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## Lobbyist's Legislative Report

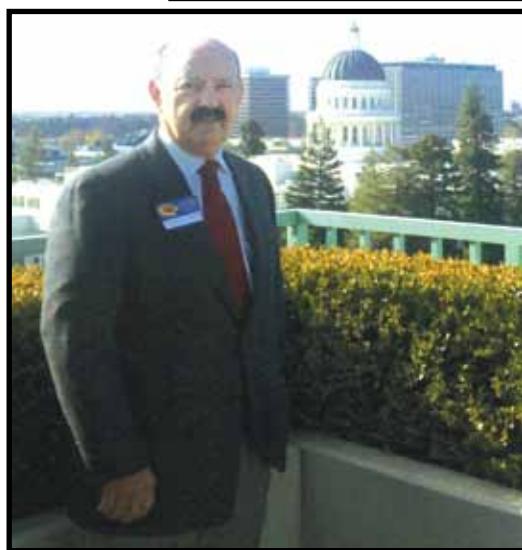
by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

On Tuesday November 6, 2012, you need to go to your local polling place and **VOTE!** At least, I'm old school, in that I walk to our local neighborhood school and vote around 8 am. I don't do the mail-in ballot, as my wife and family do. It's my chance to do what we in this country are lucky to have, and I cherish it.

Many men and women are still fighting around this dangerous world to protect my right and **YOUR** right to vote, so please do it and encourage your friends and family to do so, as well. I have spent untold hours here in Sacramento meeting with many candidates (some we endorsed in our *Voter Guide* and many we did not). That time was spent explaining why we introduce legislation, year after year, to repeal a 20-year old law mandating how we have to dress when we choose to do something we enjoy, riding our motorcycles.

I explain that it's about **FREEDOM**. Something, as we know, the state and Federal governments are passing laws to take away. Whether it's drinking a sugar soda or using a plastic bag for carrying groceries or a T shirt! We/ABATE truly are among the last Freedom Fighter groups left in Sacramento. But to protect our freedoms, **WE NEED TO GET OUT AND NOT JUST VOTE, BUT WORK TO ELECT OUR CANDIDATES!** This goes back to the first U.S. elections held in 1788.

So, after meeting with candidates and getting questionnaires back from others, we have compiled a list of ABATE Motorcyclist Freedom Candidates, that appears in this *Bailing Wire* and is also on our website for downloading, copying and distributing.



Please copy and hand them out to friends, family and other riders so they know who they can support and vote for! **THE NEXT IMPORTANT THING TO DO IS CONTACT A CANDIDATE LISTED IN THE VOTER GUIDE AND GO SPEND 4 TO 8 HOURS HELPING THEM!** My son and I walked miles for Assemblyman Bill Berryhill who is running in a critical race for state Senate District 5. It was fun handing out door hangers and talking up Bill when someone came to the door and I lost a couple of excess pounds, as well. We also went to his Post Election party and was thanked by many in attendance for helping — **FOLKS, IT'S THAT SIMPLE!** If you don't like to walk precincts, they have phone banks to make calls from in an air conditioned office!

**IT'S YOUR FREEDOM TO PROTECT!** Now take a look at our endorsements and get to work!

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# Executive Director's Report

by Greg Covell,  
Executive Director



The ABATE State Run was a relaxing get-away, warm with a light breeze, clear skies and a lot of great people to commune with. I offer a big thank you to those who volunteered to make the run happen and to bring us all together for such a great event.

Chasing down new memberships is the duty of all current members, not of just one or two. It is not always comfortable to talk to strangers, but make them friends and it's easier. Spend time at different events and commit to talking ABATE to only 2-3 new people each time. Make sure you

always have a couple of Bailing Wires with you. This is a great tool to help explain what ABATE is about. Just speak from the heart with enthusiasm and you will find most people will listen.

Are you a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, Green Party? I don't care, but elections are coming up and we need to vote in Legislators who will support ABATE and the rights of motorcyclists. This election is critical and we need every motorcyclist and everyone who supports motorcyclist rights to VOTE. We are citizens of the United States of America and it is our duty to vote to protect our freedoms, rights and privileges. We are riders of motorcycle, not criminal terrorists as some legislators state, and we need to use our votes to show legislators the direction we wish them to take.

I've said it before and I'll say it again: "Complacency and apathy is easy and comfortable – but in the long run the cost of doing nothing is very high." I am ABATE of California...are you?

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7 Key Races: Senate District 5 — Endorsed Assemblyman Bill Berryhill vs. Kathy Galgiani in the Stockton-Lodi-Madera area.

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Senate District 31 — Endorsed Assemblyman Jeff Miller vs. Businessman Richard Roth in the Riverside vicinity

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Assembly District 40 — Endorsed Mike Morrell, has been targeted for defeat by Russ Warner

in the Ontario-San Bernardino area Assembly District 65 — Endorsed Chris Norby, who authored our latest helmet law repealer, needs help vs. Sharon Quirk-Silva in the Anaheim-Fullerton-North Orange County area.

See how many friends need our help? Please work for any of the ABATE-Endorsed candidates in the *Voter Guide*.

Thanks again for your **SUPPORT OF THE LOBBYIST FUND WHICH PAYS TO HAVE ME DO THIS IMPORTANT WORK IN THE CAPITOL!**



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# Nominees for ABATE Board of Directors 2012-2013

## Bio Bob Blatz



My name, for those who don't know me is, Bob Blatz. I have served on the ABATE of CA State Board of Directors for the last two years. I am also Region 3 Regional Director, Locals 14, 15, and 17 and am in charge of trying to organize the Northern Regional Rally to be held in Belden Town in July of 2013. I was Local 15's President for 5 years but decided to let some new blood take over that role. I'd like to make this short and sweet. I require your vote to remain active on the State Board of Directors.

I have attended almost all of the State Board meetings since I became President of Local 15 almost 6 years ago. I'm a firm believer in our Policy and Procedures manual and recommend that all of our leaders whether Local or State glance at it once in awhile.

So just don't sit back; get out at state and national elections and please support me for a renewal in the ABATE of CA election. Thanks for your time.

## Bio "Rebel" Ruthi Wolfson



I have been riding motorcycles since I was 11. I am now 61. I have spent a career of nurs-

ing researching with other medical professionals how accidents had occurred and if a helmet was or wasn't the cause of the injury. Researching trauma has been my forte' throughout my career along with researching insurance fraud.

I broke my neck when my 3/4 HJC, DOT approved helmet broke my cervical spine in my worst accident ever. It was written on ER report as well, as by the surgeon. I can't imagine life without a motorcycle. I AM a Disabled Biker. And I still ride.

Experience: Trauma Nurse Practitioner/Legal Nurse Consultant 42 Years. Involved with ABATE of CA as member back in late 1970's, then President of Local 25 since July 2011. ABATE of Chicago, IL, Safety & Education Coordinator for 17 years. Prior to that Legislative Coordinator. Suncoast Brotherhood of Dunedin, FL (previously ABATE) Lifetime Member. Founder & Author, of the Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Program of Greater IL & FL. Taught 10,000+ high school courses. Hosted Motorcycle Safety talk show on WKRS Radio Talk Show, 1990's. Advocate for Disabled Nurses Rights Nationwide. Advocate for Disabled Bikers Rights with Media Coverage. Author of Domestic Violence Programs for Emergency Rooms. Medicare/Medicaid/Insurance Fraud Investigator until retirement. At present on Tuesdays and Thursdays I speak on the Phil & Bill Radio Talk Show about ABATE Legislation plus other events.

