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Our Members January Lobby Day at the Capitol



On January 24th ABATE of CA members, lobbyists and members of the United Motor Vehicle Coalition of California converged on the Capitol to meet with legislators and their staffs.

ABATE members & lobbyists worked together to carry our message to our legislators.

Some Legislative members' offices visited included:

Jacqui Irwin: Assembly 42nd District

Henry Stern: Senator 27th District

James Gallagher: Assembly 3rd District

Brian Dahle: Senator 1st District

Roger Niello: Senator 6th District

A successful Lobby Day at the State Capitol. Together we are making a difference. Expect more Lobby Days to come!!!



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ABATE - Lobbyist Accomplishment Highlights

- **Steered CHP committee providing safety guidelines and legalizing Lane Splitting**
- **Passed yearly "May is Motorcycle Awareness Month" Resolution in the CA State Assembly & Senate**
- **Passed Law stopping Motorcycle Only Checkpoints**
- **Forced Caltrans to post "Look Twice for Motorcycle's" and "Share the Road with Motorcycles" on their Digital Freeway Message Boards**
- **Stopped Transponders on Motorcycles for Autonomous Vehicle Recognition from advancing thru Strategic Highway Safety Plan advisory committee.**
- **Assisted Off-Highway Vehicle Community in passing permanent program for State Vehicular Recreation Areas, first time in 50 Year History!**
- **Passed Bill legalizing Motorcycles use of HOV lanes in California**
- **Defeated a proposed Law by Assemblywoman LaFollette outlawing Lane Splitting by Motorcyclists in California**
- **Passed Law diverting Court fees on Helmet Violations to Support Motorcycle Safety Program**
- **Protect Yearly the Motorcycle Safety Trust Fund, where Motorcycle registration Fees are deposited**
- **Blocked a proposed Law allowing Roadside Motorcycle Noise ticketing**
- **Prevented for 6 Years a bill allowing Cameras to issue Speeding Tickets. The Fight continues for 2032 pilot program expiration! Cities included: Los Angeles, Glendale, Long Beach, San Jose, Oakland, San Francisco**
- **Defeated proposed Law requiring all Motorcycles pass an annual Smog test**
- **Passed Law grandfathering in pre 2013 motorcycle pipes for noise levels**
- **Defeated proposed Law requiring Motorcyclists to wear Hi Vis Reflective Vests**
- **Passed Senate Resolution 41 by Senator Caballero (D – Salinas) Anti-profiling Resolution**
- **Passed Law legalizing Ape hangers Handlebars above your shoulders**
- **Monitor every year over 2500 proposed new Laws introduced and amendment by the California Legislature to see impact on Motorcyclists and their bikes**

Motorcyclists Rights Lobbyist Update: Bills

Presented by The Lombardo Group, ABATE Lobbyist

2600 new Proposed Laws were introduced by the February 16th Deadline

Senate Bill 92 Umberg (D - Anaheim) Courts: remote proceedings for criminal cases

This bill would provide that, in a misdemeanor, if the accused agrees, the initial court appearance, arraignment, plea, and all other proceedings, except jury and court trials, may be conducted remotely through the use of technology. This would make it easier to fight excessive and targeted noise and motorcycle tickets. ***SUPPORT***

Senate Bill 961 Wiener (D - San Francisco) Vehicles: safety equipment speed limiter

This bill would require certain vehicles, commencing with the 2027 model year, to be equipped with an intelligent speed limiter, as specified, that would limit the speed of the vehicle to 10 miles per hour over the speed limit. The bill would exempt emergency vehicles from this requirement and would authorize the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol to authorize the disabling of the system on other vehicles based on specified criteria. *****OPPOSE*****

Senate Bill 1297 Allen (D - Santa Monica) Speed safety system pilot program

Existing law authorizes, until January 1, 2032, specified cities and the City and County of San Francisco to establish a local speed safety system pilot program, operated in certain types of streets and school zones, to detect speed violations by using an electronic speed safety system, as defined. Pursuant to the pilot program, a designated jurisdiction participating within the pilot program with a population of less than 300,000, as

determined by the United States Census Bureau in the 2020 Census, is authorized to operate no more than 9 speed safety systems.

