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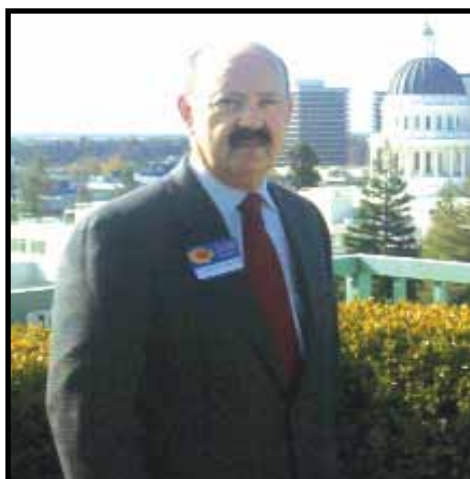
**by James Lombardo**

The Legislature has returned from the November Elections with 55 Democrats to 25 Republicans in the Assembly and 29 Democrats to 11 Republicans in the Senate. The Assembly re-elected John Perez as its Speaker, and the Senate re-elected Darryl Steinberg as its President pro Tempore. Both houses have the number of votes to override a veto by Governor Brown, but that remains to be seen if they try.

For the first time in the past 5 years the state is **ONLY** a few Billion \$ short of its Budget versus the \$20 to 25 billion short in the past few years. Many programs have been cut, and many Democrat members have expressed interest in restoring funds to many of their favorite programs that were reduced. Governor Brown has cautioned members to stay the course and keep spending down until California can recover from the recession.

What and how does that affect us as motorcyclists? It means the Legislature may finally focus on programs such as our streets and roads to make them safer, we hope, because needed repairs and improvements have been neglected for far too long.

At our Legislative/PAC meeting, on January 12 in Sacramento, I again reported on a potential restriction or ban of lane sharing, and also a roadside noise enforcement pro-



gram being pushed by the motorcycle manufacturers. I recommended an **AGENDA OF DEFENSE THIS YEAR!**

There are **38 NEW ASSEMBLY MEMBERS OUT OF 80**, almost half of the house being freshmen. Stay tuned in and hang on; the deadline for bill introductions is February 22. After that date, we'll know what we're dealing with this session. I am reading **ALL** the bills as they are introduced, and will be reporting on them as they appear. We should have **UPDATED EMAIL ALERTS DIRECTLY TO ALL OF YOU SO WE CAN RESPOND QUICKLY AND SWIFTLY!**

Thanks again to **ALL** of you who support the Lobbyist Fund to keep me in the Capitol **PROTECTING OUR RIGHT TO RIDE!**

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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.

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**Executive Director's Report****by Greg Covell,  
Executive Director**

Greetings: I rode up to Sacramento for the ABATE Board meeting January 12 and stayed for the MMA/ABATE Freedom Rally on the 14th. The song "But Baby It's Cold Outside" kept running through my mind, but both the meeting and the Rally were worth the time and effort.

At the Board meeting many questions about the operation and direction of ABATE were addressed and changes in the Bailing Wire, communications and the Website should become evident as they take effect. New Board members were elected and are already working on their new duties.

The Rally was well attended considering the 25-35 degree morning temperatures. I managed to meet with the members of various clubs, independents, and politicians, all of whom had the common goal of working together for the rights and freedoms of motorcyclists and the protection of the rights of all Americans. As diverse a group as you can find, all with a common goal. I found it invigorating.

The MMA did an excellent job setting up and guiding the Rally. Special thanks to these fine leaders: MMA President Dave "Bingo" Quiel, Lobbyist Rodney Grenier, ABATE Lobbyist Jim Lombardo, US Defenders Representative and Citizen Advocate, Robert Tabaldo, MMA Business Manager Bobby Smirl, ABATE/MMA Liaison Officer Ruby Weber and to Capitol Cafe Owner Gary Haller! (Go to the Capitol Basement and Get a Cup!)

Reconnect with your Locals and members: We must work to grow ABATE into a strong visible and effective organization. It is essential for every Local to visit at least one bike night and or motorcycle event every week. Remember to support and attend



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**ABATE of California now has their off road division up and running!  
Join on Page 11.**



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Local #01 Los Angeles



Local 1 wishes all Locals a safe, steady ride through 2013. Our meeting is January 20 so the following is what will be discussed at the meeting:

My recent journey to Sacramento and the first Board of Directors meeting of 2013. The MMA Freedom Rally with ABATE participation at the state capital on January 14.

We will then dive into deep discussion about our 26<sup>th</sup> annual Polar Bear Run that is taking place February 24. This will include a discussion about using the Elks Lodges on the route. Earl B, the leader of the Tujunga Lodge, will possibly be there and there will be questions about this endeavor.

Maybe Jim Nickla will have information regarding a run in the Tujunga area where we might set up a table.

Glen C will talk about memberships and tidbits related to motorcycle items.

There will be discussion from the members in attendance, then finishing up with breakfast. End of meeting.

Flyers for our 26th annual Polar Bear Run are available from Sporty. Email requests to [sportymilligan@yahoo.com](mailto:sportymilligan@yahoo.com)

thing like dropping off some Bailing Wires to a local shop can make a huge impact!

Local 8 is looking ahead to February 24 to ride to Local 1's 26th Polar Bear Run! Hope we see you all there!

Again! Happy New Year!

## Local #11 North San Diego County



Happy New Year from Local 11. We just had our first meeting of the New Year and had a good turnout. Beautiful crisp day in So Cal. We had a guest speaker start us off; Pepe from the Downaz Ridaz MC San Diego gave us information on LegalShield legal services, an interesting approach if you need an attorney for any legal issue.

Prez Dan gave his report on political happenings and events coming up. Tim gave us the treasurer report and Dick gave us the COC report.

Discussion turned to ideas for fundraising. Phoenix Woody and his lady, Chris, came with the Celebrating Home idea for a fundraiser, something we will look into.

Chop and Maureen (Mo) from ABATE Local 6 San Diego joined us and let us know about their first annual Motorcycle Awareness event out at Flinn Springs, more to come on that.

We also got word that our brother Jimmy's mother had passed away. We are all thinking about you Jim. Hope to see you back at Local 11 soon.

See you next month. Gary

## Local #13 Ventura County



Happy New Year! I hope that 2013 finds you happier, healthier, safer, and more prosperous than 2012! Local 13 starts off the

year with some new and old faces: President - Scott McCool; Vice President - Dave Blackburn; Sec't/Treas - Judy Harro (who is a new member, BTW); Membership Coordinator - Linda Hammer and the Sgt.-at-Arms/Road Captain - Rod Baca. All of the officers are here for...YOU! This is your Local.

Not much to report from the January meeting -with only the officers there we didn't have much to share! C'mon folks, you can do this!

If you want to be included in our e-mail blasts of runs we have planned, meeting times and our events send an email to [abate.113@gmail.com](mailto:abate.113@gmail.com) and get all the info.

Ride safe and we'll see you at February's meeting on Valentine's Day, February 14 at 7:30 pm at the VFW in Pt. Hueneme.

## Local #20 Orange County



Our December meeting had 32 members and 3 guests attending including two new members Dirte Sanchez and Danny Shipman. Rick Robinson renewed his membership at the meeting.

We voted again regarding where to move our meeting place beginning January 2013. The vote was 20 to 12 to move to the American Legion at 5646 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. The phone number there is 714 821-0910.

We also took a vote for the officers for Local 20: President/Treasurer - Gill Mellen; VP - Paul Yerardi; PAC - Spike; Membership/Administration - Moonie; PR - Sandy (aka Squirt); and Secretary - Leenie.

The membership draw of \$60 was won by Gregg Ohlhaber.

Our January meeting was in our new location and we had 33 members and 8 guests attend. The American Legion provided pizza, fried chicken, salad, coffee and carrot cake all on a donation basis. The room was clean and we were not all bunched up together. It was great!

Gill informed us that the off-road division of ABATE is up and running and encour-

## Local #08 Orange County



Hello from Orange County Local 8 and Happy New Year To All!!!! Our December meeting was great, with election of officers and then our Christmas party with too much fun, food, and stealing of gifts! We'll be having raffle prizes at our January meeting to help with our fundraising efforts too!

As the New Year begins let's not forget why we belong to ABATE. Let's make a resolution to ourselves to commit to the cause of "Education, Not Legislation"! A small



# LOCAL NEWS

aged us all to get our friends, family and co-workers that go off-roading to get involved with the program.

