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Lobbyist's Legislative Report



by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

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The Legislature passed its \$215 billion budget a day BEFORE the June 14th deadline. They now return to policy committees to finalize bills sending to them to the Appropriations Committee for voting in August, while working through Budget Trailer Bills in June.

In July the State Legislature recesses for the month to head back to their Districts. As California Assembly members and Senators will be back in your area all month, stop into their local office and introduce yourself as a member of Motorcyclists Rights Organization, ABATE of California. Let them know The Lombardo Group represents you at the Capitol.

To check who represents your area, and where their office is located, go to: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html

The Senate has now been filled with the final two Senators, welcome Senator Brian Dahle (R – Redding) and Senator Lena Gonzalez (D – Long Beach).

September 13th is the last day for the Legislature to be in session so it will be busy summer months of tracking, meetings and negations on behalf of Motorcyclists throughout the State.

We are assisting ABATE Member Bob Marshall who has stepped up with the Social Media Outreach. Please support him and us by sending in any photos, videos and pertinent information thorough Facebook, Instagram, Twitter - search for @abatecalifornia

Thanks to all the individuals and Locals who step up and contributed to the separate DEDI-CATED LOBBYIST FUND and keep us fighting for your rights in California!

See you at the July 13th Board of Directors and PAC meetings in Thousand Oaks!!!

Bills at a Glance

ABATE Supporting:

AB-47 Daly (D – Anaheim) Driver records: points: distracted driving would make the ticket for holding your phone while driving a moving violation and 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. Currently Referred to Senate Transportation. This Bill was amended to not take effect until January 1st, 2021.

AB 390 Frazier (D - Vacaville)/Grayson (D - Concord) Notice to correct violations: motorcycle exceptions. 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 Authors Office and Cosponsors, SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Associations) and Western Center on Law & Poverty toward a solution hopefully this Year.

ABATE Opposing

SB 767 Glazer (D – East Bay). Off-highway vehicular recreation: Carnegie State Vehicu-

lar Recreation Area: Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area. This bill would authorize the department to dispose of the portion of the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area known as the "Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area" to permanently preserve that land for conservation purposes. Double Referred to Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee and Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review.

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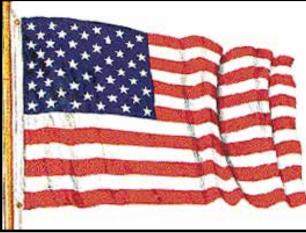


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What is ABATE?

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

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ABATE OF CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER

Executive Director Report

by Mark Loudermilk, **Executive Director**

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This month we celebrate our Declaration of Independence from England, or as it is referred to across the pond as Happy Traitors Day. This reminded me of the importance of perspective in things. The Crown saw us as a group of ungrateful subjects who did not appreciate or respect what the Royals so generously allowed us to have. The Colonists on the other hand, saw themselves ruled and not represented by a far removed government. A government that thought they were the source of our rights because we were their subjects.

The colonists rejected that idea and seven long years of war ensued. And then the task of creating our government began. The colonists believed that our rights were inherent, not granted by government. And that although government had its purposes, it also needed to be restricted in how it could affect those inalienable rights. Thus, was born our Constitution and the American Constitutional Republic.

Then, serving in the government was an honorable thing to do and when done you returned to private life. Now it is a career, with many serving their corporate sponsors over their citizens. We have drifted far from the original concept of minimal government involvement in our daily lives. Now too many want the government to provide for them and it loves you being dependent on them. Others, like bikers, want the government out of their lives.

This is where ABATE comes in. In California we have a government that wants to be in every aspect of your life with legislators that know nothing about the topics they are making laws about telling you what you can and cannot do. It is our chosen task to monitor, educate, and motivate legislators and citizens alike regarding proposed legislation with either support or opposition.

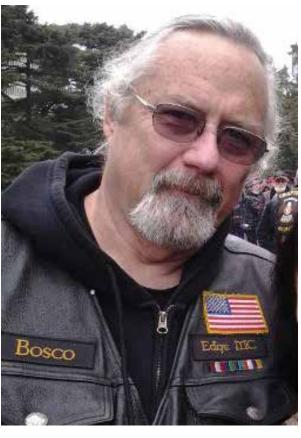
There are nearly one million riders in California. Enough to affect the outcome of any election in the state if we work together. Enough to put pressure on any legislator, to educate and influence them about any legislation.

Are you happy with the current laws and upcoming legislation affecting motorcyclists? Are you happy about how you have been treated by police and authorities as a motorcyclist? If so, ride safe. If not, join ABATE and increase our

Politicians respond to those who get them elected. Stand up, get involved, make your voice heard, and be part of making change. Tell your friends about ABATE. We are not only about politics. We exist to preserve and protect the individual rights of all riders through political in-

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.



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volvement and promotion of safety. Be part of that. Start by joining us at our quarterly Board of Directors meeting on July 13th in Thousand Oaks to learn more about ABATE.

Have an awesome Fourth of July celebration and remember what it was about. Throwing off an oppressive non represented government and declaring ourselves citizens with inalienable rights and creating a government that respected that. The battle still goes on today. Come be

Happy Fourth of July!!

Measure to Designate May as Motorcycle Awareness Month **Passes the Senate**

May 2019 Sacramento - Senator Brian Jones (R-Santee) introduced Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 52 today, which would designate May 2019 as Motorcycle Awareness Month in California.

Motorcycles account for less than 5 percent of registered vehicles in the United States, and California leads the way in training and safety for motorcyclists.

Jones provided an example of motorcycle riders' community involvement by participating at the "May Ride" event in his district that was attended by thousands of local riders to support our military men and women and raise money for the Armed Services YMCA.

In his speech on the Senate floor, Jones asserted, "As a safe and law-abiding motorcycle rider and enthusiast, I support motorcyclists' rights and safety... I encourage you to keep an eye out for motorcyclists and take extra precautions to keep our riders safe."

SCR 52 passed the Senate 37-0 and now heads to the Assembly.

Video: https://youtu.be/kcu8tCHJ0t4

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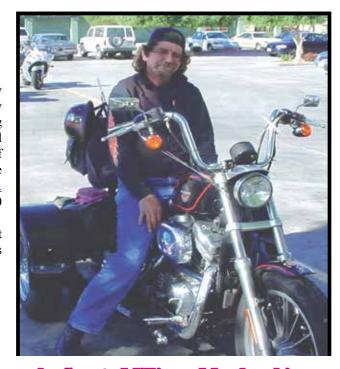
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Membership Report



by Sporty Milligan, Membership **Chairman**

Hi all! This month's report is a quick review of what you need to do to keep the renewals and how to encourage sign-up of new members. I am constantly trying to think of ways to better our membership program. I could use your help with this. Never-the-less here is some things you can do.

Look for new members by attending bike nights. When you go to these, take ABATE accomplishments with you. They are easy to carry and can be put in your jacket pocket. Also, practice your sales pitch in advance. At the event go up to the prospective member and start talking ABATE issues and what we do to help protect the right to ride. You might add some of the legislative issues we're working on.

Other places you might look for new members is at are the dealerships. They are a great place to talk to folks about ABATE memberships. Once again be armed with the membership cards and the small version of the ABATE accomplishments. Good luck!

