

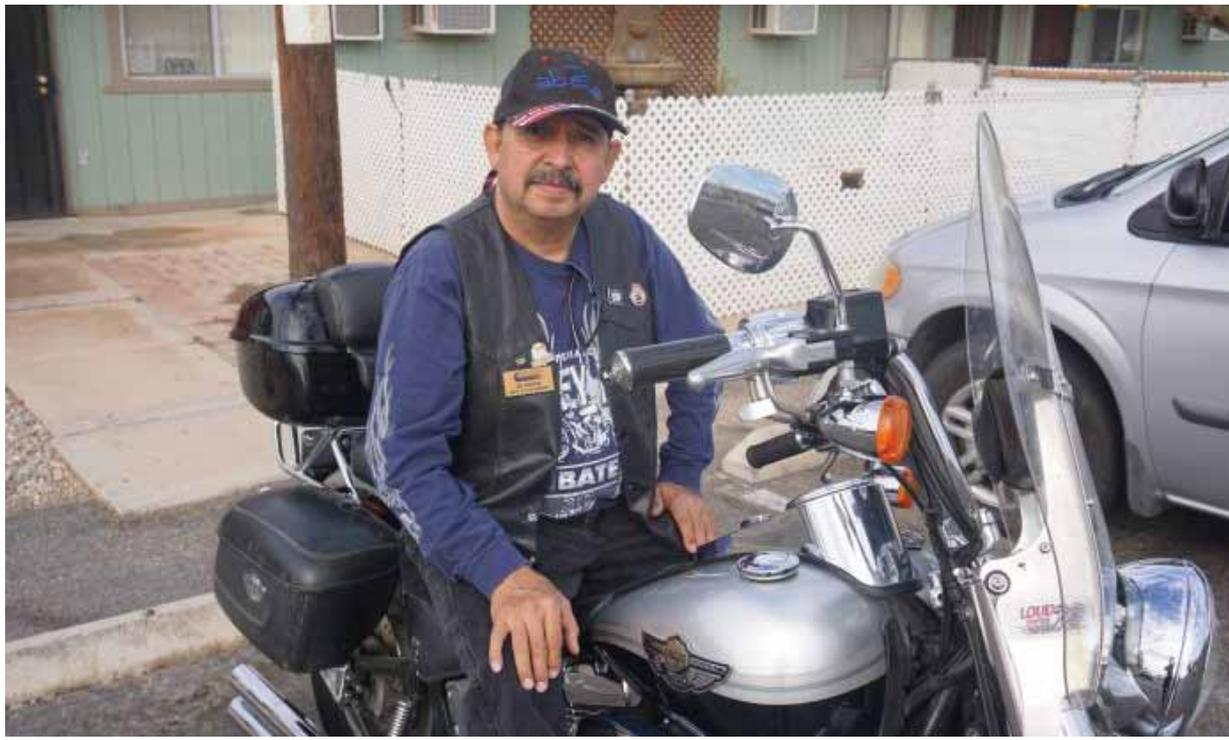
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“AB 2972 Motorcycle Profiling Bill a Success passing through State Committee on Public Safety but stumbles on the Assembly floor”

On April 10th AB 2972 – Motorcyclist Anti-Profiling Bill – was heard in the Committee on Public Safety. ABATE of California has joined forces with many other Motorcyclist Rights Organizations (MRO’s), Clubs, and Independents to try and ensure the passage of this very important bill.

Assemblymember Anna Caballero D-Salinas authored this bill and co-authored by Speaker Pro-Tem Kevin Mullin D-San Mateo. Both of these Assembly members agreed with us that a Motorcyclist Anti-Profiling is long overdue.

At the hearing, Assembly member Anna Caballero testified on the merits of this bill followed by the outstanding testimonies of Nick Haris of AMA and Double D from the Motorcycling Profiling Project. Double D is the expert on these anti-profiling bills as he has helped get anti-profiling bills passed in the State of Washington and in Maryland. He feels that as California always takes the lead and the rest of country usually follows our example, it is extremely important for this bill to pass. In fact, Double D feels so strongly about this bill that he traveled to this hearing from his home in the state of Washington to help us pass this bill. Double D was here on Monday and on his way home on Tuesday! He will be back for however many hearings this bill requires. We then had some opposition from a lobbyist from law enforcement. He pretty much ignored and / or dismissed all of our documented testimony. Then committee members Assembly member Tom Lackey R-Palmdale and Assembly member Kevin Kiley R-Sacramento also expressed opposition to AB 2972. Ultimately the bill passed on a 5 – 2 vote and will now head to the full Assembly floor and then referred to the Senate.

This bill is not going to be a simple “shoo in” bill for us. At this hearing we had about 80 bikers show up for this hearing with about eight of us from ABATE of CA. We had many club members and members of other MRO’s. At the next hearings we are hoping to get many more bikers from all across California to show up and let our reps know that we want this bill passed. I will keep all ABATE members apprised of when those hearing will take place.

In the meantime, we are asking all ABATE members and their friends to please contact your reps immediately and ask them to support AB 2972. If you don’t know who your reps are, you can find them at www.findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at antiprofilingsbill@abate.org

Nick Benson Sr.
Asst Legislative Director

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What is ABATE?

ABATE is a motorcyclists' rights organization dedicated to preserving freedom of choice and freedom of the road on or off with emphasis on education and safety. Although not a club, our members are active in programs for public awareness and motorcycle safety and in supporting many types of charity events. There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclist's rights and safety with payment of the appropriate fees.

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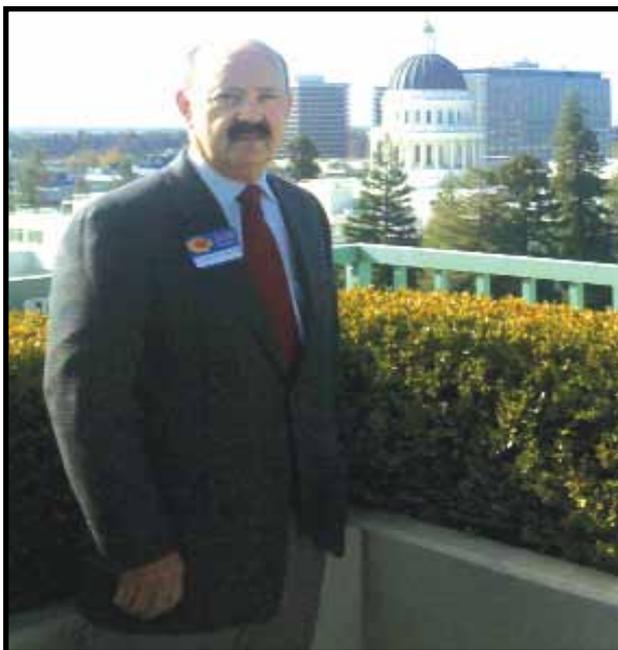
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Lobbyist's Legislative Report



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May is Motorcycle Awareness Month - drive carefully and enjoy another year of riding in our Great State. Meanwhile the Legislature is busy with bills and budgets, not to mention the upcoming June primary.

