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A Union of Motorcyclists Dedicated to Freedom of the Road Bob Marshall Local 27



Bills at a Glance

AB-3195 Acosta (Sponsor) (R - Santa Clarita) DMV: licensing: motorcycle endorsement SUPPORT (ABATE Sponsor)

This bill would, commencing July 1, 2019, require certificate to be submitted electronically to the Department of Motor Vehicles by the operator of an approved motorcyclist training program and would require the department to accept those electronic submissions. Passed out of Assembly Transportation Committee 4/9/18 13-0. Suspense Item, to be heard in Appropriations Committee late May.

Held in Committee.

AB-2972 Caballero (D - Salinas) Vehicles: enforcement: motorcycle profiling · **SUPPORT**

This bill would define the term "motorcycle profiling" as the illegal consideration of the fact that a person is riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle or motorcycle club-related clothing as a factor in enforcement decisions and would prohibit peace officers from engaging in motorcycle profiling. This bill would also provide a private right of action for persons who are subjected to motorcycle profiling in violation of the provisions of this bill. The Anti-Profiling Motorcycling Coalition notified Author that per suggested Amended Language to not bring up for Vote again this year.

AB-2761 Obernolte (Cosponsor) (R – Big Bear Lake) Yield: inoperative traffic sig- Page 13-14 Biker News & nal - SUPPORT (ABATE CoSponsor)

This bill would authorize the driver of a vehicle facing a traffic-actuated signal that displays a steady circular red indication or steady red arrow indication, and that subsequently fails to display a green indication within a reasonable period of time because of a signal malfunction or because the signal has failed to detect the presence of the driver or vehicle, to proceed with caution when it is safe to do so, after having stopped at the intersection, as specified. Heard in Transportation Committee 4/16/18. Informational Hearing Only

SB-1316 Glazer (D – Contra Costa/Alameda) OHV recreation: Carnegie SVRA: Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area. - OPPOSE

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What is ABATE?

ABATE is a motorcyclists' rights organization dedicated to preserving freedom of choice and freedom of the road on or off with emphasis on education and safety. Although not a club, our members are active in programs for public awareness and motorcycle safety and in supporting many types of charity events. There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclist's rights and safety with payment of the appropriate fees.

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Lobbyist's Legislative Report



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by James Lombardo, Lobbyist The Lombardo Group -Government Relations 916.424.1148 - <u>info@</u> <u>lombardogroup.net</u>

The Legislature will adjourn on August 31st. All bills passed by our state representatives will head to Governor Brown where September 30th will be the last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills.

California fires have been the big topic for state lawmakers as they scramble to pass laws that could help curb future fires and make the difference between life and death once a blaze breaks out.

While the biggest political battle in Sacramento is focused on utility liability laws, lawmakers are also considering change around forest management and emergency alerts.

Another amended bill dealing with bail, SB 10 Hertzberg (D – Los Angeles), would allow preventative detention. Many arrestees, who previously would have been released on bail, now would be held indefinitely without the possibility of release. Also, risk-assessment tools overseen by the courts to strip pretrial release from individuals deemed high public safety risks. The ACLU withdrew its support.

The general election is only a couple months



ABATE of California Inc. neither endorses nor promotes the services of any particular Law Firm. We are committed to working with all MROs including NCOM, MRF, AMA, MMA, BOLT and any other motorcycle rights organization that strengthens our lobby on legislative issues and on motorcycle safety. away to select a new governor, state office holders and all 80 Assembly members plus 20 state Senators. Go out introduce yourselves to district offices, volunteer in campaigns and let them know we represent ABATE at the capitol.

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To find who represents your area and where their office is located: <u>http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/</u><u>yourleg.html</u>.

We attended the SHSP (Strategic Highway Safety Plan) consisting of DMV, CHP and Caltrans representatives regarding motorcycle issues. A big topic of discussion was Caltrans lane striping expanding from 4" to 6" and the effects on motorcycles when riding and lane splitting on rainy days.

The National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administrators will be having its first ever meeting held in California this month in Sacramento on September 12th - 16th. ABATE, as CMSP & SHSP committee members, will be sitting down with other state motorcycle interests to discuss the future of safety and education, not only in our state but the whole country. Updates to follow.

During the last week of October, the next CMSP Advisory committee meeting is scheduled. Expect a report in the November Bailing Wire, as well as possible future legislation discussed during the next ABATE Board Meeting.

For updates in between, follow our Social Media Sites: <u>twitter.com/ABATECalifornia</u> and <u>www.instagram.com/abatecalifornia</u>.

Thanks to all the individuals and Locals that contribute to the DEDICATED lobbyist fund to keep us in the capital fighting for your rights on the road.



Mission Statement

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. September 2018

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DEADLINES

All run flyers and ad copy will be camera ready. Deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication for ALL material for publication.

Business Card size \$15.00/Mo \$150.00/YR Business Card with color \$20.00/Mo \$200.00/YR Super-Size Business Card with color \$250.00 Yearly only A Super-Size Business Membership includes Business card on our website with a web link to your business.

ALL Yearly rates Includes a Business membership to ABATE Of California.

Business Memberships include two persons at the same mailing address, and a display plaque for the first year. Business cards need to be mailed to the ABATE State Office with membership application and appropriate fee.

 Other Business Ads or NON-ABATE Event Flyers Rate:

 ½ Page (5"w x 7.8" h)
 \$150.00/Mo
 \$1,500.00/Yr.