It's up to the Local's president to encourage their members to do what they can to make the membership of the Local to keep coming back for more - yearly renewal. There will be those who don't attend meetings so you send out emails to those members about the goings on of the Local and ABATE issues of importance to the members. The key to have a successful membership program is keeping your members informed and interested in ABATE issues.

Finally we're at the half way point in our yearly membership drive. At the July ABATE Board of Directors meeting we will pick the winner of the membership funding special yellow tickets raffle. It might be you, if you purchased a yellow raffle ticket! The raffle helps fund the membership drive completely.

So again in closing, try to sign-up new members and, presidents, try to encourage your members to renew. Everyone should try to attend ABATE events.

Membership chairmen Sporty Milligan reporting.

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Sincerely,

ABATE of California, Inc.

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Every year we ask our members and friends to help us in our pursuit of "Freedom of the Road." Your generosity helps us maintain and improve our service to you, our motorcycle community. We are honored to list you as a donor and sincerely appreciate your involvement with our organization. Thank you for your sacrifice, generosity, and above all, your faith in ABATE of California. We are proud of our long relationship with our California riders and we strive to serve your motorcycle needs to the best of our ability. Your donation will be used as you intended it to be, and we would like to say, "Thank You" and wish you a safe ride on every road you travel.

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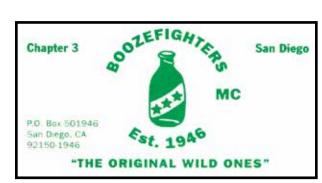
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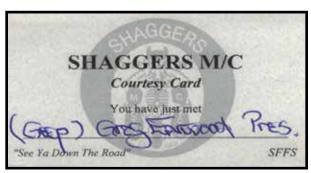
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From the ABATE Locals: 1, 2, 11, 17, 19 & 40

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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Local 20 Earl Pattschull

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Local 25 Ruby Weber

Local 27 Rex Pitts

Local 33 Ron Tibbetts

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Local 1 Benson

Local 6 Jim Brown

25th Anniversary Local 17 Hot Rods & Harley Show by Glen Phillips, ABATE Local 17

Our 22nd Annual Hot Rod and 25th Annual Harley Show was a at HillOn2Wheels. A true and sincere thanks to Stan and huge success with a beautiful day of weather to bless it. ABATE Terry Hill from Thunder Roads Nor-Cal in their compiling Local 17 of California partnered with Iron Steed Harley-Davidson years ago as we grew and have continued to grow needing more space. This years' event was held at the Dixon Fairgrounds with thousands in attendance. A shout out to Dave Allen and Ally Johns at Iron Steed for their determination to secure the fairgrounds for this event. Thanks to owners Ed and Aubree for their continued business membership with ABATE Local 17 – it is what a team is all about!

We had over 80 vehicles and over 50 motorcycles show up for Go, Road Trip Bar & Grill, LD Cycle, Barber Joe's, Wattoo the show, with plenty of vendors with all kinds of goodies! Please Equipment Inc, Eagle Eye Engraving, Wren's Café, Premier check out the pics in this issue. The Grinders performed for us throughout the day with great live music and Ron Landaker mance, The Muffler Store, ABC Upholstery LLC Vacaville, backed them up with his always great DJ style.

There are also great pics on Facebook at Iron Steed Harley-Davidson and ABATE 17. You must check out the You Tube video

of the video of our show! Please subscribe to HillOn2Wheels when viewing the video.

Thanks to everyone that came this year - from the vendors, to the spectators, to the show entries – we appreciate you!

Big thanks to all our Trophy and Show sponsors: Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon, Miss Darla's, Doreen & Wayne Soltys, LD Cycle, TJ's Tavern, Vacaville V-Twin "In Memory of Tom Watson", City Tow and Transport, Audio To Auto Body, Napa Auto Parts Vacaville, Vacaville Perfor-Gene's Transmission & Muffler, Walker Floors Inc, Corby's Collision Inc, Tweed Hut, and Corby's Collision Inc.

Without your donations our ABATE 17 organization could not survive!











Hot Rod Trophy Winners:

1. Up to 1939 class - sponsored by Wren's Café, Vacaville 2nd place winner entry #307, 1932 coupe, owner Mike Panketh 1st place winner entry #301, 1932 Ford, owner Bill McBride 2. 1940's class - sponsored by Premier Auto Body, Vacaville 2nd place winner entry #401, 1941 Willies, owner Bill Bowen 1st place winner entry #406, 1940 Ford, owner Bill McCombe 3. 1950's class - sponsored by Napa Auto Parts, Vacaville 2nd place winner entry #501, 1954 Chevy, owner Cesar Uresti 1st place winner entry #510, 1951 Lincoln, owner Carlos Ferreia 4. 1960's class- sponsored by Vacaville Performance, Vacaville 2nd place winner entry #602, 1969 Road Runner, owner Rod McMahon 1st place winner entry #609, 1964 Chevy Impala, owner Chris Cucual 5. 1970's class - sponsored by The Muffler Store, Vacaville 2nd place winner entry #704, 1970 Chevelle, owner Jim Curnutt 1st place winner entry #703, 1973 Camero, owner Debbie Bowen 6. 1980's to present class - sponsored by ABC Upholstery, LLC., Vacaville 2nd place winner entry #801, 2016 Camero, owner Tim Gonzalez

1st place winner entry #820, 2019 Corvette, owner Kevin Reynolds

7. Truck class - sponsored by Gene's Transmission & Muffler, Vacaville

2nd place winner entry #702, 1971 Ranchero, owner Patty Rush 1st place winner entry #11, 1941 Willies, owner Dennis English

Special awards:

- 1. Under construction sponsored by Corby's Collision, Vacaville Winner entry #13, 1971 El Camino, owner Josh Lechak
- 2. Best paint sponsored by Corby's Collision, Vacaville Winner entry #17, 1923 Ford, owner Ron Dixon
- 3. Best engine sponsored by Walker Floors Inc., Vacaville Winner entry #301, 1932 Ford, owner Bill McBride
- 4. Best engineered sponsored by Tweed Hut, Vacaville
- Winner entry #618, Avanti all electric, owner David Heacock 5. Best interior - sponsored by Walker Floors Inc., Vacaville Winner entry #609, 1964 Chevy, owner Chris Cucual

Best in Show sponsored by Eagle Eye Engraving, Vacaville Winner entry #301, 1932 Ford, owner Bill McBride

Motorcycle Trophy Winners:

1. Antique class - sponsored by Judy's Wild Wrangler saloon, Vacaville

2nd place winner entry #307, 1963 Knucklehead, owner Ivy Cross

 $1^{\rm st}$ place winner entry #1 1942 Knucklehead, owner James Talus

2. Shovelhead class - sponsored by Miss Darla's, Vacaville 2nd place winner entry #51, 1982 FXWG modified, owner Geno Hamrick

