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Lobbyist Report

by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

Thanks to over 1,500 letters, postcards, petition signatures, calls and faxes to state Senators, SB 435, that called for Smog Inspections for Motorcycles, is stalled, but **not DEAD!** With a lot of effort, I was able to, as you may already know, stop the bill on the Senate floor.

Powerful state Senator Fran Pavley had 13 Yes votes and we had 15 Nos and it needed 21 to pass. SB 435 was on call for 4 hours while she worked her fellow Senators on the Senate Floor. Finally, she told several Senators that she agreed to remove all of the motorcycle smog test provisions, but instead, she proposed to allow police/peace officers to be able to stop any motorcyclist they suspected of having removed their catalytic mufflers and cite them. She pointed out that by removing the catalyst system or parts, riders were putting on illegal pipes that make that loud irritating noise that wakes you up at 6 am in the morning, when they ride off to work. That's what was discussed, and she was able to get the bill passed out of the

Senate with the understanding that it would be amended in the Assembly Transportation Committee. So try to keep your pipes a little quieter! Loud pipes may save lives, but they sure don't get votes from non-rider elected officials. However, amending SB 435 into a motorcycle noise control bill has little, or nothing, to do with clean air.



I then started lobbying the Assembly Transportation Committee and requested letters, emails and phone calls from you. Through all of our efforts, we were able to stall SB 435 for now! Our opposition, the

American Lung Association, and their allies, have a powerful network and are encouraging cities like Benicia to support SB 435. We must continue to write letters to Assembly Transportation Chairman Eng, your Assemblymember, and Governor Schwarzenegger asking them to oppose SB 435 in any form. Remember, despite whatever rumor you might hear from anyone else or any other organization, **SB 435 STILL CONTAINS THE SMOG CHECK PROVISIONS FOR MOTORCYCLES**, and until it's amended in the Assembly, it's still a motorcycle smog check bill, and not even the author, Pavley, has stated publicly what the substitute motorcycle noise enforcement language will be.

That's why your letter should say that we are opposed to **any** smog inspection program for motorcycles because, as in Arizona, it resulted in no smog reduction there, and was not cost effective. Second, before any law enforcement officer is empowered to pull over a motorcycle rider to inspect their emissions equipment, somebody should determine what

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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.

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

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Executive Director's Report

by Tim Tennimon, Executive Director

Thank You!

Thank you, people, one helluva good job. When we come together on an issue, we operate like a well oiled machine. The work done by our members; staying involved, staying informed, calling, faxing, emailing our Senators and Assembly people was outstanding. Chasing the smog bill from one legislative group to the next, not letting them rest, staying in their face; it's because of you, your involvement, the smog bill will likely be changed to drop the smog test part, and then later on the bill was changed to a two year bill, this delay will give us time to mount a stronger offensive.



Last year a number of folks attended the public hearings that were put on by the Air Resources Board to gather the public's input on a number of issues relating to more restrictive smog laws. One of the added restrictions was to start smog testing motorcycles, and believe me, in these meetings they did not care what we had to say about the futility of a motorcycle smog program, they had already decided this was going to take place and when. So for us to show up and mess up their plan, get them back peddling, having to change their game plan, all I can say is, "Thanks, you folks." I'm real proud of this organization and all of you, ABATE truly is a great organization. You are the unsung heroes, most of the bikers in this state probably don't realize the good favor that has been done for them and as I am learning; what we protect bikers from in this state will ultimately benefit bikers in other states.

Stay tuned for more info from our

Legislative Director and Lobbyist on how we are going to approach the fight against this bill. Remember to make sure you run what you do politically through the PAC. We need to make sure we are seen as having one voice, if you contact our legislators or put out info it must be consistent, if there are contrary messages, if it looks like we aren't united, our legislators will blow us off and our hard work will not have the effect it could have.

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Do you know ABATE has its own Laughlin Run to the River? That's right; it's on October 17-18, a beautiful time of the year out there. Local 29 hosts the 12th annual Laughlin River Trip. Marty and the rest of the Local 29 crew work hard to bring you a good time with a lot of activities, not only do you have the ABATE L29 events at the beautiful Aquarius Casino, the casino next door, the Riverside, is having a big bike event. So between the two there is lots of action going on and instead of paying \$500 for the weekend like they do in April, ABATE L29 has worked out a package deal with the Aquarius Hotel and Casino for under \$100. Look for all the booking info on the flyer in the Bailing Wire or on the ABATE website.

People, we have a true, dyed in the wool, 100% bona fide Freedom Fighter that gives and gives to ABATE every month; month after month, year after year and I don't know where ABATE of CA would be without this exceptional individual. No, I'm not talking about Sporty; I'm talking about John "Milky" Loudermilk. Without Milky we wouldn't have our monthly news magazine the Bailing Wire. Milky does this as a volunteer and has for over 20 years. Why? Because he loves this organization, what we stand for and what we fight for. If you get a chance, drop Milky a note of thanks. It's people like him that make us a force to reckon with. Thank you Milky and thank all of you for your passion.

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the cost to California will be to provide the very specific training in identifying proper and legal smog equipment for motorcycles. This is important - continue to deluge the Chairman and the Governor with opposition to SB 435.

This proves that when California bikers feel an issue is important enough, they will circulate petitions, write letters, send e-mails, fax letters, send postcards, and call their Sacramento elected officials to defeat a bill that would have caused so much disruption to all of us. Again, my sincere thanks for all of you that contributed to those more than 1,500 oppose SB 435 letters. That definitely made the difference in stopping SB 435. Let's make sure it dies in the Assembly Transportation Committee, next January.

There will be a special election on November 3 for the 51st Assembly District seat in Los Angeles, which is now open due to Curren D. Price Jr. being elected to the state Senate. I will have more information on that race as it gets closer to the election date.

Thanks - Ride Safe and Quieter.

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State Run Report

by Tony Jaime, State Run Chairman

State Run will be held on September 18, 19, & 20 at Frandy Campground in Kernville, CA.

Greetings, to all ABATE members and freedom fighters everywhere! We are once again coming up on the Golden State Rendezvous, The ABATE State Run. As I start this month's column, I am very aware of the terrible shape of the economy and the strained financial burden many folks are laboring under these days. Nevertheless, I must remind everyone that it is through such events as the State Run that we are able to raise funds to keep the lights on in the office and publish the Bailing Wire. As ABATE members, we all know and understand that "Freedom is not Free!" There is a lot at stake right now regarding several major issues facing California's motorcyclists, not the least of which are smog inspections for motorcycles. Sad to say but the plain fact is that while money may not buy us happiness, it sure does grease the skids! Which brings us to YOU, the rank and file members of ABATE that comprise the backbone of this great organization. You can make a difference by either contributing or attending this great event.

So, with that thought in mind, I am asking for your generosity and support of the State Run by purchasing at least one run ticket. The best of all possible worlds would be for you to buy a ticket and attend the event, but if that is not feasible, I ask that you give your support by purchasing at least one run ticket. Your support is sorely needed and will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generosity and consideration.

All of that aside, this year's run is shaping up quite nicely and as most of you are aware, we have moved the run up a few weeks to take advantage of a little warmer weather in September. As I am sure most of you are aware, this year's State Run will be held on September 18, 19, & 20 at Frandy Campground in Kernville, CA.

A recent development that just came about is that the ABATE State Run has gone online at <http://www.myspace.com/abateofcastaterun> where with a little help from my daughter, we have developed a MySpace page for

the run. Available on the MySpace profile are run flyer, printable event registration, and a map of the Kern River Valley. Also available on the map is a list of lodging locations in the Kern River Valley. While the MySpace profile is a work in progress, I ask that you bear with me as I try to fine tune it for maximum exposure and effectiveness for ABATE of California. I will keep updating the site with information as soon as it comes in so that you all will be better furnished with run info and hopefully be able to provide answers to any questions that may arise for potential participants. Any ABATE members that are MySpace users are cordially invited to link up as MySpace Friend to show your support of the State Run also. Please visit the ABATE of CA State Run on MySpace. Thanks for your patience as this site is developed and your support.

As previously stated, the change of date should provide us with warmer weather and it also puts us a week ahead of Street Vibrations in Reno, so for any of you looking to take a nice, extended road trip, this is the perfect opportunity. Speaking of road trips, it is my intent over the next two months preceding the State Run to visit as many Local meetings or events as possible to visit and help promote the run. In closing, let me say that I hope to see many of you in Kernville this September.



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IN THE HEAT OF THE SUMMER

by John Del Santo

WHEN WE RIDE IN THE HEAT, stripping down to a t-shirt will allow our body moisture to just fly away. In the movies you don't see those Bedouin Tribesman in the desert wearing shorts and a tank-top. Gotta be a reason there. Drink a LOT more than you think you need, and if you get to a stop and don't need to use the rest room, then you're not drinking enough. Hydrate!!! Wet your clothes down! Pour water on your head! Some bike shops have shirts made of foam that you soak with water and wear under a jacket like a Swamp cooler. They Work! Feeling very tired while riding in very hot weather is a BAD sign of things to come.

