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A Union of Motorcyclists Dedicated to Freedom of the Road Lobbyist's Legislative Report



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<u>SCR-52 Jones (R – San Diego) Motorcycle</u> <u>Awareness Month</u> this Resolution designates the month of May 2019 as Motorcycle Awareness Month. Senator Brian Jones wanted to carry this on behalf of Motorcyclists as he is a Rider himself. **Passed the Senate 37 Ayes** – **0 Noes and the Assembly 77 Ayes** – **0 Noes.**

<u>AB-47 Daly (D – Anaheim) Driver records:</u> <u>points: distracted driving</u> would make the ticket for holding your phone while driving a moving violation and a point on your Driving Record. Jim Lombardo Sr. testified in Committee on behalf of ABATE as we helped secure the 13-0 Vote, it now heads to Appropriations Committee. This Bill was amended to not take effect until January 1st, 2021. Passed Senate Appropriation on July 7th, currently on 3rd Reading and will be brought to a Senate Floor vote early in August.

<u>AB 390 Frazier (D - Vacaville)/Grayson</u> (<u>D - Concord) Notice to correct violations:</u> <u>motorcycle exceptions.</u> Per new Rule approved this year the Chair of Appropriations decided not to hear this bill, making it into a Two Year Bill. We are working with the author's office and cosponsors, SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Associations) and Western Center on Law & Poverty toward a solution hopefully this year.

ABATE Opposing

<u>SB 767 Glazer (D – East Bay). Off-highway</u> <u>vehicular recreation: Carnegie State</u> <u>Vehicular Recreation Area: Alameda-Tesla</u> <u>Expansion Area.</u> This bill would authorize the department to dispose of the portion of the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area known as the "Alameda-Tesla Expansion Paraphrasing Mark Twain, "Our Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness is Safe until the Legislature Returns". The State Legislature will reconvene on August 12th from summer July recess.

This final month of the Legislative Calendar will be packed with laws and amendments for us to track - while continuing to work on inserting language retroactive to prior years' law on exhaust noise violations and working alongside Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMS) and Western Law and Poverty.

The final recess deadline is on August 31st, after that bills not passed can be brought back next year as this is the first year of the two year session.

Bills at a Glance

Area" to permanently preserve that land for conservation purposes. Sent to Assembly Appropriations, where last year the **Coalition of Off-Roaders including ABATE's** Lobbyist defeated measure. Check back for updates on Social Media, Flash Alerts and Newsletter as this moves along in August. This bill would authorize, but technically does not require, State Parks to dispose of the 3,100-acre Expansion Area in the Carnegie SVRA and to permanently preserve the land for conservation purposes. The Carnegie SVRA is located in both San Joaquin and Alameda counties. ABATE is in Opposition along with the Coalition of Off-Road Groups that made permeant these parks and argue that this area of the state is long overdue for increased motorized recreation opportunities (Only 9 SVRAs out of 280 State Parks). The purchase of this land in the 1990s using OHV User funds (\$9 Million) necessitates its use as a motorized park. We argue that this property should be managed at the state level regardless of local considerations, and with an estimated low current market value of \$27 Million should not be disposed or sold.

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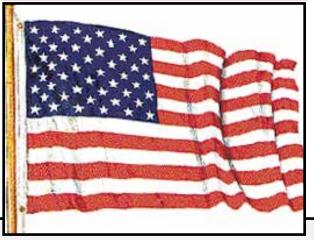


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What is ABATE?

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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Executive Director Report

by Mark Loudermilk, Executive Director

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Hi ABATE members and motorcyclists throughout the state. We are fresh off our third State Board of Directors meeting of the year. This time we went to Thousand Oaks. Thanks to Keith and Sharon Johnston for making the arrangements and Local 3/13 for hosting the event. The meeting was held at the local Elks Lodge. Thank you Elks, who also had their weekly BBQ that day. Great food was had.

Our next Board of Directors meeting on October 19th will be an online meeting. No excuse for members to not attend and participate in the operation and direction of our great organization. Please try to join in either online or on your phone.

We had active participation with lots of good ideas from all in attendance. Thanks to everyone who responded to the "beg letter". Thanks to Janet for handling all the logistics of making that happen.

The Legislature is on break now which gives you a chance to stop in the local district office and introduce yourself. Let them know you are a member of ABATE and tell them exactly what we do. Offer to help any way you can. Develop a relationship with them.

There are several bills in the state government we are keeping an eye on. See our lobbyist Jim Lombardo's article for more info on them. Also, there is a Resolution in the U.S. House of Representatives, HR 255, promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling. Go to this web page, <u>https://www.house.gov/representatives/</u> <u>find-your-representative</u> and enter your zip code to find your representative. Send them an email asking them to support and/or sponsor this Reso-

California Gov. Newsom signs law to change legal definition of beer ABC/Channel 7

Thursday, July 11, 2019 5:49PM California is updating its legal definition of beer.

A new bill signed this week by Gov. Gavin Newsom changes the current legal definition to include varieties of beer fermented with fruit, spices or other foods.

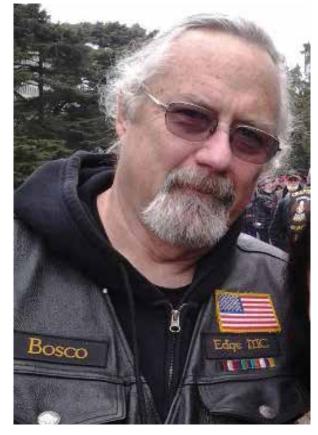
Under previous state law, using fruit in the fermentation process required a wine license.

Officials with the California Craft Brewers Association say the new law will not change what the average consumer considers beer.

That law will take effect next year.

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.



lution. We have 55 representatives in California and currently only four have come on board. Send the email or call their office. That is how we influence our legislator.

We are working with other organizations and individuals on a state Anti-Profiling Resolution that we hope to present this fall. At that time keep your eyes open for calls to action to contact your state representative to support this Resolution.

Lastly, summer heat has finally arrived in California. This isn't our first summer, but still a reminder to stay hydrated and protect yourself from the sun. With our low humidity, riding down the road in the heat will drain the moisture out of you. And while you are having that refreshing beverage tell your fellow riders about ABATE and what we do. Encourage them to come to a meeting or event, join ABATE and help us with our efforts in protecting the rider's rights and promoting safety.

Until then ride safe and often.

CA State Assembly passes Crown Act, bill that protects against hair discrimination

ABC/Channel 7 Thursday, June 27, 2019

The California State Assembly unanimously passed a bill that protects against discrimination of employees and students based on their hairstyles.

The Crown Act outlaws policies that target primarily African Americans.

"For years there have been too many cases of black employees and applicants denied employment or promotion and even terminated because of the way they choose to wear their hair," said Assembly Member Sydney Kamlager-Dove.

The Crown Act has already passed the State Senate.