1st place winner entry #52, 1979 Shovelhead, owner Wayne

3. Road King class - sponsored by Doreen & Wayne Soltys, Vacaville

1st place winner entry #101, 2005 Road King, owner Leo Abarca

4. Dyna class - sponsored by LD Cycle, Vacaville

3rd place winner entry #153, 1998 Dyna Superglide, owner Kristy McNeil

2nd place winner entry #157, 2017 Dyna FXDLS, owner Denise Baker

1st place winner entry #151, 2003 HD Dyna, owner Bruce Pratt

5. Softail class - sponsored by TJ's Tavern, Vacaville 3rd place winner entry #205, 2013 Softail Deluxe, owner Donald Hodge

2nd place winner entry #206, 2019 Softail Breakout 114, owner Nicholas Meneses

1st place winner entry #201, 2006 Softail Deluxe, owner Kellie Monize

Dresser class/all makes - sponsored by Vacaville V-Twin, Vacaville "In memory of Tom Watson"

3rd place winner entry #252, 2014 Ultra Limited, owner Victor Tibbs

2nd place winner entry #253, 2009 Roadglide, owner Eric Dobrovolny

 $1^{\rm st}$ place winner entry #254, 2002 HD FLHT, owner Steve Linstad

7. Trikes/Sidecars class - sponsored by City Tow & Transport, Vacaville

1st place winner entry #301, 1939 HD Knucklehead, owner Steve Bone

8. Metric class - sponsored by Audio to Go, Vacaville No entries

9. Sportsters class - sponsored by Road Trip Bar & Grill, Capay Valley

2nd place winner entry #451, 2007 Sportster Nightstar, owner Melissa Barnes

1st place winner entry #452, 2018 Sportster 48 Special, owner Douglas Dewid

10. FXR class - sponsored by LD Cycle, Vacaville

3rd place winner entry #501, 1987 FXRD, owner Craig Damman 2nd place winner entry #505, 1992 FXRT, owner Damian Concepcion

1st place winner entry #503, FXR Knuckle, owner Raymond Brown

11. Shop Custom class - sponsored by Barber Joe's, Vacaville 3rd place winner entry #552, 2019 Shop Custom Econo Ridged, owner Chopper Guys

2nd place winner entry #553, Chopper, owner Johnnie B 1st place winner entry #551, 2005 Custom Chopper, owner Sam Fernandez

12. Rat Bike class- sponsored by Audio to Go, Vacaville

1st place winner entry #351, 1974 HD FXE, owner Don Garcia 13. Youth class - 12 & under - sponsored by Wattco Equipment Inc., Fairfield

2nd place winner entry #602, 2019 Supergirl Electric, owner Violet D'Antonio

1st place winner entry #601, 2015 Kidster, owner Caleb Palmer

14. Best in show sponsored by Eagle Eye Engraving, Vacaville Entry #152, 2012 Dyna V-Twin, owner Sam Johnson

















LOCAL REPORTS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! This report is submitted before we actually have our monthly meeting. After having a month hiatus from a live meeting we're returning to the Elks Lodge for the June meeting.

It will be a small meeting due to the fact it's Father's Day. Never-the-less we will conduct business and I will report to my members who missed the meeting what was relevant so they can stay informed.

So that will be all for this month. Sporty, President ABATE Local 1

Local #02 Simi Valley



June is amongst us and I can feel the heat of pre summer temps and then it's gloomy. As the days start to get warmer so is the grill that VP Scott and I, Norm, are standing in front of. Yes, we are the volunteer cooks this month - a great thanks to us! We have the best \$5 meal deal in town, our prices haven't gone up for years. We serve BBQ cheeseburgers, and fat footlongs with 3+ side dishes. If you're thirsty, the VFW has a great full-service bar on the other side of the patio wall. We start serving at 6:45 until 7:20, then our meeting starts promptly at 7:30.

The patio we get to use is great and it's also a great place to hang out while chowing down. We Thank the VFW for letting us use their place.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW POST 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Ave in Simi Valley.

VP Scott got us going with the Pledge of Allegiance, then Pres Jim opened the meeting. We had a great discussion about the Sweaty Buns run, we got the last stop filled and we voted to have a new shirt design for our run. It was about changes and we are all in for it.

We had Sporty for a guest tonight and he talked about what ABATE was doing about the political bills and what to support etc. VP Scott inquired about mass emails he was getting from someone in ABATE. Our secretary was on vacation, Betty, our treasurer, gave us our balance report, PR Norm talked about the Bailing Wire and website, Frank, our membership coordinator, is also on vacation, but I had heard that we are doing good! Run coordinator Pig Face talked about rides and what and where this month's ride will be.

We had our membership drawing and the winner was a no show so the pot rolls over to next month. We are stepping up our meetings to get into the mode of having a ride that we've been doing for over 20 years. If anyone has prizes to donate, check with either Pat or Jane.

All in all, we had a good meeting and next month's meeting will be the last meeting before the Sweaty Buns run. Ride safe and be a good statistic - I think you'll live longer, I hope! PTL norm e.

Local #08 Orange County



We had a small but mighty turn out of our June meeting. May having been Local 8's Media Month. We talked about how we may have changed the ways we are seen on social media. A few of us tightened down our security a bit and strive to get the ABATE word out.

We took the time to discuss the current bills and their impact on the general public, with things like the driver license points and the threshold update for alcohol percentage. Everyone bringing their own thoughts to the table makes for a hearty discussion.

As July approaches we need donations for the ABATE booth at the Long Beach So Cal swap meet on July 28th. If you have any treasures that you might like to donate, please contact Steve Howe at 562-298-6236 to arrange pick up or drop off. Any item small or large might fetch a price and add to the funds for ABATE. Remember this is not to benefit Local 8, as all the profits are donated directly back to ABATE to keep us all afloat and able to get the word out.

Come out and show your support by dropping by the ABATE booth with an introduction.

Our meeting closed with talks about upcoming ABATE activities, runs and gatherings and supporting ABATE events. Keeping this in mind. Set your sights on an event or three and show your support.

With school out and the weather warming, keep a keen eye out for distracted drivers - like that mom who forgot to check twice because she's got a minivan packed with over excited screaming kids.

Always be aware. Be safe out there! Local 8's Hawgete

Local #17 Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano & Napa Counties

Hey all! Been busy for us at Local 17 so far this year. From our 31st Annual Freeze Your Ass Off run, Spring Bingo Run, 8th Annual Texas Hold-Em to our 25th Anniversary Hot Rods & Harley Show on June 2nd at the Dixon Fairgrounds our volunteers have been hopping.

Times like this give me pause to thank those that have continually volunteered to help make our events a success and fun to attend. The sad thing is that sometimes I forget to mention somebody. To those I have forgotten in the past to those I will forget in the future – THANK YOU!

Here is my thanks to our volunteers for our events this year: Lee Beaman, Sal & Sam DeRenzi, Sam Fernandez, Dan Fitzgerald, Steve Fox, Geno Hamrick, Bill Hines, Gary & Jackie Hite, Marshall Johnson, Mike & Jan Landers, Dee Dee Linderer, Jay Marshall, Bill & Paula McBride, Bob & Diana Megary, Lynda Molina, Chuck Moore, Bruce O'Berg, Cathy Phillips, Bruce Rollings, Dave Rush, Randy Severini, Margaret Shook, Arianna Soltys, Wayne & Doreen Soltys, Mike Southward, Mike Todd, and Chuck Wilson.