Motorcycling Profiling AB 2972 Cabelero (D – Salinas) passed out of the Assembly Public Safety Committee by a 5 ayes & 2 noes vote. (Five Democratic ayes two No votes by the Republican members with the Vice Chair abstaining). Over 50 Motorcyclists were able to voice their sup-

port for the Bill. The Anti Motorcycle Profiling bill was heard April 19th on the Floor. Your Lobbyists have diligently been working the State Capitol Halls on your behalf, as the Deadline for this Article is before the Vote. Check Social Media – Facebook/Instagram/Twitter and www.abate.org. The bill should be heard sometime in June on the Senate side. Stay tuned for updates and action alerts! Keep up the Good Work

ABATE Sponsored Bill AB 3195 by Assemblyman Acosta, which will allow electronic transfers of DMV DL 389 forms - showing a rider has successfully passed the beginner or intermediate CMSP class. Riders will then only have to pass the DMV written motorcycle test. Our bill passed out of Assembly Transportation 13 ayes 0 noes and is working its way through the Legislative Process.

AB 2761 Obernolte would allow motorcyclists and bicyclists that are not detected by sensors in the left turn lane to turn when it is safe to do so if determined the light is inoperable. (Informational Hearing Only) Stay tuned for Updates.

Thank you all for your support. The individuals and Locals who contribute to the Dedicated ABATE Lobbyist Fund continue to make a Political Difference!

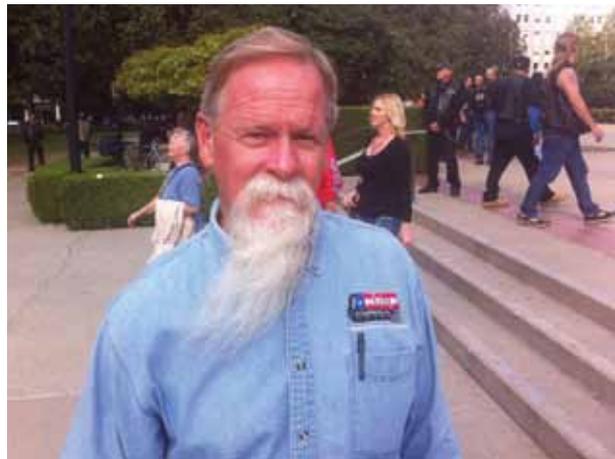
Safety Committee Meeting



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.

Executive Director's Report



**by Dave Hastings,
Executive Director**

By the time you sit down to read this the 2018 Laughlin River Run will be in the books and we will be looking forward to another summer riding season. Laughlin is one of the largest motorcycle events on the west coast and, like it or not, it's usually considered the "kick-off event" for the west coast season. I have attended this event for many years now and fondly remember the early days when it was an annual pilgrimage for riders of all genres, be they independents or a member of an M/C organization. We all tried to squeeze in at least 72 hours of "adult only" fun and most of us looked forward to next year's event.

PAC/Treasurer's Report

**by Dave Hastings,
PAC Treasurer**

Hopefully you have already read my other article in this month's magazine concerning events and rider attendance statewide. It's no secret that our organization is not putting on as many fundraising events as we did in the past. There are many reasons for this and I touched on many of them in my other article so I don't want to repeat myself. Bottom line, I'm currently working on our ABATE Annual Appeal letter to help increase our state fund accounts.

It's a small bubble we live and play in. As the number of events drop, attendance, funding and membership drop along with them. As funding, membership and attendance drop, so do our events. It's a never ending piece of gum that seems to chew and stick to itself. So, how do we break out of its bubble? I wish I had an easy solution, but one thing I do know is many of you are still helping me search for an answer for this sticky problem.

Adequate funding is not only an ABATE dilemma, but one that many organizations nationwide are facing. We all need funding to survive and we need additional funding to grow and expand. Our bubble affects our ABATE General fund, our Lobbyist fund, and our PAC fund accounts. This being an

Sadly, those days are now long gone. You can place blame wherever you want for the dwindling attendance, but for those of us that continue to ride out each spring Laughlin is rapidly becoming another sad reminder of motorcycle event attendance nationwide. Many of us still look forward to attending m/c events when we can find them and most organizations use these events as their primary fundraiser for the season.

Our ABATE organization is no exception with our Locals statewide hosting annual events to fill ABATE of California's coffers. Unfortunately, with the steady rise in insurance fees, vendor business licensing, the demand for mandatory police and fire protection, food permits, tax collection, etc., the available event schedule has dwindled almost as fast as the riders that used to attend.

This has affected funding and fun for every rider and organization statewide. We all face the same challenges when putting on our events and most of the smaller events have simply closed down because of the mandatory fees and the ensuing lack of profit.

Help us all keep our event schedule alive. Attend the events in your area, support the vendors who set up shop, and most importantly have a fun time. Most of us ride be-

cause we want to, not have to, so make sure you have a destination in mind when you fire up that motorcycle. Obviously we want you to support our ABATE functions but remember to attend the events put on by our fellow riders too.

Let's put the fun factor back into our rides this summer. We may not be able to party like the good old days, but we can still try to! Hope to see you out on the road somewhere soon.

MAY is MOTORCYCLE Awareness Month

LOOK TWICE. SAVE A LIFE.

election year we will receive many requests for campaign funding and physical bodies to help out with those campaign's so please do your best to give us one or the other.

As far as attendance at one of our Local ABATE fundraisers, we definitely need you there too! Funding and attendance has been down at our past events, but those are items that we can address by simply getting on our motorcycles and showing up to attend.

New membership seems to be dependent on the "fun factor" a non-member has at our events and our enthusiasm and friendly responses to strangers we encounter at our events and out on the road.

Help us break out of our bubble by improving our ABATE image with other riders. It's surprising how many riders you encounter that are not even aware of ABATE or have erroneous misconceptions of our mission statement or accomplishments.

Ultimately, you will be the solution to our problem, so join in and help us "pop that damn bubble" so we can all get back out on the road where we belong. Summer will be here soon and then the elections will be upon us. Let's go have some fun while we chew up the road instead of this piece of gum!

"THANKS TO ALL THAT DO, AND TO THOSE THAT DON'T, PLEASE TRY TO!"

Janet Thomas

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“AB 2972 Update”

“MOTORCYCLE PROFILING” DEFINITION: The illegal consideration of the fact that a person is riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle or motorcycle club-related clothing as a factor in enforcement decisions.

AB 2972 would prohibit peace officers from engaging in motorcycle profiling. This bill would also provide a private right of action for persons who are subjected to motorcycle profiling in violation of the provisions of this bill.