Spiked reminded us that if we are asked to leave an establishment or remove our patches or harassed by police that it is very important that we write everything down as soon as possible after it occurs and give a copy to either him or Gill. In an effort to fight against the discrimination and harassment that happens to bikers, it is important to have documentation. Gill also suggested, if possible, that the writings be scanned into a computer which documents date and time of the writings.

The membership draw of \$49 was won by Monica Fletcher. ~Leenie~



Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chili Cook Off and Dessert and Salsa contest was held on November 17 at Kevin and Bea's home in Redlands. As usual it was a success! Everyone had a good time and a variety of chili!

Our meetings are held the first Sunday of the month at 9:00 am at Vicky's Restaurant, corner of Mill Street and Waterman, in San Bernardino. You are welcome to come early and have some wonderful food. Tammy Odell, Membership Coordinator

## Local #24 Fresno

December 5 over 45 members gathered at Yosemite Falls Café for our Local meeting. Doug opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag. (Doug replaces long-standing Ed Rogers as the Local President.)

We went over the details for our Toy run to Valley Children's Hospital. Great big thanks to all who donated to help out on this run. We raised over \$2,000.00 to spend on gifts for the kids.

Members of local off-road groups asked about AB 1595. Most were completely unaware of the changes coming in January and July 2013.

Chuck is stepping down as Ride Coordinator, a job he has been doing for more than 20 years. Thanks, you will be a hard act to follow! Ray is our new Ride Coordinator.

The prize drawing had a bunch of vintage Easyriders magazines. The ABATE prize of \$123.00 went to Ray and Doug took home the \$50.00 membership donation.

In January our new meeting day of the second Tuesday of the month worked well. We had over 45 members attend - not bad, especially with the weather. Having the entire meeting room to ourselves also made a positive difference.

Doug opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag. Our Toy Run to the Valley Children's Hospital provided more than 400 toys and a big bunch of stuffed animals. The Hospital was able to give toys to all newly admitted kids for more than two weeks.

Scott told us about the off-road's situation with the recent legislation. It points out how critical it is to keep our Lobbyist working for us in Sacramento. No one in the off-road community was aware of this bill until it

was passed. State ABATE now has an off-road division to gauge the interest and support of this group for our Lobbyist.

Ray gave us a report on the End of the World ride and his contacts with our Business members. Our support by visiting the business members is critical to their continued membership. When you do visit be sure to mention you are an ABATE member.

Looking ahead the, 14th Annual AMMO RUN will be April 13 and 14. Details at the February meeting.

Ursula reported the treasury is ok, but low. We voted to continue sending state ABATE the same amount, but will split it up differently this month. Phil reported our membership at 121 members and 15 business members.

Many donations for our drawing including a 1986 calendar and Easyriders magazines. Peggy would have won our membership drawing, but she wasn't there. Richard won the ABATE prize of \$85.00 and he donated it back - Thanks! See all of you next month. Bruce.

## Local #25 Sacramento



During the ABATE Local 25 December 2012 meeting we elected "Lil' David" Morena as President and David Battles as Sgt at Arms.

Gary H reported that the new legislative session is set to begin January 7, 2013. Assemblyman Donnelly is looking to carry a motorcycle related bill.

Assemblyman Dan Logue is sponsoring the January Capitol event. We need to send him thanks. Ruby Weber handed out a list of free motorcycle parking spots in downtown Sacramento. She also reported that we received a thank you note from St. Johns for our holiday food drive efforts.

Ruby was appointed to be the ABATE liaison to MMA. "Lil' David" talked about the new ABATE off-road division. Ron reported that we had a few new membership sign-ups at the MMA Toy Run. David Battles passed around a sign-up sheet for folks to work our booth at the Easyriders show the same day as the State Board meeting.

Local 25 Meetings - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month; 7:00 pm; Denny's Restaurant; 3520 Auburn Blvd; Sacramento. David Smart

## Local #21 Antelope Valley



It was a good toy run. Toys for the kids and a few bucks for ABATE. It was also great to see Sporty.

Thanks to Mark for the lobby obligation. Hope you all had a great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. Daryl the plumber

## Local #22 South Bay



Hello everyone! I hope this New Year brings peace and prosperity to you all. Local 22 will be making some changes. For February our meeting date will remain on the first Thursday (February 7) at 7 pm.

Beginning in March we will start meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm, remaining at the Chowder Barge.

We are moving forward, one step at a time.

Thank you! Suzanne Palmiere, President.

## Local #23 San Bernardino

Hello Everyone! Well the votes are in and the winners are: Kevin S - President; Russ K - Vice President; Secretary/Treasurer - Cindy K; Membership - Tammy O; and Ron M - Road Captain.

# LOCAL NEWS

## Local #27 Riverside



Hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and New Year's festivities. The New Year is here and full of interesting possibilities. Find what makes you happy, prosperous, and productive and you will never be bored.

ABATE Local 27's Turkey Rally has this year morphed into a Turkey and Toy Rally. This event on December 8 benefited the Salvation Army and the residents of the Riverside area that are in need during the Christmas season. It is sponsored by ABATE Local 27, Discount Hydroponics, KCAL 96.7, Jam Sportswear, and Mommy Inc. This year we were able to supply the Salvation Army with over 400 turkeys and dinners as well as several barrels of toys.

Local 27 now boasts more than 31 business members and are contacting "lost members" who have missed their renewal notices.

We are still very busy going to different events in the Riverside area to educate and spread "the word" of ABATE. We manage to set up a table 2 to 4 times a week and we are making a difference. Continuing to work closely with Locals 19 and 23 we are striving to help each other grow and prosper, bringing motorcyclists in the Inland Empire together under the influence of Region 9 of ABATE of California.

Come one come all. Learn what you can, and say what needs to be said, be a part of the solution and not part of the problem. Want to know what's happening here locally? Check our website [www.abateocal27.org](http://www.abateocal27.org). Keep your Eyes Wide Open. Greg Covell ([gcovell8@gmail.com](mailto:gcovell8@gmail.com)), President Local 27.

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## Local #52 Grass Valley



First off I would like to thank Bob Chapman for signing on as a new member. Welcome to Local 52!

As we report after every Board meeting, membership numbers in our organization need to be increased. I have heard suggestions that maybe we need to re-label and/or change the emphasis of ABATE. The old saw "that's the way we've always done it" is fine if it continues to work, but shouldn't be an excuse to keep on trudging along without a pause for reflection. I noticed that ABATE of Wisconsin still uses the Against Totalitarian Enactments in their title. California did away with that some time ago to "soften the image." Maybe it's time to move back the other direction a bit. What do ya think?

I wanted to start out the New Year with a challenge. I will hand out (or mail if you're not at the meeting) one membership card to each of you. Just one. Sign somebody up this year. With 32 people on the roster, even a 50% success rate brings us up near 50. Think Birthday, Valentine, etc. gifts, too.

We don't need a huge commitment from folks. Many feel they have too many irons in the fire as it is. If all they can do is sign up and be a member every year, so be it. The small percentage of volunteers available to help out will grow with the increase in membership. Membership is a huge factor and the basis for what we can do as an organization.

Speaking of Wisconsin, I made a trip out there to attend the Early Times of

ABATE pow-wow put on by Tony "Pan" Sanfelipo and former State Senator Dave Zien (the million mile bike guy among other things). These guys set up a hell of a conference which included media, memorabilia, and personal displays from the beginning in '71 to present day. It was very inspiring. Fortunately, Mary took good notes! I also attended their State Board of Directors meeting to get an ear to how they do things there. This will certainly help me be a little more productive in my duties.

I'm still looking for ideas on how to raise money. Steve Shoemaker has been busting his caboose selling take off parts at swap meets and that has done well for us, but I hate to hang it all on him. Other venues would be good too. Some of the ideas I heard out here were chili cook offs, car and bike shows, and piggy backing other events. The latter is a great idea in reducing costs since the insurance liability is eliminated. Give me your ideas! Ride safe! Craig, President.

## END OF THE WORLD RIDE

by Bruce Waldron, Local 24

With the End of the World approaching, members of Local 24 decided to ride and thank our Business Members for their support. Gathering at Kimmie's in Clovis, the somber crew said good bye and left for Dan Ruit's Flattrack Museum for a last viewing of his wonderful motorcycles.

With tears in our eyes, we made our way into the mountains to the Stonehouse in Auberry. Many a fond tale of past rides and memories of riders were shared.