I have attended every hearing at the Capitol this past year as President of Local 25, except for one. I have multiple media contacts for the rally events here in the Capitol as well as contacts throughout the state. As President of Local 25, I have networked with MMA, as well as the independent motorcycle associations. I attend meetings of as many clubs/orgs/associations as possible to spread the word of legislation and to promote ABATE. We no longer have 4-6 members show up at our meetings, we actually now fill the dining room at Denny's. I encourage participation of all members even to do something small. Before I became President I started letter writing campaigns to legislators and we hand deliver them to the Capitol. We are a growing Local now. Slowly that is.

My best skill of all is that I have spent my career doing research in the medical field and in the motorcycle genre. As a Board member I can devote my time to working for the better of the organization, as in retirement, I have the time to sit and research more, plus have the time to continue my Capitol visits as well.

"Rebel" Ruthi Wolfson, RN, BSN, TNS, LNC  
Legal Nurse Consultant

## Bio Lil' David Morena



Every time they pass a law, we lose a little more freedom! That's why I joined ABATE of California back in 1990. I have learned that politicians are like little boys and dogs; you have to keep an eye on them!

I hold, or have held, various positions within ABATE of California. Currently on the State level, I'm a Board Member, Treasurer, Regional Director and an individual PAC member. On the Local level I have held the President and Vice-President of Local #25.

I ride and want to ride tomorrow, so I'm committed to fighting for our rights to ride! I ask for your vote to continue our fight. Thank you.

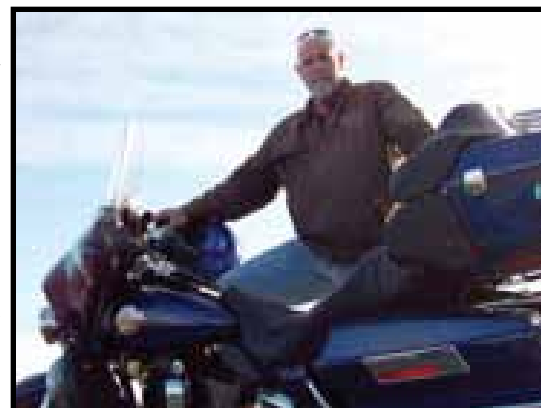
## Bio Ed "Iceman" Mathis

Lil' David Morena nominates Ed "Iceman" Mathis for ABATE of California Board of Directors. Iceman has been a motorcycle enthusiast since 1969 and is currently the Vice President of the Shaggers M/C and Assistant Director of the Hi Desert Trikers BTW.

He is a past Modified Motorcycle Association of California (MMA) Division 5 Manager and has served on the MMA Board of Directors.

Iceman has been attending the California Freedom Rally for 20 years and would be a valuable asset to the ABATE of California Board. I ask for your vote. Thank you.

## Bio Steve Guderian



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I am running for one of the open Board of Director positions. My current position as state Safety officer has shown me the true state of motorcycle rider rights. From this experience I have learned that for the most part the state motorcycle safety committees and personnel have little respect for us, if any at all. This is completely unacceptable for all riders in California. We, ABATE of California, need to – no, we must change this perception if we are to be able to gain even the most fundamental rights for all riders. We, ABATE of California, have to change our approach and way of doing things so that we can gain the trust of all riders and the respect of all people associated with the motorcycle community. This is not a short term plan, rather it is a long range goal that is going to need a concentrated effort from current members, and from the future members we are going to enlist.

I use to be on the other side, the government safety side. I know how they think, how they act, and what their weak nesses are. This knowledge along with the known commitment of the ABATE Board of Directors and general membership can move us forward into the position of a dominate motorcycle rights organization, which is something all riders in California deserve.

As a motorcycle rider, a motorcycle rider safety expert and a motorcycle rider concerned about

my rights, I am committed to moving ABATE of California into a position of strength in the motorcycle riding community. No other motorcycle rights organization in California is in the position to do what ABATE can do and I want to do my best to make sure that ABATE of California can completely fulfill the destiny that is before it.

Respectfully, Steve Guderian.

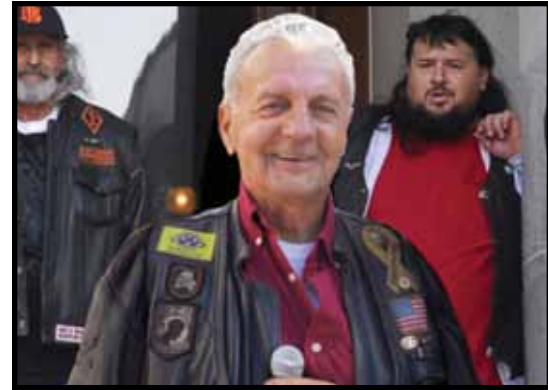
## Bio Dave Hastings



Hello, my name is Dave Hastings and I would like to serve another term on the ABATE State Board of Directors. By now I think most of you know me so I'm not going to spend much time on

my past positions and record. Suffice it to say that I feel ABATE of California currently has a very capable and dedicated group of individuals holding statewide office and I would like to retain my position as a contributing member of this organization and its Board of Directors. I feel I still have the drive and ambition to better our organization and with the help of my fellow elected officers we will be able to ensure both the direction and focus of our ABATE for the next generation of riders in California. Please give me your vote on election day and I will do my best for you and our organization. Thank You, Dave H.

## Bio Gill Mellen



I will run for the Board again this year. I have been on the Board since 2006. Spike and I got Assemblyman Jose Solorio to do the Transponder bill and I will work for all of you again if you want me on the Board again. Thank you, Gill

# 2012 Freedom Fighter Nomination

by Nick Benson Sr

My nomination for Freedom Fighter of the Year would have to go to Mark Castillero "Dogman" of the Boozefighter M/C and ABATE Local 11 member. Back in May of this year, Dogman emailed me regarding some of my posts to the discussion line. He was looking for a way to get more involved in the political process but had some reservations as he had never done anything like this.

I gave Dogman a few basic ideas for getting involved and he ran with all of them! First he got involved with the Greg Imus 8th Congressional District Campaign. Dogman not only made a large monetary contribution to Greg Imus, but took a list of Wrightwood phone numbers and made political calls to numerous Wrightwood residents even though he lives in San Diego and is not even in the 8th Congressional District.

Next, he jumped into the 76th Assembly District (Oceanside) and is helping with the Sherry Hodges' campaign.

Finally, Dogman got involved with the Todd Zink campaign against our nemesis Fran Pavley and traveled to meet with Todd Zink and pledge his support when the time comes, but also made a sizable monetary donation to Zink!

These donations come from his own pocket during times that are economically challenging to say the least! With the exception of Sherry Hodges,

his help is going to ABATE's friends and endorsees in districts that are not even close to where he lives! Now that is motivation!

To go from being someone that is not involved, to jumping in with both feet (and wallet) within just a few short months is nothing less than awesome! Dogman deserves the recognition of someone that puts their money where their mouth is and is truly an inspirational Freedom Fighter that the rest of us should use when setting the proverbial bar!

by Lil' David Morena

I would like to personally nominate Elmer Simeon for the 2012 Freedom Fighter award. Elmer, our one man band has been playing free at our ABATE events for the last 3 years! He has been a Local 27 member for over 10 years and is always distributing the Bailing Wire to local shops.

I ask for your vote for Elmer as our 2012 Freedom Fighter.

by Dave Hastings

I would like to nominate Nick Benson Sr for the 2012 ABATE Freedom Fighter award. Nick has been a long time member of ABATE of California and has held numerous positions

in our organization. He is currently a member of our state Board of Directors and has been very active during the 2012 election cycle. Nick has personally helped with the campaigns of several of our high desert politicians, but more importantly he has provided accurate information and reliable statistics regarding those campaigns to anyone who has requested it.