On April 10, 2018 AB 2972 passed out of the Public Safety Committee on a 5-2 vote. It then went to the Assembly Floor where on April 19th it failed passage on a 24-28 vote with 29 No Votes being recorded. Reconsideration was requested by Author Assembly Member Anna Caballero and was granted. She now has until June 1st to have it reconsidered during any scheduled floor session, but it won't be brought up until they know they have the votes to guarantee its passage.

This is where you come in. We have the next few weeks to let our Assembly members know where we stand with regards to supporting AB 2972. Now, more than ever, we need your help contacting your local Assembly Member for their support and let them know that there are NO unexpected consequences if this bill is passed and it WON'T prevent law enforcement from doing their job. Even if you have responded to previous Calls to Action (CTA) we now need you to come forward and let Sacramento know where we stand.

We have tried to make contacting your representatives as easy as possible because it is so very important that they hear from all of us. Refer to our website (www.abate.org) for links to the below resource documents:

Send an email or fax using the “Letter to Assembly Floor” that was put together by Double D.

Send an email or fax using the list of “Talking Points”

Call your representative using the “Phone List of Assembly Members” (916 area code and then Capitol room numbers) or follow this link: <http://assembly.ca.gov/assemblymembers> to find their phone numbers.

Let the AMA send your message. AMA has made contacting your reps simple. By clicking on this link, they will send your letter! <https://cqrcengage.com/amacycle/app/write-a-letter?1&engagementId=77176>

Don't know who your Assembly Member is? Follow this link: <http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>

Contact those that voted YEA with a Thank you! Let those that voted NAE know that we need their support. Let those that did not vote know that as their constituents we expect them to show up and represent us. Most of all please send an email of support for AB 2972 to the author of the bill Assembly Member Anna Caballero via her staff member reginald.fair@asm.ca.gov

If we don't stand up for our rights, who will? Please share this CTA with all your friends, family, club members, and anybody else you can think of. We have a very short window in which to be heard and we need all the help we can get. This bill is NOT a sure thing! We need your help!

History of Bill AB 2972:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2972



A Union of Motorcyclists

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ABATE of California is working with the California Motorcycle Anti-Profilng Coalition (CMAPC), which is comprised of several motorcycle organizations across California and we succeeded in initiating an anti-profilng bill for the 2018 legislative year. Assembly Bill 2972 – Caballero is written to stop the discriminatory police profilng of motorcyclists.

Anna Caballero of the 30th Assembly District agreed to author the bill and Assembly Member Kevin Mullin of District 22 has co-authored. The bill is worded to avoid the training requirements that were attached to a previous anti-profilng bill, which ended its life when the CHP placed an \$850,000 training cost.

This bill needs the support of California's entire motorcycle community to pass! A Call-to-Action email distribution list has been created. Everyone should be a part of this email list, especially if you feel law enforcement violates constitutional law during traffic stops. Profilng is abuse of individual rights and law enforcement continues its acceptance of this behavior.

Please send an email to antiprofilng@abate.org. Provide your return email address and your zip code. This coalition will use it to communicate Calls to Action to seek support contacting assembly members in districts across California.

In addition, the CMAPC requests that everyone go to the following site: <http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/> to find your district legislators and click on “Contact Me”. There you can express your support and request their support for AB-2972. Then email antiprofilng@abate.org with their response.

ABATE of California supports AB-2972 and the California Motorcycle Anti-Profilng Coalition and is requesting the mobilization of all ABATE members to engage this process. Communicate to your legislators. Communicate to your motorcycle communities. Be engaged and active. Passing this bill will be a great success for ABATE and all motorcyclists!

The bill will be heard sometime around late April or early May. We should then know what committees will be voting on this bill. So now is the time to reach out to legislators across California and push for the passing of AB-2972.

Chuck Pedersen

State Legislative Director, ABATE of California

CALL TO ACTION – Support AB 2972

February 21, 2018
 California Motorcycle Anti-Profilng Coalition
 Legislative Committee
 antiprofilngbill@abate.org



**CALIFORNIA MOTORCYCLE
 ANTI-PROFILNG COALITION**
 END MOTORCYCLE PROFILNG

Motorcycle profiling is a pervasive problem in California. Motorcyclists are often targeted because of an overly-broad outlaw biker stereotype. The historical pattern of evidence is documented and irrefutable. Individuals and groups of motorcyclists are regularly the victims of selective enforcement from coast to coast, particularly California, even during political and charitable events, solely based on their appearance, not their conduct.



Motorcycle Profiling is Unconstitutional: Profiling relies on appearance to establish suspicion as opposed to the legal requirement of conduct. A motorcycle profiling stop amounts to the motorcyclist being detained, cited, motorcycle seized, or both because of constitutionally protected expression and / or association.

The Solution: Assembly Bill 2972, introduced by Assemblymember Anna Caballero on February 16, 2018 prohibits law enforcement from engaging in motorcycle profiling. This is a highly effective solution, with no required training or fiscal impact, and doesn't prevent law enforcement from doing their job.

Link to AB 2972 in the California Legislative Website:
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2972

The Time to Act is Now. *Contact your local legislator and URGE him/her to SUPPORT AB 2972*

1. Find your district legislators at the following link
 - <http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>
2. Click the link for your Assemblymember
3. On your Assemblymember's page, locate the "Contact Me" or "Email Us" button or pull-down link and click it
4. Fill out the required fields (note: your home address must be in the legislator's local district)
5. On the "Select an Issue:" pull-down field, select the option for commenting or sharing an opinion on a bill/legislation

“Assembly Member Anna Caballero”



ENDORSEMENTS

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The Following Organizations All Endorse Legislation Addressing Motorcycle Profiling. These Organizations Represent The Majority of Motorcyclists in America



“Results of Initial Floor Vote April 19, 2018”

California LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION BILL VOTES

AB-2972 Vehicles: enforcement: motorcycle profiling. (2017-2018)

Date	Result	Location	Ayes	Noes	NVR	Motion
04/19/18	(FAIL)	Assembly Floor	21	28	29	AB 2972 CABALLERO Assembly Third Reading
		<p>Ayes: Bonta, Caballero, Carrillo, Chu, Daly, Friedman, Gloria, Gonzalez Fletcher, Jones-Sawyer, Kalra, Kamlager-Dove, Levine, McCarty, Nazarian, Obernolte, Rubio, Santiago, Mark Stone, Ting, Weber, Rendon</p>				
		<p>Noes: Acosta, Arambula, Baker, Bigelow, Cervantes, Chávez, Chen, Choi, Cooper, Cunningham, Dahle, Flora, Frazier, Gray, Grayson, Irwin, Kiley, Lackey, Low, Mathis, Mayes, Muratsuchi, O'Donnell, Patterson, Salas, Steinorth, Voepel, Waldron</p>				
		<p>No Votes Recorded: Aguiar-Curry, Travis Allen, Berman, Bloom, Brough, Burke, Calderon, Chau, Chiu, Cooley, Eggman, Fong, Gallagher, Cristina Garcia, Eduardo Garcia, Gipson, Harper, Holden, Limón, Maienschein, Medina, Melendez, Mullin, Quirk, Quirk-Silva, Reyes, Rodriguez, Thurmond, Wood</p>				