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# Pac/Lobbyist Report

By Dave Hastings, Treasurer

Greetings and great expectations for the year 2013! Numerous items were discussed and slated for implementation at our January ABATE Board of Directors meeting in Sacramento. For the past several years ABATE of California has been examining, analyzing, and improving many aspects of our day to day business operations and your Board has firmly committed to an ambitious improvement schedule for 2013.

We are planning a major update to our computer system to expedite record keeping, archiving, and information availability for both our State office and our Locals. This will enable us to deliver up to the minute responses to your Local electronically, thereby saving both time and postage now used to "snail mail" requested information. Also we will further refine and fine tune our "Action Alert" program to keep all of our members instantaneously informed of important and time sensitive issues as they occur. Hopefully some of these improvements will begin soon and we will then be in position to serve our members needs in a more timely fashion while decreasing our expenses at the same time.



Our PAC and Lobbyist accounts will be required to pay a new fee to the California Secretary of State this year to help offset new computer programs and equipment the State of California is installing to improve their oversight and regulation of these accounts. Not a huge fee, but it will be an ongoing additional expense that all registered accounts will be required to pay to California each year to maintain their state registration.

Speaking of accounts, your ABATE of California Board of Directors has agreed to continue our long standing affiliation with our lobbyist, Jim Lombardo, for 2013. "Thank You" Jim for the hard work and dedication you have given to ABATE and all of the motorcycle riders of California for so many years.

Even more work waits in 2013 because ABATE of California has officially opened our Off Road Division and, with Jim's help, we expect to become a premier provider for ALL rider's rights issues in California. If you have off-road friends please let them know about our new expansion and encourage them to join our ABATE Off-Road Division. This will ensure their off-road lifestyle and voice will be represented and protected in the hallways of Sacramento.

Every voice counts and the more voices we have the more we will be noticed, respected, and possibly even feared on election day in the legislative chambers and committee rooms of Sacramento and our home towns. Let's be very proactive in getting new members from "both sides" of the road and even better at giving them a real reason for renewing that membership when it expires.

Like I said, I personally have great expectations for 2013, and to accomplish the ABATE goals we have set I and ABATE need your help. We know that we can work hard and still have fun - let's make this a year to remember for everyone!

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**ABATE OFF-ROAD DIVISION!**

Ok everybody: Here's the deal. ABATE of California now has their off road division up and running! Simply go to [www.abate.org](http://www.abate.org) and you will see the link "Off Roaders, Protect Your Rights," click on that for an explanation and application form. If you have any questions, please email me at [nick@abate.org](mailto:nick@abate.org) or Dave Hastings at [dave@abate.org](mailto:dave@abate.org).

Here are the details in a nutshell. As you will recall, right after Assemblyman Paul Cook passed AB 1595 - the SxS bill that mandates helmets and outlaws aftermarket parts - ABATE's lobbyist stated that it would take about \$10,000 to get a repeal or modification bill through the assembly and to the governor before the recess. Well that deadline came and went, but our lobbyist, Jim Lombardo, still wanted to try and help because he has years of both off-road and on-road motorcycle legislative experience, and he has numerous contacts in Sacramento. He has agreed to write a repeal bill (which he has done) and submit it in time for the next legislative session in January of 2013. He is doing this with no money up front and said that IF we can get our off-road division off the ground and attract new members, he will present us with a discounted bill to be taken out of the new members' dues from the off-road division! This will ensure that the off-road division will pay for this in its entirety and no money will come from the on-road side of ABATE! This is an unprecedented offer and should not be taken lightly. This will give off-roaders a chance to have a full time lobbyist looking out for THEIR concerns, not the manufacturer's concerns! As ABATE already has a political machine in place, this is a win/win option for off-roaders everywhere!

If we don't get enough new members by July 1, 2013 when all of AB 1595 provisions kick in, we will simply shut down our off-road division and keep working on-road issues only. HOWEVER, if we do get and retain enough off-road members, our lobbyist has agreed to work at a discounted rate to help ABATE truly represent all riders in California by helping off-roaders fight this and any future adverse legislation! That's right, if we can get several hundred new members out of the over one million off-roaders in California, we will have our own 24/7, 365 days per year lobbyist looking out for us (instead of the manufacturers) full time. All of this for an annual membership cost that is less than one day of off-riding! I have assured our lobbyist, that there are many off-roaders, especially in the SxS community who will join us in this incredible opportunity.

Let's hope that I am right. After hearing many of you voice your concerns over the past couple of months, I sincerely hope that you will join ABATE of California. This will ensure that the off-road community will have their own full time lobbyist representing them in Sacramento to make sure that a bill like this never sneaks through again. How about it everyone, are we going to put our money where our mouth is? ABATE of California has done the start-up work and has the needed political resources to help immediately. Now it is time for the off-roaders to do their part. Simply go to ABATE's web site [www.abate.org](http://www.abate.org) and click on the "off roaders" link, print out the form and sign up to protect your rights. Or you can join on-line.

**CURRENT ISSUES FOR OFF-ROADERS**

**AB 1595:** Requires all drivers and passengers in ROHVs (Rhinos, Razors, etc.), regardless of age to wear helmets. (Effective January 1, 2013)

Requires factory installed passenger seats. Aftermarket passenger seats will be illegal whether or not they were professionally installed. (Effective July 1, 2013)

Requires factory installed roll cages. Aftermarket roll cages will be illegal even if professionally built and installed. (Effective July 1, 2013)

Requires drivers to be 16 years old unless accompanied by an adult. (Effective January 1, 2013)

Requires factory installed seat belts and shoulder straps. No aftermarket belts or straps. (Effective July 1, 2013)

**UPCOMING ISSUES FOR OFF-ROADERS**

**ATV opponents ask federal safety agency to require seatbelts and roll cages:** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission asked the public to comment on ATV safety following its ATV Safety Summit held on October 11 and 12, 2012 in Bethesda, Maryland and opponents of ATVs responded in force. Most of the comments were from people and organizations demanding that children be banned from operating ATVs and other drastic measures be taken to make ATVs "safer".

These measures included mandatory roll cages, speed limiters, inter-lock systems so that an ATV cannot be operated if a person had consumed alcohol and a ban on aftermarket accessories such as rear rack bags. They also want smaller seats.





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ABATE of California, a leading organization in protecting motorcycle rights in California, is excited to announce the opening of our "Off-Road" Division to fulfill our desire to protect the riding rights of ALL riders in California, both on and off-road.

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

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

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

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

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

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# COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

**Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish**

## CONGRESS GIVES TAX BREAK TO ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE BUYERS:

Tax hikes and spending cuts dominated holiday headlines as the federal government teetered on the edge of the Fiscal Cliff, but the legislative package passed on New Year's Day to resolve the issue, dubbed the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, included several tax credit extensions that didn't generate as much media interest – including one for electric motorcycles.

Oregon Senator Ron Wyden (D) sponsored the amendment extending the EV tax credit, which covers 10% of the cost of a qualified electric vehicle, up to \$2,500. Vehicles must be a two- or three-wheeled plug-in electric designed “primarily for use on public streets, roads, and highways” and “capable of achieving a speed of 45 miles per hour or greater.”

Electric-powered two wheelers have been without a federal purchase incentive since the end of 2011, when the original tax break expired that was part of the \$800 billion stimulus package passed in 2009.

A coalition of EV motorcycle companies, through Plug-In America, lobbied Congress to extend the tax credits, which are also retroactive and apply for electric motorcycles or EV chargers purchased in 2012 as well.

Wyden argues that extending the tax credit will help generate jobs in the growing electric motorcycle industry. “The electric motorcycle industry is poised to create tens of thousands of U.S. jobs over the next five years, led by companies like Oregon's Brammo,” said Wyden. “This amendment helps promote the development of a promising U.S. industry and support the transition to a low-carbon American economy.”

**E-CYCLES PROJECTED TO OUTSELL PLUG-IN CARS:** According to two new Pike Research reports, electric scooters and motorcycle sales are going to eclipse that of plug-in vehicles by the end of this decade.

In one report from Pike Research which looks at electric motorcycles and scooters, the study predicts that “annual sales of e-motorcycles and e-scooters will reach 18.6 million by 2018.”

Pike Research points primarily to industries such as delivery companies, police and security forces, and even taxi services in some locations as the prime mover for the increase in sales of electric motorcycles and scooters.