DEHYDRATION: Is one that can sneak up on you. Lower or higher elevation, hot or cold temperature, Drink! Drink! Drink! **Gallons each day!** And not diuretics like coffee or alcohol drinks...they just make it worse. Our body needs the liquid, and if we don't get enough... our body will let us KNOW about it, sometimes with...

HEAT EXHAUSTION: That can make us feel like just stopping and laying down next to the road in the shade and going to sleep Maybe Forever. We can fall asleep as easy on a bike as we could driving a car and "falling" asleep has a whole 'nother meaning when it happens on a bike. Drink! Drink! Water and sports drink, get in someplace cool, dump water on your head and down your shirt. Half of the world takes a two-hour lunch break in the middle of the day. Not a bad idea? Rest, because next in line comes the Killer...

HEAT STROKE: Which can worsen from heat exhaustion with little warning. Our body's temperature control **stops working!** Hot dry skin, severe headache, exhaustion, hallucination, and THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE POSSIBILITY OF DEATH. **FIRST CALL 911!!!** Move the victim to a cool place, douse with water, fan breeze onto the victim. If we act quickly and correctly, maybe we can prevent permanent brain damage or death. Once someone has suffered a heat-related illness, the chances of it happening again in the future are higher.

Do you feel like the road is beating you up? Take a day off! Sleep late. Sit by a brook with water running over your feet. Look at some scenery. Take a nap. Sack in early and start the next day as a whole new person. We may get there a day later, but So What! The Journey IS the goal.

Info on picture on page one.

Pictured left to right:

1. Anthony Adams, Assemblymember (Dist 59)
2. Dave "Moony" Jordan, Vice President, ABATE L-5. NCOM Legislative Task Force member; and, US Defenders Cmdr., So. California
3. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
4. Sandra Lubbers, Secretary, ABATE of California
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Pac/Lobbyist Report

by Peter Daniels, Treasurer

First let me thank Steven Broughton, a 22 year member from Local 1, for signing up a new Business Member, CT's Motorcycle Tires on Reseda Blvd in Reseda, Tel: (818) 776-0051. This is what we need more than anything. All the Locals need to publicize and emphasize the Business Members that support us. Let's support all our Business Members by using their services whenever we can.

6 of our 11 Board of Directors terms are up this year. A little birdie told me that some are not going to rerun. It is vitally important that people run for the Board of Directors. Encourage people to run from your Locals. We need your leadership and enthusiasm. As I have said one hundred times, it is easier to be on the Board of Directors than it is to be a President of a Local! Come on people, let's have a slate of 20 people running for these 6 seats. This month's Bailing Wire will have details about running for the Board of Directors of ABATE of California. Be a leader!

Lots of runs coming up that support ABATE. Support them by attending! If there are no runs in your area, CREATE ONE! The

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Thanks to all that donated to the PAC Fund last month: Locals 2, 10, 14, 17, 21, 27, & 36 (Wow, need a little help here!)

Thanks to those that donated to the Lobbyist Fund last month: Locals 1, 5, 9, 10, 11,

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Local #01 Los Angeles County



Hello all! Prez Sporty here. Our monthly July meeting would have been held during the weekend of the Northern Regional Rally. So at our June meeting we made a group decision that the July meeting would be canceled. Sarge and myself are Board members and Local 1 members that attended the Northern Regional Rally.

I want to thank members of my Local for their help in getting the petitions signed for "NO" on SB435. Special mention goes to Bob Warren and Lana O'Brien. Thanks guys, your efforts, along with the many others, resulted in the bill being a two year bill. While the fight is not over, it has been put on hold for a while.

Folks, if you want your very own Local 1 travel logo coffee mug, you can have one for the low price of \$5. E-mail me, Prez Sporty, at mrsportyiii@yahoo.com with your request for the coffee mug. I will see that you get one soon.

I would like to welcome 2 New Local 1 Business Members: Young Insurance Agency in Burbank and CT's Motorcycle Tires in Reseda. Both are listed in the Business Member list. Let's welcome them with your business.

We will again resume our regular monthly meetings in August at the Elks Lodge. Regards, Sporty.

Local #02 Simi Valley



Wow! Ouch! Summer is here and all the hotness you could want and I'm loving it. Tis the season to be on yer scooter and while your riding if you see another ABATER, thank them and they will in turn, thank you. Me thinks that for every ABATER there are over a thousand non-ABATERS out there. Let them know who we are, what we do and that we are not only about helmet laws (Right! You who think otherwise!)

We here at Local 2 meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW Post # 10049, 4242 E. Los Angeles Ave in Simi Valley. We serve a great meal for \$4 or \$5, drinks are optional! Thanks to the great volunteer cooks, Frank and Norm (me). Thank you again VFW Post 10049, Local 2 is very appreciative.

Our Prez Tom opened the meeting with our Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, which is the best way to start, then he mumbled something and Jane our secretary appeared out of nowhere and read the minutes, next up was our VP Steve, an important person at Local 2, he talked about our Sweaty Buns Run and talk he did! We are excited about this unknown venture and we are 100% ready, by the way all you other Locals, go out and support your other Locals, it might start a chain reaction to having other Locals support one another while it all strengthens ABATE as a whole, besides, everything we do is for ABATE, what a concept!

We have a new business member: IRON-HORSE LEATHERS, thanks to Sporty! They were at our meeting, the whole lot of them. You gotta check them out - they are located down the street from us at 5766 E. Los Angeles Ave; glad to have you aboard!

Guy, our merchandize person, showed us the goods for our run and our personal apparel; it all looks good! Another hard working volunteer, and thanks again! Pattibock talked about Rips Diabetes run, thank you. Rick, our Run Coordinator, talked about our last ride, Local 13's Callous Cheeks Poker Run, and our upcoming Sweaty Buns Run, a mighty thanks for all that you do! Our treasurer says we still got money, I mean ABATE's money. Norm the safety person talked about, "don't crash to avoid an accident" the greatest oxymoron, also about the perils of hot weather riding, stay hydrated, if you feel light headed or tired while riding in hot weather pull over and get some liquids and hang out until you feel better, don't be a statistic! Ride smart

and be extra careful, especially this time of the year. PTL norm e. new

Local #05 San Gabriel Valley

Hello from Local 5! Wow! Another Joy Ride has come and gone! Everything went very well. We had 40+ people helping out the day of the event. Thank you very much to everyone that showed up to help and thank you very much to everyone that attended the run.

The winner of the bike was Mark Maynard from Corona, California.

We discussed the fact that the next quarterly Board meeting is in our own backyard, which means several of us will be able to attend (or will have attended by the time you read this).

Thanks for reading, Glen (Professor) Pine

Local #09 South Orange County



We had our meeting for Local 9 on July 7th. After the standard officer reports, Randy, our President, quickly got to the issue at hand, increasing our membership. He spoke about thinking outside the box for new ideas.

We discussed the local HOG chapter at Irvine HD. They have a large membership. We understand that HOG/HD does not want to get involved with a political organization such as ABATE. However, all the members of these HOG chapters reap the benefits of all the money and hard work that ABATE does for them. We are actively trying to get a meeting/conversation with this chapter (no luck so far). If anyone has information from within their own HOG friends, and can help us with this chapter, please let us know. It's a large group that needs to be addressed.

Bottom line, we need to grow new membership. We understand that we are concerned with government intervention in the motorcycle community (smog, noise, helmets, etc.). And, the higher-ups in ABATE need to be involved in those arena's, directly. But, at the grass roots level, we need to increase membership to generate numbers and "money" to fight these issues. The focus needs to be increasing our numbers, PERIOD!

We are looking for avenues to get in front of the motorcyclists we don't see in our normal riding activity. Also, if anyone has any good ideas that have worked at their Local, let us know. Barndog

Local #11 North San Diego County



The July turnout at Oakvale was excellent, with 30+ folks in attendance, including 6 guests (potential new members). Tim covered membership renewals, phone tree ops and the availability of a limited number of "POW/MIA" display flags for sale. The Treasurer's report was covered and the members voted to send donations to the General Fund and the Lobbyist Fund for the next quarter.

Both the helmet bill and the smog check bills are now two year bills so won't be considered until next year. We still need to pressure the Assembly and Senate to vote Yes on AB 1205 and No on SB 435. Be advised that the Feds are considering switching from a Federal Gas Tax to a Federal Mileage Tax in the year 2020. We need to watch out for this!

We covered the subject of "How to handle yourself in a traffic stop". Highly recommended that you buy and carry a small digital voice recorder to use in the event you are stopped. Lots of info available on the ABATE Local 6 website and they have links to other useful sites.

Last month, there was a Memorial Service for recently deceased ABATE Local 6 members Barry & Carol Sandberg with a tremendous turnout by San Diego area bikers.

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Local #15 Contra Costa County



Hello from Local 15! Well, we are doing it once more! ABATE Local 15 of Contra Costa County's 5th Annual Motorcycle Awareness Run, which took place in March, is happening again! This time, the weather will likely be more cooperative. Even with the rain, we had a reasonable turn-out, but with good weather, things ought to really look up. We are putting together another good time, complete with a great run route, run pins to the first 200, raffle prizes, and ride prizes, not to mention a great BBQ lunch!