 ½ Page (10"w x 7.8"h)
 \$175.00/Mo
 \$1,750.00/Yr.

 Full Page (10" w x 15.5"h)
 \$350.00/Mo
 \$3,500.00/Yr.

 Color ads are 25% extra.

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

\$125 - One Year Business Member Listing, Couple Membership and Display Plaque. Add \$75 per year for color business card.

Color for an ad or flyer is extra and (ad copy, print ready) must be submitted showing color. All ads MUST be pre-paid for whatever duration you will be running the ad. Prices do not include any changes that you may want to make to existing ads placed with us.

Ads should be submitted electronically – in a jpg or tiff file – email to **bailing.wire@abate.org** and either mail payment to the address below or call with credit card number and billing information.

CLASSIFIED Members may advertise in the Classified Section at no charge.

PHOTOS If you have any photos of ABATE motorcycle events please send them to us. They will be returned if you ask. Please include name of event, date sponsor at M

returned if you ask. Please include name of event, date, sponsor, etc. Must be received by the 10th of the month. You can email pictures in .jpg file to: bailing.wire@abate.org

Donations to ABATE Of California are not deductible for Federal income tax purposes. However, dues and fees may qualify as business expenses and may be deductible in limited circumstances subject to various restrictions imposed by the Internal Revenue Code.

Executive Director Report



by Dave Hastings

My fellow ABATE of California members; Carol and I have sold our business and we're finally entering into retirement. She and I plan on traveling extensively next year and that will necessitate my stepping down from the day to day business of ABATE when my term ends in December of 2018. It has been an honor to serve ABATE for all of these years and I have many friends in this organization I will never forget and already know I will miss.

I will not be walking away from our organization entirely, but I have to admit I'm looking forward to less responsibility and some more free time. Carol and I will continue to attend meetings and help when we have the opportunity to do so.

In the meantime, it will be business as usual, and I and your Board of Directors will continue to do our best to ensure your ABATE of California remains the best MRO in California. We will continue to pursue our corporate goals and carry on the never ending fight for our right to ride our motorcycles in this somewhat tarnished "golden state" and anywhere else in the country we choose to visit.

Freedom cannot be taken for granted.

Any time we relinquish our right of selfdetermination there will be someone stepping in who has the desire to help "save and protect" us. We simply cannot allow this to occur. Unfortunately, often their perception of the "reckless and endangered lifestyle" we have chosen is flawed and their idea of help will eventually lead to the downfall of this great country.

Somehow, most of society has decided to give up on personal choice and responsibility and allowed our elected officials to dictate how we will live our lives. Life is not about existing, it's about living. Our nation was founded on the basic principles of freedom of choice, personal responsibility, and self-determination and this organization has spent years defending and protecting those rights.

When we give those choices to someone else we essentially give up our life. Don't allow the "saviors" of this world to take your life away from you. You joined ABATE to protect your freedom of choice so let's get busy and continue do so.

In closing, I want to say "Thank You" for the opportunity to have helped ABATE establish and pursue its stated goals during my time in office. More importantly, I would like to thank every Officer and ABATE Member who has quietly worked in the background and selflessly helped our organization and me enjoy the success we have achieved. You are the actual leaders of this organization and I appreciate that you have allowed me and my fellow Board members to take credit for your hard work.

I will miss every one of you and I hope to see you out on the road sometime soon. Thank you all for the "Miles and Smiles" you've given me!



"Ride With The Leaders"

2019 ABATE of California Election Happenings

As is the world ABATE of CA is under a state of flux. You as passionate members are needed to fill some spaces being left open starting January 1, 2019.

Our Executive Director Dave Hastings is stepping down and entering retirement. This leaves an opening for our Executive Director as well as his two-year seat on the Board of Directors. Though helpful, candidates for the Executive Director's position are not required to be a Board of Director member.

Mark "Dogman" Castillero, our State Treasurer and member of the Board, will be moving out of the country and unable to continue in either of these roles. Needed is a State Treasurer and a person to step into the remaining one year of his Board of Director's seat.

Additionally, we are still looking for someone to work with Mark Loudermilk as an On-Line Administrator learning and helping to maintain our electronic presence whether it is our website, Facebook pages, Twitter or Instagram accounts.

All the above positions will be Board of Director appointed from the pool of applicants received by our January 2019 Board of Directors meeting.

In addition to the two vacant seats mentioned above we also have three additional Board of Director seats up for re-election by our general membership in the upcoming election, so send in your application soon and include a picture of yourself and a short bio to apply for one of these openings.

Join our team and help guide ABATE of California into the New Year.

For additional information please contact any Board of Director member or the state office administrator at (760) 956-1669 or janet@abate.org.

Dave Hastings Executive Director

Executive Director

The Executive Director (ED) shall be the Chief Executive Officer and shall, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, (BOD) of which they may be a member, have general supervision, direction and control of the organization and Officers, except for duties delegated by the BOD to the Chairman of the Board or other officers. Other responsibilities shall include:

1. Official spokesman for ABATE of California on all non-political issues.

2. Coordinator between the State and Locals, which will include effectively maintaining and managing the Regional Rep (RR) network to aid the Regional Reps in working with the Locals.

3. Assist new and existing Locals in an advisory capacity.

4. Represent ABATE of California at meetings of safety groups, workshops, and other activities which affect motorcycling workshops, and other activities which affect motorcycling.