Earlier this year, New York City banned policies that penalize black people based on their natural hair and hairstyles.

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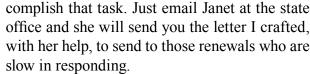
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Membership Report



My suggestion for your Local's meeting is to make the topics stay on topic. This will make the Local meetings more informative and to the point. Leaders, try to stay positive. Informative meetings will make members want to come back to your meetings.

At ABATE's Board of Directors meeting in Thousand Oaks I gave my membership report. I thanked all the members who sold special membership raffle funding tickets. Extra special mention goes to Glen Phillips of ABATE Local 17 for selling a grand total of 850 tickets! ABATE thanks you so much Glen.

The winner of the \$250.00 drawing was Dman who is on this year's Board of Directors and belongs to ABATE Local 8. Congratulations D-man! He donated a portion of his winnings to the lobbyist's fund. Thank you!

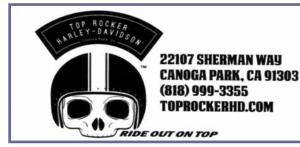
Also of note is that we have once again sold enough tickets to fund the membership drive completely. So again thank you to all who sold tickets and to those that bought tickets.

We are at the half way point in the drive so let's keep looking for new members. So once again, do your best to sign-up new members and keep those renewals.

Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

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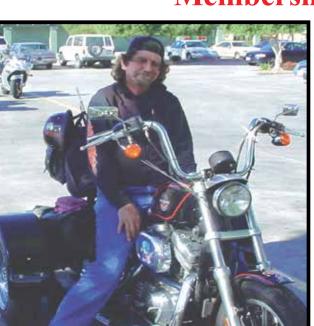
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by Sporty Milligan,

Membership Chairman

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Off-roaders face ban at Oceano Dunes: 'This is like the Wild West. Anything goes' LA Times

By <u>TONY BARBOZA</u>STAFF WRITER JULY 9, 2019

Reporting from Oceano, Calif. ----

For generations, off-road vehicle riders have flocked to this windy stretch of the Central Coast to camp on the shore, build bonfires in the sand, and gun their engines in the only state park in California that allows motor vehicles on the beach and dunes.

And for nearly as long, the surfside playground of Oceano Dunes has generated anger among residents and conservationists, who complain that off-roaders have crushed endangered species beneath their wheels, disrupted sensitive habitat and sent clouds of unhealthy dust billowing into their neighborhoods.

Now, the staff of California's powerful Coastal Commission is saying enough is enough.

On Thursday, the commission will consider a staff recommendation to begin phasing out off-highway vehicle use at one of the state's busiest parks — a proposal that is reigniting long-running debate over beach access, and whose interests deserve protection.

On one side of the battle is the Dunes Alliance, a coalition of community groups and environmentalists who welcome the move as long overdue. They say the crush of RVs, quads, side-by-sides, dirt bikes and dune buggies has harmed the coastal ecosystem and saddled nearby towns with noise, danger and pollution.

"This is like the Wild West. Anything goes. And it's vehicles first," said Cynthia Replogle, president of the Oceano Beach Community Assn. and a resident of the small gateway community next to the park. "We're basically the doormat of the dunes — we get all the negative impacts."

On the other side of the debate are the Friends of Oceano Dunes, off-road enthusiasts and campers who have spent years fighting efforts to restrict their use of the state vehicular recreation area, only to see more land fenced off to protect endangered birds and air quality. They have accused coastal regulators and detractors of elitism and overreach.

"It has been a nonstop battle, a whittling away," said Danny Hensley, an Oceano native with the Jerk Pirates Offroad Group — a volunteer organization that collects trash along the beach and helps riders who get stuck in the sand. "Now they think they can shut our park down."

Off-road enthusiasts have flooded state officials with phone calls and letters and circulated <u>a petition</u> to protect vehicle access to the dunes. They are urging the state parks department, whose off-highway division has long advocated for them, to stand up to the Coastal Commission.

The Oceano Dunes are just a few miles south of Pismo Beach, off Highway 1, and draw visitors from across the state. For \$10 a night, visitors can camp at one of 1,000 dispersed sites and ride all kinds of vehicles along the "Sand Highway" and the dunes it traverses.

The park draws roughly 2 million visitors a year, and for busy weekends and holidays, reservations can fill up six months in advance.

In a <u>staff report issued last month</u>, regulators wrote that the environmental impacts of all that activity "warrant elimination" of off-highway vehicle use and a transition to "other less intensive forms of public access and recreation."

Dan Carl, director of the Coastal Commission's Central Coast District, says off-road vehicles have been motoring through the dunes under a temporary permit issued in 1982, despite the fact that allowing such activity in environmentally sensitive habitat violates the 1976 Coastal Act.

Carl pointed to several vehicle-related problems that have grown in intensity in recent years, including public health effects from the dust, the killing of endangered birds "and then that age-old question of how is this even allowed in environmentally sensitive habitat under the law?"

To access riding areas, vehicles must cross Arroyo Grande Creek, a perennial stream that empties into the ocean and supports tidewater goby and steelhead trout, fish that are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act.

The park also cordons off some 300 acres for much of the year to protect endangered snowy plovers and California least terns during breeding season. The birds, however, keep getting killed outside those areas. Last year, 15 plovers were found dead, eight of them "crushed next to tire tracks," according to the Coastal Commission's staff report.

"We've tried every trick in the book. But even with our best efforts, it has happened," said Ronnie Glick, a senior environmental scientist for the state parks department, who argues that off-roading can effectively be balanced with habitat conservation. "You have intense recreation and intense conservation. And you have them side-by-side."

Coastal Commission staff wants state parks to impose a list of near-term restrictions it says are necessary to protect the environment and the public. Among them, reduce the number of vehicles allowed in the park, prohibit them from crossing Arroyo Grande Creek when it's flowing, and make permanent the seasonal area fenced off to protect endangered species.

In addition to effects on wildlife, Coastal Commission staff has highlighted riding areas' disproportionate impacts on neighboring towns.

"These adjacent communities, particularly less affluent communities of color, are forced to bear the problems and degradation associated with that use," staff wrote. "Unlike the more affluent, adjacent beach communities, such as Avila Beach and Pismo Beach, the residents of Oceano have no non-motorized beach access options fronting their community, and the downwind, inland residents residing under the dust plume receive no benefit."

Oceano is an unincorporated community of about 7,800 that is 50% Latino, with about 1 in 5 residents below the federal poverty line.

"In my lifespan it's changed drastically, and our dunes can't take that amount of people and destruction," said Allene Villa, a lifelong Oceano resident who supports ending off-highway vehicle use at the park. "Look at other beach communities in California — they're thriving. But ours isn't doing too well. It's only doing well for the off-roaders."

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Off-roading proponents say the park draws so many visitors that it lifts up the local economy — citing <u>a parks-commissioned study</u> that opponents criticize as inflated. They insist the off-road riders are the ones being discriminated against.