This bill would instead authorize a designated jurisdiction participating within the pilot program with a population of less than 300,000, as determined, to operate no more than 12 speed safety systems. *****OPPOSE*****

Assembly Bill 2392 Soria (D - Merced/Fresno) Vehicles: motorcycle: safety helmet exception

This bill would exempt from this requirement a person who wears a turban or patka as an expression of the person's religious belief and practice when riding on a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle. TRACKING

Assembly Bill 3102 Hoover (R - Folsom) Vehicles: motorcycle license

This bill would authorize the operator of a motorcyclist training program described above to issue a certificate of satisfactory completion to a person at least 21 years of age who has opted to complete only the skills testing portion of the training program and has successfully passed the skills test. The bill would require the motorcyclist training program operator to, in a manner prescribed by the Department of Motor Vehicles, note on the certificate that the person has completed only the skills testing portion of the program. The bill would authorize the department to accept a certificate issued pursuant to these provisions from an applicant who is at least 21 years of age in lieu of a driving test for a motorcycle driver's license if the applicant has met the other examination requirements for the license for which the applicant is applying. ***SUPPORT***

MORE BILL ANALYSIS TO COME, KEEP CHECKING OUR MONTHLY UPDATES



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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 through political and legislative action. ABATE promotes motorcycle safety through education, training and public awareness.

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Lobbyist Capitol News

by Jim Lombardo Sr., The Lombardo Group, ABATE of California Lobbyist



The Legislature Bill Introduction Deadline ended on February 16th, 2024, they introduced over 2500 New proposed Laws (Bills) bringing the two-year Sessions total to over 5300! We were Successful with the reintroduction of AB 3102 Hoover (R – Folsom) which will allow Unlicensed Motorcycle riders to go to any CMSP location and try to Pass the DMV skills rider test. Much like how you renew registration at AAA, now CMSP sites can do on bike tests, which they are already doing, and this Law will save DMV over 15,000 Appointments. Thus, making it easier for the Consumer/Rider to take the Motorcycle skills test while saving the DMV money during a 73 Billion Dollar Budget deficit!

Without the ink even being dry from the Governor's signature on AB 645 Friedman (D – Glendale) last year, allowing for 5 Cities to do a Pilot program to use Cameras to ticket Drivers another Camera ticket bill has been introduced.

SB 1297 Senator Allen would allow any City of 300,000 to have another Pilot ticketing program of 12 cameras. This would allow most of the rest of the State that did not get in AB 645 Friedman's bill to use Cameras to ticket Us! It's about getting our Money! We are again Opposing this bill. We will need your Phone calls and Emails to help defeat this bill.

Another major Bill by Senator Wiener (D – San Francisco) would add a governor on any vehicle sold in our state which would stop vehicles from going 10 mph over the speed limit, even in cases of emergencies!

Check monthly to our Motorcyclists Rights Lobbyist Update: Bills on page 3 for the many other bill we are Supporting and Opposing.

A special thank you to all the Locals and Members that donate to the Lobbyist fund, keeping us up at the Capitol fighting for your rights!



March 5th Primary Elections

Presented by ABATE of California

CA Ballots Mailed out Feb. 5th.

These Recommendations/Endorsements are purely based on how Motorcycle Friendly they are, not any of their Other Stances

State Senate

***Denotes Incumbent**

Megan Dahle, Farmer/Businesswoman/Mother
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Suzette Martinez Valladares, Small Business Owner
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Bill Essayli*, Assemblyman
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Message from the Executive Director



By Chuck "Chief"
Pedersen, Executive
Director, ABATE of CA

Happy March to all
ABATE members!

March holds many
events. The return of
day light savings, St.
Patrick's Day, and the
equinox which signifies
the return of Spring.
March is also named for
Mars, the Roman God of
War. This was the time

of year to resume military campaigns that were interrupted by winter. And, this is an important time for ABATE of California. It is time to roll up our sleeves and get to work!