Nick has also been very active in educating the off-highway riders regarding the new side-by-side regulations that were signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown and take effect in January of 2013. Nick has hosted meetings with the off-road riders and spent many hours researching and informing people about this new law that will severely impact the off-road families of California. He was the original "Paul Revere" rider who informed us of the new law coming and now he is spear heading the fight to modify and ultimately stop the enactment of this poorly written piece of legislation.

So, in his short tenure on our ABATE state Board of Directors, Nick has been extremely active in supporting the freedom of all riders rights, both on and off road, and I feel he is very deserving of the 2012 Freedom Fighter of the Year award!

# LOCAL NEWS

## Local #01 Los Angeles



Greetings to all ABATE Local members! Local 1 is playing hooky this month so there is no meeting. We were at the State run in Kernville, well at least some of us were. To announce this to my Local 1 members I did the following: Sent out a reminder email to my members that have email no meeting in September; reminder for October meeting at big Jim's Family restaurant in Sun Valley on October 7 to be exact.

Our regular meeting in October is the date of the Love Ride in Castaic. So in order not to miss two meetings in a row, Glen C arranged for the meeting to be at Big Jim's in Sun Valley at 9 am. I sent reminder post cards to my members that don't have email. Ok, see ya, Sporty.

## Local #02 Simi Valley



Greetings and Salutations everyone! Thinking way back, I haven't used this Meta rhetorical greeting in a while. Anyway, it's still Hot!!! Outside of our meeting place I smell the BBQ; the smoke rising behind the building draws me near! Once inside I see our two volunteer cooks, Scott and Frank cranking out the good food. What is it about burgers and potato salad and all the fixins that make this summer food the finest? With the camaraderie of other ABATERs, it's one fine way to start a meeting!!! If you couldn't make this meeting then you missed it! We still miss you and hope to see you next meeting.

We start serving our great food at 6:45 pm and for 5 bucks you can't get a better meal deal than most places ever could think of doing! Plus it goes towards ABATE! We meet on the second Tuesday of the month and our meeting starts promptly at 7:30 pm. We meet at VFW Post 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Street, Simi Valley.

Pres Ray got us all going again, thanks Pres, we know how hard you work for us! I kind of didn't like what Ray told us but someone has to, we might have to move our operations here at the VFW due to their situation, not because of us, being a member of both, I understand things cannot "not" change, but due to circumstances beyond our control things have to change, whether it's economics or any type of dislike, things need to be changed, I don't know how long we've been here at this place but I am very thankful for the time allowed here. We will survive this and move on in a positive direction, I know all the officers are very positive and this situation does slow us down, but does not stop us!!!

Our super guest was Sporty!!! He's my number one super duper volunteer ABATE super hero! I think he's on Todd Zink's payroll or he just doesn't like that Fran lady!!! I think it's the Francula person!!! I'm in that mood. But my hats off to Sporty, for talking about Todd, we always enjoy his company, even if it's political, but mainly his enthusiasm for ABATE, and our rights in general!

After all the officer reports we had our raffle drawings and we had a boatload of prizes to give away, this was way cool, I didn't realize how many prizes we had, to all who donated, THANK YOU! Our membership drawing was not won by John Lucci because he wasn't here to claim it, so it rolls over to the next meeting.

Ride safe, PTL norm e. new

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Local #13 Ventura



As we get closer to the elections, we have more to talk about regarding the races that will affect our area. Make plans NOW to attend the October meeting on October 11 for all the needed help!

We had a discussion on Oxnard PD's selective enforcement of the helmet law around town. Remember, if you get stopped and receive a ticket, the LESS you say can help you in court! Make sure you contact us as soon as you can for all the help in fighting it!

Just as we were discussing what to do next, Local 3's President, Chuck, walked in with news of their upcoming run on October 13! Make sure you make the meeting for the details on when we're leaving and all that good stuff.

Luci Rojas was the lucky winner of the Opportunity Drawing with half going to the Local for the Lobbyist fund. Don Nunes was, once again, the winner of the membership drawing. Too bad he wasn't there, as the money now rolls over to next month!

Ride safe out there and we'll see you October 11 at 7:30 pm!

## Local #15 Contra Costa County



Local 15 is doing well and we have our meetings upstairs at Fuddrucker's the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. September's meeting had Dennis and the group planning a get together for the holidays, date to be supplied. We need all our current and past members to attend this casual party. Look for more information as we firm up our plans.

October and November are nomination months for new officers, with an election held af-

ter the nominations in November. We hope to get some folks that have not helped out to step up to the plate this time.

Motorcycle only parking has been put in place in Lafayette, right in front of the Roundup Saloon, one of our favorite watering holes in Contra Costa County. The space is for 5 motorcycles and there is no charge for parking. We will have a letter for us to sign at the meeting in October to thank Lafayette for doing this. Who's next? Concord, Walnut Creek?

Speaking of Walnut Creek, the news a few days ago reported that due to budget problems there are no current officers doing traffic patrol. Other officers can write tickets, but until budget improves and they can add the 4 motorcycle's back to traffic control there will be no officers assigned to just traffic. Helmet-less riding in W.C? I'm going to give it a try tomorrow.

Our President Dennis has many new ideas for getting the group together and doing more activities, so come to the next meeting and join in on the planning.

Down the road, Greg.

## Local #19 Pomona Valley

Calling all Local 19 members. I don't seem to be getting any feedback from you folks out there. Summer vacations are just about finished and the end of the year is just ahead. I haven't seen many of you at the meetings over the past few months. Hopefully I will see more of you at the meetings coming up. We will be nominating new officers soon and need people to take these positions. We want to keep Local 19 active and need help from the membership. A couple months back, I mentioned the fact that we are looking for people in Local 19 to consider taking these Primary Officer positions. Please talk with Robert, Diane or Ed if you have any interest in one of these slots. We'll still be here to help.

Preparations for the Toy Run continue and your committee again asks for volunteers and raffle prize contributions. They are also collecting batteries for Santa Claus Inc. to install in toys. It is down to the last couple of months and help is still needed in a lot of areas. Any odd shaped glass is needed for the Dime-Toss booth. Get involved and you will find that it is a little work but we have a lot of fun.

Seasons will be changing again soon. Keep up the maintenance on your bike and be prepared for your ride before you leave. The small amount of time you spend before the trip may save you hours during the trip. There is a lot of fun riding ahead of us during the next few months. Please be safe out there!

Don't forget our meetings are the fourth (4th) Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. We still meet at the Round Table Pizza in Ontario at Mountain and 4th Streets. Come join us!

Until next time, keep the shiny side up! Ed.

## Local #25 Sacramento



This past month Local 25 members volunteered to work two booths. The first one was at Riebe's Auto Zone in Placerville for the American Legion Riders #119. We were the only vender present. It was a medium sized turnout. ABATE Local 25 donated a t-shirt for their raffle. No new members signed up. At the end of September we will be vending in Diamond Springs for the American Legion Riders #119 again.

The second event we had a booth at was the Renegade Rendezvous at the Dixon Fairground. We were the first vender to set up at 6 am. Actually we were the first vender to sign in as well. The gates hadn't even opened yet! This time we had about seven volunteers to work the booth and we changed the layout of the booth around. Lori Adams, the COIR Commander came and shared our booth. We gave out many membership location cards for our meetings in hopes those who asked for them will actually show up to our next meeting. Our booth was by the trophy stage, so members got to see the pickle licking contest and the bikini contest.

I advertise ABATE Local 25 on Facebook and on Bikerornot.com. So a few of my biker or not friends came out to say hello to see if I was for real and if ABATE Local 25 was for real as well. That was a great gesture. So those I talk to daily online about ABATE Local 25 now have information about ABATE in hand. I'm still hoping to get more online friends to our meetings.