Year after year and event after event these names continue to show up and put up! THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Our next event is our Summer Bingo Run on July 20th starting at Miss Darla's in Vacaville. We will end at the Buckhorn in Dixon. This event has a bingo game at 5 different stops with a winner at each stop. These runs are so much fun, please join us!

Don't forget to put Sarah's 20th Annual Memorial Scholarship Run on your calendar for August 24th. This also starts at Miss Darla's and will end at the event area at the beautiful Green River Brewing & Taproom. A thanks to Jason Harris, Executive Chef & Catering Manager for making this happen!

See You Around the Next Corner! Glenn

Local #20 Orange County



We had 13 members for the June meeting. Spike told us the "Terms of Engagement" have changed. If you're stopped, be polite and respectful but only provide an answer to the question and nothing more. To do so, you're opening yourself up to more questioning, etc. Do not engage with the cops any more than necessary.

Spike is going to try to get to Las Vegas to see the 1.5-hour documentary that has been in the works for a while. It will show Greg and Pauly's stop and other locals in it. The organizer was very jazzed by it.

Gill said food will be served next month. Raffle prize winners: Bald Jack/wine glasses and Betty Boop salt & pepper shakers, Greg/oil can lights (can be traded for \$50 gift certificate), Lorri/\$25 gift certificate and Shim/Russ Brown battery charger. Lorri won the \$25 raffle pot. Jessica lost out on the \$46 which rolls over to July.

Local #23 San Bernardino



Hey there, fellow riders and protectors of freedom of the road! The drizzle and June gloom

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didn't stop the dedicated riders who made it to our meeting - thanks for coming. We had two guests today, Arnold and Carolyn Payne of the Hellfighters Christian Ministries M/C and we hope they will become members.

After brief treasury and secretary reports, we breezed through old business. Lizz Morris stepped up to the plate this morning to bat for our VP, Bosco, who still has health issues. Thanks, Lizz! This husband and wife team are tag teaming to cover for Bosco in his absence.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be July 13th in Thousand Oaks. Show up, if you can, and get involved.

Ron filled us in on the Box of Love event. Despite the rain and low turnout, it was a success. We now have some funds to get us through the year and we were able to gather some basic needs for our San Bernardino City Mission. Thanks to all who showed up! Even Sporty rode out from his place to show support! Good to see you Sporty!

We are looking for more fund-raising ideas to support ABATE. Please bring ideas to the next meeting. Pick up a Bailing Wire to find out where the next rides will be in your area and get involved. Till then, keep high and dry!

Greg, ABATE Local 23 Secretary/Treasurer.

Local #25 Sacramento



Lil' David called the meeting to order. There were 9 members attending and no guests. Local 25 made recent donations to the state general fund and PAC. We updated our membership records for member's email addresses.

It was noted that the Local owns a set of special effect goggles designed to mimic the effects of alcohol on the body. They can be used for both educational purposes and as part of a game at a motorcycle event.

The next quarterly Board of Directors meeting will be July 13th in Thousand Oaks at the Elks

The meeting was adjourned. David Smart Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE members! Well the heat is here,

try to stay cool.

We are having our annual Fourth of July breakfast run. It will be a no host breakfast, meaning just a few like-minded riders that want to escape the heat for a few hours. We are headed to Janet's Montana Cafe in Alpine. We will be leaving the Chevron station on Imperial Avenue in El Centro about 7 am. Should be a nice ride.

Went to the Post Office and ran into a former ABATE Local 38 member, Janina Soto, who moved back to the Valley. This is a woman that doesn't seem to age. I gave her my business card and a copy of the Bailing Wire. Looking forward to catching up.

We made a good-sized donation to the Lobbyist fund as well as buying our membership raffle tickets. This was proceeds from our annual Ice Chest run in May.

The Lucky's supermarket closed so we will be looking for a new start location for our Toy

We lost a couple of VIP members to retirement, they moved to Texas. We wish Bruce and Shelly the best of luck.

In September we will be gearing up to start preparations for our Turkey and Toy runs.

Come to our meetings, bring a friend and get

involved. Bye for now Stay Safe and Cool.

Ed Aranda, President ABATE Local 38

The Sarah Renee Phillips Memorial Scholarship gave out the \$5,150 scholarship to Dena Liu on May 22nd at Will C. Wood High School where Sarah would have graduated. These were the proceeds from the 19th Annual Sarah Renee Phillips Memorial Scholarship Run held last year. The Phillips' Family Thanks Everyone for their support.



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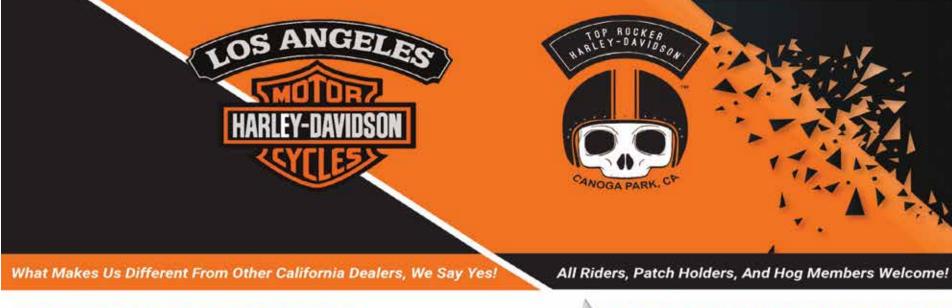




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July 13th – ABATE 3rd Quarterly Board Meeting Elks Lodge Thousand Oaks (see invitation this issue)

July 20th - ABATE 17 -Summer Bingo (see flyer this issue)

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

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

August 24th – ABATE 17 – 20th Annual Sarah's Memorial Run (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 19 - ABATE 4th Quarterly Board Meeting (Location/Format to be announced)

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

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November – ABATE 38 22nd Annual Turkey Run

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

December – ABATE 19 31st Annual Toy Run

December – ABATE 38 – Imperial Valley Los Ninos ALL ABATE Events must Toy Run

Toy Run

Bike Nites:

ABATE Local 3/13 – 1st November - ABATE 11 - 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.

have event insurance **December 14th** – ABATE 17 Contact the ABATE State office for information.

Local 1 Booth at Soldier's of Jesus Event San Pedro



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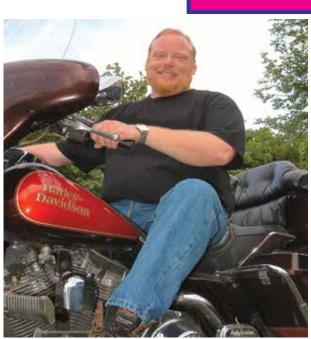


ABATE "Brothers & Sisters" Lost in 2019 Kenneth "Smokey" Wheeless, Local 3 Richard Padilla, Local 1 Jim MacMillan, Local 3 Alfred "Podunk" Duran, Local 23 Lee McPherson, Local 44 Frank Klein, Local 1

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NCOM Biker Newsbytes



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

NCOM CONVENTION IN ORLANDO STRESSES UNITY: The underlying theme of the 34th annual NCOM Convention in Orlando, Florida, May 10th -12th, was "Unity" and welcomed back many past supporters and saw lots of new faces in the crowded conference rooms of the Doubletree by Hilton - Universal host hotel.