5. Maintain current information regarding all ABATE programs per Article IV, Section 2.a.5 of the ABATE Bylaws.

6. Work on establishing cooperation between motorcycle groups on a statewide basis in the common interests of motorcycle safety and political awareness of mutual interest.

7. Responsible for the production, distribution, maintenance and periodic updates of the Policies and Procedures Manual.

It is that time again! We need willing people to step up for our Board of Directors (BOD). The current Board Members who are up for re-election are: Gill Mellen, Mark Loudermilk, Robert Nadler and Spike. This leaves 1 seat open for the 2019-2020 BOD Term which is being vacated by Dave Hastings.

Any current Member may nominate another member to be placed on the Election Ballot. The nomination must be seconded by another ABATE Member in good standing. The nominee needs to have been a member in good standing for at least 1 year. These nominations can be made at any Local meeting preceding the cutoff date of September 15th, 2018.

Information the state office needs on a candidate is: Name, Membership #, Local #, Full Address, Phone # & Email.

All candidates need to submit a biography and picture of themselves to be published in the October issue of the Bailing Wire. All bios must be less than 450 words and submitted in a Word document to <u>bailing.wire@abate.org</u> by September 15th. Your picture must be in (.jpg) format and submitted along with your bio.

Here's some info that should be included in the Bio: Number of years a member, Local #, past and/or current positions held, other qualifications, goals for ABATE, other info that would be useful for members to know.

With Dave Hastings stepping down this leaves open the position of Executive Director. Other openings are due to Board Member and State Treasurer Mark Castillero stepping down from both positions to start a new chapter in his life. This means we are in need of 1 Board member to finish out the 2nd year of his 2-year term as well as a new State Treasurer. Additional openings are an Online administrator and 4 Regional Rep positions. See below for job descriptions for all 4 positions.

With the exception of a Board position all jobs are appointed by the BOD. All candidates need to have been a member in good standing for at least 1 year.

If you ever thought you could do it better now is the time to raise your hand. Let's get into the conversation!

STATE TREASURER

Effective immediately ABATE of CA needs a State Treasurer. Training to be provided this year and term would start in 2019. If interested, please contact Dave Hastings (760) 954-6463 or Glenn Phillips (707) 624-6310.

The State Treasurer (ST) is responsible for keeping a complete, accurate account of all ABATE monies. The ST shall furnish a quarterly internal financial statement and distribute to the Board of Directors. The ST also provides additional reports when required. Other duties include the preparation and filing of taxes, keeping track of ABATE's tax and corporate status, as well as providing guidelines and assistance to Locals when needed. The ST reports directly to the Board of Directors.

2019 ABATE of California Election Happenings Regional Rep Online Administrator

Regional Reps (RRs) are State Officers and are appointed by the Executive Director subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. RRs may also be removed by the Executive Director, again, subject to Board approval.

The function of the RRs is to improve communications among the State Officers and the Locals and assist the Local Presidents and other Local Officers in performing their duties. RRs will receive regular monthly reports from the Executive Director and will make regular reports to the Executive Director on the activities of the Locals. The purpose is to improve the communication among all members. The RRs will not direct the Local Presidents. In ABATE, direction comes from the members and flows upward. Members tell their Local President what they want to be done about a certain issue. The Local President will inform their RR, who passes that on to the Executive Director. The Executive Director informs the Board, as well as communicating with the other RRs, about the issue at hand.

Open regions are: Region 2 (Locals 25, 31 & 33) Region 3 (Local 17) Region 6 (Locals 24 & 40) Region 7 (Locals 2 & 3/13)

ABATE understands the importance of continuity in our leadership roles and supports mentoring people as they move into these roles. In that context, ABATE is looking for a person to work assisting in the administration of our online presence. We have begun a new expansion of our online exposure which includes: * ABATE webpage <u>www.abate.org</u>, * ABATE of California Facebook page, * Instagram and * Twitter.

In the short term, we are looking for someone to assist as needed in keeping these four locations current, accurate, and coordinated with each other.

In the longer term, we are looking for someone to replace Mark Loudermilk when he resigns the position. The details and requirements are as follows:

Title: On Line Administrator.

Location: Not relevant since this is an online job.

Skills: Proficiency with the following: * Webpage editing and management (Dot Net Nuke), * Microsoft Office – Word, Excel, Power Point, Access, and * Adobe Photoshop.

If you have these skills or some of them, contact us at <u>abateweb@</u>, <u>gmail.com</u> to discuss any options.

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Saturday November 17, 2018 at Wal-Mart's Parking Lot 2150 North Waterman Avenue El Centro, CA 92243 Registrations are from 8:30-10:00 AM

Donation: \$10.00 & a Frozen Turkey per Person, includes a Dinner Ticket.

TURKEY WILL BE DONATED TO LOCAL CHARITIES SO ALL CAN ENJOY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Taking Pops Home

by Bob Marshall

Bob Marshall, President of ABATE Local 27 is slowly making his way home after several weeks on the road. His journey started out with a ride - 1 k in a day challenge - where he jumped on his Pops scoot, and rode from Riverside, CA to Colorado Springs, CO in 16 hours and 49 minutes, a total of almost 1100 miles. The certification was given to his Pops, who passed away just over a year ago and Bob Marshall had his ashes in the right side saddle bag.

While out on the road, might as well hit Sturgis with some friends and enjoy all the roads and attractions the rally has to offer just as he and his Pops had done a few years back. After a few days of that, they went on over to the east side of the Dakota's to the town of Aberdeen where Bob interned the right side saddle bag with Pops ashes in it in the family cemetery next to his parents and grandparents.