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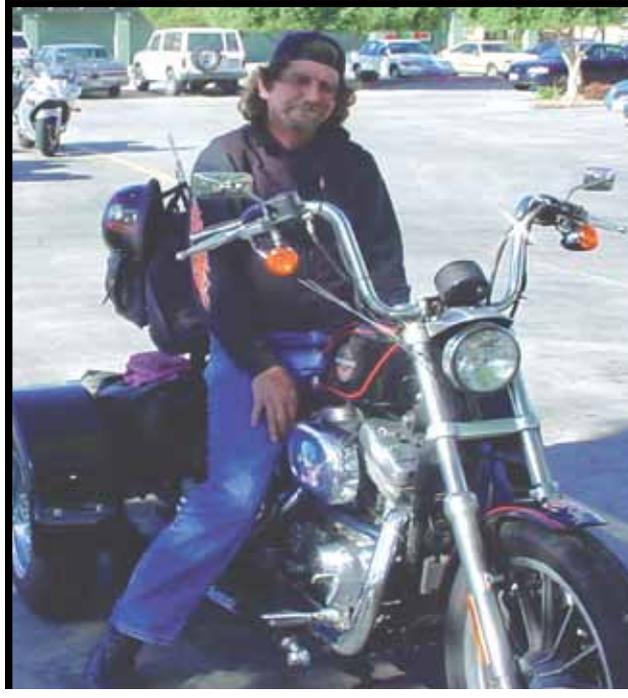
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If you have any photos of ABATE motorcycle events please send them to us. They will be returned if you ask. Please include name of event, date, sponsor, etc. Must be received by the 10th of the month. You can email pictures in .jpg file to: bailing.wire@abate.org

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hi all! Once again it's time for the monthly Membership report. Bike nights are happening at various locations and are great ways to motivate people toward ABATE memberships. Top Rocker HD in Canoga Park has their first Bike night of the season the third Thursday in April, 6 pm to 9 pm, and each month thereafter until October.

For those of you in the Ventura/Thousand Oaks area, Azar's Sports bar in Newbury Park does a bike night every month, the first Thursday of the month, at 7 pm. This is a sample of bike nights.

The world famous Rock Store in Malibu and the Screaming Chicken in Devore Heights are also places where meeting like-minded bikers might lead to a new membership. There are many more places, so we might like to set up a bike night list for the Bailing Wire.

Meanwhile keep selling membership raffle funding tickets at the low price of \$1. Use them as thank you trinkets for your Local's renewals.

Try to attend ABATE events. I am! How about you?

Again, to help improve memberships, better ways to keep renewals and the business of growing the membership, send me your brilliant ideas!

Remember there is unity and strength in number of members!

Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

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LOCAL REPORTS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Hello all! This report takes place after our meeting today. We had a small turn out, but those that showed up left the meeting informed about the anti-profiling bill, AB 2972.

We had three members in attendance renew their yearly ABATE memberships! THANK YOU!

There's money in our treasury to meet our Local's commitments to ABATE state.

I told the group about being at the Public Safety committee hearing in Sacramento on April 10th. I also encouraged them to call, email and fax their Assembly member to support AB 2972 at the next full Assembly meeting. It might be heard the week following our meeting.

We discussed the cancellation of the May meeting due to everyone being on the Dog Guide run the day of our May meeting. Since this is the day after the 2nd quarterly ABATE Board of Directors meeting, I also encouraged participation in ABATE Local 23's Box of Love event on April 21st in San Bernardino.

Also encouraged the members in attendance to volunteer to help ABATE Local 19's "coffee and donuts" at The Run For The Wall kick-off on May 16th, 5 am, at the Ontario Convention center, Lot D, in Ontario to help serve the riders coffee and donuts.

Top Rocker HD is having a blood drive in July. And finally I encouraged attendance for the Tujunga Elks Lodge poker run June 26th. That is where we have our meetings.

Closed the meeting, then ate breakfast. Prez Sporty reporting

Local # 11 North San Diego County



Had a good discussion of AB 2972 the anti-profiling bill and the letter of opposition by law enforcement stating that bikers are stopped far less on a percentage basis than the general public and that all stops are done with probable cause – total bull manure! Plus they are using stats for only those stops that actually incurred a citation and not those when a motorcycle was stopped, detained and questioned without issuing a citation.

We were informed to be careful about going to Mexico on a bike, especially to not wear red. Texas is considering calling all bikers "gang members". Also two more Waco cases have been dismissed.

Discussed the Booze Cooler raffle fund raiser and events to set up an ABATE booth.

An 85° sunny day encouraged us to take a nice ride through our nearby canyon roads.

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



Greetings from Local 17! Our 2017 Road Glide raffle continues along with 1566 tickets sold as of April 8th. 4500 tickets are distributed out of 5000 - so go get yours today! Odds are better than the State Lottery. See flyer in this issue. Tickets are available through ABATE Locals 1, 8, 11, 3/13, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 27, 31 and 44/47. Please contact us for more details and we will gladly get tickets sent to you. Awards will be given to the top three individuals selling the most tickets TBD upon final sales figures. Thanks to all as we have paid a good amount towards the bike! Every member should buy at least one ticket. Drawing will be held on June 3rd at Iron Steed Harley-Davidson in Vacaville, CA. Need not be present to win so call me (Glenn) at 707-624-6310 for your ticket.

Our Spring Bingo had a small turnout, but we all sure had a fun day. It was beautiful and a wonderful day for a ride. Welcome to our new member Mark Williams! Thanks to TJ's Tavern, our newest business member for having us. You all need to stop in for a cold one and say hi to Mary or Anna the owners. They are great people. And of course, thanks for the continued support from the Road Trip Bar & Grill, Bud's Café and Grill, the Buckhorn Bar & Grill and our last stop STR8 Shooter. Had great food ready for us and Ro always takes care of us.

May 5th will be our 7th Annual Texas Hold-Em at the Moose Lodge in Vacaville, 5 pm for sign-ins. See ad this issue. Please come to our meetings for important info and also to volunteer to help. It is important to bring a worthy raffle prize to every meeting and that enters you in a drawing for free attendance to the event you donate to. For our members that cannot attend any of our events, please send a donation as we need them to continue to be successful. Tickets are only \$50 this year with a great raffle and 50/50.

It is the volunteers that keep us going. We still desperately need a Raffle Coordinator and a Run/Event Coordinator, so please come to a meeting on the 3rd Sunday at Judy's Wild

Wrangler Saloon at 10 am to volunteer. Always check ABATE17.org, ABATE.org and now through Twitter [@ABATECalifornia](https://twitter.com/ABATECalifornia), Instagram [@abatecalifornia](https://www.instagram.com/abatecalifornia) and of course Facebook.

