

For more information, please refer to the US Defenders website at www.USDefenders.org.



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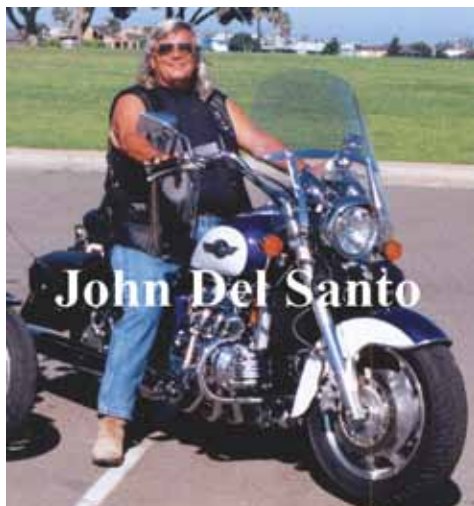
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You Gotta Have Heart

by John Del Santo

"Oh no! Elizabeth, this is the BIG one!" Most of us have heard about heart attacks, and some of us have experienced them or the results of them with family or friends. How the situation ends up can often depend on what we know and how we use it.



If I started feeling like someone parked a motorcycle on my chest, it would make me feel a bit better knowing that

someone I ride with, or live with, had taken a CPR class in the not-too-distant past. There have been some changes in the method of administering CPR. You could arrange a class within your group, or call a local hospital and ask if they know of a CPR class happening somewhere in town. Doing a search on your computer will show you a whole list of local classes. They usually only cost a couple of bucks (less than a new piece of chrome) and having that kind of information, knowing that you have the ability to save the life of a family member or friend, can give you a good feeling.

You can carry a small bottle of children's chewable aspirins on your bike or in your first aid kit. The word is that chewing on three of these little babies could even stop a heart attack that's already in motion. This could give someone time to get to the hospital before it's too late. We can do preventative maintenance on ourselves by getting a check-up, and if our blood pressure is too high or cholesterol count is out of whack, we could get ourselves into better shape - climb some stairs, throw away some cigarettes. Being in good shape is

not a surefire guarantee though, because heart problems can happen to someone who looks like the least likely candidate. Want some more info? Check out www.americanheart.org.

The movie image of a heart attack is a middle-aged man clutching his chest and falling over onto the kitchen table... Heart attacks are not just a "guy thing", they are The Number One Killer of women! Recent research has shown that women can show completely different symptoms, or warning signals, than the traditional signs that we expect to see in a heart attack victim. Some of the signs that women will feel are sweating profusely, dizziness, vomiting and diarrhea, a bloating just below the sternum, or high gastric pain.

Some of the typical male warning signals include pain in the left arm and chest, a little ache that can radiate to the back and one or both arms, and aching in the jaw or neck, then squeezing, burning and crushing. Not all signs occur with every heart attack, and most will start slowly. Sometimes they go away and then return.

On the road we react quickly to brake lights coming on in front of us, and we try to react in the correct manner. We should do the same thing in the presence of cardiac warning signs - **CALL 9-1-1 fast!**

Many people experience the beginning signs of a heart attack, mistake the signs for food poisoning or indigestion and then they don't follow up. Toughing it out may be an admirable trait in most parts of our life, but we need to use common sense in matters of the heart, and don't get carried away - you know, by six of your best friends! Knowledge is Power.

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

Mike VanBuskirk
P O Box 148
Vacaville 95696
707/486-6454

3 rd Sun. - 10:00 AM
Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon
4826 Midway Rd.
Vacaville CA

San Francisco - Local #18-Reg#3

Meet with L#14 or 15

Pomona Valley - Local #19-Reg#9

Robert Cuthbertson
P O Box 4664
San Dimas 91773

4th Wed - 7:00 PM
Call for meeting place
909/921-2159

Orange County - Local #20-Reg#11

Gill Mellen
2104 Continental Ave.
Costa Mesa, CA 92627
949/632-9787

2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
Good Ol' Boys Saloon
10624 Katella Ave.
Garden Grove 92840

Antelope Valley - Local #21-Reg#13

Ron Sundquist
37230 52nd St. East
Palmdale 93552
661/586-5555
ron.sundquist@sbcglobal.net