The run and party will be Sunday, August 23. Sign-up for the run will begin at 9:00 am at Devil Mountain Harley Davidson located at 2400 Loveridge Road in Pittsburg (925)427-2799. There will be donuts and coffee compliments of the dealership. Sign-up closes at 11:00 am. Riders are \$20.00, and passengers are \$15.00. Pre-registration is available. If you join ABATE with Local 15, the cost of the event will be \$10.00. The run will end at the Warehouse Cafe in Port Costa. 2:30 pm is the cut-off for the cash prize and raffle.

This event is the way we pay our state lobbyist who is working with ABATE for ANY motorcycle related legislation in California. Our Local pays four shares a month and this run helps us meet our commitment.

On a different topic, special thanks go to Dan Rainwater for making a significant cash contribution to our operation costs, as well as to Bob Blatz who also made a generous contribution. Good examples for us all.

What happened to the calamity SB 435? ABATE as well as other similar organizations and interested parties put some heat on our representatives and helped to stall SB 435. But watch out - it is stalled, not dead and will be back next year. Continue to make calls, send emails and faxes, and send letters to your representatives asking that this matter be buried once and for all.

ABATE is not about just helmets, but rather is about trying to get government out of the business of constantly reducing freedom of choice - whether it is about wearing helmets, restricting off-road access, or in this latest case, to hassle motorcycle riders, who by choice have made significant contribution to reducing pollution - the feds have said that motorcycle emissions are not a significant contribution to pollution. But Sacramento continues to attempt to curtail self-determination. ABATE is about freedom of choice.

COME TO OUR MONTHLY MEETING!! ABATE Local 15 meets at Fuddruckers Hamburgers in the Willows Shopping Center, 1975 Diamond Blvd in Concord. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm SHARP! Keep it in the wind. LongRider Mike.

Local #19 Pomona Valley

The June meeting started with a somber note. Our President, Steve K, lost his brother and wasn't with us that night. We also lost a very good friend. Cameron Nelson was one of those "nicest guys you'll ever meet" type of people. He chaired our Toy Run and worked on various committees more than a few times. Cameron also was a key person in the Casa Colina Thunder in the House events. Cameron was a good friend and is greatly missed by a lot of people. Our hearts go out to his wife and the kids. Around the same time, our Vice President, Pete lost family members in a shooting at an Old Guys MC event. Pete's nephew was active duty in the Navy and his cousin was with him when the shooting took place. Our thoughts and prayers are with our members and their families in these difficult times.

The minutes were read and approved with correction and Steve S gave the Treasurer's report. Membership reported two renewals - thanks - and two new members - welcome! Will informed us of several upcoming events. It's just a matter of picking what interests you and when you want to attend an event. This is the time of year to get out and have some fun. This copy of the Bailing Wire has many events listed with all the information you need to attend.

California Bill SB 435 was discussed again. It was noted that we need to continue to fight this bill. It is necessary to continue contacting our Legislators to make sure they

don't allow this bill to go through.

There was a motion and second to make B's Sports Bar and Grill our meeting place on a trial basis for the next three months. It was noisy and there was some echo in the room but it is believed that can be overcome by better positioning of the officers and speakers in the room. After discussion, it voted and passed with 25 for, 2 against and 1 person abstained from voting. **There was also a motion and second to make our meeting start time 7:00 pm rather than 7:30 pm.** After discussion it was voted and passed 25 for, 1 against and 2 abstained from the vote.

Steve K asked for a list of volunteers for the State Board meeting in July. Robert, Mark, Ed, Pete, and Buddy are all confirmed. Will is going to help, if his schedule permits. Mark's raffle had a couple of people that won twice plus a couple of other winners. Come and visit us any month. You will have a good time.

As always, keep the shiny side up! Ed

Local #20 Orange County



I love the 4th of July. There's nothing more beautiful than seeing our American flag snapping and waving in the wind.

The smog bill was stalled and it will not be heard until 2010. A big thanks to all the people who emailed, faxed, called and sent letters. We have to keep the heat turned up in the Capitol on this one.

Spike, Piedmont and Gill attended a meeting in Jose Solario's office regarding the smog bill. He agreed we don't need to be smogging motorcycles. They get the most current information to let the bikers know what's going on. Piedmont has a lot of political pull who represents the Iron Workers L433, ABATE, NCOM, etc.

Spike was in an accident last month. The cops searched him instead of offering him medical aide. He ended up with road rash and was bleeding all over the place. It was a hit and run accident.

New business members are Lisa Risner,

Thanks to SD American Legion for the food afterwards. There is a \$1000 reward offered for info on the murder of our friends and the theft of their motorcycle and extensive collection of exotic collector's knives. Contact San Diego County CRIMESTOPPERS at 888-580-8477. Ride Safe, Dave.

Local #14 Alameda County



Hi everyone! Thanks all who attended July's meeting. As always it was exceptional, to say the least. We have three new members! Road Dog Kenny Schwab from Fremont, Don Nicolaus from Hayward and Biker Dogs Motorcycle Club Houdini, yes I said Houdini. Welcome gentlemen and dog, yes I said dog (for those who haven't been attending the meetings).

Thank you Al Martin for renewing your membership and your generous donation to our general fund. And thank you Animal and his new hip for his always generous donation to our general fund. Since the passing of our beloved membership coordinator, Terry Carlson, Jessie "Night train" Lane has volunteered for the job and was elected into the position. Since he has been elected, he's been going like a "bat out of hell". We enjoy his enthusiasm.

Thank you Dennis Stalter for keeping us apprised on the current smog and noise issues. Don't forget to mark your calendars: Local 15 Contra Costa County is having their 5th Annual Motorcycle Awareness Run on Sunday, August 23 at Devil Mountain Harley Davidson. Sign-up starts at 9:00 am. For more info e-mail abate15@yahoo.com.

Well, that's it for now. If you don't attend the meetings, you're missing out on some very valuable information. So please attend, bring a friend and a raffle prize. Until we meet again, RIDE SAFE, Franklin

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Esq of Anaheim, Lyndall Racing Brakes and Howard "Rusty" Coones of Illusion Cycles, Inc. Rusty was one of the first companies in CA to become EPA and CARB certified with motorcycles. He wrote an article in the BW's June issue. Mr. Solario read the article and was very impressed with the information. Mr. Solario took it on the floor to show the members. Troy and Barbara joined as a couple. Louie and one of his officers joined our Local. We need to round up more business members and regular members too.

Sporty, Norton (VNVMC), Gill and I manned the ABATE booth at the Christian Freedom Coalition July 4 weekend. Gill got 5 new business members. Gill bought a pop-up cover, 2 chairs and flags. A table and 2 chairs will be purchased. A booth will be at Speedway in Costa Mesa. Also, L20 will have a booth for our Halloween Trick or Treat Run at Cooks Corner on October 25. Spike suggested that we have an ABATE L20 label on water bottles to help promote our cause.

The Capistrano Eagles M/C is having their "Christmas in July" annual community food drive and poker run benefiting Father Serra's Pantry at the Swallow's Inn in San Juan Capistrano on July 18.

The quarterly Board meeting will be on July 25 in Ontario. The meetings are informative. This is your chance to be heard.

Beverly, Mark and Maywood were our guests for July. Sorry you weren't the lucky winners. Tim Kuglin would have been the winner of \$50 - where were you? The pot is building up slowly. Ride Safe, Ride Free. Squirt

Local #21 Antelope Valley



Hi from the high desert. Brought three people to the meeting by promising dinner and glad I did because we were the only ones there. Glen did call from Palmdale and Mark stopped by with the lobby money, bless his heart. So for this month it's a skinny pitch. Help some Very Special Children in the

Antelope Valley! Happenin' Headquarters 13th Annual Toy Run will be held Sunday, November 8, from 11 am to 5 pm at The Moose Lodge, 44545 Division Street in Lancaster. With a \$10 new toy donation for Moose Charities you'll enjoy music from Black Daniels Band, autos, cycles, vendors, ABATE Local 21 Poker run, food, 50/50 raffles, prizes, games and Santa.

For more info call Santa at (661) 947-3734. Bring the family for a great time! Later for now, Daryl.

Local #22 South Bay

We had our first meeting at Walkers Café. It was quite eventful and I think it will be a great place to have the ABATE monthly meetings. There are some things you can generally count on at Walkers Café, running into fellow motorcyclists and enjoying a great burger. Walker's is not a real large place and just maybe someday our meetings will grow large enough that they have to add on to the place. This news doubles as a request to all of the Local 22 members, there is a lot of bike parking, so get on your scooter and start making it down to the meetings.

As has been the big topic of conversation lately we started with discussing Senate Bill 435 on smog checking our motorcycles. Even though it appears this has turned into a 2 year bill and it may now not be heard until 2010, Our Prez, Suzanne, reinforced the importance of continuing to contact our representatives at all levels of the California government. We cannot let them sneak this bill past us whether in its present form, a newly written form or even hidden within the framework of another bill. Make sure you stay on top of this!