ABATE of California is rolling into 2024 stronger than ever. With March, we need to embolden the campaign to fight for motorcycle rights. Your ABATE P.A.C. will be working this year to ensure that we keep the right to choose which vehicles we can purchase, the right to personally repair your vehicles, to stop speed limiters, to stop speed cameras and to slow the adoption of autonomous vehicles until they can safely detect motorcycles, bike cycles and pedestrians. We will also be working to push anti-profiling legislation and to educate our legislators on what that means.

In order to educate our legislators, it is important to meet with them. But this does not mean you have to travel to Sacramento. March 21 is Spring Recess for legislators. They will be returning to their district offices until April 1. Make appointments during this time and see them in their offices. Talk about the issues affecting motorcycling and all vehicles. Offer to be their motorcycling experts.

Your ABATE P.A.C. organization has developed legislative educational packets. Ask for them, brush up on the contents and hand them out. This is why you are an ABATE of California member, to help support the cause.

A quick shout out to Michael DePiero, Martin Lugo Jr. and Dave Connors for stepping up as ABATE Regional Representatives! Their positions include extra assistance to the Local Presidents in running their Locals and in the promotion and execution of the work of ABATE.

On February 11th, ABATE Local #03 attended the Annual Dave Mann ChopperFest in Ventura. We signed up six new members and one renewal during that event. What a great success! We also discovered that when we asked the age-old question "Have you heard about ABATE?" that many said that they have. This is a great example of the success of ABATE's Public Relations Officer; Kathleen "MamaBear" Pedersen and all of you who have helped get the message out. A special shout out to Martin Lugo Jr. and to Mike Hess for the videos they create and share on social media. Love you guys! Do your part and share, like and comment when you see ABATE posts in your social media feeds.

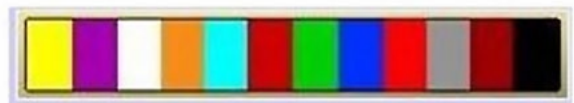
Also a big thanks to Ed Aranda, President of Local #38 for first place, Rick Robison of Local #20 and Mike Hess of Local #19. They all won the membership drive of 2023, in respective order. At a State level new Membership numbers increased 63% in 2023 from the

previous two years! Let's do this again in 2024.

With the New Year comes a bit of administrative business. Do you have any new Local officers? Please notify the ABATE office or me. Those new officers need to sign ABATE's conflict of interest form. Also make sure that your Local donates to the General Fund, Lobbyist Fund and the PAC fund. Each Local should be keeping enough seed money in their accounts to fund your events. Everything else should be sent to the ABATE State office and identified by which fund you are contributing to. Also, make sure that you have fund raisers at each Local meeting and Bike Nights.

If you look into the Bailing Wire you will find that ABATE Merchandise is making a comeback. Jeff Bassler is producing and selling drink tumblers. I have one and it works great at keeping my coffee hot! Purchase one or two, you won't regret it. This is all for now. Let's make 2024 an excellent one! Get involved! Share the work load!

Thank you.



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WHAT IS THE SHSP?

The California Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) is a comprehensive, statewide transportation safety plan which provides a framework for achieving zero fatalities and serious injuries across all travel modes and on all public roads. Started in 2005, the SHSP is updated regularly to ensure continued progress and to meet changing safety needs. Currently, over 580 safety stakeholders from over 230 public and private agencies and organizations work together on this effort under the guidance of the SHSP Executive Leadership and SHSP Steering Committees. The SHSP addresses the 5 Es: Education, Enforcement, Engineering, Emergency Response, and Emerging Technologies. In summer 2020, state transportation leaders recognized a bolder and more focused approach was necessary to combat the rise in fatalities and serious injuries that have occurred on California roadways since 2010. Four new Guiding Principles have been incorporated into the SHSP update process to further improve safety:

- 1. Integrate Equity**
- 2. Implement a Safe System Approach**
- 3. Double Down on What Works**
- 4. Accelerate Advanced Technology**



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ABATE is a Motorcyclists' Rights Organization dedicated to preserving freedom of choice, 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, motorcycle safety and supporting charity events throughout the state. There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclist's rights and safety through Membership.