1st Thurs - 7:00 PM
Casa Roma Restaurant
320 W Ave. J2
Lancaster 93534

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

Suzanne Palmiere
310/326-3667
suzpalmiere@aol.com

1st Tues - 7:30 PM
Chowder Barge
611 N. Henry Ford Ave.
Wilmington 90744

San Bernardino - Local#23-Reg#9

Kevin Sorrell
909/793-1112

1st Sun 9:00 AM
Jenny's Family Restaurant
7750 Palm Ave, Highland

Fresno - Local#24-Reg#6

Ed Rogers
559/264-2891

1st Wed. 7:00 PM
Cedar Lanes
3131 N. Cedar, Fresno

Sacramento - Local#25-Reg#2

Gary Haller
916/726-6703

3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
Denny's
3520 Auburn Blvd.
Sacramento 95821

Riverside - Local#27-Reg#9

Greg Covell
P.O. Box 7070
Riverside CA 92313
951/522-3434
www.abatelocal27.org

1st Tues - 7:00 PM
American Legion
2979 Dexter Dr, (in Fairmont Park)
Riverside, CA

Lake County - Local#28-Reg#1

Lori Adams
707/245-8036

2nd Thurs - 7:00 PM
Round Table Pizza
821 11th St.
Lakeport 95453

Morongo Basin - Local#29-Reg#10

Marty Rapp
P.O. Box 2334
29 Palms CA 92277
760/367-1694

2nd - Thurs - 6:30 PM
Rattlesnake Jakes
51572 29 Palms Hwy
Morongo Valley 92256

North Valley - Local #31-Reg#2

Larry James
530/893-4827

2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
Last Call Lounge
876 East Ave. Chico

Santa Clara Valley - Local #32-Reg#4

Dan Scott
950 Meridan Ave#19
San Jose 95126
408/903-7623

Last Sun. 9:30 AM
Sherwood Inn
2988 Almaden Expy
San Jose

Yuba City - Local #33-Reg#2

Steve Katen
530/749-1003

3rd Thurs. - 7:PM
American Legion
5477 Feather River Blvd. Olivehurst

Hanford - Local #34-Reg#6

Meets with Local#24

1st Wed - 7:00 PM
Cedar Lanes
3131 N. Cedar, Fresno

Monterey Bay - Local #35-Reg#4

Call for info 760/956-1669

Palm Springs - Local #36-Reg#10

John "Grumpy" Grubb
P.O. Box 460
Rancho Mirage 92270
760/564-4336
jgrubb123@aol.com

4th Sunday - 8:30 AM
American Legion
400 N Belardo Rd.
Palm Springs

Imperial Valley - Local#38-Reg#12

Steve Mitosinka
660 W State St
El CentroCA
760/996-2093

Last Thurs - 7:00 PM
SOBE's
1151 S 4th St.
El Centro

Bakersfield - Local#40-Reg#6

Omar Macias
661/832-5240
661/900-8690

3rd Tues. 7:00 PM
Rusty's Pizza
5430 Olive Dr
Bakersfield 93308

High Desert - Local#44-Reg#13

Jerry McClure
P.O. Box 3094
Victorville CA 92392
760/948-0491

2nd Sat - 9:00 AM
Eagles Fraternal Order
16195 Main St.
Hesperia

Banning - Local #45-Reg#10

Trine Howell
760/323-9860

Call for Meeting Info
67387 Mission Dr.
Cathedral City 92234

Modesto - Local #46-Reg#5

Call for info 760/956-1669

Barstow - Local #47-Reg#13

Yermo Eddy
PO Box 521
Yermo CA 92398
760/254-3833 or 760/953-7353

2nd Sat-9:00 AM Meet with L#44
Eagles Fraternal Order
16195 Main St.
Hesperia

Hemet - Local #48-Reg#9

Meet with Local#27

Humboldt County - Local #50-Reg#1

Barbara Kennedy
707/946-2248

Call for meeting place & time

Calaveras County - Local #51-Reg#5

Call for info 760/956-1669

Grass Valley - Local#52-Reg#2

Steve Shoemaker
P.O. Box 356
Chicago Park 95712
530/798-0001

3rd Wed - 6:30 PM
Larry & Lena's Pizza & Grill
15690 Johnson Place
Hwy#49 Grass Valley

Owens Valley - Local#53-Reg#13

Meet with Local#58

West San Fernando - Local#54-Reg#8

Meet with Local #1

Visalia - Local #57 - Reg#6

Meet with L#24

Ridgecrest - Local #58-Reg#13

Dave Cornelius
760/447-4342

3rd Sat 10:00 AM
Mickey's Pub
1661 W. Triangle Dr.
Ridgecrest

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

Meet with Local 40 or Local 58

Colfax - Local #60-Reg#2

Larry Burch
530/613-0912

2nd Thurs 7:00 PM
Grand Father's Club house
301 Railroad St., Colfax

Local #61 Shasta County-Redding

Call for info 760-956-1669