Next topic was the City of Benicia, CA and their mayor Elizabeth Patterson. It seems that this town just a little north of Oakland is trying to jump ahead of the State of California and start enacting their own city laws to include the inspection of exhaust on motorcycles. They are going on record as being in support of a smog check bill and against any aftermarket exhaust. According to Elizabeth Patterson it comes down to air and noise pollution. We want to let her know how we stand so make sure and contact her on this matter at elizabeth@elizabethformayor.com.

We also talked about a couple of large events coming up that I hope you made sure to attend: The Northern California Regional

Rally held July 17-18 at Kelly's Kamp and the ABATE Board meeting on July 25. Get out and support all ABATE events.

We look forward to the August meeting at Walkers. Maybe we even made some new members out of a few patrons, only time will tell. One sentiment we heard from one of the locals was, "No matter what you do, it won't make a difference." He couldn't be farther from the truth. Keep standing up for your rights. Zap

Local #23 San Bernardino



So, how is everyone enjoying their summer so far? We have been darn lucky, experiencing lower than normal temperatures, which has sure made for some great riding weather. But we're not here to talk about the weather so on to the important news and happenings of Local 23.

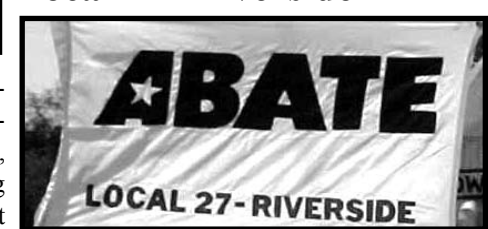
In May and June we hosted our summer-time, monthly Burger Burn. Attendance for both months was far less than hoped so we canceled the July Burger Burn to give us a chance to regroup. There will be a L23 Burger Burn, in August and as soon as we have all the details ironed out, we will start spreading the word. To all of my fellow L23 members, once we get the details out to you, please do your part to get the word out, come help with the Burger Burn and if nothing else SHOW UP to support your Local. If we can't support our own events, we sure as heck can't expect anyone else to, now can we?

L23 set up a membership table at the P.O.B.O.B MC's Summer Bash, held up at Angels Roadhouse in Yucaipa. Not sure how that worked out for us as the event had not yet taken place at the time this was written, but I have no doubt, under the watchful eye and close supervision of our illustrious leader Kevin, we managed to sign up a few new ABATE members.

And one last item before I close this up, To all my fellow L23 members, especially you silent ones we never see, we know it's

summer and you all are busy, but please take the time to come out and join us for the monthly meetings. July's meeting attendance could have been counted on two hands. These small turn outs not only limits the number of good thoughts and suggestions on how and what we should be doing as a Local, but also places the entire burden on the few members that show up regularly. Folks will get tired of doing it all and eventually burn out if the work load is not shared. I know we have more than a dozen active members, I've seen you a time or two so again, please show up and help where you can. And with that plea for your participation, I'll wrap this thing up for another month. Until then, ride safe and keep fighting to protect our Freedoms of the Road. Russ.

Local #27 Riverside



Greetings from the magnanimous IE! I, wish to extend a big Local 27 "Thanks a Bunch" to all our members who have been actively helping us gather signatures to stop that evil, vile piece of legislation known as SB 435. Many of our Business Members actively gathered signatures from their clients as well. We have not defeated it, but we've made it waver. We will see if we can deliver the old one two and put it in paradise next year when it will be let out again. When its ugly head rises again, let's all pull together and STOMP THE CRAP OUT OF IT!!! It is this person's view that this has the potential to be the most devastating thing to Civil Rights since Jim Crow. Again my thanks to all who have worked to stall this.

On another note; thanks to some Local heroes of note for stepping up and forming a Fall Run committee. They are Greg Covell (L27 money man), Kenny Nuttall (all around good guy) and our very own Jack Howell, who don't know Jack? They are a plottin' an' a plannin' one good time money maker for the preservation of motorcycle rights! They will need volunteers, so make a commitment and step up and help yourselves by helping these

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fine young men! It will be a "Poker Run" or not and will definitely be held on Sunday, the 11th of October 2009. A flier will be in the September Bailing Wire, but we should have them for mass distribution in a few weeks. AGAIN, FOLKS, I want to get every riding group/club in the IE or close by to attend also GET ME CONTACT NUMBERS and group names! Come on, do something, we need the help.

On a sad note; our monthly meeting place Hot Rod Pizza is being sold so we are up in the air on a meeting place. We intend to send out post cards to notify you all if we move; we may get to stay on with the new owners. The owner addressed the Local meeting and relayed the sad news, the economy and a raise in the rent and he just can not hold on any more. We thank him for allowing us the use of the conference room for all these years and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Well campers that is it for this month, this fight with SB 435 is incredibly important and you all would be wise to bone up on the issue and spread the word to the agnostic and make believers out of them (and ABATE members too). C'ya, HR

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE members! We did our annual 4th of July breakfast run to Golden Acorn Casino. We had about half a dozen bikes plus a couple of trikes. It was sure nice to see John Bowyer out and about. After breakfast the group headed back down the hill before it got any hotter.

I, on the other hand, ventured out to San Diego Harley for the protest rally. I met up with Tim and his lovely wife from Local 11.

After a couple of hours I had a half baked idea to ride back home across the desert in the middle of the afternoon. Let me tell you, unless you are prepared to ride in an oven, don't do it. Visions of ice cold beer and a backyard swimming pool danced in my head. I stopped back at Golden Acorn and got a zip lock bag I filled with ice for the trip home. I sucked on ice all the way home. Plus I had water to hose my shirt down with when it got dry. Well boys and girls, I won't be doing that any time again soon.

At our last meeting we decided not to

have any more meetings during the summer. **THERE WILL NOT BE AN AUGUST MEETING!** September 3 will be our next meeting to start planning for the Turkey Run. We will still be having our regular meeting on the last Thursday, September 24.

We'll keep cool if possible, and enjoy the rest of the summer. Bye for now, Eddie Aranda

Local #47 Barstow



Howdy All! WOW! I sure had a great vacation, but never long enough. OK, if you missed Local 44's annual poker run, you missed another fun time.

This time of year is so busy I was glad to be able to attend Local 5's Joy Ride, such a good time. Thank you goes out to all the hard working members of these fine Locals.

NOW start making plans for this year's State Run on September 18, 29 & 20 in Kernville. Yermoeddy.

Local #52 Grass Valley



Hi folks! Well, the riding season is in full swing. Check your local bike rags for events.

Don't forget Local 52's Mystery Run on August 29. This one is pretty cool since you have no idea where the run will take you. For more details, call me at (530) 263-8071 or e-mail twogunners@gmail.com.

Please keep on your reps about the legislation coming down the pipe. The only way to rattle their cages is to write and call, FREQUENTLY. They only know votes. Ride safe, Gunner.

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Hello all! This month's Sporty's Rides is taking on an unusual twist. Tomorrow, July 16, I will be leaving for the Northern Regional Rally. So I am not doing the usual format that you have come to expect from your sport man. Hopefully some of you aren't too disappointed with this decision, oh well, if you are.

At this point you may be asking yourself, "What's going on?" Sporty is trying to be a rogue philosopher. So I will begin to give you a bit of the extraordinary rambling from me.

I am publicly going to thank all of you that have helped stall SB 435, the motorcycle smog bill. Nice, very nice. Know that it was refreshing to rekindle the

old days when we had our troops, ABATE Freedom Fighters, doing their work to get folks elected and to work on getting bad bills stopped and good bills passed.

Why do I continue to do this year after year? Need an answer? I still have a passion to try and make my corner of the world a little better for the motorcycle public.

But every now and then I need to clear my head out and take the proverbial journey and that journey is to go to the Northern Regional Rally, an ABATE fundraiser. This might seem extreme to some and right on to others. What a great way to visit my northern ABATE brothers and sisters than at a gathering of the ABATE Freedom Fighters. Yea baby! So I leave tomorrow to ride up to a certain point on the journey, get a motel room, and then be refreshed for the lovely weekend at Kelly's Kamp in Clear Lake. What a neat plan.

I just hope that I will be able to continue my life experiences in the motorcycle work with my ABATE brothers and sisters. Well as the motto for the Shaggers Motorcycle Club says, "Will see ya down the road."

We will return to the regular format in next month's column. Thanks. Regards, Sporty.



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MISSOURI GOVERNOR VETOES HELMET REPEAL BILL:

As most bikers across America were celebrating Independence Day weekend, riders in Missouri were reeling from their governor's veto of a bill to partially repeal the Show-Me state's 42-year old mandatory helmet law to allow freedom of choice for adult motorcyclists. Despite overwhelming approval from both the State Senate and House earlier this summer, on July 2 Gov Jay Nixon vetoed Senate Bill 202, denying riders 21 and older the right to ride without a helmet. In 30 other states, most adult motorcyclists have the right to make wearing a helmet a personal choice.

The legislation also would have prohibited insurance companies from reducing claims from injured motorcycle riders, deeming them at-fault solely on the basis that a motorcycle is a hazardous vehicle.