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Sporty's Ride & Stimulus Run May 4th

Sporty's Ride

By Lee "Sporty" Milligan, Board Member



Hi all,

It's been kinda 'wacky' for me lately!

On Thursday morning, Jan 18th I had what was apparently a "non-epileptic" seizure.

This event caused me to stay at the hospital for 2 days. The drawback is that I cannot drive for at least another month. So, I'm glad the first board meeting of this year was on ZOOM.

I saw a neurologist on Feb 12th, and until I get further tests, I still can't drive. This puts quite a damper on "Sporty's Rides", but I am keeping positive. I'm seeing the neurologists again on Feb 26th and hopefully get released to drive again. With that said, my wife Renee will be a good designated driver. That's what being married is all about ...For better or worse and in sickness and health, we take care of each other. Anyway, I hope to get over this dilemma and be back on track soon.

We've got to stay vigilant on the political front. Hopefully, we can get the anti-Profiling bill done. We have been working hard to get this accomplished. We did get a little leeway with the cancelation of the CARB meeting that was scheduled for Jan 25th.

Okay, since I'm currently not riding, there's no ride portion of this month's Sporty's Rides. I will just say this ... We have all been at this stuff for a long time and the job never seems to end. But I know we will all keep plugging along and do our best to fight bad laws against motorcyclists in California!

Keep the rubber side down and when called to action please help out. ABATE is YOUR organization. Please support by doing ABATE events.

Hopefully our Polar Bear run March 10th will be fun and successful. We have a nice flyer in this BW issue with the details. Please try to attend.

Scribe Sporty out!

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Membership Bits

by Bill McClennen

Assistant Membership Chairman

2023 Membership Report

General Membership

Reflecting on membership over the past 3 years, ABATE of California has seen for the year 2023 a substantial increase in new members joining our ranks. The records show in 2021, membership increased 5%, but 2022 dropped slightly 2%. In 2023 new members ballooned 63%. Just imagine what 2024 holds and how we might exceed the prior year.

Here are examples of the hard work that had to be done to accomplish this feat. Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman and a big believer in Bike Nights, kept pushing this throughout 2023. It was also the efforts of all of our Presidents continually marketing ABATE to people they meet on the street and at their gatherings. In fact, Honorable Mention goes to Ed Aranda, President Local #38 for bringing in the most new members during 2023. Getting the message out through COC meetings, outreach to The Women's Moto Project and young rider groups, which is the work Martin Lugo Jr. keeps the momentum moving forward. ABATE support sponsors such as Russ Brown, Law Tigers, and Shark Squad provide valuable aid through printing of our flyers and showing up at events with freebies for all riders. Motorcycle shops were contacted, the QR code was placed on/in the Bailing Wire. One very important task undertaken by the Locals was contacting past members that expired to determine their status and rekindle their interest in ABATE of California.

Merchandise

It is important to note that a supply of year pins has been retained for those members desiring same. However, once the supply is depleted, no more pins will be available from our supplier, because that aspect of their business dried up. Regarding new member patches, there is still a supply available but many were sent out in 2023 covering new member signups!

The Reporting Process (Membership)

For the purposes of reporting monthly membership changes to the Locals, all data are processed at the end of the month for record keeping purposes. What takes place is the new member is entered onto the data sheet and given a number. The new member card is printed and sent off in the mail with a welcome letter attached.

All of the 15 Locals receive a month-end report, noting any changes that have taken place. It is important for each Local President/Membership Officer to submit payment to the office and then return to me a copy of the membership card or the person's information and payment amount with a date. Please note: the benefit of the doubt is given for dates and payments, where the final decision will come from the Local President/Membership Officer. Contact me with any questions.



Final Note

Membership will continue to support the goals of ABATE of California by maintaining accurate records, providing timely reports and staying under budget.

Membership Drive 2023

At the Quarterly Board Meeting, Sporty reported on the winners of the 2023 Membership Drive.

These are the people that signed up the most new members in 2023:

Honorable mention goes to Darren Billesbach, Jr. local 40.

3rd place \$50 goes to Mike Hess Local 19.

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Locals Reports

Local #02 Simi Valley

We had a good meeting with a small group. We are still on the hunt for a new place for our monthly meetings. We're hoping for more members to attend in March.