"The Coastal Commission is supposed to protect public access, but they are not considering OHV culture as a type of access they should protect," said Lyndi Love-Haning, part of an off-roading family that moved to the area four years ago to be closer to the dunes. "Under the guise of protecting low-income folks, they could shut down a whole community."

"There's this vision that we have no respect for the earth," she said. "But it's not this angry mob of folks that want to be lawless. The majority of us are just friends and families that want to follow the rules, hang out and make memories."

Regardless of what the Coastal Commission decides, pollution concerns are already requiring more riding areas be fenced off.

Air quality in the nearby Nipomo Mesa routinely exceeds state health standards for particulate matter when the wind blows across the dunes. Residents have long complained of a fine, talcum-like dust.

Under an order of abatement signed with air quality officials last year, state park operators agreed to reduce dust emissions from the dunes by 50%. That will require closing off more riding areas to make room for native dune vegetation, wind fences and straw bales — dust control measures that could finally improve air quality in neighboring communities.

"We understand that they deserve to be able to recreate, but we deserve to breathe clean air," said Paul Stolpman, a retiree who has been fighting for action to curb the pollution since moving into the Trilogy at Monarch Dunes development downwind from the park over a decade ago.

There are also public safety concerns.

Fatal accidents involving off-highway vehicles at the park are not uncommon, with <u>four so far this year</u>. A shooting at a campsite in May <u>wounded</u> <u>five people</u>.

Some riders say that fencing off areas of the park have made it more crowded, and therefore more dangerous. State parks officials, however, insist they have things under control.

The off-highway-vehicle community that frequents the park has an undeserved reputation "as being rednecks and wild and relentless, without regard for anything else," said Kevin Pearce, the park's chief ranger. "But you spend a little time here and you learn it's not crazy, it's just different."

The Coastal Commission has raised the possibility of a compromise, writing in a report that street-legal vehicles could be allowed to continue on a portion of the beach "to provide a unique, lower-cost, overnight coastal camping opportunity."

Common ground may be hard to find. In past public meetings, attendees have divided themselves into visible camps, with off-road opponents donning green shirts and supporters wearing blue ones.

Replogle said it was clear to her that off-roaders were "not willing to give up an inch" of riding area.

And in a <u>Facebook video last month</u>, Friends of Oceano Dunes President Jim Suty of San Jose cautioned his members that any compromise that closed more area to vehicles would still amount to a loss.

"It's time for us to roll up our sleeves and fight," he said. "It's death by a thousand fence posts. And we're going to lose the park over time unless something drastically changes."

Caltrans is paying for top official's San Diego-to-Sacramento flights, and her apartment

BY WES VENTEICHER

Sacramento Bee JUNE 24, 2019 12:00 AM, UPDATED JUNE 24, 2019 10:44 AM

Caltrans has been paying for its director to commute to Sacramento from her home in San Diego since she was appointed early last year, according to travel records.

The state has been reimbursing Director Laurie Berman, who announced she is stepping down this month, for regular flights between the cities and paying most of her rent at a Sacramento duplex, according to travel expense claims and reimbursements The Sacramento Bee obtained under the Public Records Act.

The records show a year's worth of back-and-forth flights and her rent cost the state about \$21,000. She spent thousands more on rental cars, Lyft rides and meals related to the travel. Although allowed under the law, spending taxpayer money on long commutes and mid-week housing for managers is an unusual accommodation, especially for a high-ranking official who needs to be in Sacramento to interact with lawmakers, contractors, the governor's office and fellow top-level managers who live there.

ABATE OF CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER

LOCAL REPORTS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! We had the ABATE Board of Directors meeting on July 13th. At Local 1's meeting on July 21st I will have lots to talk about. First off the PAC report and our bills will be discussed - where they stand. Plus I will give information regarding what's going on with the anti-profiling bill.

There will be a brief discussion on the up-coming Sweaty Buns run presented by ABATE Local 2 on July 28th. Also I will suggest that you try to attend the Shaggers' mountain camp-out in Tehachapi, if not for the full weekend at least for the Saturday day pass for \$20. VP Jim Nickla will give his prospective on the bills and runs.

As usual, the members in attendance will have an opportunity to express their opinions on the issues we discussed. We will draw a winning ticket for the raffle for the general fund. Attending members will be thanked for coming to the meeting.

Finally, for those who want it, we will enjoy a good breakfast prepared by the nice folks at the Elks Lodge.

Sporty, President ABATE Local 1

Local #02 Simi Valley

The bite of summer is finally upon us, at least



here at ABATE Local 2! It's at least in the mid-80s for us whiners!

That distinct smell of BBQ had even me eating with my brethren and sharing our monthly adventures or miss adventures. The strength of our time is enjoying other people's daily life stories, and that's what comradery is all about, YEAH!

Thanks to our volunteer cooks, Steve and Jim - great job! We still have the best \$5 meal deal in town. We serve BBQ cheese burgers, fat footlongs and all the trimmings you could want or need, plus we have the VFW's bar and the beautiful covered patio to dine in. We start serving at 6:45 until 7:20, then our meeting starts promptly at 7:30 and lasts just pass the hour mark. If inclined to do so, the bar is still open for drinks.

We meet at VFW POST 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Avenue on the second Tuesday of the month. We also have our officer's meeting on the first Tuesday of the month - check with secretary Jane for the location.

VP Scott started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pres Jim officially opened the

meeting talking about our Sweaty Buns run, which looks really good so far. Special guest Sporty talked about the ABATE Board of Directors meeting being held in Thousand Oaks.

PR Norm talked about the tire pressure test he did and how your tire looks the same with 10 psi as it does with 35 psi. He also talked about reading the Bailing Wire and giving thanks to Russ Brown for providing our monthly hard copies.

Secretary Jane read the minutes, our treasurer, Betty, gave us that report, and Frank, our membership officer, gave us his report. Pigface talked about our monthly ride and rides from last month.

There was a lot more to this meeting than what is written here. We had extended discussions about everything we talked about, like one of our own who has been dealing with health issues of late. We sometimes get carried away then VP Scott shows us his knife collection and we all shut up real fast!

Local 2 is very thankful for the VFW for allowing us to use their facilities once a month. We are especially grateful during the summer months, because they have air conditioning!

Ride because it's what you do! PTL norm e.

Local #03/13 Thousand Oaks/Ventura County



Mark your calendars for some great events coming up! Our annual Trivia run, Sunday, October 13th, will be a blast, as always. And our famous Fillmore Western Railway Zombie Shoot-Out on the following Saturday, October 19th, is always a big hit with members and family, as well. Join us for these fun events! Watch for flyers in upcoming issues of this Bailing Wire.

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 second Sunday (all year, weather permitting). We always welcome new members!