Bob's Pops, known as Big Bob Marshall, was one hell of an old chopper rider and modern bagger rider. Always enjoying the road and chasing his son around the country on two wheels as squirrely old men do for their squirrely sons.

"I made this promise to my Pops several years ago that I, as his son and namesake, would return his ashes to the sacred ground of our family, and what an honor it was to do so for him. The adventure of this ride on my new road without him riding beside me will forever be something new to get used to, but I know he is always with me, on whatever road I may ride."

President Bob Marshall will return back to Riverside soon, but first has a few good places and friends to visit, on his Pops big comfy Honda VT1300. He may be one saddle bag lighter, but will always have the memories and lessons of roads conquered with h i s Pops.









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2018 A.B.A.T.E. L 17 Fall Bingo Fun Run and Memorial Event

Starts at the: Hide-A-Way, Vacaville Ends at the Road Trip Bar & Grill, Capay

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Saturday October 06, 2018

55.00 donation per cord Starts at 9:00am at the Hide-A-Way in Vacaville 1st Game at 10:00am Ends at the Road Trip Bar and Grill in Capay



Info: Glenn Phillips 107-621-6310 Millipseno-comcast.net

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Join ABATE the day of the Event and Ride Free



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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This bill would authorize the department to dispose of the portion of the Carnegie State Recreation Vehicular Area known as the "Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area" to permanently preserve that land for conservation purposes, as specified, if the department determines that disposing of the land is in the public interest. The bill would authorize the Director of General Services to transfer the land to a local agency for less than fair market value if the local agency agrees to use the land as a park or for another open-space purpose and would require the property interest to revert from the local agency to the state if the land is used for a different purpose during the 25 years after the transfer date. The bill would require any revenue from the disposition of the land to be deposited in the fund for the purchase of land for off-highway vehicle recreation by the department. The Author took heavy Amendments over the July Recess that we pushed for to protect.

Off-Highway Vehicle User funds, the Bill was Held - Defeated in Assembly Appropriations Committee August 16th.

Check <u>www.abate.org</u> and our Facebook/Instagram <u>@abateca-lifornia</u> for most up to date information!

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Want more details on a bill? <u>http:/leginfo.legislature,ca.gov</u> Join or donate today <u>www.</u> <u>abate.org</u>



by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Greetings all! In this segment of the membership report I am making a special plea for the Locals to do whatever it takes to keep your Local from losing members and endeavor to get new members.

I have often spoken in my columns about keeping the renewals. There are several ways you can accomplish this. One is by keeping your Local members informed. This can be accomplished by emails. I can't stress enough the need to protect your ABATE Local members' email addresses, so use the bcc format. This sends the email out in an undisclosed format and each member only gets the email, not everyone's email address. Next, after you have sent a renewal reminder to your members that are due for a renewal, remind them that they are invited to attend the monthly meetings. In that invite ask them what they would like to see discussed at the meetings. My thought on this is involvement to make the members feel that they are contributing to your Local. Also when folks that don't always show up to your meetings do show up, make them feel welcome.

Trinkets are things that you can reward your members with to show you care. Sometimes it's the little things that count, so consider thanking your members when they renew their memberships with a thank you for staying with ABATE and your Local.

I just don't know how much more I can say to motivate you to look for new members and keep your renewals, except to try your best. New members and renewals help keep the ABATE organization running better.

If you're able to set up an ABATE table at a local event, try to do so. Exposure to our organization at events leads to more members. Be prudent in your quest to look for new members and keep your renewals.

Again, ideas, gripes or helpful suggestions on how to make the membership program better? Email me at <u>williammilligan285@</u> <u>yahoo.com</u>

Remember there is unity and strength in numbers of members.



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Local #01 Los Angeles



Hello all! Well this report is being sent in before the actual meeting because once again the meeting is after the deadline for the Bailing Wire. So here's how it should go.

Meeting starts off with the Pledge of Allegiance. Then President Sporty's remarks that consist of thanking all who showed up, talking about the Big Oaks Lodge fire (end spot of the Polar Bear run) that's a total loss, possible suggestions for a new end spot for the 2019 Polar Bear run, and planning for our Fall Fund raiser.

Sporty will also talk about the state of ABATE and give the legislative & treasurer's reports. Jim Nickla will give the VP's report and Glen Cheslock will give the membership report.

There will be a run report letting membership know about ABATE events to attend. I'll ask for member's input. We'll have a raffle drawing. Then it will be monkey business and a good breakfast cooked by the nice ladies of the Elks Lodge.

President Sporty reporting.

Local #03/13 Thousand Oaks/ Ventura County



Mark your calendars to attend our 10th Annual Trivia run, the 21st of October! Always a fun event, with a poker run style ride to interesting places and a great after-party with contest prizes, food and live music! Look for our flyer with the details in this issue of the Bailing Wire.

Our Local 3/13 continues to grow and evolve. We've been riding and making new friends in other clubs and groups. Spreading the word that ABATE's legislative activities help all riders. It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups and organizations!

Members of our Local 3/13 are working with other motorcycle riders to further promote and sponsor motorcycle riding rights, while enjoying rides and events with our ABATE family and friends. We are a group that is making things happen, being involved in lane splitting last year, and now the anti-profiling bill this year! Join us to be an effective voice in matters of motorcycling rights!