In 1999, Freedom of the Road Riders for Missouri (FORR-MO) and other concerned riders and groups succeeded in lobbying a helmet repeal bill through the legislature and onto the desk of then Gov Mel Carnahan, who vetoed it.

"It's a basic freedom of choice," said FORR-MO chairman Mark Chapman, "Another human being should be not be able to make a choice for someone else."

HIGH COURT TO HEAR CASE AGAINST MYRTLE BEACH:

Tom McGrath, the Virginia-based AIM Attorney (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) who is personally representing Myrtle Beach, S.C. residents William and Carol O'Day and 47 other motorcyclists who received tickets for not wearing helmets in protest of the city's new helmet law, told The Sun News that he is awaiting a decision from the state's high court involving their case.

McGrath, on behalf of the O'Days, filed the first constitutional challenge against Myrtle Beach seeking a court order to stop the

city from enforcing two of the myriad new ordinances it passed last fall to dissuade bikers from attending the spring and fall rallies held there for decades, including the mandatory helmet requirement and noise law.

But the O'Days were also among 47 others who received tickets during a Feb 28 protest ride when the new law took effect, so they are now part of the helmet lawsuits the Supreme Court has agreed to hear. McGrath said there might be little point in moving forward with the Circuit Court lawsuit now that the high court is going to issue a ruling.

The South Carolina Supreme Court became involved after attorney Thad Viers, representing his brother Bart in a helmet lawsuit, and the group Business Owners Organized to Support Tourism appealed directly to the state's highest court for a ruling.

The two cases have been combined for the sake of oral arguments before the Supreme Court, and McGrath's and Viers' helmet arguments will be heard at the same time. So far, no court date has been set, but McGrath speculated about a hearing in November.

Another case involving business owners suing the city to stop it from enforcing some rally ordinances, including the helmet law, is still pending in federal court. The lawsuit claims some of the 15 new municipal ordinances are unconstitutional because they are vague, chill freedom of speech or infringe on interstate business rights.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONSIDERS LEGALIZING POKER RUNS:

Not all of the news coming out of the Palmetto State is as controversial as Myrtle Beach's anti-biker ordinances, and recent actions by the State Senate could eventually legitimize poker runs.

The S.C. Senate Judiciary Committee approved legislation in May that would have revised the state's 207-year-old gambling laws which ban "any game with cards or dice." Although the bill died at the end of the legislative session, bikers were able to educate some legislators that banning all such games is not in the best interest of charities.

Currently, the state's centuries-old gaming laws are en-

forced at the discretion of the local law enforcement agency and typically only when someone complains. South Carolina's Lions clubs have lost roughly \$500,000 since last year when state law enforcement officers - responding to a complaint - threatened a club that was raffling off a motorcycle.

Traditional motorcycle poker runs, which have historically raised tens of thousands of dollars for local and statewide charities have been severely curtailed as a result of an Attorney General's ruling that the events were illegal under the current State statute.

A separate proposal would ask voters whether the state constitution should be changed to allow nonprofit groups to hold a



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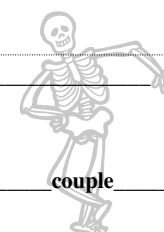
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limited number of raffles yearly. Currently, the only legal raffle is the state lottery.

GOVERNMENT MAY MAKE ANTI-LOCK BRAKES MANDATORY ON MOTORCYCLES: Citing spiraling motorcycle accident statistics, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration may require new safety features on bikes. For example, the federal agency plans to decide by next year whether or not anti-lock brakes should be mandatory equipment on motorcycles.

The government report also mentions an insurance industry study that shows that the rate of fatal crashes are 28% lower for bikes equipped with optional ABS braking systems than for those same motorcycles without them.

Though NHTSA frequently enforces the implementation of safety technology into automobiles, their involvement in motorcycling tends to focus more on helmet usage and the prevention of drunk riding.

Anti-lock brakes are now standard on some Harley-Davidsons and optional across a variety of manufacturers on everything from dual purpose bikes to scooters - and in many cases, they can be disabled if the rider chooses.

ENGINE REVVING MAY BECOME A CRIME IN ALBUQUERQUE: Revving your engine in downtown Albuquerque, New Mexico, may soon be a crime punishable by a fine of up to \$500, imprisonment and seizure of your bike or car. Mayor Martin Chavez (D) proposed adding a blip of the throttle to the city ordinance listing "nuisances" that the city uses as a justification to seize automobiles. The city council is expected to vote on the idea soon, and may expand ticketing to the entire city.

"It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in exhibition driving in the Downtown Quiet Zone by operating a vehicle in a manner that willfully creates excessive engine noise because of revving the engine to magnify the engine noise," the proposed ordinance states.

At first, Chavez will ask police set up traps to ticket motorcyclists before going after other motorists.

CALIFORNIA SMOG CHECK BILL HELD OVER: ABATE of California

would like to thank everyone who helped lobby against Senate Bill 435, which would establish biennial emissions testing for motorcycles.

According to Tim Tennimon, ABATE Executive Director, SB 435 is now a two year bill and will be held over until next session; no amendments have been submitted, so it still appears as a smog check bill. "Despite the promise by Senator Pavley to amend the bill to be more about catalytic converter inspections, rather than smog check, there have been no amendments to the bill," explains Tennimon, adding that the bill won't be eligible to be heard again until January 2010. "Stopping this bill for this legislative session is a huge victory for us and a testament to James Lombardo's (ABATE lobbyist) hard work. We really weren't sure we could stop this bill once it hit the Senate floor, but you guys did it!"

However, Tennimon cautions, there are plenty of reasons to be concerned; "The smog debate ended up being a noise debate on the Senate floor and there was much discussion about loud pipes and, not coincidentally, the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) has just released a new standard for sound tests on motorcycles which will make it easy and consistent to test bikes. In addition, the MIC has called for a focus more on noise than emissions; all of which means that we will have to look at all new legislation because it is very possible that there will be attempts at new sound standards and emission standards and they could pop up anywhere. Unfortunately, this is the message you have heard from us for over a decade, we must police ourselves, we know you love the sound, but not everyone feels the same way and as much as I hate booming cars and loud trucks, etc, we are an easy target and those behaviors are coming back to get us now."

U.S. MOTORCYCLE CRASH STUDY STALLS: EUROPEAN MAIDS 2.0 STUDY RELEASED: The bikes crashed. The data was collected. And the information from the 53 accidents investigated in the Southern California pilot phase of the U.S. motorcycle crash causation study are now sitting - waiting for an assessment of its efficacy and, more importantly, a huge infusion of cash. According to an article in the Los Angeles Times newspaper, "The long-

awaited follow-up to the 1981 Hurt Study is short at least \$2 million, and it's unclear whether that funding will come through any time soon. Or ever."

So while the first nationwide motorcycle-crash study to be conducted in the United States in almost 30 languishes in limbo due to differences in focus and funding between government entities and advocacy groups, filling the void is MAIDS 2.0; an update of the Motorcycle Accident In-Depth Study of 921 accidents investigated from 1999-2000 in five sampling areas located in France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands and Spain. Among other things, the European study found that just over 50% of the motorcycle accidents in the subject cities were caused by drivers, with 69% of those resulting from "perception failure" which can include not seeing the rider, misjudging distances and space on the road.

MAIDS 2.0 focuses on the 100 crashes out of those 921 accidents that resulted in death - 25 of which occurred on bikes under 50 cc and 75 of which happened on motorcycles 50 cc and larger.

Of the under 50 cc bikes, the rider, not another vehicle, was responsible for his or her own death in 64% of the fatal crashes; most often, the rider failed to perceive a road hazard and, as a result, failed to react to avoid that hazard. Most of the fatalities occurred in urban areas.

For motorcycles 50 cc and up, the most fatality-prone class was sport bikes. A bike's displacement and maximum velocity were not significant factors in predicting a rider's death. As with bikes under 50 cc, the rider, not another vehicle, was at fault in most crashes that ended in death. The most common rider error for motorcyclists was making the wrong decision in reaction to a road hazard; 44% of motorcyclists also lost control in their avoidance maneuver. Most of the fatalities occurred in rural areas.

"How applicable the MAIDS 2.0 data is to the American market is a subject of debate, not only because the study is dated, but also because the European market is so different," wrote Susan Carpenter in the LA Times article. "Its riders are more commuter-oriented than those in the leisure-minded U.S. and the bikes are, on average, smaller. Still, the MAIDS update points to some intriguing findings that, at the very least, could serve as cautionary advice as

the U.S. motorcycle market becomes more transportation-oriented."

Some of the more relevant takeaway messages for riders of bikes both big and small: 1) Nighttime riding can be deadly. While most accidents in the MAIDS report happened during the day, fatal accidents were significantly higher at night. 2) Major roads are hazardous. The majority of fatalities occurred on straight roadways and "major arterials." 3) Get a license. Riders who weren't properly licensed were more likely to crash. 4) Wear protective gear. The 921 accidents in the study resulted in 3,417 injuries - 31.8% of which were to the lower extremities, 24.3% to the upper extremities and 18.4% to the head.