We will still be vending at the MMA Toy Run at the Sacramento 6 Drive In here in Sacramento on November 25th. Last year we got one new member, who then brought us more members from his Spyder Ryder organization.

ABATE Local 25 is asking for donations of food and drink by wholesalers and retailers for our First Annual Feed the Hungry for the Holidays Project. We will be starting this year with five families for both Thanksgiving and Christmas/Chanukah/Kwanza. We also will be giving gifts for the kids in December, and possibly something warm to wear for the winter months, i.e. sweatshirts. We will be getting the names of families from the Sacramento County School System.

## LOCAL NEWS

Until next month, ride safe and take no trick or treat goodies from strangers. Rebel Ruthi Ranting & Raving or is it howling away on a broomstick??

### Local #27 Riverside



Local 27's "not a" Poker run is on October 7th at Fairmount Park. Come out and enjoy the day while showing support for ABATE. It is only \$15 at the gate. Come see old friends and meet new ones.

Local 27 is looking for volunteers to run for Board offices. If you find that you have the need to support ABATE a little more and become more involved in the decisions being made come to the meeting on October 2nd and submit your name and bio for consideration by the membership. Commitment is the key. Elections will be held in December.

Our October meeting is on the 2nd, just before the "not a" Poker Run. Come one come all. Learn what you can, and say what needs to be said. Be a part of the solution and not part of the problem. Want to know what's happening here locally? Check our website [www.abatelocal27.org](http://www.abatelocal27.org).

Keep your Eyes Wide Open, Greg Covell, President Local 27, [gcovell8@gmail.com](mailto:gcovell8@gmail.com)

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- ABATE assisted in the defeat of a proposed federal ban on sport bikes.
- ABATE has been a driving force in promoting "May as Motorcycle Awareness Month" not only at the state level but also in local cities and communities.
- ABATE's political action arm, ABATEPAC, has trained and organized campaign volunteers to assist in the campaigns of candidates supportive of motorcyclists' rights, which has raised the visibility and credibility of California motorcyclists with local, state and federal politicians.
- ABATE Locals are involved with fundraising endeavors for charities and those in need. Tons of food and truckloads of toys are donated each year at Thanksgiving and Christmas, working in partnership with community charity organizations.
- ABATE helped to open High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes to motorcycles.
- ABATE successfully challenged the San Diego Police Department over enforcement of the helmet law in Federal court. (Case # 93-0807-J (CM) May 25, 1995 Filed)

➤ ABATE was instrumental in Purple Heart Motorcycle License Plate approval.

➤ ABATE joined other MROs to lobby the insurance industry, putting an end to their "Superbike Blacklist" of high-performance bikes that they refused to insure.

➤ ABATE helped defeat two separate bills to outlaw "lane-splitting".

➤ ABATE worked alongside virtually every national and state motorcycle rights organization and lobbied Congress aggressively to successfully repeal federal highway funding penalties against states without helmet laws.

➤ ABATE supported the passage of H.R. 3103 in 1996, which prohibits discrimination against motorcyclists in health care availability and affordability.

➤ ABATE was the driving force that prevented helmet law violations from being assessed against the driver's license as a moving violation.

➤ ABATE worked on the passage of (AB1515 & SB2084) – Veteran's License Plates for Motorcycles. Both Bills approved by Governor Gray Davis in 2000. AB1515 - Chapter 859, SB2084 - Chapter 861.

➤ ABATE was instrumental in the passage of the motorcycle Handlebar Height modification bill (AB2844), Vehicle Code 27801 Section 1 (a), (b). Chapter 280. Approved by Governor Schwarzenegger August 23, 2004.

➤ ABATE lobbied aggressively to increase the penalties on ROW violations. (SB1021) Approved by Governor Schwarzenegger September 30, 2006. Chapter 898.

➤ ABATE lobbied aggressively to repeal Section 2140.5 V.C. (Traffic-actuated, signals for bicycles & motorcycles) (AB1581) Approved by Governor Schwarzenegger October 8, 2007, Chapter 337.

➤ AB 1205 – Dan Logue; 2/2009 Bill Introduced to modify the existing Mandatory Helmet Law; ABATE supported, bill failed to get out of Transportation Committee (2/2010).

➤ AB 882 – Jean Fuller; Introduced a bill to post Victim Memorial Signs on Highways; ABATE supported; Bill passed both the Assembly and Senate floors; Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed the bill October 2009.

➤ SB 435 – Pavley – Smog Check Bill for Motorcycles; Introduced in 2009, amended 8 times by ABATE's continuous lobbying efforts; The last amendment finally reduced it to a "noise bill" and it was signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on September 28, 2010; Chapter 407. Law effective beginning January 2013.

➤ February 2010 – Between ABATE members John Del Santo, Jean Hughes, James Lombardo, Cal Trans, and others (along with years of correspondence); Changeable Message Boards on Freeways throughout the State of California are now being used to alert drivers to "Share the Road, Look Twice for Motorcyclists" especially during the month of May to correspond with Motorcycle Awareness Month.

➤ AB 1848 – Martin Garrick – Motorcycle Theft tools; ABATE supported this bill to close loopholes; Amends Section 466.65 of the Penal Code. Signed by Governor Schwarzenegger July 19, 2010.

➤ AB 1952 – Niello; Amends VC 12509 and adds 12509.5 relating to motorcycle instruction permits. ABATE supported. Signed by Governor Schwarzenegger September 20, 2010.

➤ AB 695 – Chris Norby – Bill to amend Mandatory Helmet Law introduced 2/2011; 4/25/11 bill was granted reconsideration; Amended 1/2012; passage failed in Trans. Committee 1/9/12 in spite of ABATE's lobbying efforts and enormous rider support.

➤ AB 1890 – Jose` Solorio – Revised mandatory placement location of transponders on motorcycles using toll roads and highways. Bill signed by Governor Jerry Brown July 10, 2012. Amends Section 23302 V.C.

➤ AB 1047 – Kevin Jeffries – Forbids "motorcycle only" checkpoints – ABATE supported; Bill signed by Governor Jerry Brown July 13, 2012. Amends Section 2814.1 V.C.

➤ AB 1535 – Linda Halderman – Installation of "Motorcycle OK" signs in HOV lanes. Introduced January 24, 2012. (Bill is being held under submission).

For complete context on any of the above numbered bills please go to [www.Leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.Leginfo.ca.gov)

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# Pac/Lobbyist Report

by Dave Hastings, Treasurer

Just returned from our ABATE State Run in Kernville and want to say "Thanks" to everyone who planned, worked, or participated this weekend. I had a very enjoyable weekend, and hopefully we turned a profit for our organization. Events like this are always fun to attend as they give us a chance to meet up with old friends and meet some new ones too! The weather was warmer than usual but everyone I talked to was having a great time and I'm already looking forward to next year's event. The clubs participated on a larger scale this year and we really appreciate their support and the help their individual members gave us. All in all, a very good weekend for everyone and I hope all of our attendees made it home safe and sound. Remember, all of the proceeds from this event benefit ABATE of California and if you missed out please put it on your schedule for next year!

This edition of our Bailing Wire will be the last you receive before the November elections so please make sure you help one of our ABATE endorsed candidates win their race. Offer your help to your candidate's office staff and I'm sure they will have a task that you can accomplish without too much



pain or hard work on your part. Whether it's making phone calls to potential voters, assisting in a door to door canvassing effort or any other task in between, our endorsed candidates will really appreciate your help. Give

their office staff a call and please volunteer for as much as you feel you can accomplish. They will remember you and your help no matter the outcome in November and ABATE and all of the motorcycle riders of California will benefit immensely from your effort.