Supporting ABATE makes a statement and sends money to work towards fair treatment of motorcyclists. Whether you ride with ABATE or ride with another group, being a member of ABATE and/or just participating in these events, contributes to the work we do protecting your motorcycle riding rights. The comradery and the interest in our mission is contagious!

Our President, and ABATE's California State Legislative Director, Chuck "Chief" Pedersen, and Vice President & MRF Rep. Keith "Solo" Johnston, along with some of our officers, continue to network with various other groups, building alliances to assemble a formidable voice in Sacramento. Issues we are working on include the anti-profiling bill.

Our Local 3/13 is always welcoming new members. Bike nights are held the 1st Thursday of each month, 7 pm at Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park; general membership meetings are on the 3rd Thursdays, 7 pm at the Elks Lodge, 158 N. Conejo School Road in Thousand Oaks; and Sunday-Funday rides every third Sunday.

Come join us to any or all of our events and bring your friends. Check us out on Facebook at <u>www.Facebook/ABATE313</u> to follow our events and issues. It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups & organizations!

Ride Free! Kathlean "MamaBear" Scribe & P.R., Local 3/13

Local #08 Orange County



Hello All! It's been a warm one lately. I hope everyone is able to stay cool and everyone is safe and sound from the fires that have been burning up North, in Orange County and Riverside. Thank you to the fire fighters and other emergency personnel.

Nominations for ABATE Board of Directors are due by the end of September and Freedom Fighters nominations, too.

We had our ABATE Local 8 swap meet sale on July 29th at the Long Beach Motorcycle Swap Meet. Thanks to Marshall Topping and Jason De La Oh for having us at the event! We had a great day!

The day started out early by lining up around 5 am to enter and set up our spots. It was nice to have a little cool air early in the morning. Then we set up the easy-ups, tables and items. I thought we had some good foot traffic for most of the day and we had good discussions about the current issues with the patrons.

There are some up-coming events and I want to thank Hao with Moto United for having us at bike night and inviting us back. The next bike night is at Moto United in Whittier is on August 23rd.

John K. won the Local 8 membership drawing at last meeting.

Daniel, VP

Local #20 Orange County

25 members and 2 guests were in attendance at the August meeting. Topics discussed were profiling and fusion center. Everyone needs to be in compliance by 2020 with the new driver's license. The little camera can be bid for on Wish.



com, Tophatter.com or purchase at a store for \$ 50.00. Tom Martin was our guest. Zachary Perkins lost out on the \$83.

Non-Politically Correct Gill & Squirt

Local #25 Sacramento



Lil' David called the meeting to order at 7:11pm. There were six members attending and one grandchild.

ABATE Board of Directors/PAC/Presidents meetings: There is a need for someone to train on the Bailing Wire. There was a discussion about further reducing the number of times a year we publish and/or print hard copies. Our Local has a bill due for officer insurance. Dave Hastings retired and will step down from the Board on December 31st but will stay on as PAC Treasurer. Dog Man, our state treasurer is moving to Spain. Glenn Phillips got married. The Voter Guide should be published by September. We need new bills for "no tolls" and anti-profiling. A nice chunk of change was made from the bike raffle, but we still need donations to the general fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm. David Smart

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE members! Over the summer I attended Local 6 and Local 11 monthly meetings, went to the ABATE Board of Directors meeting that was held in Cypress in July and we did breakfast rides.

We donated the remainder of our turkey and toy run shirts to an event that one of our newest members, Rocio Green, and her friends put on to feed the homeless here in the Valley.

Rocio was also involved with Bike Night at Pentagonal Brewery in Imperial. We made \$105 and had fun doing it. I want to thank Pentagonal Brewery for inviting us and Coyne Powersports and the El Centro Motors Supercenter for donating raffle prices for this event.

We have already started the planning for our 21st Annual ABATE Local 38 Turkey run. The Turkey run is always the Saturday before Thanksgiving, which is November 17th this year. We are trying to build on the success we had last year. We are adding more charities this year, so hopefully we can provide for them all. We never know till the day of the event how many frozen turkeys we will have. We need all the help we can get. Please volunteer, donate, get sponsors and raffle prizes. Watch for the flyer in the Bailing Wire.

O K that's it for now.

Ed Aranda, President, ABATE Local 38 Imperial Valley

ABATE Events for 2018

You can also go to our website <u>www.abate.org</u> and Events Calendar to download available flyers.

August 25 – ABATE Local 17 – 19th Annual Sarah's Scholarship Run (see flyer this issue)

September 14 – ABATE Local 24 – Tahoe Run

September 27 – ABATE Local 1 – Fall Fund Raiser (see flyer this issue)

October 6 – ABATE Local 17 – Memorial Run & Fall Bingo Fun Run (see flyer this issue)

October 20 – ABATE Board of Directors meeting - Piccadilly Inn, Fresno

October 21 – ABATE 3/13 – 10th Annual Trivia Run (see flyer this issue)

November 3 – ABATE Local 24 – 28th Annual Turkey Run

November 11 – 28th Annual Totally Kids "One from The Heart" Run

November 21 – ABATE Local 38 - 21st Annual Turkey Run (see flyer this issue)

December 1 – ABATE Local 17 – Holiday Party

- December 2 ABATE Local 19 – Toy Run
- December 2 ABATE Local 17 – Toy Run
- December 9 ABATE Local 1 – 30th Annual Harley Davidson of Glendale and ABATE Local 1 Toy Run

December 25 – ABATE Local 6 – Xmas with Kids

Bike Nites:

ABATE Local 3/13 – 1st Thursday of the month (See flyer in this issue for details.)