Ride Safe and Free and I will see you around the next corner.

Local #20 Orange County



20 members and 3 guests were at the meeting. Welcome Franco as our newest member. Spike made a very fast roundtrip to the Capitol and back in time 5 1/2 hours for our meeting. Assembly Bill 2972, the anti-motorcyclist profiling bill passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee 5-2. It's now to be heard in a full Assembly on the 19th of April. There was a huge stack of documents from everyone sending in their snail mail, emails, faxes and phone calls. Keep them coming. National Profiling Day is 17 May. Talk to Gill or Spike about the small camera. Suzanne Palmiere (Lifetime Member) lost her \$10. Doreen spoke of things coming up.

Non-Politically Correct Gill/Secretary Squirt

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE members! Well May is upon us and hopefully we had a good turnout for our Cinco De Mayo Fun run. I will let you know who won our Party on Wheels.

Speaking of Loaded Ice Chests, Local 11 is doing their second Ice Chest raffle this year. Way to go!

It's riding weather! Is your bike in shape? We have plenty of shops in the Valley to get them running right!

I want to THANK all of you that renewed your memberships!

Another May is going by and Ken and I and Local 38 haven't cooked Carne Asada for the volunteers at an ABATE rally. Sure miss the fun and hanging out with members from other parts of the state.

Come to our meetings the last Thursday of the month, help us plan our next ride and get involved.

Bye for now, take care and keep on riding.

Ed Aranda, President ABATE Local 38

ABATE Events for 2018

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

May 5 – ABATE Local 17 – Texas Hold Em (see flyer this issue)

May 10-13 - The 33rd annual May 5 – ABATE Local 38 – Cinco de Mayo Fun Run with their annual Ice Chest raffle being announced (see flyer this issue)

1 NCOM Convention, Renaissance/Riverview Plaza Hotel, Mobile AL (see flyer this issue)

May 19 – ABATE Board of Directors meeting - Piccadilly Inn, Fresno (see Invitation this issue)

June 3 – ABATE Local 17 – Hot Rods N Harleys Ride-In Bike Show and Bike Raffle Drawing (see flyer this issue)

July – ABATE Board of Directors meeting - southern Ca - time and date to be announced

July – ABATE Local 2 – 23rd Sweaty Buns Run

July 21 – ABATE Local 17 – Summer Bingo Fun Run

August 25 – ABATE Local 17 – Sarah's Scholarship Run

October 7 or 13 – ABATE Local 17 – Memorial Run & Fall Bingo Fun Run

October 20 – ABATE Board of Directors meeting - Piccadilly Inn, Fresno

December 1 – ABATE Local 17 – Holiday Party

December 2 – ABATE Local 19 – 30th Annual Toy Run

December 2 – ABATE Local 17 – Toy Run

Bike Nites:

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

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

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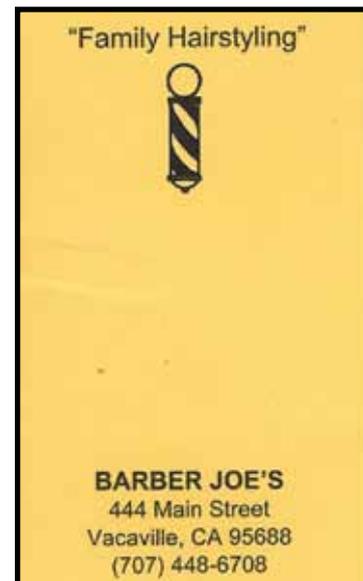
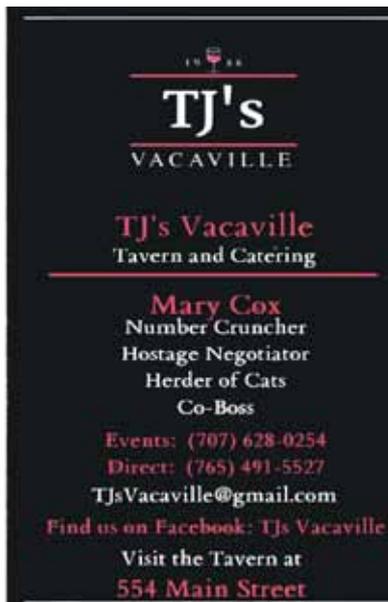
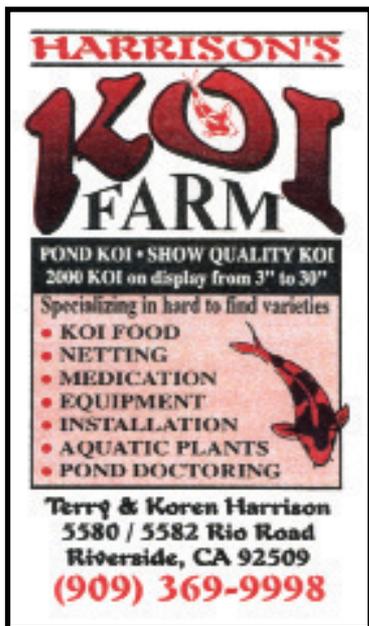
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AB-3195 Acosta (Sponsor) (R – Santa Clarita) DMV: licensing: motorcycle endorsement

This bill would, commencing July 1, 2019, require certificate to be submitted electronically to the Department of Motor Vehicles by the operator of an approved motorcyclist training program and would require the department to accept those electronic submissions. **Passed out of Assembly Transportation Committee 4/9/18 13-0. Referred to Appropriations Committee.**

AB-2972 Cabellero (D – Salinas) Vehicles: enforcement: motorcycle profiling SUPPORT

This bill would define the term “motorcycle profiling” as the illegal consideration of the fact that a person is riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle or motorcycle club-related clothing as a factor in enforcement decisions and would prohibit peace officers from engaging in motorcycle profiling. This bill would also provide a private right of action for persons who are subjected to motorcycle profiling in violation of the provisions of this bill. **Passed out of Assembly Public Safety 5-2 with Republicans Opposed, Vice-Chair Abstained. See Pages 4-6 for an update.**

AB-2761 Obernolte (Cosponsor) (R – Big Bear Lake) Yield: inoperative traffic signal SUPPORT

This bill would authorize the driver of a vehicle facing a traffic-actuated signal that displays a steady circular red indication or steady red arrow indication, and that subsequently fails to display a green indication within a reasonable period of time because of a signal malfunction or because the signal has failed to detect the presence of the driver or vehicle, to proceed with caution when it is safe to do so, after having stopped at the intersection, as specified. **Heard in Transportation Committee 4/16/18. Informational Hearing Only**

SB-1316 Glazer (D – Contra Costa/Alameda) Off-highway vehicular recreation: Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area: Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area. OPPOSE

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, as specified, if the department determines that disposing of the land is in the public interest. The bill would authorize the Director of General Services to transfer the land to a local agency for less than fair market value if the local agency agrees to use the land as a park or for another open-space purpose and would require the property interest to revert from the local agency to the state if the land is used for a different purpose during the 25 years after the transfer date. The bill would require any revenue from the disposition of the land to be deposited in the fund for the purchase of land for off-highway vehicle recreation by the department. **Heard in Committee 4/16/18.**

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Temecula Bike Blessing

by Robert Nadler, ABATE Local 1 & Board member

The inaugural Temecula Bike Blessing event was held on March 24th. There had been plenty of rain during the days leading up to the event, but on the day of the event there was a beautiful blue sky and close to 70 degree weather. A perfect day to enjoy biker brotherhood and good times.