During the General Session, Outsiders MC member David "Double D" Devereaux, founder of the Motorcycle Profiling Project and member of the NCOM Legislative Task Force, spoke convincingly of the need for Unity in attaining our common goals, particularly in regards to state and federal anti-profiling legislation, and NCOM Chairman James "Doc" Reichenbach echoed those sentiments to the assembled representatives of hundreds of clubs, organizations and NCOM Member Groups.

One of the largest NCOM Conventions to date, this year's gathering drew biker activists from motorcycle rights organizations (MROs) and Confederations of Clubs (COCs), as well as independents and other allied riders from across the country.

Motorcycle Profiling and "Save the Patch" were hot topics considering the recently victorious Mongols MC court case as well as the eventual dismissal of charges in the Waco catastrophe, while other important issues of concern to our nation's motorcycle community included various legal and legislative seminars regarding RICO And Its Effect on Your Organization, Restoring Your Rights, Leadership 101 and "Share the Road" Motorcycle Safety.

Capping off a productive Convention weekend, the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet recognized outstanding freedom fighters; Congressman Tim Walberg of Michigan (GOVERNMENT), James "Hollywood" Macecari of Insane Throttle Motorcycle Magazine (ENTERTAINMENT), Jim Wear, founder of the Salute to American Veterans Rally (COMMERCE), with SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS presented to David Duff

of ABATE of Iowa, William Bird of ABATE of

Florida and Mike Friend of Bikers For Christ. NCOM's highest honor, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award was bestowed upon "JR" Reed -1%er of Sons of Silence MC and Smitty 1%er of the Outlaws MC.

Next year's 2020 NCOM Convention is scheduled for Indianapolis, and for more information contact the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) ON-A-BIKE (662-2453) or visit www.don-A-BIKE.com.

SUPPORT FEDERAL ANTI-PROFILING RESOLUTION IN U.S. HOUSE: All motorcyclists are encouraged to contact their Congressional Representatives to ask for their support of House Resolution 255, a bipartisan anti-profiling measure introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives that is identical to Senate Resolution 154 passed by unanimous consent in the U.S. Senate late last year.

H.Res.255; "Promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling," was introduced March 26th by Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI) and currently has 22 co-sponsors.

Both nonbinding resolutions, S.Res.154 & H.Res.255, call for cessation of law enforcement discriminatorily profiling motorcyclists by thwarting "the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States," as profiling is defined by each resolution.

Concerned riders can contact their U.S. Rep. by calling the Capital Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and request that they join their colleagues in cosponsoring H.Res.255 to put an end to law enforcement unfairly targeting motorcycle riders for traffic stops, questioning and citations.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH CONGRESSIONAL RESOLU-

TION: On May 1, 2019 U.S. Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX) submitted House Resolution 338 in the U.S. House of Representatives; "Expressing support for the designation of May 2019 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month," which reads:

"Whereas motorcycling is a great American tradition enjoyed by an estimated 27 million people annually, representing almost 9 percent of the population;

Whereas motorcycles are a valuable component of the transportation mix;

Whereas motorcycles are fuel-efficient and decrease congestion while having little impact on our Nation's transportation infrastructure;

Whereas the motorcycling community promotes rider education, licensing, and motorcycle awareness;

Whereas the motorcycling community is committed to decreasing motorcycle crashes through training and education, personal responsibility, and increased public awareness;

Whereas approximately 91 percent of motor-cycles are operated on highways in conjunction with other vehicles:

with other vehicles; Whereas motorcyclist deaths occur more frequently than fatalities in passenger vehicles;

Whereas motorcycle awareness is beneficial to

all road users and will help decrease motorcycle accidents; and

Whereas the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration promotes Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month to encourage riders to be properly licensed, receive training, and to remind all riders and motorists to always share the road: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives --

- (1) supports the designation of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month;
- (2) recognizes the contribution of motorcycles to the transportation mix;
- (3) encourages motorcycle awareness by all road users;
- (4) recognizes that motorcyclists have a right to the road and that all motorists should safely share the roadways;
- (5) encourages rider education and training for safe motorcycle operation; and
- (6) supports the goals of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month."

H.Res. 338 has been referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and currently has 7 cosponsors.

MOTORCYCLISTS AMONG THOSE BENEFITING FROM PUBLIC LANDS AC-

CESS: Recreation industry leaders and off-road vehicle enthusiasts applaud Congress for the passage of the Natural Resources Management Act, S.47, now Public Law No: 116-9 after being signed March 12, 2019 by President Donald Trump, affirming the existence and proper management of millions of acres of public lands and parks, including Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) areas, for years to come.

The law permanently reauthorizes the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Every Kid Outdoors Act for seven years. Collectively this legislation will benefit thousands of parks, public lands, and waters as well as providing access to the outdoors to millions of off road motorcycle and ATV riders across the country.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund is America's most important conservation program, responsible for protecting parks, wildlife refuges, and recreation areas at the federal, state, and local levels. Many of the lands that NPT has transferred to the National Park Service were purchased with funding from LWCF, including Rocky Mountain National Park, Washita Battlefield National Historic Site, Glacier National Park, Appalachian National Scenic Trail, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, and Zion National Park.

The sweeping Act reflects the bipartisan Senate-House agreement reached near the end of the last Congress to bundle together over 100 individual lands bills, striking a balance between creating new opportunities for natural resource and community development with limited, locally-supported conservation. It will improve public lands management, protect treasured landscapes, and increase public access for recreation while protecting private property rights.

Last year, the government released national data demonstrating the importance of an out-door recreation economy that accounts for 2.2

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percent of the nation's Gross Domestic Product and directly supports 4.5 million jobs.

MONGOLS FINED \$500,000 & GIVEN PROBATION, BUT RETAIN TRADE-MARKED LOGO: At a sentencing hearing on Friday, May 17th a federal judge in California fined the Mongols Motorcycle Club \$500,000 and put the club on probation for five years following its racketeering and conspiracy convictions, but rebuffed yet another attempt by prosecutors to strip the group of its trademark protected back patch logos, citing constitutional protections against intrusions on free expression and excessive penalties.

Last December, a jury found the Mongol Nation as a whole guilty of RICO charges in a decade-long case in which prosecutors said the group operated an organized criminal enterprise. That jury further decided at the time that the government could seize the Mongols intellectual property, but in February U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter intervened and refused to approve the asset forfeiture.

Stephen "Bowtie" Stubbs, lead attorney for the Mongols, called the judge's decision to not strip its identifying insignia a victory for all motorcycle clubs, but said that the \$500,000 would be a "major burden" to bear for current members who had nothing to do with any of the alleged behavior of past members, and told NBC News that the club plans to appeal the entire case.

"The Mongols Motorcycle Club is very pleased that Judge Carter shut down another attempt by the government to limit symbolic speech," said Stubbs, of Las Vegas, who is a member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF) and also serves as legal counsel for the Southern Nevada Confederation of Clubs (COC).