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

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Contact the ABATE State office for information.

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Know someone that goes above and beyond for the organization? Nominate them for the 2018 Freedom Fighter award. Candidates for the ABATE of California **Freedom Fighter for 2018** need to be emailed in by September 15th, 2018. Please write something about your nominee describing their contributions to promoting ABATE's aims and purposes along with a photo in .jpg format. Email your nomination to <u>bailing.wire@abate.org</u>.

Past Winners are: John "Milky" Loudermilk; Mike Osborn; John Paliwoda; Dave Hastings; Bill Bish; Jean Hughes; Leon Dailey; Nancy Nemecek; Rex Foreman; Lee "Sporty" Milligan iii (twice); Beverly Lieswald; "Lil' David" Morena; Cynthia Witthans; John Del Santo; Nick Benson Sr.; Ruby Weber; Glenn Phillips; Anthony "Sonny" Zappetta, Gene (Geno) Hamrick and Mark Loudermilk.





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HAWAII APPROVES SHOULDER SURF-ING: Some places allow lane splitting, riding between lanes of slow moving traffic, and others allow lane filtering where riders can filter through traffic at stop lights and proceed ahead of other vehicles when it turns green, but as an alternative Hawaii will now allow motorcycles to ride on the shoulder of the roadway.

Authorities have been debating allowing riders to practice lane filtering, as opposed to lane splitting, but after much deliberation Hawaiian riders will get neither, and instead will be the first state to get shoulder surfing: House Bill 2589 will allow two-wheel motorcycles to travel on the shoulder in designated areas of state roads, when there is congestion.

In Hawaii, the lanes are narrow, which makes lane splitting and filtering a greater concern. The motion was approved, however, Governor David Ige (D) was initially against the idea, stating that the shoulder lane was reserved for stopped vehicles and emergency services. He considered that allowing motorcyclists to surf the shoulder would equate to higher risks of accidents.

Despite the Governor's initial intention to veto the motion, on July 12th, 2018, it was passed by default, without the Governor's signature. In Hawaii, any bill left unsigned and un-vetoed automatically becomes a law. Effective January 1, 2019 riders will be allowed on the shoulder on roads of at least two lanes in each direction and with a shoulder lane wide enough for a vehicle to circulate safely.

This experiment will also serve as an indication of whether this kind of measure concretely helps the flow of traffic or not.

LANE SPLITTING MAY BE ALLOWABLE IN MORE PLACES: Although practiced by motorcyclists around the globe, lane splitting is legal in only one American state; California, though theoretically the practice could be permissible in 12 other states and Washington, D.C., reports <u>RideApart.com</u>; "California is the only state where lane splitting has any sort of official legal status, but that has only been the case since 1 January 2017. Before then, the commonly practiced riding technique was something of a gray area -- not specifically legal, but equally not specifically illegal. According to attorney Michael Padway, lane splitting exists in the same legal gray space in the following states: Arkansas, Delaware, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and West Virginia."

So, perhaps the only reason people think it's against the rules in the states mentioned is precedent, but since lane splitting is not necessarily protected it would be up to an officer's discretion to determine whether the practice is safe.

MICHIGAN MODIFIES HANDLEBAR HEIGHT LAW: Michigan recently became the latest state to modify or repeal their antiquated handlebar height law, which many states enacted decades ago to give police a reason to pull over bikers. Currently, Michigan law prohibits anything with a handlebar height over 15 inches (measured from the lowest point on the saddle to the highest point on the handlebars), but Senate Bill 568, signed into law by Governor Rick Snyder (R) increases the maximum allowable height of handlebars on motorcycles and mopeds from 15 inches to 30 inches.

"Motorcycles have changed drastically over the years and customization is very popular among riders," said Senator Rick Jones (R-Grand Ledge) who sponsored the legislation. "One area where they are often doing so is with the height of the handlebars to offer a more enjoyable ride...by allowing for additional rider customization that does not expose a safety hazard."

Additionally, many motorcycles on the road today may not even be compliant with current state law.

In recent years, states like Wisconsin and Ohio have eased their restrictions; "I look forward to the governor putting Michigan on par with some of our neighbors concerning handlebar restrictions," commented Sen. Jones, adding that some states have no height restriction at all.

Jones said the bill was brought to him by the group American Bikers Aiming Toward Education (ABATE) after a member of the riding community proposed the idea.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT PROMOTES POWERSPORTS: A new U.S. Department of the Interior summer video posted on YouTube and other social media sites features exciting scenes of off-road motorcycling on public lands, and the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) is calling on all riders to applaud the efforts of the department and the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR).

The Interior Dept. video, "Recreation's New Look," is the latest result of combined Interior and industry efforts to give outdoor recreation a new look for the 21st century, and one that clearly includes powersports.

"Along with Interior and the ORR, the Motorcycle Industry Council, Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA) and the Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association (ROHVA) have worked hard to make powersports an even more recognized outdoor activity on public lands and this new video really showcases that effort," said Tim Buche, MIC president and CEO.

The ORR works to promote policy and legislative reforms needed to enhance the outdoor recreation economy, which accounts for \$673 billion in annual economic output. Since early 2017, the MIC, SVIA, ROHVA and other outdoor industries have been meeting with Secretary Ryan Zinke and officials from Interior and the U.S. Forest Service to discuss ways to improve visitor experiences on America's public lands and waters, including providing more and better access to trails.