We've been enjoying good riding weather and good times with our ABATE family! Planning continues for the year's activities, with more great rides and runs, as well as sustaining our important mission of working on legislation; including an anti-profiling resolution to be presented to the 2019 state legislative calendar, further protecting our motorcycle riding rights.

Our Local 3/13 continues to grow and evolve. We've been riding with and making new friends in other clubs and groups, spreading the word that ABATE's legislative activities help all riders. The comradery and the interest in our mis-

sion is contagious! It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups and organizations!

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.

Our president, and ABATE's California state Legislative Director, Chuck "Chief" Pedersen, continues to network with various other riding groups, building alliances to assemble a formidable voice in Sacramento. Issues we are currently working on include the "anti-profiling" bill. We are a group that is making things happen being instrumental in getting a lane splitting bill passed last year, and now working on the anti-profiling bill this year! Join us to be an effective voice in matters of motorcycling rights!

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 and organizations!

Ride free! Kathlean "Mamabear", Scribe & PR, ABATE Local 3/13

Local #08 Orange County



We at Local 8 are excited and getting geared up for the Long Beach Motorcycle Swap Meet on July 28th. We asked all our members to plan on joining us to get our word out to other riders. All proceeds are donated back to ABATE for the continued support of those that work so hard to make our voice heard.

We discussed upcoming ABATE events and our attendance on these fun gatherings. Harley night at Costa Mesa Speedway has always been a great motorcycle event and well attended by ABATE members. Mark your calendar for August 17th and meet up with other ABATE members.

At the close of the meeting our Local opportunity drawing was won by Linda Kelly who donated it back to the Local. Way to go Linda! It pays to attend our meetings.

Remember look twice to save your life. ABATE Local 8's Hawget

Local #20 Orange County



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We had 16 members and 3 guests for the July meeting. Spike brought us up to speed on the Mongols case. Gill will be sending out the profiling survey again (MPP.com). Please send it to family and friends. Doreen told us about her upcoming events and she needs donations for the upcoming garage sale for AVAG.

Raffle winners: \$25 Target gift card/Pauly, \$25 LAHD gift card/Shem, Camera/Neill and the Russ Brown charger/Gregg. Phyllis Parker lost out on the \$64. There will be a \$67.00 roll over to next meeting for the raffle prize 50/50.

Non Politically Correct Gill

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello from Hell (El) Centro! Triple digit temperatures for the remainder of the summer!

I want to welcome our newest ABATE Local 38 member, Suzy Herrera. She signed up at our last meeting.

Wow, we had 16 bikes show up for our annual no-host breakfast ride to Alpine. A lot of new faces as well as some familiar ones. I handed out ABATE business cards to non-ABATE members. We left at 7:10 after the ride briefing and invocation. I lead the group with Fred bringing up the rear.

It was cold and windy going through the mountains. After passing Jacumba, Steve pulled alongside and told me that my tour-pak opened up and that he thought I lost a glove. When it was safe, I pulled the group over. After checking and closing my tour-pack, I found that my cell phone was missing. We continued to Alpine.

Janet's Montana café decided to close for the 4th after assuring us that they would be open! So we planned to go to Franco's Flapjacks. I had called my wife before leaving El Centro with a headcount and ETA.

She was there 15 minutes before the bikes arrived. She told me we still had at least another 30 minute wait for Franco's. Instead we went next door to Manana's (tomorrow in Spanish) a Mexican restaurant, which was almost empty. The food and service were pretty good considering our group of 18 people.

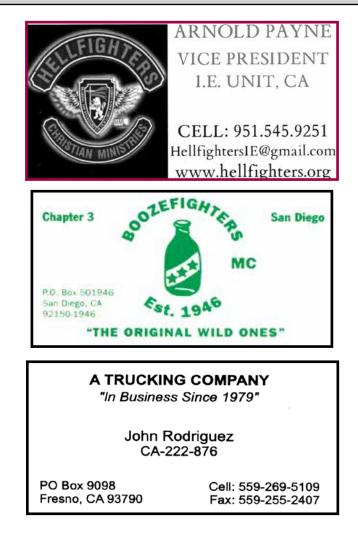
After breakfast I thanked the group and encouraged the non-members to join ABATE. Most of the group gassed up and headed back to the valley, others decided to go thru Julian. Barbara and I went back to look for my phone with no luck. We returned to Alpine. I bought a new phone the next day, same number.

Late on Friday, Fred called to inform me that the couple we had met on the 4th had gone down in Julian. They were taken to two different hospitals. Fred said that he and his wife were coming up to San Diego to visit them. I told him that we would go with them on Saturday.

First we went to visit Sandra at Palomar Trauma Center. She was in good spirits even though she had 7 broken ribs and a punctured lung. Fred said a prayer for her speedy recovery. Next we went to UCSD Sharps Medical Center where Richard was. He was also in good spirits, thanked us for the visit and showed us pictures of his wrecked bike. After praying over him we returned to Alpine.

Remember your life can change in an instant, ride safe and stay cool. Bye for now.

Ed Aranda, President ABATE Local 38



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Sincerely, ABATE of California, Inc.

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Thank YOU for your contributions in helping to preserve "Freedom of the Road" by supporting ABATE's paid Lobbyist and the General Fund!!! Thank you to our Members that renew their Memberships and those that join us – that too helps in preserving and fighting for Motorcyclist's Rights!! And of Course, the Locals that contribute to the funds regularly and when they do events. THANK YOU!! It's a team effort, so thank you for being a part of the ABATE Team!





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ABATE Events for 2019

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

July 28^{th} – ABATE 2 – Sweaty Buns Run (see flyer this issue)

July 28th – ABATE 8 – Long Beach Motorcycle Swap Meet

August 18th – Victorville Harley Bike Night (see flyer this issue)

August 24th – ABATE 17 – 20th Annual Sarah's Memorial Run (see flyer this issue)

September 15th – Victorville Harley Bike Night (see flyer this issue)

September 19th – MRF Meeting of The Minds 2019, Bloomington MN (see flyer this issue)

October 6th – ABATE 17 – Memorial Run & Fall Bingo

October 13th – ABATE 3/13 – 11th Annual Biker Trivia Run

October 19 - ABATE 4th Quarterly Board Meeting – On-Line

October 19th – **ABATE 3/13** - Fillmore Western Railway Zombie Shoot-Out

November 10th – 29th Annual One More from The Heart, Totally Kids Rehabilitation Hospital

November – ABATE 11 – Ice Chest Raffle

November – ABATE 24 – 29th Annual Turkey Run

November – ABATE 38 – 22nd Annual Turkey Run

December 1st- ABATE 19 $- 31^{st}$ Annual Toy Run (see flyer this issue)

December 14th – ABATE 17 – Toy Run

December – ABATE 1 – 32^{nd} Annual LA Toy Run with Glendale Harley-Davidson

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December – ABATE 38 – Imperial Valley Los Ninos Toy Run

December – ABATE 17 – Holiday Party

Bike Nites:

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

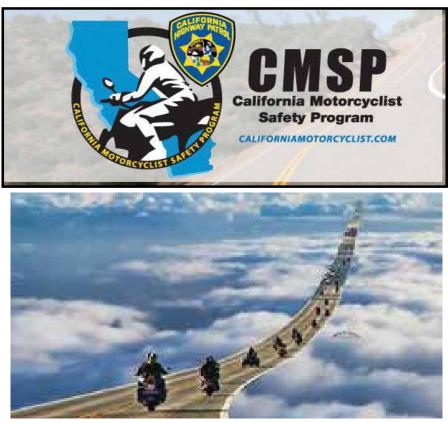
If you have a date for your event, and no details or flyer yet, you may still submit your dates, so others can pencil it in on their social calendar. Then submit your flyer in time for the Bailing Wire and to be posted on ABATE's website.