Our membership drawing was won by Shawnee Shostle but she was not at the meeting so the pot rolls over.

The March meeting will be held on March 12th. If we have a new location, I will let you know where it will be. I encourage every member to bring a friend. Our Local is looking forward to increasing our membership.

On a sad note, I was told an old time Simi member, Ron Lester has passed away. Our prayers are with the family. Call me if you have question 805-341-3386.

Your President/Secretary Jane Warthen



anyone in the area to just show up ... or call our President, Chuck Pedersen, for times and directions. His number is on the listing of Locals in the back of this issue.

Supporting ABATE sends money to work towards fair treatment of motorcyclists. Whether you ride with ABATE or ride with another group, being a member of ABATE and/or just participating in events, contributes to the work we do protecting our motorcycle riding rights.

Our Local #03 President, Chuck Pedersen, who is also Exec. Director of ABATE of CA, along with Bobby T., ABATE's California State Legislative Director, and other members & board members, continue to network with various other groups, building alliances to present a formidable voice in Sacramento. ABATE is a group that is making things happen ... being instrumental in passing Lane Splitting legislation just a couple of years ago, and now working on Anti-Profilng, and Noise and Exhaust Bills this year! (see the flyer in this issue outlining ABATE accomplishments)

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Kathlean "MamaBear" Pedersen

Scribe, Treasurer & P.R. ABATE Local #03



Local #3 Thousand Oaks/Ventura



It's been an exciting month. On February 11th Chuck, Josh and I worked our ABATE booth at the David Mann ChopperFest in Ventura. Along with enjoying the day and festivities, (and Josh's wife's company) we also met and signed up a few new members.

So, as of this date, our Local has 7 new members signed up for this year already. Looking forward to a great year!

We are in planning stages for our annual Leather Weather Run ... hoping to get it set up by April. Having a few new members, some of them are quite enthusiastic, and willing to jump in ... Which makes lighter work of putting on a run, and all that is involved! Thankful!

We're still holding our monthly Bike Nights and looking forward to more Sunday-Funday rides around Ventura County.

Anyone ... and everyone ... is invited to all our meetings and events. Our Local #03 is always happy to welcome NEW members. Bike Nights are held the 1st Thursday of each month, (weather permitting) starting @ 6:30 pm @ Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park; our General Membership Meetings are on the 3rd Thursdays @ 7pm @ The Elks Lodge #2477, 158 N. Conejo School Rd. in Thousand Oaks; and periodic Sunday rides are planned by our members. We encourage



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

We will have had our first meeting of the year by the time you read this, and we all hope to have had a good turnout. We are looking forward to finding a replacement President for Glenn at this meeting.

Don't forget that we are having meetings every 2 months until a new President is found.

So, until our new president is named, our meeting dates for 2024 are:

APRIL 21

JUNE 16

AUGUST 18

OCTOBER 20

DECEMBER 15

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Locals Reports

LOCAL 17 CONTINUED

We have dates for our Bingo Runs, the first one is coming up on April 27th. Sign-in's start at 10:00 am and the first bingo game begins at 11:00. After the other stops, the Run ends at the Green River Taproom in Winters. As always, cards are \$5 each, and 5 cards for \$20. There are always some happy winners at these games and it's a great group to ride with. Look for the run card/flyer somewhere in this issue.

Upcoming is the Summer Bingo Run on July 27th and the Fall Memorial Bingo Run in October. Mark your calendars.

There is still a pot of \$100 Biker Bucks for the next paid-up member who is at the meeting and has their name pulled, so show up and see if it's you.

Down the road,

Greg

Local #19 Pomona & San Gabriel Valleys

Unlike our State activity in Sacramento, this is the slower part of the year for Local #19. We have gone over December's Toy Run and made decisions about some changes for 2024. While we are relatively slow, we are encouraging members to attend Bike Nights of organizations that have member representatives in our Local. They include Nugget Night at the Nuggets clubhouse in Ontario on the 1st Saturday night of the month, Devils Disciples Night on Foothill in Pomona on the 3rd Saturday night, and Padrinoz Meet & Eat at Tacos Los Carnales in Upland on the 4th Saturday night. These are great opportunities to socialize and evangelize about ABATE.