The event was held at the VFW hall on Diaz Road in Temecula. It’s a spacious venue and there was plenty of room for the vendors, bar set-up and a stage area for some really good bands - great classic rock and roll.

A lot of different clubs were in attendance and solo riders. Also a lot of good looking women. Everyone was having fun and enjoying the beautiful day.

Late in the afternoon an Honorable Pastor blessed the bikes and everyone appreciated the prayer and the feeling of comradery.

Most importantly, close to \$20,000 was raised for Veterans. A perfect day, lots of fun and for a great cause.

Next year’s event promises to be even bigger, better and even more fun. Don’t miss it - well worth the ride regardless of where you are.





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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES
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NCOM CONVENTION IN MOBILE INVITES NAMES FOR FALLEN RIDERS TRIBUTE: With the 33rd Annual NCOM Convention in Mobile, Alabama just weeks away, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MROs, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and supporters who have died since last year's Convention, so that we may honor their memories with the traditional "Ring of the Bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies.

Dedications should be e-mailed in advance to Bill Bish at NCOMBish@aol.com, or can be hand-delivered at the Convention to "Doc" Reichenbach, NCOM Chairman of the Board.

Attendees are also encouraged to bring an item on behalf of their organization for the Freedom Fund Auction, with proceeds benefiting the motorcyclists' rights movement nationwide through Getting Our People Elected donations, NCOM Speaker Program, lobbying activities and other pro-motorcycling projects as determined by the NCOM Board of Directors.

The 33rd annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 10-13, 2018 at the Renaissance/Riverview Plaza Hotel, located at 64 S. Water St., in Mobile, Alabama.

This annual gathering will draw bikers' rights activists from across the country to discuss topics of concern to all riders, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$114 by calling (251) 438-4000.

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$85 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$50 for the Convention only. All motorcyclists are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Meetings, seminars and group discussions will focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to benefit our right to ride and Freedom of the Road.

To pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

TWIN PEAKS UPDATE: On the eve of a February 7th hearing at which two Twin Peaks shootout bikers were seeking to disqualify McLennan County District Attorney Abel Reyna from prosecuting their cases, on a variety of grounds, Reyna instead dismissed one of those cases and recused his office in the other to avoid the disqualification hearing.

Subsequently, Reyna announced on February 28th that he's seeking the dismissal of cases against 13 more bikers indicted for engaging in organized crime in connection with the deadly melee in Waco nearly three years ago, and dropping charges against 24 others who weren't indicted.

Also, in early February, 73 indicted bikers had their cases dismissed, and eight unindicted bikers had their charges dropped.

Only one of the scores of bikers indicted in the shootout has gone on trial; Jacob Carrizal, President of the Dallas

Bandidos chapter, whose trial on RICO and murder charges ended with the judge declaring a mistrial in November after a hung jury was unable to reach a verdict.

The May 17, 2015 shootout left nine bikers dead and 20 more injured. Police arrested 177 bikers after the incident, all of whom were charged with engaging in organized crime and all of whom were initially ordered held in lieu of \$1 million bonds.

DA Reyna has been highly criticized for his handling of the cases, and recently lost his re-election bid.

TRADE WAR COULD IMPACT HARLEY-DAVIDSON: President Donald Trump's recent announcement of tariffs on steel and aluminum would likely lead to global retaliatory consequences for iconic American industries such as Harley-Davidson motorcycles, Levis jeans and whiskey.

In response to Trump's announcement of his intention to impose tariffs of 25% on imported steel and 10% on aluminum to reduce an \$800 billion trade deficit and protect the interests of American workers, European Union leaders threatened to target quintessential American goods such as blue jeans, bourbon and motorcycles.

H-D could suffer from a negative two-pronged effect from the tariffs on steel and aluminum; the costs of production will rise, causing the cost of the bikes themselves to increase; both of which would be passed along to the consumer.

"A punitive, retaliatory tariff on Harley-Davidson motorcycles in any market would have a significant impact on our sales, our dealers, their suppliers and our customers in those markets," say Harley-Davidson officials. Roughly 16% of Harley-Davidson's sales are to Europe, representing more than half of its international sales.

American-made Polaris is not as concerned because 50% of its sales are made to Canada where, like Mexico, the country would be exempt from the tariffs, so no retaliation is expected.

The U.S. has previously threatened to hike import duties up to 100% on European motorcycles in response to an EU ban on American bred beef from cattle raised on growth hormones.

HONDA 'RIDING ASSIST' SYSTEM COULD ADVANCE MOTORCYCLING: New patent images give a glimpse of Honda's self-balancing technology that could be seen as a significant step forward for motorcycling. Although unthinkable until recently, the growth of automated systems such as traction control, stability control and anti-lock braking systems could soon lead to a bike that is virtually impossible to crash.

That could be a massive step for motorcycling and its acceptance on a wider scale, as most non-riders would cite the perceived risk as their number one concern.

Honda's Riding Assist system, which adds a computer-controlled steering system between the bars and the front wheel, is the next step. Modern bikes can already intervene in your application of the throttle and brakes, but to really save us from ourselves they need to be able to override the stupidest of our steering mistakes as well. "If a novice could jump on a bike with zero fear of toppling off it, even if they come to a halt without putting a foot down, then it becomes as user-friendly as a car while offering all the congestion-busting and emissions-reducing advantages of a bike," predicts Visordown.com.

While the new designs patents, just published on the European Union Intellectual Property Office website, shouldn't be taken as evidence that the Riding Assist system is going to go into production anytime soon, they provide a fascinating glimpse into one of the most radical projects in motorcycling at the moment.

RIDERS RISK PERMANENT HEARING DAMAGE AT HIGHWAY SPEEDS: Motorcyclists are at risk of permanently damaging their hearing after just 15 minutes of riding at 62 mph, seven minutes at 74 mph or three minutes at 87 mph, research has found.

The study, carried out by Germany's automobile association, ADAC, has shown that riding a motorbike at 62 mph typically generates a wind noise of 95dB, which can permanently damage hearing after a quarter of an hour. At 74 mph, the wind noise can be expected to reach 98dB, which will prove harmful after just seven minutes of exposure.