ALL ABATE Events must have event insurance

Contact the ABATE State office for information.

Attention ABATE of CA Membership!

You asked for it and you got it – Scoot Shots on the front page..... but I am running out of pictures! Please look through your phone and forward to me any that you have. Any format is fine just send along a name and a local #. Thank you so much for the help. Janet



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NCOM Biker Newsbytes



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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

LOUISIANA ENACTS LAW AGAINST MO-TORCYCLIST PROFILING: Louisiana has become the third state to pass legislation to curtail the profiling of motorcyclists by law enforcement, by unanimously approving House Bill 141 in the state legislature (38-0 in the Senate 6/2/19 and 103-0 in the House 6/3/19), and the biker anti-discrimination measure was signed into law on June 11, 2019 by democrat Governor John Bel Edwards.

Effective August 1, 2019, HB 141, "Provides relative to motorcyclist profiling training for peace officers," by establishing the creation of a "motorcyclist profiling awareness training program" to include classroom or internet instruction "in the current bias-recognition policing curriculum."

Sponsored by Rep. Frankie Howard (R) at the request of ABATE of Louisiana, with support from the Louisiana Confederation of Clubs & Independents as well as the National Council of Clubs and the Motorcycle Profiling Project, the new LA law defines "motorcyclist profiling" as "the arbitrary use of the fact that an individual rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle related clothing or paraphernalia as a factor in deciding to stop, question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search an individual or his motorcycle or motor vehicle."

The Bayou State follows the states of Washington (2011) and Maryland (2016) in passing similar legislation, all by unanimous votes, and a bipartisan federal anti-profiling bill currently awaits further action in the U.S. House of Representatives (House Resolution 255) after passing by unanimous consent in the United States Senate (Senate Resolution 154) late last year.

MISSOURI HELMET LAW A SIGNATURE AWAY FROM REPEAL: The Show-Me State may soon grant adult motorcycle riders the freedom to choose whether or not to wear helmets, as legislation to repeal their mandatory motorcycle helmet law for those 18 and older who carry qualifying medical insurance is currently sitting on the desk of Governor Mike Parson (R) awaiting his signature. Parson previously supported repeal as a member of the state legislature.

Senate Bill 147 passed the Senate 21-12 on Thursday, May 16 and the House voted 94-46 the following day to advance the omnibus transportation package to the governor.

Missouri is currently in the minority among states, as only 19 states and the District of Columbia mandate the wearing of motorcycle helmets by all riders. Repeal efforts have been debated in the General Assembly for decades, and twice before lawmakers had passed helmet law repeal bills, in both 1999 and 2009, but couldn't overcome gubernatorial vetoes.

But now, with Republicans holding hyper-majorities in both chambers and the governorship, riders' rights groups like ABATE for Missouri and Freedom of Road Riders of Missouri took advantage of the "perfect storm" to navigate their bill through the Conservative-controlled legislative agenda.

Gov. Parson has voted in favor of this issue in the past, and according to the St. Joseph Post newspaper, "nearly all stakeholders expect him to sign it."

NEBRASKA POLICE TARGET MOTOR-CYCLISTS: In a battle between bikers and cops, Nebraska State Troopers are working with local law enforcement this summer to put the brakes on speeding motorcycles.

For the second year in a row, troopers will conduct special enforcement operations to stop speeding bikers, utilizing an \$18,000 grant from the Nebraska Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office that will allow for aviation support as well as more law enforcement on the ground.

"Motorcycles have a unique ability to evade law enforcement...(so) we'll use resources like helicopters to help out," Nebraska State Patrol Capt. Jason Scott told KMTV 3 NewsNow in Omaha, adding that numerous citations have been made so far and arrests have been made for reckless driving and for flight to avoid arrest.

"We've been working with the county attorney's offices to make sure there's a message that's sent here," Capt. Scott said. "We're not going to tolerate the aggressive driving."

RED LIGHT CAMERAS BANNED IN TEXAS: Drivers in Texas are about to be seeing less red, as Governor Greg Abbott (R) has announced that he has signed legislation that bans red light cameras across the Lone Star State. House Bill 1361, authored by Representative Jonathan Stickland (R-Fort Worth), would prohibit the use of "photographic traffic signal enforcement systems."

Stickland told FOX7 the bill was motivated by "a lot of reason," including privacy concerns and the right to due process.

The new law included a grandfather clause for cities involved in red light camera contracts that have yet to end, except if the contract includes a provision allowing for state law to break it.

Ever since becoming legal in 2007, Texas lawmakers have made attempts to turn the cameras off that were unsuccessful until now, according to the Star-Telegram. Red light cameras have come under fire elsewhere recently, with at least 7 other states trying to ban them.

WASHINGTON GOVERNOR SIGNS MO-TORCYCLE LIABILITY BILL: Washington Governor Jay Inslee (D) has signed House Bill 1014, which is a motorcycle liability insurance bill.

Previously, motorcycle operators across the state were not required to be insured under a motor vehicle liability policy, but HB 1014 sponsored by Rep. Bill Jenkin (R-Prosser) changes this by requiring all motorcycle operators to be insured under a motor vehicle liability policy or the allowed equivalent according to the terms required by current law.

"People are surprised to learn that motorcycle operators are not required to have liability insurance. My bill simply requires those operating a motorcycle to meet the insurance requirements, or equivalent for registered motor vehicles under current law," Rep. Jenkin told KEPRTV Action News. "When someone gets property damage, or in an accident, with an uninsured motorcyclist, they are stuck filing a claim and potentially paying a higher premium. Having motorcycles insured, just like other vehicles, makes sense."

Jenkin's bill goes into effect 90-days after the adjournment of the 2019 session.

GRASS CLIPPINGS AND MOTORCYCLES A DEADLY MIX: A number of states and localities have come to the realization that grass clippings on the roadway are a danger to motorcyclists, and some are taking steps to outlaw the roughage.