We are in the early planning stage of one of our outreach events of the year. The Run For The Wall (RFTW) is a ride that starts in Ontario, and takes three routes across the country to arrive in Washington DC for Memorial Day weekend. For decades, we have provided coffee and doughnuts at the send-off for all the riders... which has always been Wednesday, 12 days before Memorial Day. However, last year the "Midway Route" opted to head out a day early. To continue our support, we provided coffee and doughnuts on Tuesday also. Then we were told

that it would be one year only of the two-day send-off. Unfortunately for our scheduling, the extra day worked out really well for those that took that route... and they are doing it again this year. That means two days of send-off instead of just one, for us again this year. Last year the Bad Ass Coffee in Tustin donated a generous amount of their great coffee to make it an even better send off. If you are ever in Tustin, stopping in and thanking them is always a good thing to do.

Several Local members are instrumental in

putting on the La Verne 4th of July Motorcycle Parade. The early planning stage for that has begun. If you would like information on the parade, there is a Facebook page at "Friends of the 4th of July – Motorcycles". There should be an "event" page set up in the near future, for this 2024 event.

Also, there are talks with representatives of a couple other Locals that might turn into a new event. So stay tuned for more information as things develop.

As always, we appreciate your association with ABATE to preserve your rights as a rider, and we encourage you to get involved at any level you can... This includes contacting legislators, helping with other lobby activity, helping the state organization, helping at the local level, helping with local events... or just showing up to meetings and events. All are important roles...

Jeff Bassler, President Local #19

Board Member, ABATE of CA

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello People,

I hope everyone is in good health, prayers to those who aren't. We are gearing up for our Stimulus Run happening on May 4th. It is still in the planning stages. Come to our monthly meetings and help us plan the stops and the end location. We need raffle prizes, and run tickets sold. Look for our Stimulus Run flyer in this issue of the Bailing Wire for more information.

The Stimulus Run is also a membership drive. ABATE 38 took First place in last year's ABATE State Membership Drive. Thanks to everyone that helped. Rocio Green signed up our first new member of 2024. She is Norma Miranda. Welcome to Local #38.

Our friends from the Sunrunners Car Club are having their 38th Annual Carne Asada Run at Eager Park in Imperial. Save the date March 16, 2024. Open to cars, trucks and motorcycles. They are one of our Turkey Run sponsors, so please support their run. Beautiful cars, trucks and motorcycles, great food, and plenty of raffle prizes. See you there.

Well, that's it for now.

See you down the road.

Eddie Aranda

President, Local #38



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March 10th Polar Bear Run Local 1 - Reseda, CA (Page 24)

April 27th Spring Bingo Run Local 17 - Vacaville, CA (Page 24)

May 4th Ammo Run Local 24 - Fresno, CA (Page 20)

May 4th Stimulus Run Local 38 - El Centro, CA (Page 12)

If you have a date for your event, and no details or flyer yet, you may still submit your dates, then submit your flyer in time for the Bailing Wire. ALL ABATE Events must have event insurance. Contact the ABATE State office for information.

Bike Nights:-

ABATE Local 03 - 1st Thursday of the month @ 6:30PM @ Azar's Sports Bar, 2215 Michael Dr., Newbury Park, CA (Page 22)