The last thing I would like to do this month is say "Thank You" again to all of you who have already, and to those that continue still, to send in those much needed donations to our designated fund accounts. We mailed our "Appeal" letter much later than usual this year and frankly I was worried about the response we would get from our members. You guys and gals are phenomenal and your response has been greatly appreciated by me and the other Board of Director members of your organization. Please continue to contribute in whatever amounts you can to the fund of your choice and know that you are helping to ensure the future success of ABATE of California.

So in closing, help out our candidates, make sure you vote on Election Day, and **"THANKS TO ALL THAT DO, AND TO THOSE THAT DON'T, PLEASE TRY TO!"**

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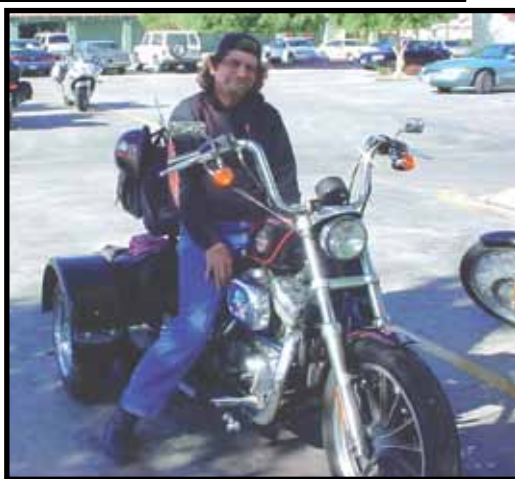
# Sporty's Rides

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan

Hi all! This is Sporty's Rides October edition. I shall start out by saying that most of my efforts have been getting bikers to support Todd Zink for Senate in the 27th Senatorial district. This is a redrawn district that covers a pretty good chunk of real estate. You all know who Todd Zink is running against - current senator Fran Pavley. Can you say smog checks for motorcycles? While we stopped this from happening we could not stop the bill being turned into a noise bill. By the way, the noise portion of the bill starts on model year 2013. Seems all 2013 brands must have the factory stamp on the mufflers that states they are EPA complaint. That comes out to say no performance modification if that includes changing the exhaust pipes or mufflers period.

So there you have it the desperate need to get her out of office. Well again August 20 I attended a political forum at Galpin Ford in Van Nuys with Todd Zink vs Fran Pavley. It was one of those town council political meetings where informed citizens come to hear about the candidate's bios and answer questions. We from ABATE had seven folks show up with our own Executive Director Greg Covell and Board of Director member Nick Benson in the mix. Fran Pavley did not show something about being tied up in legislative business in Sacramento. She sent a replacement and he looked confused. Ok we made a good showing. Asked questions and made our presence known. At this point I got a Todd Zink button that I am wearing on my patch vest.

On September 1 Local 1 member Glen Cheslock and myself rode down to the Thousand Oaks campaign head quarters of Todd Zink at 25550 Willow Lane, Thousand Oaks, and met with Angel, the campaign volunteer coordinator. Then Todd showed up and it was determined that visits to the motorcycle shops would better serve the need for the day. So Glen and I visited shops in Thousand Oaks, Agoura and the San Fernando Valley. They were responsive to our pleas to support Todd. In Canoga Park at Micah McClosky's shop he let us put up a Todd Zink sign in the window.



The next day, Sunday, I visited the Rock Store and passed out Todd's brochures, then passed out more at Neptune's Net and finally at Cycle Gear in Canoga Park. This is a tireless effort on my part, but a necessary effort if we are going to defeat Fran Pavley.

September 8 I went on the Glendale HOG Chapter's Wildlife Way Station anniversary run. It started at Glendale HD and ended at Glendale HD and I again passed out the Todd Zink brochures. Had an enjoyable day as always. Members Glen Cheslock and Jim Nickla showed up and Jim and I took the route. It was in areas that I have ridden many times before. At the end we got fed and tried to win nifty raffle prizes. Jim won a kitchen basket of kitchen stuff which he had someone from Glendale deliver to his house as it was too big to carry on his Road King.

Finally for this month's Sporty's Rides I went to Local 2's monthly meeting in Simi Valley to talk up Todd Zink. The crowd was small but responsive so they took some of the brochures to put out at the shops.

That's it for this month as I am going to prepare to go to the State run in Kernville in the little truck that could, my '89 Toyota pickup. Till next time, get new members and work a campaign. Regards Sporty.

## Membership Report

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan,  
Membership Chairman

This is the short and sweet Report: The Membership Drive is in its final quarter and that means the opportunity to get members and keep your renewals are enhanced by the toy run season, the Love Ride and year-end events that you can go to and talk up ABATE with the non-ABATE people. Hopefully you will do as Sporty suggests! Get new members and retain your renewals.

Please try to keep in touch with your Local's members with emails and letters regarding the stuff that is happening with your Local. So once again I implore you to get new members and do your best to retain your renewals.


Remember there is unity and strength in numbers of members. Ok that's the short and sweet Membership Report.

Regards, Sporty



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# COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

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**FEDERAL HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANTS IN JEOPARDY:** Despite a spike in traffic fatalities, states could lose as much as \$120 million in highway safety grants if Congress doesn't change a planned bill to fund the government's operations for six months. Congress passed a new highway bill this year that streamlines the federal grant process that provides state funds for alcohol-impaired and distracted driving prevention, increased occupant protection, motorcycle safety, teen driving safety and data collection. Under the typical rules for a continuing resolution, new programs such as those authorized under the highway bill cannot be funded.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recently reported that its estimate of all traffic deaths for the first quarter of 2012 show a 13.5% increase to the highest number since 2008. The substantial increase is the second-largest quarterly jump in traffic deaths since NHTSA began tracking deaths on a quarterly basis in 1975 -- and the biggest since 1979.

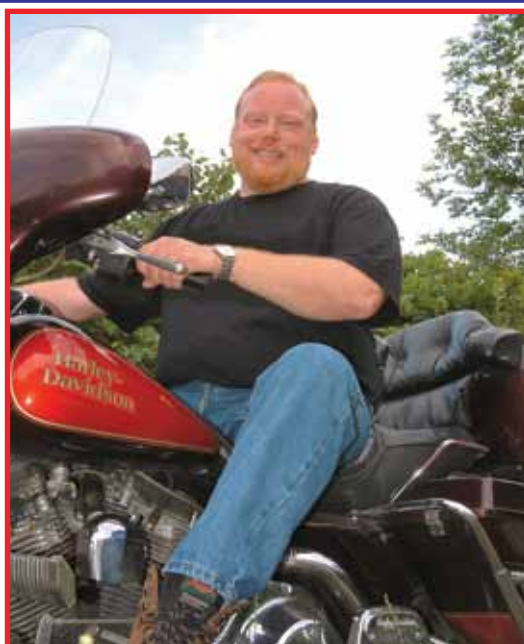
NHTSA reported the rate of traffic deaths per 100 million miles of vehicle travel increased significantly to 1.1 fatalities per 100 million miles traveled during the first three months, up from 0.98 in the same period last year, with 7,630 fatalities compared to 6,720 in the first quarter of 2011. The increase would end a steady decline in U.S. road deaths over the last seven years, falling last year to their lowest number since 1949.

**HEAD OF MOTORCYCLE CRASH STUDY RESIGNS OVER CONCERNS:** Dr. Samir Ahmed, the Oklahoma State University researcher who has been heading up the latest motorcycle crash causation study, announced that he was leaving the program in a September 11 e-mail stating; "I am writing to let you know that I am no longer working on the motorcycle crash causation study. I have serious reservations about the value of study with the existing FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) involvement. My expectations of the study are very low."