Motorcyclists who regularly ride at highway speeds without earplugs are at risk of Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL), which can occur when exposed to long or repeated sounds 85dB or above. Prolonged exposure could result in tinnitus, a form of permanent ringing in the ears. Helmets don't help, and it isn't the sound of the motor-

cycle causing all the noise; "It's the wind noise that can cause permanent hearing loss," explains Ohio A.I.M. Attorney Ralph Buss, who has represented a client who was ticketed for wearing earplugs. Using earplugs in Ohio while operating a vehicle has been illegal since 1989 and the law, which was enacted largely in response to stereo headphones in cars, doesn't allow earplugs to be worn by motorcyclists or motorists.

That may soon change if ABATE of Ohio has its way, as legislation has been introduced to permit motorcyclists to wear earplugs for hearing protection. HB548 was introduced on March 13th by Representative Riordan McClain (R-Upper Sandusky) and would add motorcycle riders to a short list of mostly emergency personnel who are exempted from the law.

Similarly, a law in California allowed only for "custom earplugs," but was amended in 2004 to allow individuals to wear earplugs that don't block the sounds of horns or emergency sirens.

ALOHA FREEDOM OF CHOICE: Resolutions have been introduced in the Hawaii legislature on March 1st "Urging the Department of Transportation to submit legislation for a universal helmet law in Hawaii requiring all operators and riders of motorcycles, motor scooters, mopeds and bicycles to wear safety helmets."

The partisan Democratic measures, House Resolution 41 and House Concurrent Resolution 53, call for the DOT to expedite implementation of its strategic goal for motorcycle, motor scooter, and moped safety by submitting legislation for a universal helmet law by the Regular Session of 2019. Both await consideration in the House Transportation Committee.

The Aloha State is currently one of 31 states that allow adult riders to choose to wear a helmet, with 19 states requiring all motorcyclists to wear approved headgear.

CALIFORNIA INTRODUCES ANTI-PROFILING BILL: Anti-profiling legislation, Assembly Bill No. 2972, has been introduced in the California legislature to define the term "motorcycle profiling" and prohibit peace officers from engaging in motorcycle profiling.

Introduced February 16, 2018 by Assemblymember Anna Marie Caballero (D-Salinas), AB2972 would define the term "motorcycle profiling" as the illegal consideration of the fact that a person is riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle or motorcycle club-related clothing as a factor in law enforcement decisions.

Further, the bill stipulates that "A person who has been subjected to motorcycle profiling in violation of this section has a private right of action to enjoin that action and to seek damages, including punitive damages and reasonable attorney's fees and court costs, against the peace officer and the employing agency of the peace officer."

Several other states have considered bills to prohibit profiling motorcyclists, but Washington became the first state to pass such a law in 2011, followed more recently by Maryland in 2016.

In addition, two bills in Congress seek to end profiling of motorcycle riders on the federal level; H.Res.318 and S.Res.154 -- "Promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling."

PORTSMOUTH POLICE PREPARE TO ENFORCE MOTORCYCLE NOISE LEVELS: Police in Portsmouth, New Hampshire are making efforts to address loud motorcycles this riding season, as Police Commission Chairman Joe Onosko, citing complaints about motorcycle noise, has called for stricter enforcement of noise laws.

Police Chief Robert Merner said he is aware of a proposed ordinance currently in a Senate committee that would ban "motorcycle-only checkpoints," but added that he has ordered decibel reading equipment for his officers to be used citywide.

The Portsmouth Herald newspaper reported that Merner said enforcement of noise levels will begin in the spring during motorcycle season.

However, a New Hampshire Superior Court has previously ruled that towns cannot impose their own noise limits that are stricter than state law.

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Local 27's Bare Necessities by Ken Nuttall

ABATE Local 27's 16th Annual Bare Necessities is behind us now. Great turn out! Veronica, Major Kieth and his wife from The Salvation Army came and were grateful for all the "goodies" we collected for them.

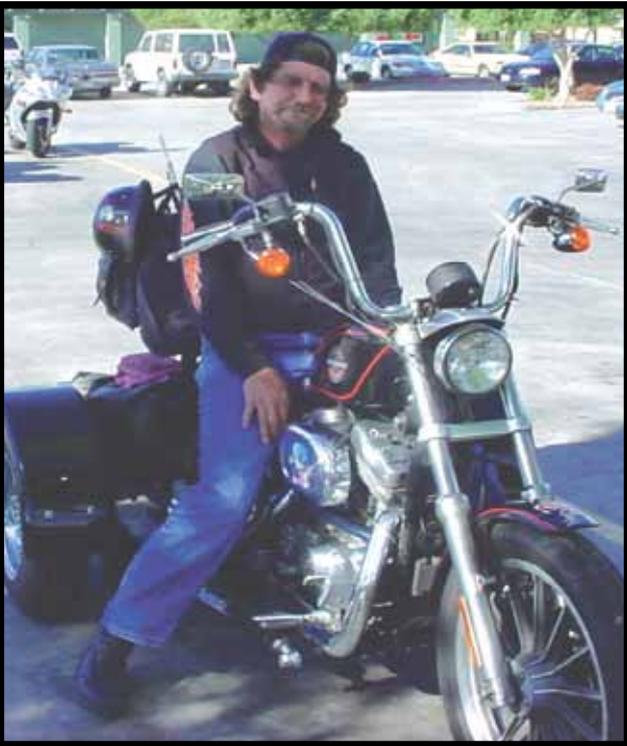
Thanks to the generous donations by many, many sponsors over 15 bags of underwear (\$1,300.00) were purchased by the Geezers M/C on their run to L.A. Saturday. Along with another over 125 packages of underwear that was collected from the thoughtful participants that attended today.

The Litas Inland Empire was the largest participating M/C-group and ABATE Local 23, San Bernardino, was the largest ABATE group.

10,000 THANKS to all the volunteers that put in a whole day making it a success! Especially our sign-in gal Amy!



Sporty's Rides



by Sporty Milligan

Hi all! I have been busy with rides. I will start with the Leather Weather ride that took place March 25th. This ride is put on by the folks of ABATE Local 3/13. As usual it starts at Azar's sports bar in Newbury Park. At Local 1's March meeting, I had gotten 2 of the members in attendance, Odie aka Dale Ferrans and Glen Cheslock, to commit to meeting me at the Park & Ride at Victory and Winnetka across from Pierce College. We were meeting there by 8 45 am, then leaving by 9 am. Well Odie cancelled out by email. I got there by 8:45 then waited till 9, no Cheslock. So off I went in cold weather. Arrived by 9.30 am to Azar's sports bar.

This is a poker run to Ojai, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, then to Ventura. The route took us through the areas where the terrible fires were. You get a good look at the damage fires do on the hillsides. It's just now starting to get a little green on the slopes. Of course my card draws were not that good. I didn't care if I won anything, I enjoyed being with the Local 3/13 members.