ON THE ROAD TO ROMANCE: Motorcycling opens the road to romance, love and sex appeal. Famous faces increase their x-factor when they get onto two wheels on the big screen, and Hollywood has provided us with many cool biking images - remember Quadrophenia? The Great Escape? Easy Rider? And they've recognized that girls like to ride too, from stylish Audrey Hepburn in Roman Holiday to more recently the modern Charlie's Angels and glamorous Angelina Jolie as Lara Croft.

Plenty of celebrities like to pull on a pair of leathers and enjoy the freedom of riding on two wheels, from actors and musicians to politicians, comedians, and chefs have all joined the growing numbers of people who like to ride.

But at least in Britain, romantic bikers would rather ride with their other half than movie megastars like Kate Winslet, or Tom Cruise. In a Motorcycle Industry Association survey, when asked to name who they would most like to take a fantasy ride with, twice as many bikers nominated their partners than petite pop star Kylie, Star Wars' Ewan McGregor, or Bond's Pierce Brosnan.

So if your partner doesn't already ride, why not get them onto two wheels so you can "Get More Out of Life" together, as promoted during National Motorcycle Week in England, held July 12-18. "More freedom, more fun, more friends, more action and more opportunities."

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." Martin Luther King Jr. (1929 - 1968) civil rights leader & clergyman

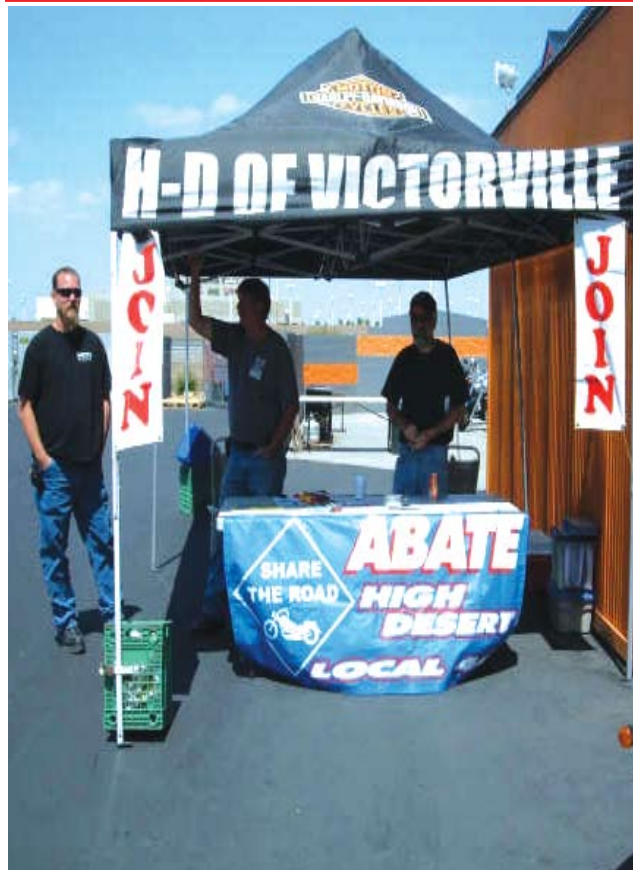
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Older and Wiser

by John Del Santo

Older but wiser, that's the norm, but there seems to be a different scenario evolving with beginner motor-cycle riders. People who have attended a Rider Safety Course are less likely to be involved in a motor vehicle fatality. In many states, riders under 21 years old must attend a beginner riding course in order to get their bike license, and the fatality rate for these riders has been dropping steadily. But in the past couple of years, the fatality rate for riders over 35 has risen almost 60 percent!

It's doubtful that older experienced riders are messing up at that much of an increasing rate. Or, possibly because there are more older, beginner riders there may be more accidents correspondingly. A lot of these riders do take the safety training course, but because it's not required, a lot of them don't. So, those statistics might show those middle-aged folks who finally get the time and money to fulfill their lifelong dream of roaring down the highway just like in that movie. Having some bucks to spend, they buy a thousand dollars worth of really neat biker clothes, and

spend a wad on the biggest, fastest bike they can find, and then they go out and drive it into a big tree.

Anything that you can do, you can do better with proper training. If you know someone who is just starting to ride, or who is thinking about it, and you like them, convince them to call the local MSF training site and take the course. It costs way less than a leather jacket and it will probably help to keep them around for a while longer.

The day is lost that you don't learn something new. We want to keep our edges sharp, so the Experienced Rider Course is designed to fine tune the riding habits of people who have been out there riding for a while. Statistics show that while the safety training courses are good for any rider, the effect of them does wear off. So it's a great idea for us to take the Experienced Rider Course every couple of years. Make it a group outing with your regular riding partners. Bring lunch and take bets!

So practice makes perfect and older and wiser is the way to go! Ride Smart, Ride Sober, and Ride Safe!!



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Thunderstorm

by John Del Santo

The forecasters are predicting thunderstorms in different parts of the state for this weekend and so there are a few things to think about while we are riding.

Lightning has a tendency to strike the tallest thing around. When we are riding down the middle of the road we are probably the tallest thing around. Your rubber tires will not insulate you and keep you from being electrocuted. If the sound of the thunder and the flash of lightning are one-second apart the lightning is about one mile away from you. This is WAY too close for you to be outside. A building is the best thing to be in. Hiding under a big tree will keep me out of the rain, but I am now standing under the tallest thing around and have become part of the perfect lightning target - KABOOM! It would seem that in the middle of a concrete highway overpass would be pretty safe from lightning; the only hazard I have heard referred to with hiding out under overpasses is the threat of cars not seeing you and running into/over you. One rider said that you would probably be more visible near the far end of the overpass where you are back-lit from the light outside.

If you wait out the storm below an overpass, DO NOT touch steel girders, move away from your bike and remain on dry surfaces if

possible. Overpasses are engineered structures, and are likely to be properly grounded. Although an overpass is likely to be higher than the surrounding landscape, if it is struck by lightning, the electrical current will likely be channeled safely into the ground.

Lightning often strikes outside of heavy hair stand on end, which means lightning is



rain and may occur as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall. You are in danger from lightning if you can hear thunder. Many strong thunderstorms produce hail. If there are no reinforced buildings in sight, take shelter in a car. Keep car windows closed and avoid about to strike, hurry to a low, open space immediately. Crouch down on the balls of your feet, place your hands on your knees and lower your head. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize contact with the ground.

Here is probably the best info I have seen concerning thunderstorms, riding, and motorcycles: DO NOT ride into a lightning storm! If you absolutely cannot get to a safe building or vehicle, here are some last resort choices. Look for a bridge, stay away from water, stay away from any metal surfaces and be alert for rapidly rising water if you are under a bridge. If high voltage electrical tension wires cross the road, you may want to see seek shelter directly underneath these wires; the lightning will seek them out instead of you. Do not get too close to the large metal towers which hold up these wires. Stay at least 50 feet away. Electric companies design these high tension wires for lightning strikes, if lightning should strike the wires or towers, the current is designed to safely go deep into the ground. If you are caught in the open and lightning is occurring within 5 miles, stop, move 50 feet away from your bike (you know, that big metal target) and try to find a ditch or low spot to sit in and wait out the storm.

These recommendations are a last resort - you are NOT safe in these places, just marginally safer than sitting on your bike in the open. And if you make it through the storm, you'll have a great story to tell!

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So with the above in mind ... it's an Even Year coming up for Electing 6 Board Members ... and Nominations are now open. Your nominee must be a current Member of ABATE of California and should be a Member for at least one year. The nominee's names and their bio's will be printed in the October Bailing Wire; the Ballot will be in the November Bailing Wire. Email your nominations and bios in a word document to: bailing.wire@abate.org by the 15th of September. Pictures are helpful too for recognition - email those in a jpg file.

2009 ABATE Events

August 23 - ABATE Local 15 - 5th Annual Motorcycle Awareness Run & Membership Party (rescheduled from May 3rd due to rain) Sign-in 9 - 11am Devil Mt H-D 2240 Loveridge Rd; Pittsburg, CA. Rider/\$20.00 Passenger/\$15.00. Run pin (first 200). Entry includes BBQ lunch/live band. Run ends at Warehouse Café - Port Costa, email abate15@yahoo.com

August 29 - ABATE Local #52 Annual Mystery Run - More info - Craig 530/263-8071 or email twogunners@gmail.com

September 18 - 20 - ABATE State Run; Frandy Campground, Kernville CA. Pre-Reg prices \$25/Single; \$35/Couple; Rv's \$10/Additional; 13-17 \$10.00; 12 & Under \$5. More Info - Tony 760/371-5136; Vendors - Sharon 760/495-2195.

October 10 - ABATE Of California - Quarterly Meetings - Presidents/PAC & Board of Director's - Northern California -

October 11 - ABATE Local 27 - Poker Run or Not- More info - Honda Ray 951/279-4370

October 17 - 18 - ABATE Local 29 - Laughlin River Trip - More Info - Marty 760/367-1694.