Dr. Samir did not offer any further explanation as to the reservations he has regarding the FHWA involvement. The study was originally planned to examine 900 crashes but due to funding difficulties that was cut back to approximately 300, though the Case Counter on the FHWA website currently reads 100.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) had raised commitments from its members to provide \$3 million to the study but decided not to make the money available for a study with fewer than the 900. It was decided then that the study would use only one location instead of the three that had been envisioned, and the reduced study got underway last year.

In the meantime, the MSF has announced the conclusion of an unprecedented year-long Motorcycle Naturalistic Study in conjunction with the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute designed to track comprehensive, real-time routine riding that likely included near crash, pre-crash, and actual



crash data that had heretofore been unavailable. The study is yielding preliminary results that will be released at a later date.

**HELLS ANGELS SUE FEDS OVER BAN ON MEMBERS ENTERING THE U.S.:** NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter editor Mike Davis SOS MC Retired recently reported that the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club is going to court to protest a U.S. government policy barring the club's foreign members from visiting the United States and is also fighting its federal designation as a "known criminal organization."

In a complaint filed in federal court in Washington, DC the Hells Angels Motorcycle Corporation names Janet Napolitano, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Alejandro Mayorkas who is the Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and claims its designation as a "known criminal organization" by the departments of Homeland Security and State violates immigration law and the group's constitutional rights by systematically denying entry to its members in 26 countries on six continents.

HAMC v. Napolitano et al. (1:12-cv-1357) disputes the Obama administration's foreign policy that declares "the Hells Angels, the Outlaws, Bandidos, and the Mongols" to be organized crime groups and is seeking an injunction allowing foreign members to be granted visas to travel to the U.S. In its lawsuit, the group claims the government routinely denies visas "to all aliens based solely on their membership in a Hells Angels charter without further analysis into whether or not that individual seeks to enter the United States to engage solely, principally, or incidentally in unlawful activity."

Lawyers for the club describe its membership as composed of loosely associated charters, "made up of motorcycle enthusiasts who have joined to ride motorcycles together, organize social events, fundraisers, parties and motorcycle rallies" and the group says any crimes committed by its mem-

bers have been done as individual acts, and are not representative of the club as a whole.

**DEPUTY SUSPENDED FOR SEIZING BIKER'S CAMERA:** The Dallas County Sheriff's office issued a 30-day suspension without pay to a deputy after footage showed him seizing a helmet-mounted camera from a motorcyclist as potential evidence of alleged crimes committed by other unidentified riders.

A video viewed nearly 500,000 times on YouTube shows the Texas deputy on camera issuing this comment to the biker: "The reason you're being pulled over is because I'm gonna take your camera and we're gonna use it as evidence of in the crimes that have been committed by other bikers."

Our legal experts at AIM/NCOM (Aid Injured Motorcyclists/National Coalition of Motorcyclists) agree that the officer's rationale does not constitute probable cause to make a traffic stop and does not justify seizing the camera, nor is it illegal to wear a camera on a helmet.

The sheriff's deputy eventually arrested the motorcycle rider and according to the Examiner newspaper he then tried to slam the door of the patrol car on the biker's leg before hauling him off to jail. The biker was finally released and issued a ticket for only an obstructed license plate.

The officer was also disciplined for leaving a drunk driver at the jail without booking him before going out on the call relating to motorcyclists riding on I-35.

**LONE STAR COURT RULES ON CELLPHONE SEARCHES:** Suds, Texas Commander of the U.S. Defenders/COIR Division, issued the following notice re: Texas Court of Appeals Opinion on Cellphone Searches --

Our AIM/NCOM Attorney Bill Smith shared an important decision made by the Texas Court of Appeals about evidence retrieved from a cellphone without a search warrant.

The Court rules in favor of the people. The opinion cited a case where an individual was arrested on one charge, and based on hearsay, an investigating detective went to the property room of the jail and retrieved the individual's cellphone and scrolled through the photos he had stored on it. Originally arrested for disorderly conduct, the defendant now had to face an indictment of improper photography or visual recording.

Prosecutors argued that a jailed individual had no rights to expectation of privacy. The Texas Court of Appeals disagreed and stated that while an inmate has no reasonable expectation of privacy in his cell, his/her stored property does fall under reasonable expectation of privacy. It is not as though the officer saw the pictures scrolling on the display screen, rather the phone had to be turned on and the photos accessed and scrolled through. While this may not stop a rogue officer from scrolling through your cellphone, anything found will not be admissible in court without a search warrant first.

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**SPEED CAMERAS COULD BE ANYWHERE:** As drivers become more savvy about spotting speed cameras along roads and highways, police are making it tougher by disguising their revenue-generating equipment. Authorities in and around Washington D.C. are expanding their speed camera programs, reports the Washington Examiner, and now they're purchasing cameras that look like mailboxes and trash containers to unsuspecting motorists. They're also more mobile, so police can reposition them so drivers cannot get used to seeing them in one particular area.

Nearby Prince George's County in Maryland purchased nearly 60 mobile cameras last year, and expects to generate \$28 million in annual revenue, reports the news outlet. A similar speed-camera program in D.C. generated \$55 million in fiscal year 2011.

Meanwhile, the traffic-camera debate has ignited state and local governments across the country: some embrace camera-based technology as a cost-efficient law-enforcement and safety tool; others cast it off as an overly intrusive money grab.

In all, 13 states utilize speed-reading cameras, while 12 states have passed laws banning them. Twenty-four states are currently operating at least one red-light camera within their borders, while another nine prohibit their use. Despite the conflicting laws, overall use of cameras has gone up rapidly in recent years: red-light cameras were in 25 communities in 2000, compared with more than 500 today. Speed cameras went from 20 jurisdictions in 2005 to 113 today.

**NEW BIKE INSURANCE SUSPENDED OVER LAW AND ORDER CONCERNS:** Insur-

ance companies have stopped offering insurance policies to purchasers of new motorcycles in Karachi, Pakistan due to increase in snatching and theft incidents of two wheelers in the city.

Law enforcement agencies, facing targeted killings and a skyrocketing crime rate, are apparently not interested in curbing such criminal activity, leaving poverty-stricken citizens at the mercy of thieves who are snatching dozens of motorcycles daily.

Motorcyclists who recently purchased brand-new bikes are being fleeced by illegal insurance agents to get their bikes insured, as all listed insurance companies in the city have suspended bike insurance policies due to the prevailing law and order situation.

**AUSTRALIA MAY REQUIRE RIDERS TO WEAR FLORESCENT CLOTHING:** Australia's 1.3 million motorcycle riders would be forced by law to wear florescent jackets under proposals splitting the biker and scooter community. A national battle over the possibility of compulsory hi-visibility clothing began when the luminescent idea was pushed by Senior Sergeant Bill Gore of the Wangaratta Highway Patrol as part of a safety bid to reduce motorcycle accidents.

A Victorian Government road safety inquiry will consider the hi-viz option and, if adopted, other states could be expected to follow suit.

Damien Codognotto, Melbourne-based spokesman for the Independent Riders' Group, is fighting mandatory day-glo because it could affect the liability of a bike or scooter rider after an accident. "Gore's law is likely to change the legal standing of motorcycle and scooter riders and their liability after a crash regardless of who was at fault," he told news.com.au.

"Compulsory third party insurers are looking to reduce payouts for victims of road

trauma who were on two wheels (who are) seen as easy targets for reduced compensation," explained Codognotto. "That is not only unjust considering the premiums and taxes we pay, it is disastrous for riders' families." He said there had not been much research into the issue and the collection of crash-site data had been patchy.

**LAWSUITS FILED OVER BAD GAS:** Two Indiana residents have filed separate class-action lawsuits against BP after they were told it would cost thousands of dollars to fix their vehicles, which were damaged by a bad batch of gasoline from the company's Whiting refinery.

BP has issued a recall for about 2.1 million gallons of off-specification gasoline that was shipped to stations in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin in early August. The company has reported that more than 7,000 people have already reported problems to BP.