Another recently released Pike Research report predicted that annual worldwide sales of electric vehicles will reach 3.8 million by 2020. This includes plug-in electric vehicles and hybrid electric vehicles selling in the Asia Pacific, North America, and Western Europe.

“Sales of EVs have not lived up to automakers' expectations and politicians' proclamations, but the market is expanding steadily as fuel prices remain high and consumers increasingly seek alternatives to internal combustion engines,” says senior research analyst Dave Hurst. “Indeed, sales of plug-in EVs will grow at a compound annual growth rate of nearly 40% over the remainder of the decade, while the overall auto market will expand by only two percent a year.”

Taken together, the two Pike Research reports indicate that two-wheel EV sales will outperform electric four-wheelers by a margin of 5-1 by the end of the decade. Currently, China is the biggest market for the sale of these electric vehicles, accounting for 81% of the global electric motorcycle and scooter market.

## EPA TO DROP FOUR GALLON MINIMUM GAS PURCHASES:

Ethanol-laden gasoline is known to cause engine damage, and many manufacturers warn that using the product will invalidate warranties, so when the EPA approved E15 (fuel blend containing 15% ethanol) it raised concerns amongst motorcyclists, off-roaders, snowmobilers, boaters and others who use vehicles and equipment driven by small gas-powered motors...none of which are approved for its use.

The EPA's response was to require a minimum four gallon purchase, the misguided rationale being that it would dilute any residual E15 remaining in a gas pump's lines. Again, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency came under fire, with powersports and automotive groups pushing back against the federal agency's push for the grain alcohol-blended biofuel.

Apparently realizing that a viable solution to the problem needs to be conceived, the EPA is abandoning its four-gallon minimum on blender pumps that dispense both E10 and E15 from the same pump, and instead the government body says it will likely require gas stations to label shared pumps, as well as offer a dedicated E10 pump/hose for non-approved vehicles.

In the meantime, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia has denied a rehearing on the EPA decision to put E15 on the market. The federal appellate court decision is a setback for the oil-and-gas industry, which opposes the use of E15, and a federal biofuel blending mandate that requires refiners to blend 36 billion gallons of biofuels into traditional transportation fuels by 2022.

**NEW YEAR, NEW LAWS:** The new year puts new laws on the books across the country, with state and local governments ringing in 2013 with a mix of new laws ranging from the innovative to the odd; one in Kansas City says households can't have more than four cats, while a town in Massachusetts is banning businesses from selling plastic bottles. In Florida, drivers can once again flash their headlights to warn others of upcoming speed traps, which was previously outlawed. Meanwhile, driverless cars in California got the green light to hit the public roads, but one of Illinois' 150 new laws prohibits motorcycle riders from popping wheelies -- Public Act 97-743 imposes a fine of \$1,000 on anyone who pops a wheelie on a motorcycle while speeding.

## WOMAN FIRED OVER HUSBAND BEING IN A MOTORCYCLE CLUB:

Her husband's membership in a motorcycle club has cost the job of a human resources technician with the city of Kingman in northwest Arizona, according to a Phoenix lawyer who is representing the woman in her bid for reinstatement.

The city served 11-year employee Melissa Summermon a notice of intent the day after Christmas and terminated her employment Dec. 28, attorney David Kresin told the Las Vegas Review-Journal. “She was terminated for the stated reason of her husband's



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membership in a family motorcycle club - the Desert Roadriders," he said, adding that the dismissal violates her constitutional right to freedom of association. "There's no allegation that Ms. Summerson personally did anything wrong in her job or engaged in any conduct personally that violated any of the city's rules, and we believe there's no cause for termination as she's been an outstanding employee with a great record for her entire employment."

**CRIMINALS MORE PRONE TO CRASH THEIR MOTORCYCLES:** Motorcyclists who have criminal records are twice as likely to get into accidents on the road than their law-abiding peers, a new Swedish study has found.

The findings come from an examination of more than 5,000 motorcycle accidents carried out by Karolinska Institute epidemiologist Michael Forel.

He went through statistics and looked at motorcycle riders who have a license and then cross-referenced the names with the criminal register.

"If you've been convicted of a crime before, we see at least double the risk that you'll get into a serious accident," Forel told the TT news agency.

Among non-offenders, there are 4.1 accidents per 1,000 license-holders annually. However, that figure jumped up to 27.7 when looking at drivers who had at least two criminal convictions.

Forel shared his findings at the Transportforum conference in Linköping, Sweden. "Maybe we should educate people who break the traffic laws," suggests Forel.

**EUROPE SET TO MANDATE ABS FOR MOTORCYCLES:** A Europe-wide proposal to mandate anti-lock braking systems (ABS) for motorcycles bigger than 125cc manufactured from 2016 onwards was overwhelmingly approved by the European Parliament by a vote of 643-16. Although the measure is still working its way through the EU legislative process and must still be adopted by individual member nations of the European Union, it is expected to be adopted soon.

A European Union Commission presented the ABS requirement for new framework regulation for motorcycles, and calculates that the proposal would reduce the number of fatal motorcycle accidents by more than 5,000 over a 10-year period.

Although the first anti-lock braking system was installed on a motorcycle in 1988, only 16% of all newly manufactured motorcycles in Europe were equipped with ABS,

and by comparison car manufacturers have made ABS standard equipment since 2004 which has contributed to an estimated 49% overall decline in fatal car accidents in the EU. Experts regard anti-lock braking as a huge boost to safety, pointing to a Swedish highway study that showed that 38% of all motorcycle accidents involve personal injury and 48% of all serious and fatal accidents could have been prevented with ABS.

In the U.S., the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has considered requiring ABS on new motorcycles sold in America, and will likely take up the issue in the near future.

**INDONESIAN WOMEN BANNED FROM STRADDLING MOTORCYCLES:** In an effort to establish Sharia law, Indonesia's northwestern province Aceh has enacted a controversial new law banning women from sitting on motorcycles with their legs apart. Aiming "to save people's morals & behaviors," under the new regulation "women are allowed to sit 'side-saddle' because passengers who sit side-saddle rarely fell off while when you see a woman straddle a motorcycle she looks like a man..."

Despite opposition from human rights activists who are calling for a reversal of the Sharia-type law; "We're going ahead with the ban. There's no resistance here," said Dasni Yuzar, secretary of the city administration.

"The government is only preserving morals. Women must not straddle motorbikes because it provokes the male drivers," declared Aceh Mayor Suaidi Yahya, who proposed the law. However, he also added that women were allowed to straddle motorbikes if they were driving, as long as they were dressed in a "Muslim way."

Al Yasa' Abubakar, a professor at the State Islamic Institute Ar-Raniry in Banda Aceh, explained that no such prohibition exists in Islam. While Yuzar agreed it was "not explicitly" written in the Koran that women should not straddle bikes, he said "by sitting astride, women dishonor themselves. They show their body curves almost transparently. They're riding with men who are not related by blood or marriage. Their front body part is in contact with the men's back. This is forbidden in Islam."

According to Tunggal Prawestri, a woman's activist based in Jakarta, "Almost every bylaw that was based on Sharia law targets the female body as a political battle ground in Aceh. Women become the easiest target, because as soon as women rights activists protest we are deemed anti-Muslim or anti-Sharia."

Spread across a chain of thousands of islands between Asia and Australia, Indonesia has the world's largest Muslim population and Southeast Asia's biggest economy, a huge market that all motorcycle manufacturers, including Harley-Davidson, dream to dominate one day.

**AUSTRALIAN TOP COP VOWS TO BAN BIKIES FROM PUBS:** Declaring that outlaw bikies "...are not the type of people who should be running licensed premises," Chief Commissioner Ken Lay has vowed to ban bikers from pubs and clubs across Victoria. "The legislation is designed to ensure that doesn't occur," he told the Herald Sun newspaper of his plan to move "bikies" out of venue ownership, operation and security.

Earlier this year, police swooped on bikies in a series of raids and seized 120 guns after ruling them not fit people to have the weapons under the Firearms Act.

Meanwhile, police are telling licensees not to allow patched-up bikies entry, so some Melbourne strip clubs, bars and nightclubs are refusing entry based on a "dress code standard," and some have even banned motorcycles from parking outside.

Inspector Paul Ross, of licensing enforcement, said police "advised" licensees "it's probably better if they don't allow outlaw motorcycle gang members inside ... wearing colors."