October 23 -25 - California Bike Week - aka - Love Ride on the 25th

October 25 - ABATE's of Orange County (8 & 20) 4th Annual Trick or Treat Run - \$15/Single; \$25/Couple. Includes run pin & poker hand. Run pins to 1st 100 participants. Prizes/games & live music. Sign-in 8 - 10 am The Starting Gate: 5052 Katella Ave; Los Alamitos, CA. 90720; End Point - Cook's Corner 19152 Santiago Canyon Rd; Trabuco Canyon, CA. 92679. More info Karyn 714/624-0746 or Tim 714/761-9502.

November 8 - ABATE Local 21 - Poker Run for Happen' Headquarters 13th Annual Toy Run. 11am Moose Lodge in Lancaster.

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November 8 - Totally Kids aka One More From the Heart Loma Linda - Honda Ray 951/279-4370

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by Raymond Fleischman, Jr

Let me start this by stating that I have been involved in Motorcycle Rights here in California since 1993. After wearing my helmet under duress for a year I felt that you are either part of the cause or part of the cure, I chose to be a part of the latter. I am by no means alone in my conviction. I was tutored and educated by many long time activists through these years. I've given many, many hours of my time to try to ensure the preservation and continuation of my chosen lifestyle and that it remains legal here in the Golden State that for the most part goes unnoticed by a majority of our riders. In these actions I've had a greater civics lesson than my 12 years of schooling could hope to provide. I am even fairly at peace with the fact that most California motorcyclists are oblivious or flat ignorant of just what our legislature is up to in regards to us, though I'm less forgiving of the motorcycle press for its ignorance and lethargy in covering our issues. So it is aggravating beyond belief when after hours and hours

of work taken from my, and others, free time to try to STOP the largest intrusion, SB 435, on motorcyclists' basic Liberties (beyond the helmet law), only to lose one hard earned Senator's vote because of an idiot, thoughtless neighbor 3 DOORS DOWN!

After gathering thousands of signatures our Lobbyist delivered them to the respective State Senators. Senator Gloria Negrete-McLeod (SD 32) had agreed to vote against this useless Motorcycle Smog Check Bill. In the first round of voting she did, but as its author, Senator Pavley, saw it going down in defeat she offered to amend it. She said she would drop the Smog Check and change it to enable law enforcement to pull you over to check if you have a Catalytic Converter or Too Loud Pipes and give you a high fine for either. Senator Negrete-McLeod thought about a "painter" who lives 3 doors down from her and leaves for work at 6 am every day on his motorcycle. Her neighbors had asked him if he would mind not rapping it as he left to which he replied at double volume the next day. Nice! I hope his friends recognize him and arrange for an appropriate "Blanket Party" to teach

da'jerk some manners.

Yes, folks, I know for a fact that loud pipes do save lives from personal experience but I also know, by the same means, that one "jerk/idiot" can screw us all. We have no way to defend ourselves against rumbling folks out of bed for a moment of decibel gratification. I spent 8 years of my life as "Crew Chief" of the "Sundancer" blown alcohol funny car, so it's not that I am offended by awesome engine noise, but some of your neighbors are and some

of them might be the surgeon who will operate on you or a loved one today, or the Judge who will determine just how much you will inherit from that relative's estate. There are a number of people that you would like to get a good nights rest and not be awakened by obtrusive excessive exhaust noise, much less filled with a great resolve against all riders. Especially a politician about to vote on pertinent legislation!

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Tech Tips

by Craig Griswold

EFI (Electronic Fuel Injection) Performance (Part II)

In our last column, we discussed EFI performance in terms of upgrades. Specifically, we identified the two basic types of performance modules. One type allows tuning of the fuel and ignition curves, while the other fuel only. In either application, both have evolved

along with the changing fuel injection systems. In 1995, The Motor Company offered Electronic Fuel Injection (EFI) as an option on selected touring models. This system was manufactured by Magnetti-Marelli and was in use until 2002, when it was replaced with the less problematic Delphi system. Both of these were open-loop systems, which operate on a fixed (pre-programmed) map. Sensor inputs dictate where fuel delivery will operate within the map. In 2007, Harley began using closed loop systems. In addition to the same sensors the earlier systems used, oxygen sensors were added. Oxygen (O2) sensors provide feedback from the exhaust system to the computer. The level of oxygen in the exhaust provides a basis for "self tuning" as the computer will make fuel delivery adjustments. With no pretense of objectivity whatsoever, I'm a huge fan of EFI. Old carbs on the antiques are a blast to monkey with, but you just can't beat fuel injection on

modern cruisers and hot rods. Death Valley to Tahoe, makes no difference. They run smooth in just about any environment, and they're efficient!

Many folks will ask if the system is self tuning, is there any reason to bother with an adjustable module when modifications are made to the bike such as pipes, air filtration, cams, etc? The best answer is...maybe. Closed loop operation is only active during warm idle and cruise conditions. In all other areas of the power band, the computer is using the fuel map exclusively. In some cases, the bike will run fine, albeit on the lean side, with the stock map. This is the exception though. Most bikes will need a richer map via a download or performance module. Always keep in


mind an overly lean condition can produce devastating results from increased combustion temps and detonation.

In conclusion, the array of options can be mind boggling. Every year the EPA mandates leaner air/fuel mixtures and engines are running hotter. Before dropping big bucks on mods for your bike, talk to a few different reputable shops and do some research.

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I'm Just the View from the Other Side

by Galilio

As has been my practice for the last couple of months, before I get started I have to give a "Thank You." This one goes to Tim Tenenimon for correcting me, via email, on the motorcycle smog bill. It is not dead; rather it has stalled and is now held over till next year. From a story I recently read it seems we should still be concerned about this bill. So, work for ABATE of CA on this bill is not over yet.

This is not my only "Thank You" to Tim. I also really want to thank him for getting me to think about what I am doing here with ABATE.

The most important part of Tim's email to me was to take exception with my last piece, "A One Trick Pony." Tim pointed out to me all of the things that ABATE does, some of these things I was aware of, and some of them I wasn't. The bottom line is, ABATE of California is involved in so many things. But, how many people or even better yet, average riders out there really know how much ABATE does? In my email back to Tim I pointed out that I am writing as "The View from The Other Side" and this is the way I see things. In my last piece I was trying to point out that the only thing the average rider sees, or knows about regarding ABATE, is its position on the helmet law. Yes, some information about the other things ABATE of California is involved in does get out. But from my position, the amount of this kind of "other, side" information pales in comparison to how much information gets out about the fight against the mandatory CA helmet law.

As I was thinking about where I'm at with ABATE of CA the news was on in the background. It was talking about how screwed up the budget in this state is, and how there is partisan bickering going on between the Democrats and the Republicans. I am listening to all of this budget stuff I am thinking that the only people getting screwed over in all of this crap are the hard working citizens of this state who are both Democrats and Republicans. I think it is safe to say that most of the people of this state are not far right, or far left, rather more toward the center of each political party. As I am listening to this budget crap it hit me, what is going on in the ABATE motorcycle world is kind of like what is going on with the CA budget, partisan

bickering. Rather than left or right, Democrat or Republican, you have anti-helmet/government involvement against mandatory helmet/government involvement. And, just like in the political arena I think that most of the people in the motorcycle world are somewhere in the middle of this spat. At least that is what I have heard and have mentioned before.



I know that I am. That is, the helmet issue is important, but it is not any more important than the hundreds of other issues that ABATE works on, on the behalf of riders. But when it comes to reporting out, it sure seems like the helmet gets all of the attention and publicity.

The difference between me and the average, middle of the road rider is that I have taken the time to realize just how important ABATE is for me and other riders on all of these other issues. I would bet that the rest of the average riders out there would also like to know about all of the things that ABATE does for the motorcycle riding community. But, how are they suppose to find out about all of the things that ABATE does?

I also think that we have to consider history here; specifically, the history of ABATE, which was anti-helmet/government involvement. Considering that the majority of information going out now from ABATE only supports this history, the average rider is only getting his current uninformed perspective strengthened.

So, here are some questions to consider: Given the current state of things (from my view) is the average rider going to come to ABATE, or is ABATE going to have to go to him? If ABATE is

going to reach this average rider is it going to be from a position on the far side of any issue, or from a position closer to the middle? How is the average rider going to find out, or hear about all of the things that ABATE really does for all riders?

These are the questions you all have to answer. And, from my view on the other side, I believe that the future of ABATE of California depends on how these questions, and some others like them are going to be answered. I say you all have to answer them, because I am not too sure that I am in a position to really help.

ABATE of California is an MRO, no doubt about it, and to that position the organization has to be true. Right now, I am not a good MRO person. I think I can be in the future, but how far in the future I just don't know. I simply do not have the time to dedicate to the good fight that ABATE, as an MRO, needs to have from its members.

Don't misunderstand what I am saying here. I am very deeply involved, professionally and personally, in the motorcycle community, just in a very different way. While you all are out attending rallies at the capital, I am flying to the east coast to do marathon data crunching from some rider research I did with a couple of other people. You all have lists of politicians to contact; I have lists of research papers to read. You all write to these politicians, I am writing research papers and some other things. You all are thinking of ways to get bills started or stopped, I am trying to understand why riders are not braking their motorcycle anywhere near the potential mechanical ability of the bike. (Read Motorcycle Consumer News and you will see that most motorcycles have the ability to generate about 0.9 - 1g's of stopping force. The studies and information out there says that riders are pulling just under 0.5g's, why?)