Lake County resident Mark Gonzalez says in his suit, filed in the federal court in Hammond, IN that he filled up both his 2002 GMC Yukon and his 2007 Harley-Davidson motorcycle with the bad gasoline, leading to repairs costing more than \$1,000.

The attorney representing one complainant said they decided to file for class-action status, which must still be granted by a federal judge, because so many people like his client have been hurt by the bad gasoline but would likely spend more on legal fees than any money they would receive from BP.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "There are two primary choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist, or accept the responsibility for changing them." ~ Denis Waitley (born 1933), American author and motivational speaker

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There are few ways for the citizens of our nation to directly affect the way government operates, and how its results affect us. The most important of these is regular participation in the electoral process. With this in mind, ABATE of California, through its political arm, ABATEPAC, has produced this nonpartisan *Voter Guide*.

The intent of this guide is to aid motorcyclists, and others interested in individual freedom and liberty, in making informed choices at the polls on November 6, 2012.

ABATE of California supports the interests of California's more than one million motorcycle riders and passengers. ABATE promotes rider training and education, driver awareness programs, and other projects that make the road safer for everyone.

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# Motorcycle Safety Report

by Steve Guderian, Safety Officer

## The Politics of Safety Questions!

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

ABATE of California - we are a state motorcycle rights organization. It is our duty, our job and our responsibility to fight for the rights of all motorcycle riders. Our first responsibility is to our state riders, but we have a duty to do the best job we can for all riders in this nation.

Having said this I have a question to ask, "What is the most basic, the most foundational goal that we as a states rights organization must make sure is secure for all California Motorcycle riders?" Think about this while I continue on.

As the CA ABATE Safety Officer I attended the California Motorcycle Safety Program (CMSP) meeting. Before I go any further, let me say that at this meeting I hand delivered a letter to the representative from the California Office of Traffic Safety outlining some things that we would like to see happen with motorcycle rider safety funds. Starting in October the new Federal Transportation Funding program MAP-21, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century goes into effect. There is dedicated motorcycle rider safety funds in this federal funding that will go to the states. I checked with the Board of Directors and they agreed, let's get our voice in on how these funds are spent for motorcycle riders. A copy of this letter is at the end of this piece.

Back to the CMSP meeting, this is not the first time that I have attended this meeting; it is about the 6th or 7th time. But, those other times were as a government representative; this was the first time I was there as a motorcycle rights representative. WOW! What a different view from this chair!

Here is what I think is something of interest for us. Historically, in CA, in fatal crashes motorcycle riders have been at fault in about 70% of the crashes since around 1998. In 2009 the percentage of at fault crashes for the motorcycle was 59%; it



went back up in 2010. Preliminary data for 2011 shows that it is dropping again, 66%, and that fatal motorcycle crashes are up about 9%.

Here is the most important point about this data, it is not my data, it is the states own data. I am just listening to what this data is saying. Here is how I am hearing it, in 2011 there were more fatal motorcycle crashes than the year before, and motorcycle riders are responsible for causing less crashes than the year before. Said another way, more car drivers are responsible for crashes that are killing motorcycle riders than the year before. So, here is another question, what kind of vehicle driver awareness programs for motorcycles are we as riders seeing, other than a couple of days of freeway signs in May?

On June 18, 2012, I sent a letter to the four co-leaders of the CA Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). I had a copy of this letter printed in the July or August Bailing Wire. The first person to respond back to me was the only one of the co-leaders who does not work for the State of California. I did hear back from the two of the other 3 co-leaders. This was nothing more than a simple acknowledgement that they received the letter. Ninety days later, I am still waiting to hear any acknowledgement from Cal Trans regarding the letter. Cal Trans, is the same agency that controls the freeway message boards, so they are the ones that dictate when, where and how long any message plays. Need I remind riders that in May, the Motorcycle Safety Awareness month, there were 3 to 4 days of limited message exposure at the end of the month. I am also still waiting for a response of any kind to this letter, which was nothing more

than some simple requests for rider safety. This is easy enough to verify because we publicly printed the letter.

Just a couple of pieces of information for all of us to keep in mind: Cal Trans is one of the largest state agencies. As I recall, the Federal Highway Administration required state Departments of Transportation to establish a SHSP as a funding requirement. Cal Trans, the largest DOT agency and the agency who carries the responsibility for the SHSP. So, logically speaking, which agency would most likely be responsible for what happens with SHSP actions? One other bit of information, the SHSP has had in its possession since April, a completed best practices guideline for lane sharing that also has a vehicle driver education piece. So, this piece of motorcycle rider safety information has been sitting in the SHSP for 5 months now and there is no known date of release, it is "moving through the system."

So, back to the question I asked at the beginning, what is your answer? My answer to the most basic and fundamental right that we as riders have, the right to have the opportunity to ride on the safest public roadways the state can achieve with the resources available to the state. So, what happens when the agency with the most control over what happens for our riding safety doesn't really have the time to worry about our riding safety? Here is an even more far reaching question, if we can't even get some of the simplest things for our own riding safety secured, how are we ever going to be able to work on freedom of choice issues?

There is a lot more to this story. There are also a lot of things what we can do about this. But for now, two proper, formal and professional requests have gone to the State of California. After the publication of this issue of the Bailing Wire both requests will be public information. So, now that we, ABATE, have made these requests, I would like all the ABATE members who read this to use [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) (ABATE of CA gets money when you do a search here) and search for the Pennsylvania ABATE website. Check out their "Look Out for Motorcycles" sign program. So, why can't CA

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ABATE start a program like that here? Let's think about this, if CA ABATE can get a program like this started after having sent two letters to the state asking for signs, who gets the credit for being proactive on safety? Conversely, who looks like they are behind the 8-ball? If CA ABATE gets the credit for being proactive for motorcycle rider safety, we also get a bit more political credibility, which I know we can use to our advantage.

Below is a copy of the letter submitted. I really don't think we are asking for anything unreasonable or too expensive. Also, it looks like I might be down in the So Cal area for the weekend, starting on Thursday, October 25, 2012. I am always looking for ideas, thoughts and conversation. Email [Galileo-g@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Galileo-g@sbcglobal.net).

Letter:

Tuesday, August 28, 2012

Christopher J. Murphy, Director  
California Office of Traffic Safety

Director Murphy:

On behalf of ABATE of California, I thank you and your staff for all the work that you have done to keep California motorcycle riders safe. Being the top state for registered motorcycles in the nation, having an outstanding year-round motorcycle riding climate, and the beautiful places to which to see as a ride destination, both Californians and out of state riders makes motorcycle safety a daunting task.

With the transportation reauthorization legislation, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) going into effect on October 1, 2012, the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) will be undertaking new motorcycle rider safety programs. We understand that the section 405 Motorcyclist Safety Grants has not yet been completely formalized through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), but we note that part of this grant involves public outreach programs designed to enhance driver

awareness of motorcyclists. ABATE of California would like to offer the following suggestions as possible programs under the section 405 Motorcyclist Safety Grants:

1. Twice a month display of a safety message on freeway electronic boards, starting on Friday and going through Sunday. Dates for messaging should take into account major motorcyclist gatherings in the state, such as the "Love Ride" and/or out of state events such as "Street Vibrations" in Reno, NV.

2. Rotating messaging for the message boards, such as the "Look Twice" message of "Motorcyclist Safety -- it's everyone's responsibility," along with any number of other pertinent messages.

3. Use of portable message boards for display in high motorcycle crash locations. OTS has purchased many of these message boards for local agencies, they can be used at times and locations of high motorcycle crash frequencies in a local area. Displays could also include a safety message for riders in areas of high solo motorcycle crashes.