Prior to the sentencing hearing, prosecutors tried again, requesting the Mongols be prohibited from preventing others from using their image, which Stubbs said the judge also denied.

SHOW-ME FREEDOM OF CHOICE: Mis-

souri is the latest state looking to give motorcyclists the freedom to choose whether or not to wear a helmet while riding, and hopes to soon become the 32nd state behind Michigan in 2012 to allow adult Freedom of Choice. The legislative package, including other transportation provisions, passed the Senate 21-12 on Thursday, May 16th and on Friday the House advanced Senate Bill 147 to Governor Mike Parsons (R) on a 94-46 vote.

If signed into law, SB 147 would repeal their decades-old helmet law and allow motorcyclists 18 and older the option to ride without a helmet, provided they carry proper health insurance.

Like Michigan, which shook off the sting of two previous gubernatorial vetoes of their helmet law repeal bills before bouncing back to amend their mandatory helmet law, Missouri's legislature previously passed a helmet law repeal in 2009 which was vetoed by then-Governor Jay Nixon (D), and in 1999 a helmet repeal bill reached the desk of former Gov. Mel Carnahan (D) who vetoed it -- members of Freedom of the Road Riders (FORR-MO) and ABATE for Missouri are hop-

ing this time's the charm!
"SB 147 has passed through both chambers,

and only needs a signature from the governor (who can be reached at (573) 751-3222)," reports www.forr.net. "Yes, everybody Happy," commented Tony Shepherd of ABATE, a past member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) board of directors, who has worked diligently towards passage with FORR-MO Legislative Coordinator Joe Widmer.

CONNECTICUT MAY EXTEND HEL-MET LAW FROM 18 TO 21 AND UNDER:

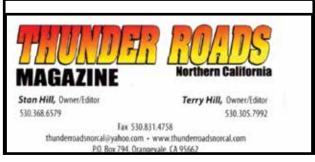
Helmet laws vary from one state to the other, with some rules being more flexible than others, and at least until now motorcycle helmets were not mandatory in Connecticut for riders aged 18 and over. Prior to January 1, 1990, Connecticut was one of just four states that had no helmet requirement, but if passed House Bill 6161 would increase the minimum age for compulsory helmet use from Under 18 to Under 21.

HB 6161 passed the House by a vote of 113-13 on May 14th and is now heading to the Senate for consideration and vote.

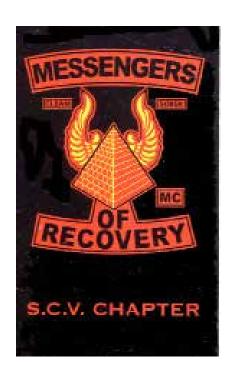
Language instituting a universal helmet law for all riders was stripped from a larger bill, and although they still express opposition to any further attempt to mandate helmet use by adults, the Connecticut Motorcycle Riders Association (CMRA) has already claimed a victory in defeating that measure; but advocates hoping to finally reinstate Connecticut's full motorcycle helmet law after 43 years still hope they can pass legislation next session, despite their setback.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Freedom is never granted; it is won. Justice is never given; it is exacted." ~ A. Philip Randolph (1889-1979) Leader in Civil Rights & the American labor movement









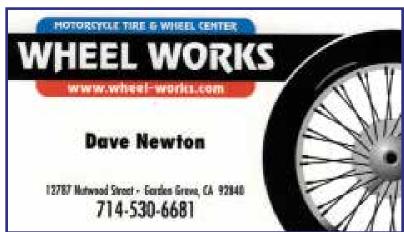


















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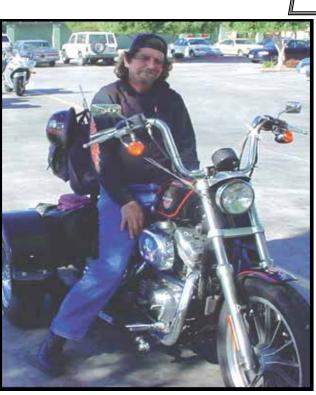
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Sporty's Rides



by Sporty Milligan

Hi all! Before I go into my ride portion of this article, I need to get some things off my chest regarding the political issues we have been working on. A sort of Sporty's take on the issues. I will deal with the issue of antiprofiling. I am not sure what it will take to get this done. We could not find a sponsor for the bill, so we made an attempt to get a "June is Anti-Profiling Month" resolution. We had a sponsor, Anna Caballero (D-12th District), but to this date no co-sponsor. It appears that our political folks in Sacramento only care about raising our taxes. That is a shame. If we, as motorcycle riders, don't stand up for our rights we will deserve the consequences!

Moving right along on the political front, AB 309 was to help get fixit tickets back for loud mufflers and motorcycle exhaust tickets. It passed the Assembly transportation committee easily, but for some unknown reason the appropriations committee chair did not want to hear the bill. They cited some new rule, which sounds lame to me. So now it's a two year bill. So the amendment put into AB 1824 spending bill provision 4 regarding loud pipes and mufflers is still in effect. It means all it will take to get a loud pipe ticket is the ear of the officer. So beware – it won't be a fixit ticket.

Finally on the legislative watch is AB 47 that will give cell phone use in your vehicle a fine plus a point against your driving record. day, June 8th, was the first run put on by the

It passed the Assembly transportation committee easily, but was amended May 16th and would not take effect, if passed, until 2021. However because it is a DMV related issue the bill was put into the suspense file until further notice.

It's really frustrating the way the bills we're supporting have gone. Well on a positive note we are having a PAC meeting in person July 13th to sort out all the shenani-

It's now time to write about what was happing ride wise. On May 16th I went to the Top Rocker bike night. Weather wise it was drier than it was in the morning. I first went to CT Tires because I had a straight piece of metal in the rear tire. It turned out that it did not go into the tire enough to cause a flat. I decided to do the bike night. Well the crowd was not very large. It had been a weird May as it has rained off and on throughout the month. They had the usual fare, a three piece band, venders and a chance to win some nice stuff in the raffle. I enjoyed myself very much.

Nothing else happened the rest of the May except for a four day event with the other group I belong to. June 1st was the Top Rocker HOG breakfast meeting. At these meetings I get to run my mouth about ABATE stuff. After the meeting I rode to the Messengers of Recovery summer campout utilizing a day pass they offered for Saturday. I spent the day with my Shagger buddies. It was at the Boy Scout camp off I5 in Castaic. Good food, good entertainment, and good fun. I will do it again next

Sunday, June 2nd, I was in Lancaster for the monthly Shagger's meeting. It usually last about an hour. After the meeting I rode to Bartels for the chili cook-off event. It was about an hour ride to the dealership. So I spent the rest of the afternoon selling membership raffle tickets, passing out flyers for the various rides I wanted support for and ate samples of the various chilies. I had a good day with plenty of gas to spare.

The week was quiet and warming up as I approached the weekend. There were two runs that weekend. The first run on SaturSOR (Society of Riders) The run was a poker run to help support Autism. It started in Simi Valley off Sterns Road at a furniture store. The route directions had stops at a warehouse, a motorcycle accessories store, an Elks Lodge and then the HD dealership in Santa Clarita. I had no trouble finding the check points. I had a hot dog at the Elks Lodge at in Burbank. When we got to the dealership I had a personal pan pizza they served and I finally got the decaf I needed. I also said hello to the owner of the dealership, Robert Patrick. I had a good day and went home happy.