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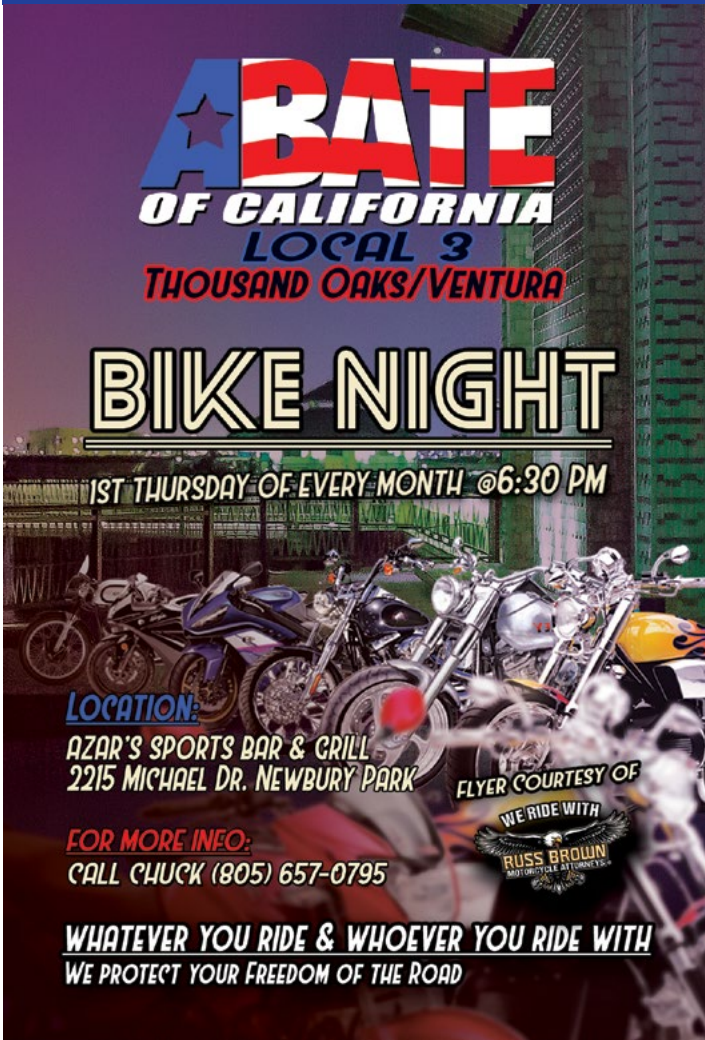
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Membership Chair Report

By Lee "Sporty" Milligan, Membership Chairman & Board Member



Hello all,

So, what is in this report that will be different? Not much, but we all need to be reminded about the ABATE membership program and ways to successfully get new members and retain current ones.

I begin with this. This first reminder is for the Local Membership Chairs. Please review your membership lists monthly, make any changes and updates necessary, and then submit to our Assistant Membership Chairman, Bill McClennen. His email address is wam50@sbcglobal.net. He will put the changes on the master membership spreadsheet. Near the beginning of each month, Bill sends the Local members lists to Local Presidents. Bill has been a valuable asset to the membership program with his record keeping, as well as adding his valuable insights to getting new members.

Now about the Yearly Membership Raffle. Your Local has been given their requested allotment of raffle tickets for our Yearly Membership Raffle. So go ahead and sell away.

Suggestions for ways to use your raffle tickets ... When you send out a renewal, include a raffle ticket in their renewal packet. This will be your way of rewarding your members for being in the Local. Have raffle tickets available at your meetings. Also, when you sell tickets to the public, have the people who sell tickets make a record of who they sold the tickets to. This helps you contact them for possible membership sign-ups.

Renewals, the lifeline of the organization. Please do whatever it takes to keep your membership intact. It does little good to get new members, if you then don't follow-up on their renewals. You must keep your members informed. It is advisable that you send out an email with the minutes from your meetings, especially to those members who were not in attendance. This should help you keep your membership intact.

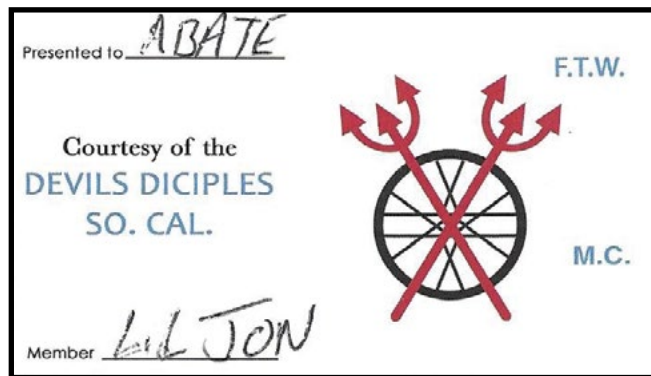
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Finally, don't forget the Spring Bike Nights, Poker Runs and other motorcycle events. Venues like the Rock Store and Cook's Corner. These are all good ways to meet and get new members.