One operator, who is enforcing the ban, said police asked him and others to sign an agreement that the dress code standard relating to bikies was upheld.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "When two opposite points of view are expressed with equal intensity, the truth does not necessarily lie exactly halfway between them. It is possible for one side to be simply wrong." ~ Richard Dawkins (b. 1941), English biologist and author



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# Sporty's Rides

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan

Hello All! It's Sporty's Rides time. As you know I have been at this a very long time. It's amazing how I am able to come up with stuff to write about. In my last column I talked about the campaigns and how we weren't able to defeat Fran Pavley. She's on the Senate Transportation committee, so beware what she may have in store for us down the pike. Also beware, Senator Boxer was reelected - she is the Senator who believes in Freedom of Choice from the neck down only. So now on to the rides.

December 2 I went to Local 19's Toy run in Ontario at the Elks Lodge. Ride there was reasonable as it is about 50 miles from my house in San Fernando. Great fun seeing my pals from Local 19 and the near by Locals. I stayed and enjoyed myself till about 1 pm. Left as the sky began to open up a little bit. The ride home was steady rain; I was covered leg wise but my leather jacket got soaked. Too bad Sporty. Get a rain jacket and your leather won't get wet as much. Ok rain sucks, right?

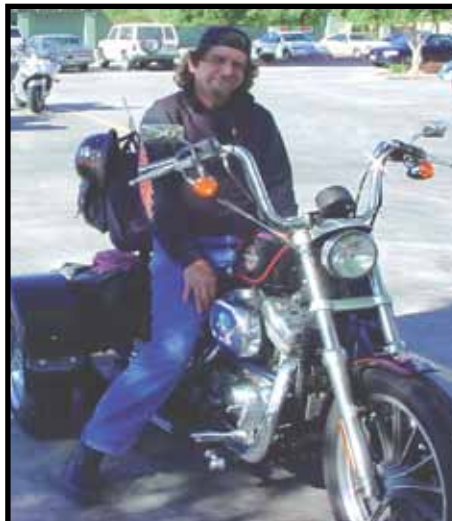
Our 25th annual Fred Jordan Skid Row toy run was a relatively nice day considering it's December. Let me tell you guys and gals in ABATE reader land the efforts of all parties concerned: Glendale HD, Oliver and his daughter, who without their support all these years we would not have their nice venue dealership to start the toy run. The HOG chapter who does parking and breakfast and my ABATE Local 1 who does all the sign in, insurance, and stuff.

If I have forgotten anyone, it's because I am getting older and - bam - memory loss. But you know who you are. We had a great day and the kids got some nice stuff at the Fred Jordan Mission, Fifth and Towne in downtown LA. Thanks to Willie Jordan for keeping the Mission going.

On December 15 in Rancho Cucamonga was the meeting for the Southern CA Regional Rally committee at 3 pm. I was driving my truck and sorta got lost getting there so I was late, but never-the-less we had a reasonably good meeting. So look for the Southern CA Regional Rally on May 10, 11th and 12th in Victorville, CA.

The following day Local 1 had its monthly meeting and it was consumed with the 26th annual Polar Bear run, which will be on February 24. Flyer available from Sporty - email requests to [sportymilligan@yahoo.com](mailto:sportymilligan@yahoo.com). We also sold tickets for the bike raffle that will be held in June at Iron Steed motorcycle shop, a Harley dealer in Local 17's area, which is in Vacaville. So the meeting was ok not as many folks as I would have liked, but ok.

The New Year rolled in and it was time to prepare for the first Board of Directors meeting in Sacramento on January 12. I was originally going to ride the 2007 1200L



Sporty, but no it was raining then turned to snow Thursday and the Grapevine was closed I decided to take my truck.

I started the journey Friday morning and by 8:45 am I was off to Sacramento via the coast route. I had a breakfast sandwich from Subway, a bottle of water, 3 boxes of CDs and I am off and driving. It's really cold, burr, burr, burr cold! Thank God my truck heater works good. I got to Sacramento in relatively good shape. Room was ok. We had our pre Board meeting that went a bit long.

Next day was the PAC meeting, President's meeting and Board meeting. Good stuff. We're going to improve our website and the Bailing Wire. Regarding PAC stuff, we're going to be on the defense posture. Rumor from our Lobbyist, Jim Lombardo, has it we might be hit up with

a bill to ban lane sharing and also a bill to have road side smog checks. SO PLAN TO HELP DEFEAT THESE ISSUES WHEN YOU ARE ASKED TO DO SO.

Ate dinner with Carol and her daughter, Tina. Sunday I stayed over to attend the MMA Freedom Rally, which was Monday. Sunday I helped Local 25 at their booth at the Easyrider bike show at the Sacramento Convention center. Surprise! In the rafters behind a glass window were the police taking pictures of the people down below. That is kinda sucky, but expected as the usual norm. When you get stuff to eat at the food court you feel violated because of the outrageous prices.

Ok, so at 4 pm we wrapped the booth up and I went back to my motel room and had another dinner at Denny's. Monday went to the Capital to be at the MMA/ABATE Freedom Rally. Considering it was cold, not a bad turnout. Usual stuff, political leaders talking how they will help us out on certain issues. OK so this is a good deal to be at the Capital and a rally. Gotta keep up the good unification fight so we all stand together as one united front, all brands of bikes and all types of riders, so we can prevent tooth decay aka bad laws from happening to motorcyclists in California.

I finally went inside the capital and paid my respects to Gary, a Local 25 member, who has the basement Coffee Shop.

After completing my task of getting Bailing Wires out and Local 17 run cards (for their run in March) out, I was on the road by 2 pm.

Ride home was long and not eventful; I listened to my CD's. I arrived home by 8 pm to the barking of my dogs, Lacy, Harley and Channel as well as a "Hello" from my wife, Renee.

Till next time be good to yourselves and attend ABATE functions. Sporty.

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# Motorcycle Safety Report

by Steve Guderian, Safety Officer  
A New Year

"In order to make the right decisions, motorcycle riders need the right information"

It is a new year, 2013, and time just keeps moving forward, stopping and waiting for no one. The first thing that I need to do is thank all of you who took the time to vote for the ABATE Board of Directors, and for those of you who voted for me. I appreciate your vote of confidence in me and I promise to work as hard as I can to make sure that ABATE of CA becomes a leader in MROs in this state and across this nation. But, it has to be known that we have a lot of work ahead of us.

One thing I would like all of you to know, there is nothing more important to me than saving the lives of motorcycle riders. I think the right to ride in a safe environment is the number one right of all riders. I spent 8 years working for NHTSA as the regional motorcycle rider safety expert. I left them, went to work someplace else and now I am here at ABATE of CA. Does this tell you who I think can do the best at saving the lives of CA riders?

I also want to thank the Board for keeping me as the Safety Officer. I enjoy this position and I am glad I can keep it for another year. I have started some things and I want to carry them through. For this month's piece I am going to recap a couple of things I think are important, and then go over a some things I brought up at the Board meeting that I think are important for this year.

I would like to remind everybody to always question anything they hear about riding a motorcycle and riding it safely. I don't care where it comes from; me, the MSF, the government, a book, Uncle Bob or any other source. Question where the information came from so you can know what makes it right. You are the one on the motorcycle; you have the right to know how valid and/or



accurate any information about your riding safety may be. As for me I will always have some source, study or research information to back up what I tell you.

So you know, more and more information is starting to come in about what we can do to ride a little safer. So, don't be afraid of some changes or something new. Take the time to think something through. One word of caution, if you have a long standing riding habit that has worked for you, then it may be best not to change that habit. Just remember, I am here to talk to anybody about anything and we can take the time to look at and discuss any riding habit you think you might want to change. Ask me anything about motorcycle rider safety, have you ever wondered about anything, ever thought about anything and were curious or do you have a great idea about rider safety? Let's talk about it, who knows how many people it may help.

What is new in the future, starting with some ideas that I would like to see ABATE of CA put in place that can also be put into place by the Locals. A Public Information Officer, a person who can get to know local news people and put out information about the Local and what it is doing for the community and for motorcycle rider safety. This person can also write well thought out OP-ED pieces to a local newspaper.

Second, be an advocate for a motorcycle rider's right to proper criminal prosecution. If a rider is hurt in a crash and it is not the

riders fault, what is the criminal justice system doing for that rider? I think there are way too many crashes in CA where the motorcycle rider does not have a friend who can help and support them in the criminal justice system. ABATE of CA is a Motorcycle Rights Organization and one of the basic rights of all riders is proper handling in the criminal justice system. It is important for us to make sure that riders get their rights taken care of in the criminal justice system too.