The last run of this report was the run put on by the Tujunga Elks Lodge riders. This run supports the local Veteran's charities. It started out at the Elks Lodge in Tujunga on June 9th. That is also where we have our ABATE Local 1 meetings the third Sunday of the month. The weather was slated to be hot! The route was through the mountains to a bar in Acton, then an Elks Lodge in Santa Clarita off Sierra Hwy, then a bar off Sand Canyon, then back to the Elks Lodge in Tujunga. There was food, music by Ernie and his band and a great silent auction. All made for this ride to be a very enjoyable day. I left the hall loaded up with silent auction goodies. I had a good time. Thanks to the Elks Lodge riders of the Tujunga Elks Lodge for putting on a great event.

Ok that all for this month's installment of Sporty Rides. Remember to look for prospective new members for ABATE's on-going membership drive.

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Motorcycle Safety Report



by Norm e. Newiger. Safety Officer

June is the Halfway Point

The month of June is a traitor to one's expectations. Not one person on this rock can be 100% sure how to predict the weather accurately, but we have the educated guess and they aren't as educated as you might think. Just going outside you'll know rather quickly or better yet go to that destination and give a live weather report.

For the purest to the part time riders, June is officially the start of summer - June 21st to be exact. A lot of riders have their own starting date, but, hey, who's to say who is right or wrong - it's about riding. We have so many options - alone just you and the highway or getting out with your buds.

We have everything from the local scene (wherever you reside), to bike nights and weekend sponsored biking events to state events and nationwide events. We have so many choices your head could spin like a top if you were inclined to do so. This is a season about having fun, about freedom of the road, going out and enjoying life on two wheels. We know about the local hang outs and the ones that require this road trip!

We will ride 50 miles or 200 miles or more. It doesn't matter just get on your bike and ride. The fun is the adventure of the day or week or however long you must go and go you must. I have been doing this since I first started riding - going that is. The good thing about our zone in So Cal is it's almost a year-round thing. There are a few states that allow this and I'm glad to be living in the best one! The good news out here is that we don't have winter lockdown and that's a true blessing. I've lived back east in the frozen tundra zone and that white stuff that falls from the skies will hibernate you and your bike real fast.

The main question you should ask yourself is, "Is my bike ready?" Is it ready to put on some serious mileage without issues? Have you done a thorough safety inspection on your bike? Do you care enough to do so? For me I have my own requirements that I must fulfill constantly year round and especially if I'm going on one road trip after another on most weekends.

As I have stated before in previous articles, when I clean or detail my bike I also have all my

tools out to check all the vibratory nuts and bolts and screws and any piece of chrome that's a part of my bike - thank you V-Twin magic! Because I do this all the time I know what's going to get loose and what's not and I am so familiar with my bike it's like it's a part of me. True story!

Breaking down is such a buzz kill. I know because I've been on both sides of this phenome and stuff happens whether you like it or not, it just does. Breaking down can lead to accidents and sometimes it can put you in a very bad situation - like in the fast lane with fast traffic on a jammed freeway. Can you maneuver to the shoulder safely? People become real jerks when you impede on their speed. Reacting to this situation is critical.

Slow or stopped vehicles of all sorts become targets whether you're on the freeway, a highway or surface streets. Being on a bike is very scary sometimes because people just don't see motorcyclists hobbling to the side of the road that often. With the cell phone problems we've been facing, we've had a major spike in deaths and property damage and a heck of a lot more accidents. Here's the real thing that's bad, and law enforcement knows, many, many drivers don't care about the ticket. It's just an inconvenience to some and not getting caught will only let them do it as long as they aren't caught!

A simple flat tire while riding can put you in a dangerous situation where you have seconds to react and move to the shoulder while you're forced to slow down. The front or rear tire feels like you're riding through thick wobbly mud while you wrestle your bike safely to a very slow speed. The place this happens and the traffic can make it a real challenge just to get to the side of the road. Using good judgment can really make a difference no matter what the traffic condition is. This has happened to me a few times.

While I was riding on the freeway in the fast lane my brand new rear tire got a nail in it while I was doing around 70 mph. I reacted very quickly because my handle bars were doing the dance - the twist - faster than I was traveling. I went into emergency safe mode. My bike was automatically slowing down but I had to safely slow it down faster. I was forced to slow down but the traffic wasn't and I had to get over 3 lanes to get to the shoulder.

The traffic was heavy and merging right wasn't an option because of the speed of the other vehicles and besides everyone one was doing the infamous tailgating so you can't squeeze in front of me thing. I had to make a decision real fast because I was slowing down and the only option was to merge left to the center divider concrete barrier and the space was about 3 feet from the barrier to the fast lane. I knew it was a good choice because people just don't care about you as long as you don't infringe on their speed. If you do, then they can become an instant total jerk. Getting a flat tire really sucks and it sucks the fun right out of you faster than the air in your tire! Luckily for me the CHP was there in a few minutes and they shut down the freeway so I

could get my bike to the right shoulder and out of a dangerous situation.

Like I said earlier, breaking down or getting a flat tire happens all the time even if everything is

good (don't forget I had a brand-new tire). Being

able to react to these situations with a positive attitude is far more important than the mishap itself. While I waited for the tow truck to pick up my bike, I looked at the traffic and it seemed that everyone was pushing their speed, zig zagging while trying to get in front of one another through the use of multiple lanes. While I was watching the drivers I thought about how unsafe it really is. I was thinking we drivers are constantly jockeying to get to the front of the pack (until someone else is faster than you) and this repeats itself everywhere and all the time, it never ever stops. This is just California and I'm sure it's the same wherever there is a major city with freeways and or highways.

By the way, have you checked your tire pressure? Do yourself a favor and commit to checking it at least once a month. If everything checks out to be good, then it's one less thing you have to worry about. Just a reminder to all - it's a known fact that low tire pressure is responsible for 65% of accidents where they lost control. This statistic is for cars, trucks and whatever vehicle they ride or drive in. That's just too many accidents with nothing but bad news written all over it.

The good news about the tire pressure is that tire manufacturers put the tire pressure info on all of their tires, no matter what they are used for. With that I'll repeat myself from previous articles: Manufactures also say that proper tire pressure leads to proper tire wear and better handling. If you are a real old person you would say you get better gas mileage as well. I go through rear tires a lot - mainly because I love doing burn-outs, fat dark and long. It's an adrenalin thing that carried over from my dirt bike riding days. If you take the time to make sure your tires are as good as they can be, then you'll enjoy your rides and your ice cold one will taste a lot better.

We are all creatures of habit. Checking tire pressure just takes a few minutes of time. It's nothing compared to the benefits of a smooth ride versus horrible handling to possibly being stuck in the middle of nowhere - and it can happen to you! Think about it!

With the many choices of tires available, make sure you have the right ones for your bike. Usually the soft rubber ones don't work well with baggers and they have a shorter life span. The tires that baggers use are different from the ones used by them crazy riders. Do you know what are the best type of tires for your bike?