That's it ... for now.

Sporty Milligan

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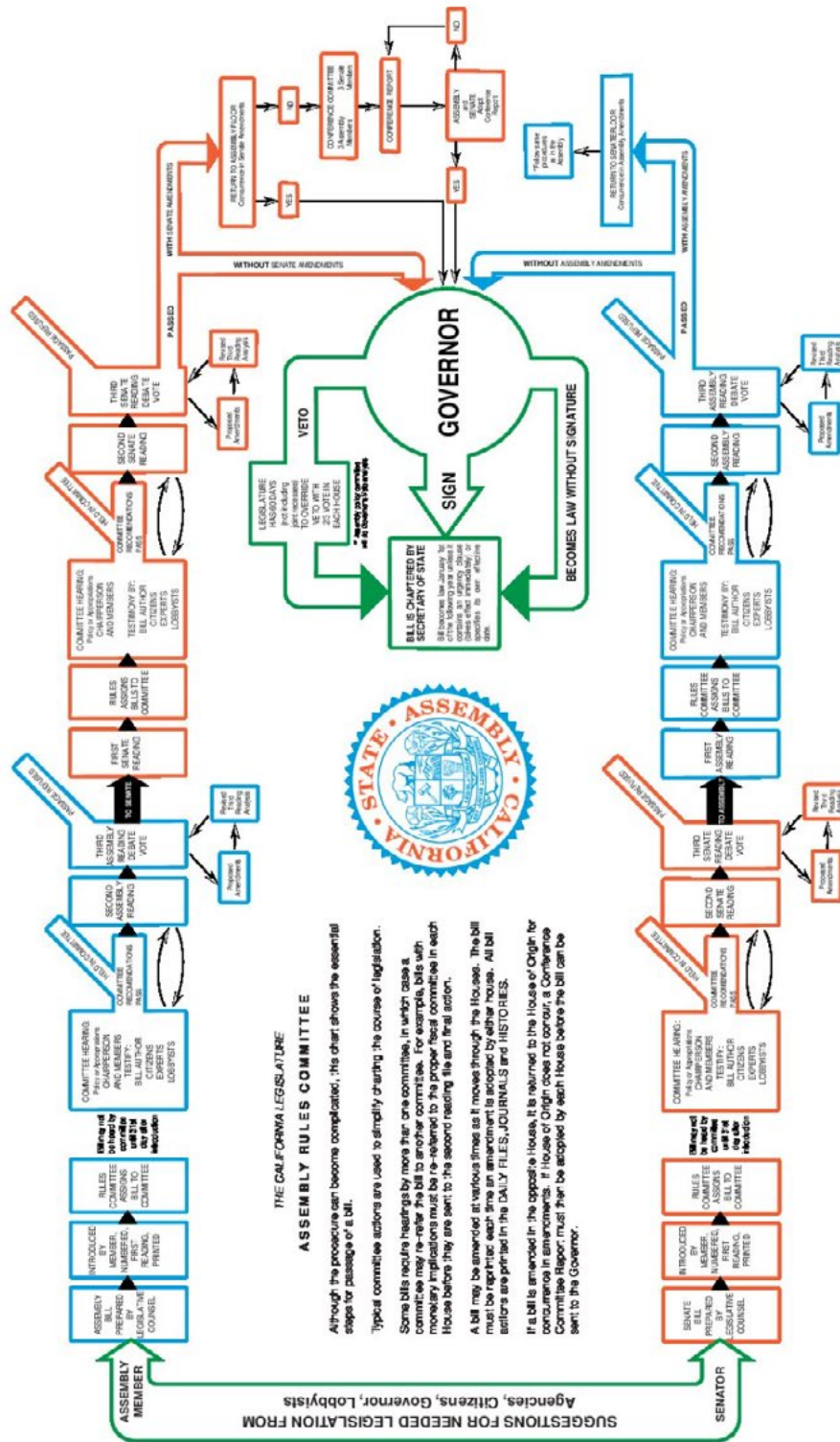


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