H-D SHIFTS OVERSEAS CITING TARIFFS, TRUMP LURES OTHER BIKE-MAKERS TO U.S.: A few weeks ago, Harley-Davidson announced that it was moving some production offshore claiming it was due to President Trump's trade war tariffs, stating in prepared remarks; "Increasing international production to alleviate the EU tariff burden is not the company's preference, but represents the only sustainable option to make its motorcycles accessible to customers in the EU and maintain a viable business in Europe. Europe is a critical market for Harley-Davidson."

To briefly recap: Trump enacted tariffs on imported steel and aluminum earlier this year, prompting the European Union to place tariffs on a broad range of American imports, including motorcycles. That, in turn, prompted Harley, already facing headwinds, to move some of its jobs overseas, announcing plans to open a motorcycle assembly plant in Thailand this year.

In response, according to a report by Business Insider, the President is now looking to foster foreign manufacturers in the US, tweeting; "Now that Harley-Davidson is moving part of its operation out of the U.S., my Administration is working with other Motor Cycle companies who want to move into the U.S. Harley customers are not happy with their move - sales are down 7% in 2017. The U.S. is where the Action is!"

SCOTUS SIDES WITH MOTORCYCLE THIEF: It's not often that a motorcycle-related legal case ends up in the U.S. Supreme Court, but as the result of a dispute over a stolen bike in Virginia, the case of Collins v. Virginia, 16-1027 focused on the Fourth Amendment, and whether or not police violated the defendant's Constitutional right against unreasonable searches and seizures during a 2014 investigation.

Now, several years after the initial incident, the highest court in the land has concluded that the defendant's fourth amendment rights were indeed violated when a Albemarle County, Virginia, police officer strolled onto the defendant's (or rather his girlfriend's) property, lifting a cover to reveal a stolen motorcycle.

In this particular case, the Supreme Court Justices voted 8-1 in favor of Collins, with Justice Sonia Sotomayor asserting the search was an "invasion of the sanctity" of Collins' curtilage (basically the land/area surrounding one's house).

Regarding the "automobile exception" which allows certain types of searches to be conducted on vehicles without a warrant since, unlike a house, cars can be moved at a moment's notice, Sotomayor contended it "does not justify an intrusion on a person's separate and substantial Fourth Amendment interest in his home and curtilage".

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So in the end, Collins' "receiving stolen property" conviction previously handed down by the Virginia Supreme Court was overturned, though the U.S. Supreme Court has yet to close the book on the potential for Collin's convictions to be upheld on different grounds.

Of particular importance to the motorcycling community, irrespective of guilt or innocence, ownership of a motorcycle does not invite an unwarranted search.

WORLD'S FIRST MOTORCYCLE-THEMED **AMUSEMENT** PARK **BREAKS GROUND**: What could be more exciting than a theme park dedicated to motorcycle-riding, including a high-speed head-to-head roller coaster race?

To be identified as "Ducati World", Ducati laid the first stone to the world's first theme park dedicated to all the motorcyclists, young or old, that will include a showroom, children's attractions, virtual reality and many more indulging experiences fully showcasing the Ducati brand in a larger than life format.

Located at Mirabilandia, the "Ducati World" will be the world's first entertainment arena themed after a motorcycle brand. It will become a part of the Mirabilandia leisure park which is in the Emilia-Romagna region of Italy, the birthplace of Ducati.

It will be spread across 35,000 squaremeters and feature a unique new-gen roller

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coaster that will "turn each visitor into a Ducati rider" as a major attraction. It will also be home to motorcycle simulators allowing visitors to have the feel of the road on superbikes and track machines going at full throttle.

The highlight of the amusement park would be a racing-inspired interactive roller coaster, which simulates a ride on a Panigale V4 with the power to control the acceleration and braking; "An authentic head-tohead between bikes roaring along parallel rails."

A museum will showcase the rich history of the iconic brand, and of course you'll have fine multi-cuisine Ducati and Ducati Scrambler-themed restaurants and Michelin-starred kitchens cooking delicious meals. The Ducati shop will give the visitors the opportunity to buy all sorts of official Ducati and Ducati Scrambler apparel and merchandise.

Gates to the "most engaging and innovative experience for motorcycling fans" will open to the public in 2019.

SOA BLAMED FOR RISING 'BIKER GANG' NUMBERS: We blame a lot on television shows and on movies...violence, sexuality, food - but we can apparently now add fictional dramas to the long list of things that are bad for us on TV, as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) recently released a statement that blamed the FX series "Sons of Anarchy" for the rise in "outlaw biker gangs' numbers" in the province of Nova Scotia. The show ended four



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years ago, but it apparently keeps inspiring edgy riders to jump in the saddle and seek out their peers.

According to RCMP Constable Scott Morrison, the spirit of camaraderie is the big selling point. "They think the camaraderie is there based on the television show and they're joining up," he told CBC News.

DUTCH JUDGES BAN 'HOMEGROWN

BIKER'S GANG': In The Hague on June 18, Dutch judges banned a national motorcycle club and seized all its assets, ruling members had spread a culture of violence and criminal activities in the Netherlands: "The court in The Hague has decided today that the motorcycle club Satudarah is banned with immediate effect," the judges said in their ruling.

The judges also ordered that the club should lose all its assets including access to its clubhouse.