4. Posting of permanent advisor signs in areas of high motorcycle traffic and/or crash areas to advise vehicle drivers to look out for motorcycles that are also using the roadway.

5. More use of the motorcycle rider forums, clubs, and rights organizations such as "Bay Area Riders Forum," "Pashnit," "FJR Rider Forum" and ABATE, just to name a few, to distribute recent recaps about motorcycle crashes. (Example: Within days of a major motorcycle crash, provide general location information, motorcycle description, and suspected cause of the crash.) This information would heighten safety awareness in riders, particularly if they ride the same type of motorcycle in the same general riding environment.

6. More press releases regarding motorcycle crashes. For example, a quarterly press release regarding the number of motorcycle crashes for a previous quarter. Any topic that creates an awareness of motorcyclists on the roadway will work, even survey results of helmet usage obtained during seatbelt surveys.

One additional item we would like to see is another "Motorcyclist Safety Summit" similar to the one in 2008. We understand that under the current interpretation of MAP-21, section 405 Motorcyclist Safety Grants, funds from this grant cannot be used for this summit. However, maybe carry over funds from SAFETEA-LU sections 402, 405, 406, 2010 and 2011 could be re-programmed and used for such a summit. Additionally, we would request that a future summit be done solely by CA OTS & CHP, no additional sponsorship by Motorcycle Safety Foundation or the Motorcycle Industry Council. Also, that there be a significantly reduced number of law enforcement personnel in attendance. We believe that more active riders from state and local motorcycle communities would provide a more specific and unique insight into rider safety.

Director Murphy, thank you again for your agency's effort to enhance motorcycle rider safety. Please feel free to contact me at any time for anything that ABATE of CA can assist you with, or should you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your time and assistance with MAP-21, section 405 Motorcyclist Safety Grants.

Respectfully,  
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by Craig Griswold

### EFI 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 2006 (Dyna models only, 2007 all models), 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.

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

It is worth mentioning that stock O2 sensors are narrow band type devices. Since the EFI system was designed to self tune in the power bands mentioned above (warm idle and cruise), the narrow band sensor is all that is needed. Several of the higher end after-market systems incorporate wide band sensors and will self tune throughout the entire power band.

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. These days budgets are pretty tight. Ask what kind of performance gains you will get for a given amount of money spent. Always keep in mind that the higher you go in the horsepower world, the more time and money you'll spend on maintenance. Performance is hard on parts!

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Steamer Arsnow 2nd Tues 7:30 PM  
 661/251-8360 VFW Post#10049  
 4242 E. Los Angeles, Simi Valley

**Thousand Oaks-Local#03-Reg#7**

Chuck Pedersen 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM  
 842 E Avenida De Las Flores Elks Lodge  
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Tom Lubbers 3rd Mon - 7:00 PM  
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 1020 E Route 66, Glendora

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Snowman-ABATE #6 1st Sunday - 12 Noon  
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Jered Yates 2nd Mon. 7:30PM  
 5031 Tripoli Ave American Legion #354  
 Los Alamitos CA 8071 Whitaker, Buena Park  
 714/393-7174

**South Orange County - Local #09-Reg#11**

Cory Toroian 2nd Tues. 7:00 PM  
 949/496-2936 Call for Meeting Place

**San Diego County (North) - Local #11-Reg#12**

Dan Buse 2nd Sun - 11 AM  
 760/807-7294 Oakvale Country Store  
 buse13@cox.net 14900 Oakvale  
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Scott McCool 2nd Thurs. - 7:30 PM  
 VFW Post #3935  
 300 Surfside Dr.  
 805/657-2454 Pt. Hueneme CA 93041

**Alameda County Local#14-Reg#3**

Houdini 1st Wed 7:30 PM  
 510/575-1500 The Florence  
 37349 Niles Blvd., Fremont

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 P O Box 148 Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon  
 Vacaville 95696 4826 Midway Rd.  
 707/624-6310 Vacaville CA

**Pomona Valley - Local #19-Reg#9**

Robert Cuthbertson 4th Wed - 7:00 PM  
 P O Box 4664 Round Table Pizza  
 San Dimas 91773 1020 N Mountain  
 909/921-2159 Ontario CA

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Gill Mellen 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM  
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 Costa Mesa, CA 92627 2642 Newport Blvd.  
 949/632-9787 Costa Mesa CA 92627

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Ron Sundquist 2nd Thurs - 7:00 PM  
 37230 52nd St. East Moose Lodge  
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 661/586-5555 Lancaster 93535  
 ron.sundquist@sbcglobal.net

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

Suzanne Palmiere 1st Thurs - 7:30 PM  
 310/245-0543 Chowder Barge  
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**San Bernardino - Local#23-Reg#9**

Kevin Sorrell 1st Sun 9:00 AM  
 Vicky's Restaurant  
 909/793-1112 502 S. Waterman Ave.  
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Ed Rogers 1st Wed. 7:00 PM  
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Greg Covell 1st Tues - 7:00 PM  
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 Riverside CA 92513 2979 Dexter Dr,  
 951/522-3434 Riverside, CA 92513  
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**Morongo Basin - Local#29-Reg#10**

Marty Rapp 2nd - Thurs - 6:30 PM  
 P.O. Box 2334 Odd # Months  
 29 Palms CA 92277 Call for meeting Location  
 760/367-1694

**North Valley - Local #31-Reg#2**

Larry James 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM  
 Last Call Lounge  
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Steve Katen 3rd Thurs. - 7:PM  
 530/749-1003 American Legion  
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Omar Macias 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM  
 661/832-5240 Rusty's Pizza  
 661/900-8690 5430 Olive Dr  
 Bakersfield 93308

**High Desert - Local#44-Reg#13**

George Butterfield 2nd Sat. 9:30 am  
 P.O. Box 3094 Victor Valley Moose Lodge  
 Victorville, CA 92392 10230 "E" Ave.  
 760/954-1227 Hesperia 92345

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 Yermo CA 92398  
 760/254-3833 or 760/953-7353

**Grass Valley - Local#52-Reg#2**

Craig Griswold 3rd Wed - 6:30 PM  
 21183 State Hwy 20 Larry & Lena's Pizza & Grill'  
 Penn Valley 15690 Johnson Place  
 530/263-8071 Hwy#49 Grass Valley

**Ridgecrest - Local #58-Reg#13**

Dave Cornelius 3rd Sat 10:00 AM  
 760/447-4342 Mickey's Pub  
 1661 W. Triangle Dr.  
 Ridgecrest

**Colfax - Local #60-Reg#2**

Larry Burch 2nd Thurs 7:00 PM  
 530/613-0912 Grand Father's Club house  
 301 Railroad St.  
 Colfax

# 24<sup>th</sup> Annual State Run, Pics by Nick Benson

by Tina Sanders,  
State Run Chairman

The 24th Annual State Run has just ended. If you missed it, you missed a Great time! We had entertainment Friday from Elmer Time and Saturday from 'Lil' Mike & the Blues Hammers. Local 40 and the Widowmakers did our bike games.

The Boozefighters M/C won for the largest non-ABATE group. And Local 11 won for the largest ABATE Local in attendance.

I'd like to Thank Locals 1, 23, 27, 38, 44, 47, & 52 for working the ABATE booths and security.

To everyone that donated raffle prizes THANK YOU! Local #00, 02, 8, 11, 13, 15, 20, 23, 25, 27, 38, 40, 44, 47, 52 and Bonewrap Leather, Boozefighters M/C, CCC Knives, Charla's Tools, Eagle Sky Silver, Elmer & Connie Simeon, Esaa DePew, Fred & Patty Cammack, Judy Pruitt, Lee, Mary Kay, Mark Thoms, and Serendipity Ink.

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