In Pennsylvania, Senator Camera Bartolotta (R-Washington County) has proposed legislation to protect motorcyclists by making it illegal to throw grass clippings on the roadway during mowing season, making the violation a fineable offense much like littering. She says grass clippings not only cause the surface of the roadway to become extremely slippery, creating a hazard to motorcycle riders and other drivers, as well as presenting an environmental concern by clogging storm drains and can make their way into streams and cause pollution.

When riders complain to law enforcement, their complaints are often dismissed as the current law is not enforceable, but the senator's proposal to add two words "grass clippings" to the law that makes throwing litter and other items on the roadway an offense would fix that.

Her bill proposes fines of up to \$300 for the first offense and up to a \$1,000 for subsequent offenses, and would require the landowner to remove the clippings from the roadway.

In Ohio, the city of Fremont says it will begin ticketing people for blowing grass clippings into the street, saying they pose a danger to motorcyclists. City officials say dumping grass clippings in the road is illegal under a city ordinance regarding "placing injurious material or obstruction in street," and the city says its code enforcer and police department will be paying special attention to the issue throughout the warmer months.

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our streets and keep Fremont safe for our friends on two wheels!" the city says.

Meanwhile, an Illinois rider is dead after a crash involving grass clippings on the road and losing control of her motorcycle. Her husband, who also lost control of his motorcycle, told the local newspaper; "I would like something to be done better than a \$50 fine on grass clippings; it kills people!" He has contacted his state representative about increasing the penalty for making an unnecessarily dangerous mess in the road from trimming your lawn.

While some slippery hazards like wet leaves in fall can't be avoided, not spraying grass clippings onto the road is as easy as pushing or driving your lawn mower in the opposite direction to spray back into your yard rather than out onto the roadway.

TARIFFS COULD DEVASTATE MOTORCY-CLE INDUSTRY, CLAIMS TRADE GROUP: Industry leaders are encouraging activism ahead of new import taxes, and the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) is asking riders to help stop a new round of tariffs on Chinese products. The sanctions will directly affect equipment and apparel that riders depend on, as well as motorcycle parts and accessories and bikes built in China. "The proposed additional 25% duty on Chinese goods lumps gear like boots and gloves in with common replacement parts, like lithium-ion batteries, and curiosities, like live manatees and blueveined cheeses," says the industry trade group. Perhaps more devastating to a business already working with tight margins is a catchall - number 8714.10.00 on the list - that includes all "Pts. & access. for motorcycles (including mopeds)."

The MIC makes the case that, in today's motor-"Please make every effort to keep grass out of cycling economy, even the most ardent purchasers of American apparel and machines are going to feel a pinch to the wallet.

> "The proposed China List 4 includes essentially everything that is not currently subject to an additional 25% tariff on Lists 1-3," MIC Senior Vice President Scott Schloegel says. "Tariffs are taxes paid by companies and consumers in America and it is critical that you make your voice heard now."

> ROLLING THUNDER FINAL RIDE. OR NOT?: For over three decades, hundreds of thousands of motorcyclists have roared into our nation's capital over Memorial Day weekend for Rolling Thunder, an annual demonstration in support of veterans, prisoners of war and service members who went missing in action, but due to financial and logistical constraints, this year's rally was their last hurrah. Rally organizer and co-founder, Artie Muller, has announced that the massive rally, held every year in Washington, D.C. since 1988, has grown too costly and unwieldy and will come to an end.

> However, efforts to keep the rally going include President Donald Trump who pledged his support and tweeted out during the "Ride for Freedom" on Sunday, May 26th that Rolling Thunder was not going to end after all: "The Great Patriots of Rolling Thunder WILL be coming back to Washington, D.C. next year, & hopefully for many years to come," he wrote. "It is where they want to be, & where they should be."

> In addition, "Wreaths Across America" has since announced a donation of \$200,000 to Rolling Thunder to help cover costs and keep the ride going, with executive director Karen Worcester telling Muller on that Monday's "Fox & Friends"

that "Remembering is too important to forget."

Muller said during the Fox News show that he looks forward to meeting with the president about continuing the ride, but he also said that instead of holding one giant demonstration the group is planning to take the event nationwide next year and hold rides regionally throughout the country with its 90 local chapters.

But one thing could surely bring the hordes of patriotic bikers back to D.C. in protest, said the 74-year old Vietnam Veteran during his speech on the National Mall at this year's Rolling Thunder; if House Speaker Nancy Pelosi moves to impeach President Donald Trump.

EASY RIDER ENCORE: July 14, 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of Easy Rider - and to celebrate, a newly-restored 4K version will be shown again in 400 theaters nationwide for just two nights; July 14th and 17th.

Directed by the late, great Dennis Hopper, the film starred Peter Fonda, Dennis Hopper, and Jack Nicholson in a role that scored him an Oscar nomination.

In 1998, the film was officially added to the National Film Registry, and the American Film Institute lists it on its 100 Greatest American Movies of All Time.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who could have acted, the indifference of those who should have known better, the silence of the voice of justice when it mattered most, that has made it possible for evil to triumph." ~ Haile Selassie, regent of Ethiopia (1892-1975)



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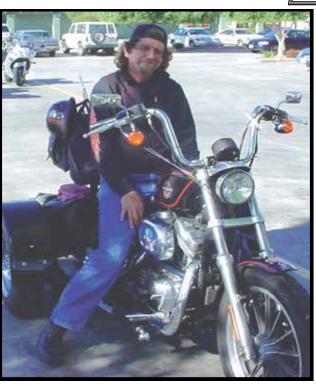
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Sporty's Rides



by Sporty Milligan

Hi all! I have been writing this column for quite some time and hopefully it has not become stale. This month's rant is centered on the political aspect of why we are members of ABATE. I became a member of ABATE 29 years ago because I believed in freedom of choice. I have stepped up to the plate and became involved in being the leader of a Local and a leader of the organization by being a Board member. Because I care about this organization I am still willing to be involved beyond the Local level. We're all getting older and there will come a time when we will step down, but until that time comes we persevere and move forward to accomplish the goals ABATE has set forth for us to do. So you, as the membership, can help us achieve our goals by making sure your membership stays current. That way we can have the needed resources to help solve the problems we face as bikers in California.

Ok we'll start this month's Rides. Instead of doing the Top Rocker bike night for June, I elected to go to the Glendale Chapter of the Ladies of Harley, which was held at the Hill Street Cafe off Glenoaks Blvd in Burbank. This is chaired by Local 1 member Shelia Lindsey. Unfortunately the turnout was kinda small, in fact I was the only male attendee. This month, July, instead of the Ladies of Harley Glendale meeting I am doing the Top Rocker bike night. Thanks to Top Rocker for renewing their business membership! So life is good on that score.

There was the usual fanfare of events on Thursday, July 4th, but I had a commitment with another group I belong I belong to. We had an AA commitment in North Hollywood. We were in luck as our commitment was to be just before their pot luck lunch, so we ate decent. Thanks to the group that provided the food goodies.

Went home to help Renee with the dogs that evening as they would be real skittish because on the 4th my town sounds like a war zone.