If you think about this for just a moment, these two things can go together. And more importantly, working on either of these things gets ABATE of CA attention. In order for ABATE of CA to grow and get stronger, all motorcycle riders have to know what ABATE of CA is, and what it can do for them. There is a lot of work to be done, and it is going to take everybody in this organization to help with it. One thing, whatever anybody does, please make sure to let somebody else know what is going on. We need to keep up communications in order to look strong and professional.

Two more things: I put together a Motorcycle Helmet Fact Sheet. I am getting some feedback on it now and I have to add some end points. But the goal is to put it up on the ABATE of CA website and publish it in the Bailing Wire - should be the March issue. The next thing is mentoring. I was thinking about things and I realized that there are 3 things that motorcycle cops and clubs have in common; they ride aggressively (like crap), they have a low crash history and they have a mentoring program. Long story short, I am involved with a group of some very well-known and published rides from the private sector and we are working on putting together a mentoring program. Once this program is done, volunteers will be need to help mentor riders and there is where ABATE of CA and all of its members

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can help out. So please keep this in mind.

The last thing; you may recall back in July I published the email I sent to the California SHSP committee. After 6 months and not hearing from them I sent them another email/letter, see below. I have received some responses to this email already.

Steering Committee California Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Challenge Area 12, Motorcycles Committee

RE: June 19, 2012 Email and Attachment Distinguished Members;

At the web location for the California Strategic Highway Safety Plan; <http://www.dot.ca.gov/SHSP/>

Each of you, Jesse Bhullar, Robert Maynard, Chris Murphy, Pat Minturn are listed as the SHSP co-leaders and contacts. Your phone numbers are listed and email links are provided.

On June 19, 2012 I emailed all of you with an attached letter from ABATE of California and Motorcycle Safety Consulting discussing a few motorcycle rider safety issues. At this time I would like to personally thank Mr. Minturn for directly acknowledging my email correspondence and Director Murphy for having Mr. Miller acknowledge my email.

As the state safety officer for ABATE of California and the owner of Motorcycle Safety Consulting I am concerned at the lack of any response to this letter as of today, over 6 months later. Specifically, in the June 19 letter I expressed a concern regarding lane sharing and the lack of any release of the Best Practices Guidelines that has been completed. This concern was in part based on the information the CA Office of Traffic Safety received in the survey they released in 2012 on Lane Sharing. All of this information is in the June 19, 2012 letter. I am aware of a person who has been tracking lane sharing fatal motorcycle crashes for a number of years. In a recent conversation with him, he informed me that based

on his information gathering, 2012 was a record high year for motorcycle rider fatalities while lane sharing. It was disturbing to hear this when I knew that CA SHSP had a best practices guideline that could have been released.

ABATE of California is a motorcycle rider rights organization with the fundamental believe that the most basic right for all motorcycle riders in California is that of having the safest possible riding environment. ABATE of California supports the SHSP Committee and challenge area members for all of the hard work they put in for roadway safety. However, when I submit a reasonable letter expressing concerns, safety issues and possible safety measures but do not hear back from those who have the responsibility for a safe motorcycle riding environment, as per the CA SHSP, I and other motorcycle riders within California have the right to worry about our riding safety. This worry is further supported when the CA SHSP committee had safety information for lane sharing, failed to take any action and California experienced a record year in lane sharing motorcycle rider fatalities.

Furthermore, a check of the CA SHSP web location shows that there is no information about any meeting times for the SHSP committee or challenge areas. There are no listed areas for public contact or input and the only contact information listed is the co-chairs. I used the only possible contact for the CA SHSP and still have no response six-months later. In essence this means that others who work in roadway safety and are not part of the SHSP have no manner in which to offer assistance, make comments or speak on the behalf of roadway safety in California.

Considering my current experience with the SHSP Committee I am respectfully requesting a CA SHSP Committee response, which can come from their designee, to the following question/issues by Monday, March 18, 2013. This is 45 business days, not including holidays, from the date this email was sent.

1. When will the Lane Sharing Best Practices Guideline be released?

2. Why was there such a limited use of freeway message boards during May 2012, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, (this was asked in the 6-19-12 letter)?

3. The motorcycle safety fund currently has 9 million dollars in it that is not being used, what are the committee's plans for doing any kind of spending down of this money? (I would like to suggest a Motorcycle Safety Summit in May 2014, Director Murphy can provide more information on this)

4. When and where is the next CA SHSP committee meeting and are public comments possible with the proper request or notification to speak?

5. When and where is the next CA SHSP Challenge Area 12 meeting and are public comments possible with the proper request or notification to speak?

6. What would be an acceptable format to request to speak or provide comment for any kind of CA SHSP meeting?

Gentleman, thank you for your time and assistance with this matter. Additionally, I am respectfully requesting a simple acknowledgement of the receipt of this email.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Guderian

ABATE of CA

Safety Officer, 2013

As always, thoughts and information are always welcome email anytime. Questions? Got any questions? Send them to me and I will answer them. Safety is all about each rider so any question you may have, it is important. I will be in So Cal from January 30 through February 1, 2013. So if anybody would like to chat about anything, let me know. Email: [Galileo-g@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Galileo-g@sbcglobal.net)

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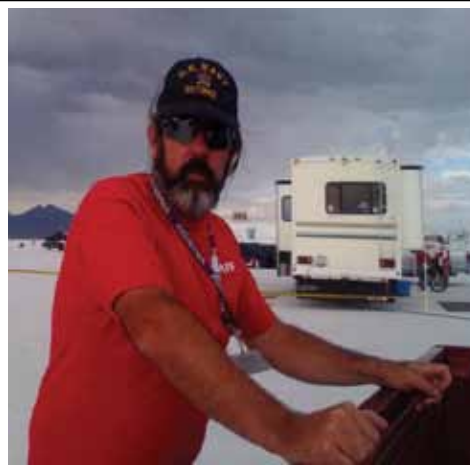
## TECH TIPS

By Craig Griswold  
Primary Fluid Change

Unlike many of their metric counterparts, Harley-Davidson and some of the American V-Twin others run fluids in separate components. The engine, transmission, and primary systems all use their own, separate fluid for lubrication and cooling. The one exception is the Sportster. Harley's venerable hot rod shares the primary and transmission fluid.

Not too many years ago, the Motor Company recommended changing all fluids at the same interval. In 2004, Harley-Davidson published a service bulletin recommending a change to drain intervals as follows: While maintaining the 5000 mile interval for motor oil, the primary fluid could be changed every 10,000 miles, while the transmission every 20,000.

This, of course, was based on the use of "Harley brand oils." This generally draws a rolling of the eyes since most folks know that HD does not refine their own lubricants, but I have to give them an up-check on this one. Why would any business recommend



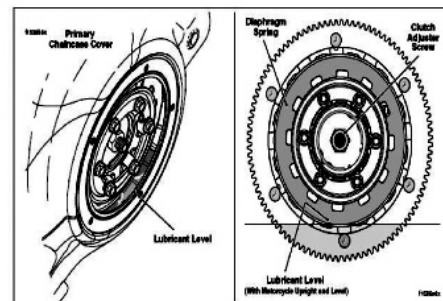
purchasing a competitor's product? Additionally, as with tires, the Motor Company requires the manufacturer to produce a product with their name on it to their specifications. Although there are an abundance of excellent oils on the market, Harley-Davidson has no reason - and rightfully so - to endorse a product in which they have no control over quality. Enough of the public service announcement.

To answer the question that this all begs, is it ok to use other brands? Yes, and as long as it is formulated for the purpose it is used for, it cannot void your warranty. Given a close study of oil analysis in most of the brand names, it is safe to say that the same intervals can be used with the high quality aftermarket lubricants.

Just like the motor oil, the primary fluid should be changed after warming the bike to operating temperature. This will stir up the sediment and facilitate a better drain as the oil will be thinner when hot. The bike will need to be level.

If you're draining more than one fluid, use separate containers. This aids in checking the condition of each of the fluids. Take a peek at the magnetic plug. Some fine debris is normal, but chunks of metal or shavings are a pause for further inspection.

Clean and replace the plug. Use a new o-ring if applicable, or if it is the pipe thread style plug apply a conservative amount of hi-temp Teflon sealant to the threads. Pour the requisite amount of fluid into the primary through the derby cover opening. Most models will require a full quart, some will need more. Check your service manual for the capacity. It is important to not overfill. This will saturate the clutch plates and cause them to stick. Known as "clutch drag" this can cause hard shifting and make finding neutral difficult. Regardless of stated capacity, the fluid level should be at the bottom of the diaphragm spring.