Having good tires with the proper tire pressure will allow you to have a good time without any worries (that is if it's the only problem you have with your ride). What I've learned over the years is that the less you worry about things the more you can enjoy life whatever you do. It's up to you and your attitude.

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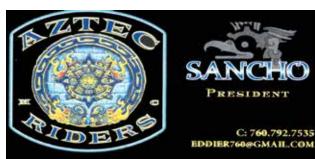


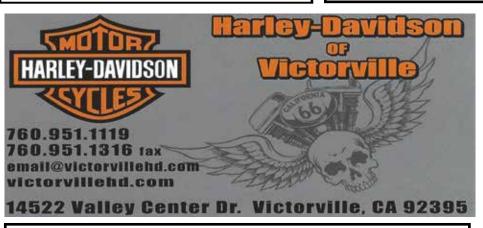
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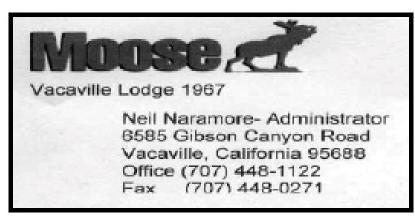
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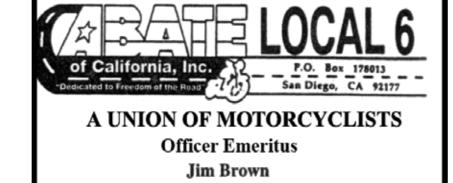
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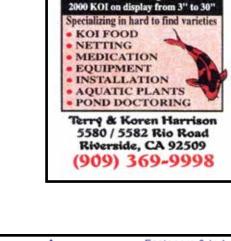
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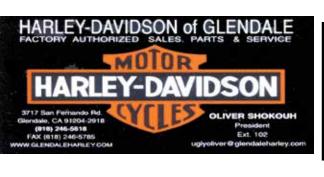


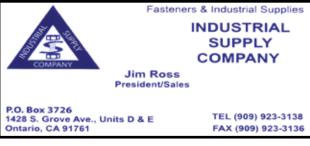




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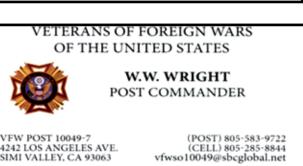




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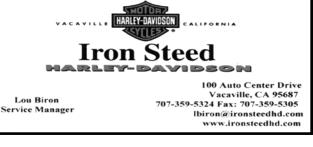




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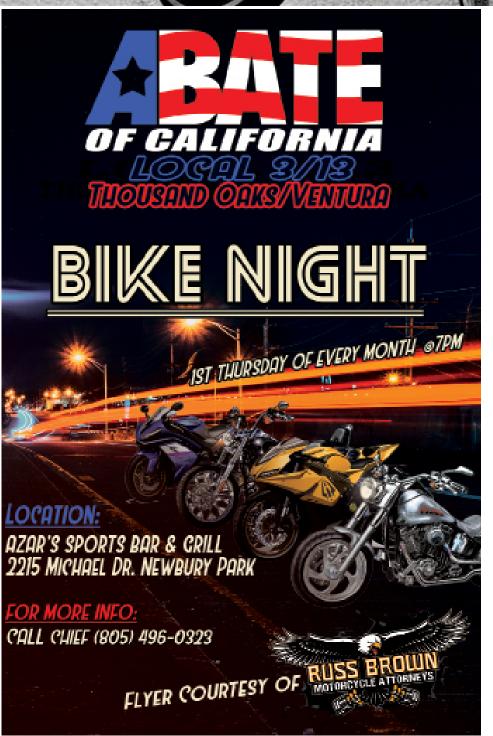
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"California has been working toward compliance for a long time, and it is a testament to the hard work of many that this day has arrived," said Kathleen Webb, acting director of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). "We thank the Department of Homeland Security for its approval as we work to prepare Californians for the new federal identification requirements that begin October 2020."

Starting October 1, 2020, DHS will require passengers to show a valid passport or other federally approved document, like a REAL ID driver license or identification card, to board flights within the United States and access secure federal facilities and military bases.

To date, the California DMV has issued 4.1 million REAL ID driver licenses and identification cards. After updated guidance from DHS, the DMV is mailing letters to REAL ID cardholders who submitted one proof of residency when they applied for a federal compliant driver license and identification card. When cardholders receive the letter, they simply need to verify their address, sign and date the document, and send it back in the prepaid envelope provided. This will satisfy the second residency requirement for REAL ID, and no return visit to a DMV office will be necessary.

Californians are now required to submit two different documents when applying for a REAL ID driver license or identification card.

To apply, individuals must visit a DMV office and bring the following documents:

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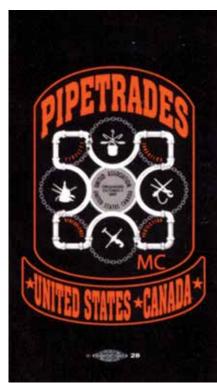


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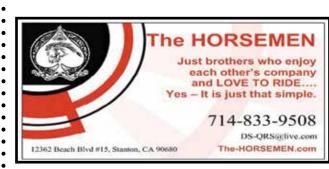
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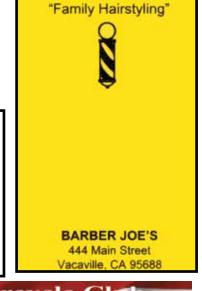
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Gill Mellen 2nd Mon - 7:00 PM 2129 Harbor Byld American Legion Post 132 Costa Mesa 92627 143 S Lemon St 949/632-9787 Orange, 92866 gillabate3@gmail.com

San Bernardino - Local#23 Ron Morris 1st Sun 9:00 AM

909/794-6563 Vicky's Restaurant 502 S Waterman Ave San Bernardino CA 92408

Fresno - Local#24

2nd Wed - 7:00 PM Yosemite Falls Cafe www.abatelocal24.org 4020 N Cedar Ave. Fresno 93726

Sacramento - Local#25

Lil' David Morena 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM 916/616-9605 Denny's 3520 Auburn Blvd. Sacramento 95821

Riverside - Local#27

Bob Marshall 1st Tues - 7:00 PM I.G@ abatelocal27 American Legion 2979 Dexter Dr. (in Fairmont Park) Riverside, CA 92501

drbobmarshall@yahoo.con

North Valley - Local #31

Larry James 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM Panighetti's

530/893-4827 2760 Esplanade Chico 95973

Yuba City - Local#33

1st Tues - 7:00 PM Steve Katan 530/749-1003 American Legion 5477 Feather River Blvd Olivehurst 95961

Imperial Valley - Local#38-Reg#12

Ed Aranda Last Thurs - 6:30 PM Edward A12@yahoo.com

La Fonda Bar & Grill 1950 South 4th St. El Centro, CA 92243

Bakersfield - Local#40

Robert Northam 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM Kilroy16@yahoo.com Rusty's Pizza 5430 Olive Dr Bakersfield 93308

High Desert Local 44/47-Reg

Cindy Demel 2nd Sat. 9:30 am C.demel@ Eagles Order #4181 verizon.net 16195 Main St Hesperia 92345

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