July 6th was the Top Rocker breakfast meeting and my "5 minutes of fame" to talk about the happenings of ABATE politically and to invite them to our runs. Especially Local 2's Sweaty Buns run. After the meeting I went to the dealership to use my reward points and get raffle prizes for the Shagger's run on August 9th, 10th and 11th. I stayed at the dealership for a while then went home.

Sunday, July 7th, was the Shaggers monthly meeting at the club house off Sierra Hwy in Lancaster. Good meeting and then on the way home I got off at Escondido Canyon Road and rode to Aqua Dulce Canyon Road then right where the airport is. I figured that I would see the airport where my Dad use to keep his old 1947 Taylor craft two seater plane. On the road to the long entrance of the airport I rode through a small swarm of bees. Lucky for me I did not crash or get stung. The gate was closed so I made a quick U turn, then a right turn at Aqua Dulce Road and a left turn on Sierra Hwy.

Going down Sierra Hwy I decided to check the remains of the Big Oaks Lodge. So when I got to Vasquez Canyon I made a right turn then a right on Bouquet Canyon Road. I stopped at what had been the Big Oaks Lodge. All that was left was the foundation of the block walls. I was saddened by the sight. I turned around and proceeded home.

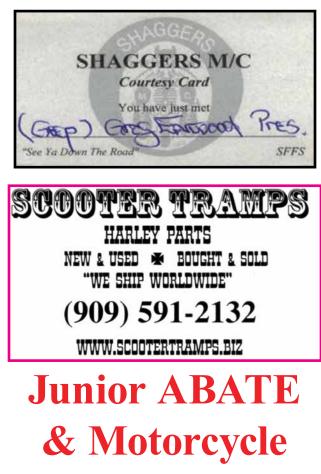
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The last event of this month's report was the ride to the ABATE Board of Directors meeting in Thousand Oaks. Local 1's VP, Jim Nickla, went with me on this trip. We had a cool ride in the morning and arrived well before the first meeting started. The Board meeting went well and was over before mid-afternoon. There will be more details on the Board meeting so I will let Executive Director Mark Loudermilk deal with that score.

Again, thank you to Top Rocker for renewing their business membership!

With that I will close this month's Sporty's Rides. Please keep your renewals and try to sign-up new members for the membership drive.

Scribe Sporty Milligan reporting.



Training Did you know that you can enroll your children in Jr ABATE for only \$5.00 per year? By enrolling your children in Jr ABATE you can start them out right learning about protecting their rights. As an added benefit, when your Jr **ABATE** member gets ready to take the mandated Motorcycle Safety Course, Richard Lester will pay for it! And the course may save your child's life! For details or to set your child up for reimbursement, contact Gill Mellen at gillabate3@gmail.com

Motorcycle Safety Report



by Norm e. Newiger, Safety Officer

Good July

Last month was about the unpredictable weather leading into summer. The June Gloom theory came and did what it does, helping us gradually get used to blistering heat for approximately two to three months. Then it's here and there until it stays cold for more than a week!

When the weather is unbearable many things can happen. You can stay cool in your own home watching TV or brave the great outdoors and ride to a favorite spot away from your neighborhood or county line for that matter or to the coast where it's 20% - 30% cooler than the desert you dwell in.

If you think that San Fernando Valley was a wooded forest then dream on, it's like Las Vegas. They built on cheap desert land and the people came and stayed therefore you have San Fernando Valley!

The summer is here and you have to have your concerns about riding in hot weather. There are articles about hot weather riding on-line, you can backtrack to specific months etc. Having extra water and staying hydrated is a good start. I know most destinations have refreshments, but if you're doing a ride that goes far - at least a 100 miles which equals 200 miles round trip - you will want to at least prepare correctly. Take extra water for you and maybe others. If you're a bagger, you have the room to do this.

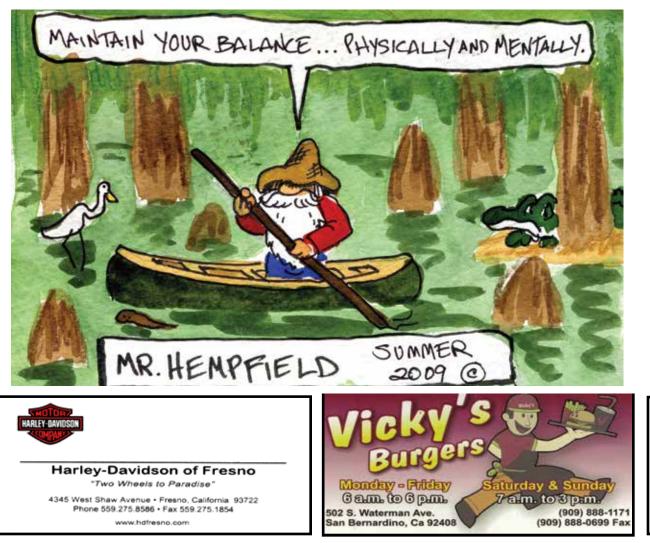
You should drink water at different intervals even if you're not thirsty. When you ride exposed to the sun, your sweat will evaporate while riding and you'll think you're not sweating but you are. And all I know is that if yer in my age bracket, it's dangerous to become dehydrated. Being dehydrated leads to organ failure, being delirious and generally not feeling good even being lethargic. And if you are a diabetic or using prescription medicines, getting dehydrated could worsen your condition, depending on what you take. This goes for all those that take high blood pressure meds, cholesterol meds, pain meds, antibiotics meds and any type of meds for what ails you. I am a diabetic with high blood pressure meds, and a host of other meds, approximately 9 a day.

I know that we all have conditions that keep us going. You have to be responsible to yourself first and then to others. If you're with a group of riders, you should share your medical issues with someone and likewise to you. It is also good to check on each other here and there throughout the day. It's good stuff to know for everyone and nobody should be ashamed about talking about what ails them and what they do to manage/prevent it.

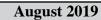
Then there are physical and mental health issues. Do you have either one or the other, or both? Ain't nothing worse than a crazy man running naked in the desert because his bike broke down in the middle of Palmdale!

Anyway I'm doing a short article this month. My sh*t hit the fan, literally! Late last week the sewer drains for my house died - all of them! I am writing this with jack hammers blowing out the concrete behind me! A homeowner's nightmare, a super big job and I could have bought a new Road Glide (my dream bike) for what this job is costing me! After four straight days of jack hammering this is all I can write!

So please pay attention to your body! The heat can alter your destination or life. Ride safe and represent your lifestyle so that it is contagious for all who crosses your path.