Install the derby cover using a new o-ring or gasket and torque to specification. Pre-Twin-Cam models have a 3 bolt pattern and the holes are open to the oil side so sealing washers should be used. The later 5 bolt covers have blind threads and do not need the sealing washers. Don't forget the blue (medium strength) thread locker.

Ride safe!

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# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

## by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan Membership Chairman

Hi All! By the time you read this report the winners of the 2012 Membership Drive will have been given their awards and money. This was done at our first 2013 Board of Directors meeting, which was held at the La Quinta Inn in downtown Sacramento.

Before I announce the winners, I want to thank all the folks who got members for ABATE of California. Now let's see what we can do to retain the folks that were signed up during the drive. You can accomplish this by doing the following: 1) At your monthly meeting make all the new members feel welcome. Introduce the new members to the group. 2) Make the new guy or gal feel a part of the Local. 3) If you're planning a run or up-coming event, find out what the new member feels comfortable doing to help out.

In my Local I try to make my members feel a part of the Local by sending out meeting reminder postcards and e mails to the members for our meetings. Not all the members can make the meetings, but at least the e mail or postcard meeting reminder shows you care. What does this do for you? The reward will be a renewal when their membership is due. Local presidents and their Local Membership Chairmen, please try to keep your renewals and to continue to get members.

You may have often heard or read me trying to explain the value of the trinket option. Yea, Sporty, explain this once again. Ok I will do just that. If you have a member that sends his renewal to you every year, then you can reward him with a trinket. Example: Something like a discount coupon to a local eatery or a couple of membership funding raffle tickets when they are out for sale later in the year or perhaps a couple of the ABATE state flag stickers. I know you can be creative with trinket ideas. What you do is put them in a separate envelope with a hand written note thanking them for sticking with ABATE and especially your Local. It helps reinforce that trying to be a part of feeling for the member. It has its rewards.

We are going to try and help the Locals that are struggling with membership to determine how they can improve their membership numbers as well. For the smaller Locals who are trying to regroup you can use my "Hello Former ABATE Member" letter that is available from Carol at the state office. Use the tools we have in our arsenal to get and keep your members.

In order to be successful as a Local in the motorcycling community, we are going to have to reach out to the sport bike community and the dresser community as well. This year in particular we will need all motorcyclists in the fight to stop bills such as ending lane sharing and possible implementation of road side smog checks -at this point they are

rumored to be talked about in Sacramento. However when the rumor comes from our lobbyist then you have to take it seriously.

Sporty, what about the 2012 Membership Drive winners? Well before that I will say that the 2012 Drive got 202 new members. That is not too shabby!

Now the winners: 3rd place \$100 went to new president Doug Biggerstaff of ABATE Local 24 with 11 new members. Local 24 is one of our fine Locals in the mid state area. 2nd place \$200 goes to Local 20 president Gill Mellen with 20 new members. This Local is in the Orange County area. Finally, the 1st place winner with 32 new members; \$300 goes to Local 27 member Jack Howell. Local 27 is located in the Riverside area. Congratulations to the winners!

One final note; we will be doing the 2013 Membership Drive from January 1 to December 31. So start getting those members!

Questions, inquiries or suggestions can be sent to my email: [sportymilligan@yahoo.com](mailto:sportymilligan@yahoo.com). Remember there is unity and strength in numbers of members. Regards, Sporty.



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**March 2** – ABATE Local 17 – Annual Freeze Your A\*\* Off

**April 7** – ABATE Local 17 – Annual Spring Fun Run

**April 13-14** – ABATE Local 24 – Annual AMMO Run

**April 14** – ABATE Local 27 – Annual Bare Necessities

**May 5** – Quarterly ABATE Meetings – La Quinta Inn – Sacramento Special room rates – Mention ABATE when YOU make your reservation/ prices held to April 14)

**May 6** – State Capitol – SOUTH Steps – ABATE & M.M.A. Motorcycle Awareness & Freedom Rally And Need Sponsor donations to help fund this event; Checks payable and mail to ABATE of CA.; 10240 7<sup>th</sup> Ave; Hesperia, CA 92345-2631

**May 10 – 12** – ABATE Southern Regional Rally – Victorville, CA.

**May 25** – Arlington Chili Cook-Off ; Local 27 hosting Car and Motorcycle Show

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>** – ABATE Local 17 – Hot Rods & Harleys (at Iron Steed H-D in Vacaville) Winner of the 2013 Motorcycle will be (drawn) & Announced)

**NEW DATE - August 2-4** – ABATE NORTHERN Regional Rally, Belden Town, CA

**September 13 – 15** – ABATE ANNUAL State Run – Kernville, CA.

**October 6** – ABATE Local 17 – Fallen Riders Memorial Run  
**October 13** – ABATE Local 17 – Annual Fall Run

**December 8** – ABATE Local 17 – Annual Toy Run

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# THE HARLEY FEELING

## by Junior, Lifestyle Cycles, Local #20 Business Member

I recently read somewhere that the average age of a Harley Davidson owner was now 47 years old compared to 35 in 1987! Having purchased my first Harley Davidson in 1992, this made perfect sense to me. I was 29 years old and ready to conquer the world! Most of my friends at the time were a bit older than me. Many ran companies, raced cars, built hot rods, some even played golf! I still remember the day I picked it up. I had been riding motorcycles my whole life. Had a really cool car, a sand rail, I even had a boat but this was different. I felt like a little kid on Christmas morning. I was riding a Harley and it was amazing! Little did I know that one single day would be the basis for the rest of my life!

At the time I owned a little tool company called Junior's Tools. Just like everyone else I was putting a lot of time in and the days just seemed to melt into each other. At this point you would think I'm going to continue on rambling about how much fun I was having and how I couldn't wait go rid-



ing everyday. Yes, I was having a great time but now my wheels were really spinning, I hadn't felt like this for a long time, "I need to bottle this"!


Over the next several years I came to call it "The Harley Feeling". You know when you smile and think to yourself "Right On". Day after day my job was to duplicate that feeling for others. I implemented it in my personal as well as business life. It was all about making people feel good.

In 1999 Junior's Tools was sold, all 13 stores in three states. The "Harley Feeling" was working! I would now have the opportunity to participate in an industry I had so envied for the last ten years!

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The “Our Rights” Freedom Rally on the South steps of the State Capitol went very well, if very cold, today (January 14). So many Patriotic Brothers, Sisters and Friends who rode and drove and flew from across this entire state to participate in demanding a “cease fire” to the active assault on our Liberty by those we Trust to represent us. Make no mistake, we were very clear in our demands and asked this question: “What part of ‘Shall not be infringed’ do you not understand!!!”

Thank you to our elected legislators who took the time to come listen and speak to the grievances we re-dressed: Our Legislative Sponsor, Assemblymember [Dan Logue](#), Assemblymember Tim Donnelly, Assemblymember [Beth Gaines](#) - Above and Beyond with an Assembly Resolution!!,

[Assemblymember Brian Jones](#), Assemblymember Tim Donnelly, [Assemblymember Rocky Chavez](#) - Semper Fi Marine!, Assemblymember [Kristin Olsen](#), Assemblymember [Mike Gatto](#), Senator Roderick Wright, Senate “Super Minority” Leader [Bob Huff](#), and Senator [Joel Anderson](#). I hope I haven’t forgotten any very appreciated speakers.

So much dedication from so many Concerned Citizens and thanks to these fine leaders: MMA President Dave “Bingo” Quiel, Lobbyist Rodney Grenier, ABATE Lobbyist Jim Lombardo, US Defenders Representative and Citizen Advocate Robert Tabaldo, MMA Business Manager Bobby Smirl, ABATE/MMA Liaison Officer [Ruby Weber](#), MMA COO Gus Alvarez, BRO Representative Steve Fox, Chaplain “Chappie” Dave, USMC MC President, Mike “Roadrunner” Beigh, Lori Adams from COIR, Greg Covel

Executive Director of ABATE, KCRA 3 news for covering this event, Channel 10 for the same, Thunder Roads Magazine, Great Photographer Forrest Coss, Allstate Insurance - Anthony Felix of Allstate supplied the coffee & donuts for the rally and the hot coffee was definitely appreciated on a cold morning, and a Big Thank you to ABATE for your Support in this endeavor. Would not have been able to do this without Capitol Cafe Owner Gary Haller! (Go to the capitol basement and get a cup!)