The case had been brought by the Dutch prosecution service, as part of an ongoing clampdown on gang violence. Last year prosecutors successfully shut down the Bandidos MC when a court in Utrecht ordered all the club's chapters to close, saying it posed a public threat. Dutch justices have also tried in vain several times to outlaw the Hells Angels as a criminal organization, but a new case against the club is due to be heard soon.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "It is not the function of the government to keep the citizen from falling into error; it is the function of the citizen to keep the government from falling into error." ~ U.S. Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Parker (1892-1969), American jurist

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by Sporty Milligan

I will start out this column by saying that it has been an extreme honor for me to be able to communicate with you every month. I am surprised by the response I receive about my column. For that I thank you all.

When I became an ABATE member many years ago I never realized or imagined that I would be where I am today. I have dedicated my life to our ABATE organization and am still striving to make ABATE great.

We face many challenges in life as we get older and are looking to pass the knowledge to our younger brothers and sisters in the hope that they will continue to do the great things ABATE has stood for. That is why some of us still belong to ABATE, to see it help the motorcycle community be free of unwarranted laws and to create laws that will protect us as riders. So for that I pledge my existence.

Ok now on to the rides. July 16th was another fun night at Top Rocker HD for the July bike night. This was the 3rd bike night in a series of bike nights they do for the year. Their bike nights consist of a hot dog truck, venders and a three piece band. They also have a raffle and a 50/50 money draw plus there is 805 beer. The HOG Chapter usually has a booth where they sell the raffle and 50/50 tickets. The event lasts 3 hours and I like being with the HOG guys. Plus sometimes I run into the Local 1 VP, Jim Nickla, and we have fun. Once in a while I even win stuff. The next bike night is August 16th.

At the Local 1 July meeting we made plans to attend the 23rd annual Sweaty Buns run on July 22nd. Jim Nickla, Glen Cheslock, Dale Ferrans, his daughter and I arranged to meet at the Park and Ride at Victory and Winnetka Ave in Woodland Hills. We rode up to the 76 station at Topanga and Devenshire where we picked up Rex, his son, Little Rex, and his friend. From there we rode to the Santa Susana Café, which was the start of the run.

Things were at full swing when we arrived at the cafe. The group had breakfast and I had decaf coffee. There is a slight problem as to the direction of the route. I usually have a tank bag with the route directions and when I write my column I can use the directions for references. Well the tank bag is history (more on that later on in the column).

Little Rex and his friend said they would lead the way to the second check point. So like Huell Howser would have said, we're off on our adventure. Now Little Rex and his friend when they



got to Old Topanga Canyon Road and Mulholland Hwy got lost and went on Old Topanga Canyon Road instead of going down Mulholland Hwy. So now I am leading the group. We got to the second check point and Little Rex and his friend finally arrived.

I asked Chuck Pedersen if he knew where the third check point was. Yes, he did. So he was the leader for that leg of the route. Ok so we rode to check point three. Dale Farrens and his daughter got delayed at the signal light, so they were late arriving. Glen Cheslock had dropped off at the Mulholland Hwy before reaching check point two. At check point three, Chuck Pedersen had to take off.

So now I had to figure out how to get to check point four, a bar in an industrial complex in Oxnard. We arrived there then took Hwy 101 to Route 23 to the 118 Fwy to get to check point five - Chuy's restaurant off Los Angeles Ave. I had a nice chicken lunch and won a nice raffle prize that I didn't know what it was until I opened the shopping bag it was in.

Thanks to Local 2 for once again doing a nice route, good fun and nice event t-shirts. Well you know it was just a plain good time. We will be sure to attend next year's run.

On August 6th I went to a meeting in Santa Clarita to meet Car Del Marco who is heading the Prop 6 repeal of the gas tax. At the meeting we were given "Yes on Prop 6 repeal the gas tax stickers."

I had made arrangements to visit my friend Nick Benson in Barstow on July 31st, but it was canceled until the following Tuesday, August 7th. It was going to be a hot ride to Barstow. I left by 8:30 am. The route was the 210 Fwy to the 15 Fwy. The 210 Fwy was not too bad and then when I got to the 15 Fwy I got a bit cocky with the throttle hand and was going too fast and before I could react my bike tank bag got a gush of air and fell off the tank before I could snatch it. Yaks! S#^t darn! So I don't have a tank bag. (Just for the record a truck ran the bag over. So there you have the rest of the tank bag story.)

Finally made it to Nick's house after stopping at his competitor's shop. It was too bright outside to use my phone to call Nick's office. Finally I got to Nick's place. I went there to get a headset hearing helper for my phone to use when we do ABATE Board of Director phone conference calls.

After we had completed my lessons on how to use the head set, I noticed it was getting windy and Nick said it smelled like rain. So off I went after getting gas at the Arco station and putting a Prop 6 sticker on the gas pump. Just as I was getting on the freeway, it started to rain hard. I got soaked, but pressed on as it only lasted 5 miles before it dried up. By the time I got to Fontana I was pretty much dried off. Stopped off at the Mobile station in Pasadena for a soda then to an AA meeting before home for dinner.

August 10th, 11th, and 12th I spent the weekend at the Shaggers' camp-out and poker run in the Tehachapi Mountains. I had fun, relaxed and slept under the stars in my tent. Rode Hwy 58 to Bakersfield, then Hwy 99 to the I5 to home on Sunday, August 12th.

This completes the September edition of Sporty's Rides. Remember be good to yourself and attend ABATE events.

Scribe Sporty



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