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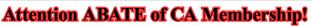
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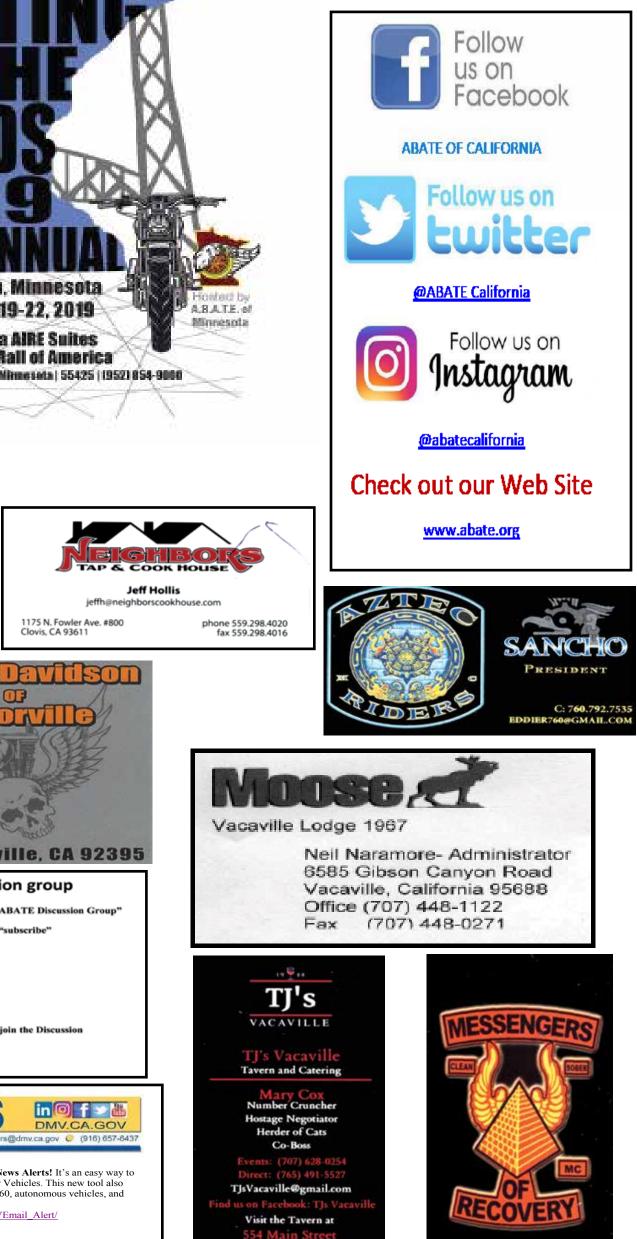
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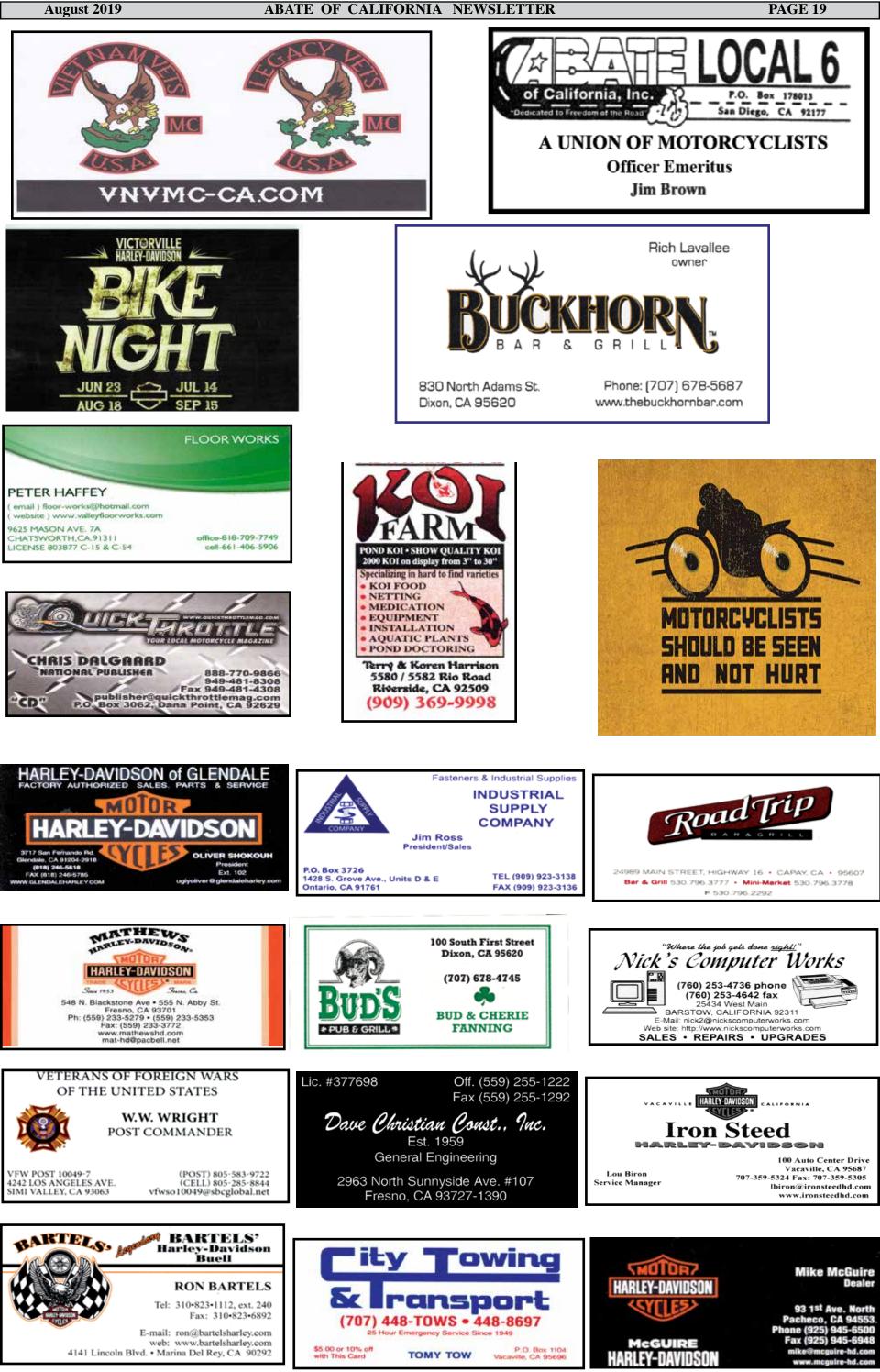
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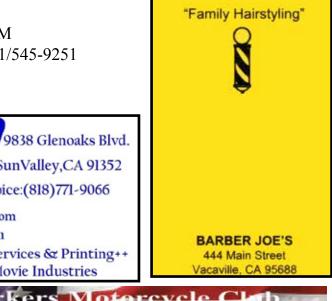
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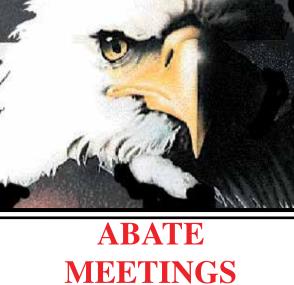
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