I know I must have left someone out and I sincerely apologize if I have but once “they” found out we were serious some elected folks joined us!

Let this be what we continue to demand: Responsible Government!

God Bless you all and God Bless America!





# MMA SACRAMENTO FREEDOM RALLY

Pics by Nick Benson





# LOCAL 24's 2012 TOY RUN

by Bruce Waldron

Our Toy Run this year was for the benefit of the Valley Children's Hospital.

On a cool brisk day with sunshine and clouds about 50 people gathered at Christie's Place in Madera Rancheros. We warmed up and headed over the back roads to the Raymond General Store. After some repairs to a motorcycle (unnamed rider), we continued on the back roads into Yosemite Lakes and on out to Highway 41 and down to Children's Hospital.

While unloading the trailer full of gifts, who should appear but Santa Claus, and into the Hospital he went. Many of the kids here are unable to leave their rooms or are very susceptible to infections. The ones that could, came to the Lobby to meet Santa and receive gifts.

It is not the easiest sight in the world to see these kids and the problems they are facing, but the gratitude they and their parents expressed made it more than worthwhile.





# FRED JORDAN TOY RUN

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan, President, Local #1

Ok folks this was the 26th Silver anniversary Fred Jordan Skid Row Toy run and we had a pretty successful day. There are a few folks that deserve recognition for their service. Without their help the Local would not have been able to do what we did.

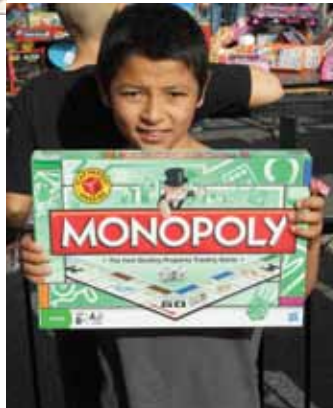
First the ladies at the ABATE table, they are very important to our Local. They do what they do with charm and grace. They are Sharon Anderson, her friends Gloria and Buffy. I am proud to have these fine ladies on my team. Thank you very much.

The men who helped make this a complete success getting waiver signatures and donations from the riders are Jim Nickla, Iceman and Steve B plus Glen Cheslock who also does our AMA insurance.

And thanks to Sarge Matthews who, at the Fred Jordan Mission, does the great job as our emcee.

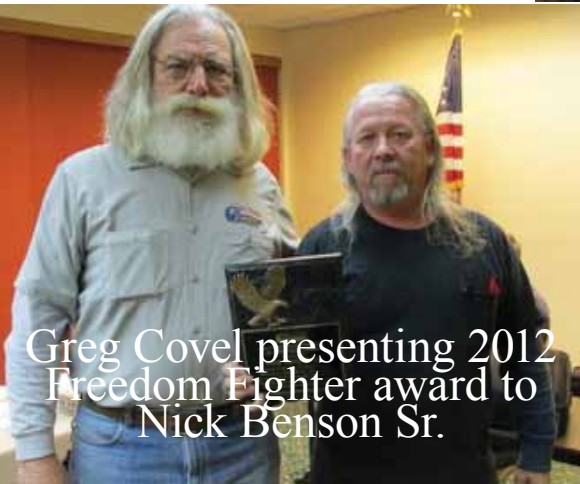
Finally thanks to our Local 1 members who worked the run on behalf of the Glendale Hog Chapter. Your help made the toy run a success. You all know who you are.

Once again, a BIG, BIG THANK YOU from Pres Sporty Milligan. Thanks to you folks we get to keep going forward.





# ABATE Board Meeting



Greg Covell presenting 2012  
Freedom Fighter award to  
Nick Benson Sr.



Gill Mellen receiving 2nd  
place award for Membership  
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## NEWS

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### AWARDS

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Man and Woman of Continuous Service.

Former Mayor Lawrence Dale and former CEO of Barstow Community Hospital Randall Hempling received the Visionary Award for their involvement in bringing the new hospital to Barstow.

"These two gentlemen were very instrumental in getting an agreement formed that allowed this new hospital to be built," Hinojedo said.

Four workers from Santa Fe were awarded the Heroic Act of the Year for their role in helping residents evacuate a trailer fire and possibly saving the lives of those inside in March 2011. The four men were Evaristo Lozano, Eugenio Gallegos, Thomas Sherman and Larry Long.

Amanda Vargas was awarded the Up and Coming volunteer. She was on the ballot twice, once by herself and once with her sister Georgia Vargas for her involvement in several community events including Holiday Meals and the Senior Center.

Rusty Layton of Barstow Transfer & Storage won Man of the Year. He said anytime a charitable cause needs some-

thing transported or moved around he's always happy to be there.

"With the amount of good men that were nominated for that I felt very privileged to be voted man of the year," Layton said. "All of the rest of the nominees were outstanding and I was extremely surprised to where I hadn't prepared any kind of a speech."

Diana Ross said Layton's a very behind the scenes man.

"A lot of people don't realize what he does for the community," Ross said.

**The American Cruisers Motorcycle Club in Barstow was recognized as Organization of the Year. Their financial contributions to many charitable causes in the community are tremendous, according to Ross.**

The Best Event of the Year was voted as the Barstow Community Hospital Reception and Ribbon Cutting.

The awards began with a social hour at 5 p.m. followed by a dinner and ceremony at 6:30. The dinner was catered by Quigley's and consisted of chicken cordon bleu, mashed potatoes, salad and dessert.

The Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce organizes the event every year and said this year's event was a success.

"There was a good

mix of the community," Ross said.

For the second year in a row the new People's Choice Award was given out. Kindergarten teacher Heather Bremen from Skyline North was voted as the winner for 2012. Teacher's Assistant Louise Miller said she is very deserving of the award considering all of the time and effort she volunteers to a new fitness program she started at the school.

"It's what she does outside of the classroom that makes her really amazing," Miller said. "She goes way, way above and beyond."

Miller and staff at the elementary school and children nominated Bremen, who directs the free running club before and after school free of charge to students.

"She's the whole package. Works out and practices what she preaches," Miller said.

See the complete list of winners below.

#### WINNERS:

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Alirman of the Year — To be honored at the Chamber of Commerce

breakfast Feb. 19.

Students of the Year:  
Barstow High School — Hayley Espinoza and George Morales  
Central High School — Rosalia Tufioya  
Silver Valley High School — Samantha Rules

Calico Continuation High School — Maria Weeks

Chamber Awards:  
Visionary Award — Lawrence Dale and Randall Hempling

Heroic Act Award — Evaristo Lozano, Eugenio Gallegos, Thomas Sherman, Larry Long  
Woman of the Year — Peggy Pries of Desert Sanctuary

Man of the Year — Rusty Layton of Barstow Transfer & Storage, Inc.

Small Business of the Year — Fitness MD  
Large Business of the Year — Stater Bros.

Organization of the Year — American Cruisers Motorcycle Club

Up and Coming Volunteer of the Year — Amanda Vargas

Best Event of the Year — Barstow Community Hospital Reception and Ribbon Cutting

Woman of Continuous Service — Marcia Zableckis

Man of Continuous Service — Stanley "Ed" Hignett

People's Choice Award — Heather Bremen

American Cruisers M/C  
are Barstow's newest  
ABATE business member.

## COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

Left: The Cora Harper Center was filled with about 375 guests for the Annual Community Recognition Awards on Saturday. Right: Diana Ross and Eddie Pate prepare for the awards presentation Saturday. Pate was the emcee of the event and Ross is the Executive Director of the Barstow Chamber of Commerce who hosts the Community Recognition Awards annually. (PHOTOS COURTESY OF JOSEPH HINOJEDO, BARSTOW AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE)

### Annual awards ceremony honors community standouts

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**BARSTOW** — Locals filled a packed-out Cora Harper Center for the 10th annual Community Recognition Awards on Saturday.

Several people in the community were presented awards, including Man and Woman of the Year, Students of the Year at four high schools and military personnel of the year.

"The goal has always been to recognize those people, businesses and organizations that go beyond what is expected," Joseph Hinojedo, spokesman for the Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce said.

Two unique additional awards, Barstow Act of the Year and the Visionary Award, were decided upon this year by the committee of voters made up of past winners of Man and Woman of the Year and

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