I guess I am trying to say a few things

here; I need ABATE to follow through on the MRO stuff because I am not in a position to do it. Being involved in the motorcycle community as I am, I understand just how important it is to have ABATE, and all of its hard working members there for me. I am so thankful for all of the ABATE members that put forth the effort to protect our riding rides. Because I really do understand the situation, I also understand how important it is for ABATE to be strong. I believe that strength comes in numbers and diversity.

However, I don't think that the average rider out there really understands what is really going on with ABATE or just how important the MROs are. More importantly, I don't think the average rider understands how much they need the MROs; or more precisely, a full service MRO. I think the average rider doesn't understand any of this because they view the MROs, particularly ABATE of CA, as a "One Trick Pony," - it is only about helmets. To get this average rider to be a member or supporter of ABATE of CA, they have to see that there is a lot more to ABATE than just helmets.

Maybe this is a fair view, maybe it is not. But this is the historic view, and to be quite honest, I don't see a whole lot of information going out from ABATE that can be used to change this view of the average rider.

I am just expressing what I see as the "View from the Other Side." Galileo-G@sbcglobal.net



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4242 E. Los Angeles Ave. Simi Valley

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Chuck Pedersen
842 E Avenida De Las Flores
Thousand Oaks 91360
805/496-0323
3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
Elks Lodge
158 N. Conejo School Rd.
Thousand Oaks

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Tom Lubbers
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San Diego CA 92177
619/223-0421
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2nd Mon. 7:30PM
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8071 Whitaker
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1st Tues. 7:00 PM
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27142 Ortega Hwy.
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San Diego County (North) - Local #11-Reg#12
Tim Clark
13641 Silver Lake Dr.
Poway 92064
858/748-0524
2nd Sun - 11 AM
Oakvale Bar & Grill
14900 Oakvale
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Sonoma County- Local #12-Reg#1
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Ventura County - Local #13-Reg#7
Dave Walsh
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Oxnard 805/486-1093
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Last Thurs. - 7:30 PM
American Legion Post 741
7 Veterans Way
Camarillo

Alameda County Local#14-Reg#3
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1st Wed 7:30 PM
The Florence
37349 Niles Blvd., Fremont

Contra Costa County - Local #15-Reg#3
Bob Blatz
P.O. Box 269
Concord CA 94522
925/427-5135
3rd Tues - 7:00 PM
Fuddruckers
1975 Diamond Bl. #E260
Concord

Santa Barbara County - Local #16-Reg#7
Meet with Local#13

Solano & Napa Counties - Local #17-Reg#3
Smitty Smith
P O Box 148
Vacaville 95696
707/448-6614
3 rd Sun. - 10:00 AM
Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon
4826 Midway Rd.
Vacaville CA

San Francisco - Local #18-Reg#3
Meet with L#14 or 15

Pomona Valley - Local #19-Reg#9
Steve Kaweck
P O Box 4664
San Dimas 91773
909/910-1369
4th Wed - 7:00 PM
B's Sports Bar & Grill
1452 W. Holt Blvd.
Ontario, CA 91762

Orange County - Local #20-Reg#11
Gill Mellen
2052 Newport Blvd #6
Costa Mesa, CA 92627-7140
949/632-9787
2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
Starting Gate
5052 Katella Ave.
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Antelope Valley - Local #21-Reg#13
Ron Sundquist
37230 52nd St. East
Palmdale 93552
661/586-5555
ron.sundquist@sbcglobal.net
1st Thurs - 7:00 PM
Primos
Valley Central near Walmart
Lancaster



ABATE MEETINGS

South Bay - Local #22-Reg#11
Suzanne Palmiere
310/326-3667
suzpalmiere@aol.com
1st Tues - 7:30 PM
Walker's Cafe
700 W. Paseo Del Mar
San Pedro

San Bernardino - Local#23-Reg#9
Kevin Sorrell
909/793-1112
1st Sun 9:00 AM
Jenny's Family Restaurant
7750 Palm Ave, Highland

Fresno - Local#24-Reg#6
Ed Rogers
559/264-2891
1st Wed. 7:00 PM
Cedar Lanes
3131 N. Cedar, Fresno

Sacramento - Local#25-Reg#2
Diane Wheeler
916/351-5623
3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
Mountain Mike's Pizza
8112 Madison Ave. Fair Oaks

Riverside - Local#27-Reg#9
Honda Ray
P.O. Box 7070
Riverside CA 92313
951/279-4370
1st Tues - 7:30 PM
Hot Rod Pizza
4750 La Sierra Ave.
Riverside

Lake County - Local#28-Reg#1
Melissa Fulton
707/263-1845
1st Thurs - 7:00 PM
Molly Brennan's Irish Pub
175 N. Main St. Lakeport

Morongo Basin - Local#29-Reg#10
Marty Rapp
P.O. Box 2334
29 Palms CA 92277
760/367-1694
2nd - Thurs - 7:00 PM
VFW
6402 Veterans Way
Joshua Tree

North Valley - Local #31-Reg#2
Larry James
530/893-4827
2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
Last Call Lounge
876 East Ave. Chico

Santa Clara Valley - Local #32-Reg#4
Dan Scott
950 Meridan Ave#19
San Jose 95126
408/603-8968
Last Sun. 9:30 AM
Sherwood Inn
2988 Almaden Expy
San Jose

Yuba City - Local #33-Reg#2
1st Tues - 7:30 PM
American Legion
5477 Feather River Blvd. Marysville

Hanford - Local #34-Reg#6
Meets with Local#24
1st Wed - 7:00 PM
Cedar Lanes
3131 N. Cedar, Fresno

Monterey Bay - Local #35-Reg#4
Jackie Favalora
831/659-9313
1st Wed - 7:00 PM
Caruso's Corner
2101 N. Fremont St. Monterey

Palm Springs - Local #36-Reg#10
Ray Lopez
P.O. Box 460
Rancho Mirage 92270
760/206-9696
rlascape@aol.com
2nd Thurs - 6:30 PM
The Fireside Lounge
696 Oleander Rd.
Palm Springs
760/327-1700

Imperial Valley - Local#38-Reg#12
Ed Aranda
P.O.Box 2362
El Centro CA 92244
760/337-8372
edward_al2@yahoo.com
Last Thurs - 7:00 PM
La Fonda Restaurant
548 Broadway
El Centro

Bakersfield - Local#40-Reg#6
Omar Macias
661/832-5240
661/900-8690
2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
Rusty's Pizza 1751 White Lane
Bakersfield

High Desert - Local#44-Reg#13
Gary Witthans
P.O. Box 3094
Victorville CA 92392
760/946-0366
2nd Sat - 9:00 AM
Eagles Fraternal Order
16195 Main St.
Hesperia

Banning - Local #45-Reg#10
Trine Howell
760/323-9860
Call for Meeting Info
67387 Mission Dr.
Cathedral City 92234

Modesto - Local #46-Reg#5
2nd Fri - 7:30PM
Call for Meeting Info
209/571-3137

Barstow - Local #47-Reg#13
Yermo Eddy
PO Box 521
Yermo CA 92398
760/254-3833 or 760/953-7353
1st Thurs - 7:00PM
V.F.W. #2143
25190 Main St.
Barstow/Lenwood

Hemet - Local #48-Reg#9
Meet with Local#27

Humboldt County - Local #50-Reg#1
Barbara Kennedy
707/946-2248
4th Wed
Call for meeting place & time

Calaveras County - Local #51-Reg#5
Jerry Yates
Box 549
Mountain Ranch, 209/754-5778
2nd Wed 6:30 PM
Call for meeting place

Grass Valley - Local#52-Reg#2
Don Dickerman
P.O. Box 472
Grass Valley 95945
530/273-2086
3rd Wed - 6:30 PM
Larry & Lena's Pizza & Grill
15690 Johnson Place
Hwy#49 Grass Valley

Owens Valley - Local#53-Reg#13
Meet with Local#58

West San Fernando - Local#54-Reg#8
Meet with Local #1

Visalia - Local #57 - Reg#6
Dave Olsen
559/936-5909
1st Wed 7:00PM
Meet with L#24

Ridgecrest - Local #58-Reg#13
Darryl McGee
P.O. Box 539
Ridgecrest 93556
760-793-0302
3rd Sat 10:00 AM
Mickey's Pub
1661 W. Triangle Dr.
Ridgecrest

Kern River Valley Lake (KRV Lake) Local#59-Reg#13
No information at this time

Colfax - Local #60-Reg#2
Dee Dee Krake
530/263-5522
2nd Thurs 7:00 PM
Grand Father Station
247 Railroad St
Colfax

Local #61 Shasta County-Redding
2nd Tues 6:30 PM
The Palo Cedro Inn
9191 Deschutes Rd, Palo Cedro

Local #62 - Reg#3 Livermore Valley
Joe "Bear" Dwonch
510/384-5412
local62events@yahoo.com
3rd Tues - 7:00 PM
Hooters
7944 Dublin Rd., Dublin