At the end we were treated to burger and fries at a restaurant off the Ventura pier. It was kinda windy. I like this restaurant as they had decaf, a must for coffee lovers like me with caffeine sensitive stunts in my body. I did win a couple of nice raffle prizes. The day ended with me jumping on my 2002 XL 883/1200 with a nice smile on my face after enjoying the day. Thanks guys!

March 28th was the ride for my commitment as Regional Director to Local 19's monthly meeting. Nothing fancy as traffic was the usual bear. However instead of doing the 210 fwy to 510 fwy route, I took the 210 and exited at Mountain Road to the Round Table pizza in Ontario. They had a prep meeting for their December Christmas toy run a half hour before the regular meeting. At their regular meeting we discussed the anti-profiling bill, AB 2972. I asked them to support the bill by writing, emailing or faxing the Public Safety committee members to support bill.

Also I committed to help try and get volunteers for Local 19's May 16th "coffee and donuts" for The Run For The Wall kick-off in Ontario at the Ontario Convention center Lot D. The volunteers need to be able to be there by 5 am. With that said I will have my work cut out for me to get people to commit to this, but I will try.

Nothing was on tap until April 7th. This was the day for two events, the pre-Laughlin bike show at the Sundowners' club house and the Horses and Heroes run, which started at the Halfway House Cafe on Sierra Hwy in Santa Clarita.

Glen Cheslock from ABATE Local 1 went to the pre-Laughlin bike show at the Sundowners' club house in San Fernando. Robbie Freeman and Teacher aka David Rodarte, MMA District 5 members, ran the event.

I had a commitment to attend the Horses and Heroes run. I was there at 8 am. The route was a familiar one as the first check point was the Big Oaks Lodge. Then we rolled to the Rock Inn in Lake Hughes. Next stop was the Antelope Valley HD dealership. Of course my poker hand sucked as usual so I just relaxed at the end.

The event was behind the dealership. The crew from ABATE Local 3/13 was there to set up a booth and Chuck asked me to sell bike raffle tickets. So sell I did, sold 11 single. They had a slow race competition and I came in a second faster than the winner. Food was the usual burgers and fries. There was only 15 people who entered this run so I thought I could win some nice prizes. Wrong! I got shut out in getting prizes.

Well it was about 2 pm and the wind was getting to be a bit much so I made my farewells. I headed to Sylmar where I had another commitment to do.

Sunday, April 8th, was the Geezer M/C and Local 27's Bare Essentials run in Riverside. A 10 spot and a bag of new t-shirts and underwear got you in. I was meeting Odie in Glendale at Peter Daniel's house. I got to his house and Peter invited me in for a cup of decaf coffee. We chatted for about 15 minutes, then Sandy said she heard another bike arrive. I figured it was Odie. So we were off. We rode the freeways to our destination in Riverside. It was the American Legion Post #79 inside Fairmount Park off Dexter Drive.

They had the bar open as usual and instead of the Legionnaires cooking, someone else made the food and it was good for the price they charged. I chatted with folks from Local 27 and folks I knew that showed up. I actually won some gardening items for Renee and some wind chimes. I also sold three more bike raffle tickets for a weekend total of 14 tickets. Not too shabby.

I stayed till 2.30 pm, Odie had left earlier. Had a wonderful day with friends from ABATE Locals and the Geezers M/C.

Monday, April 9th, I prepared to take my truck to Sacramento for the Public Safety committee hearing for our anti-profiling bill, AB 2972. The hearing was scheduled for Tuesday at 9 am. Renee packed me a lunch of chicken, cheese, trail mix, 2 oranges and 2 bubble lime waters. She also packed me a thermos of decaf coffee. I left my house by 9 am after earlier taking my morning walk.

Truck was running great on the freeway until nearing Bakersfield I hit a stretch that made my tires act like I was having a flat tire. It freaked me out, so I pulled off hwy 99 in Bakersfield to check it out. Not a problem, tires were ok. Pressed on figuring that certain roads will cause certain reactions on a truck with over 137,600 miles. So life was going good when suddenly someone was trying to wave at me. It was Steve Miller who works for Lester, the motorcycle attorney. So I

pulled over at the rest stop before Tulare. Chatted for about 35 or 40 minutes, said my goodbyes and pressed on. Rest of the drive was uneventful.

I had a room waiting for me at Motel 6 (\$60) in Sacramento off Jibboom Street. My dinner was at Denny's. Got a good night's sleep. Next morning found decaf at the Arco station and got gas for the truck as well. Arrived at the capital with the directions to the capital garage parking - \$22 for the time I was at capitol.

Going through the security check point, my leg set the buzzer off. So I let the security officer do the wand search and I passed. It was about 50 minutes until the hearing, so I went looking for decaf. None to be found in the capitol. I was a little taken back by this, but I would get decaf later outside the capitol. However I did sell 4 more bike raffle tickets to bikers waiting to go into the hearing room. Bravo!

Inside the hearing room we had to wait almost an hour before our bill was presented. Our people, the bill's author, Assembly members Caballero and co-author Mullin, Nick Harris from the AMA and Double D made a good presentation to get the bill passed out of committee. The opposition, some police dude, stated facts that really did not seem relevant. When both sides had concluded their remarks a partial vote was taken. Assembly members Quirk and Lackey voted "no", but some Assembly members were missing, so the bill was put on hold. We would know later in the day how the vote turned out.

There were several other committees going on, so with our bill on hold, James Lombardo, our Lobbyist, told us we could go home. He later let us know that the bill passed out of committee and goes to the full Assembly some time during the week of April 16th - 19th.

The ride home was uneventful. I made one gas stop. Saw Spike on hwy 99 on the way home. He gave me a quick wave and sped off. I made it home by 7 pm, tired but proud I was able to be at the hearing.

This is where I will stop my column for this month as it's Hockey playoffs and the Kings game is going on as I write this.

Please attend ABATE events. Also please do the legislative stuff such writing letters, faxes and emails when called to do so for our bills. Getting a bill out of committee is a step toward getting it passed into law. AB 2972 is important to all motorcycle riders!

Regards, Sporty Milligan, ABATE Bailing Wire scribe.





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Motorcycle Safety Report

by **Norm e. Newiger,**
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Future Shocked

I got an idea going on in my head because of my thoughts on the biggest issues pushing headlines nowadays - distracted drivers, mainly users of the cell phone. Why not instead of just fining them money, make them learn how to ride a motorcycle and tell them it's their transportation for the next year! Then I woke up, darn it!

Have you all seen the new car commercials? They are slowly mixing in the hands-free technology. While not in mass production yet, I'm thinking a very expensive option for the techno daredevils. It will be standard after they tinker with it until no tinkering is needed.

When I see these commercials, I'm wondering how I, or anyone else who rides, will deal with this? It doesn't feel like a natural feeling like I get just dealing with drivers on the road. I need and crave the human element. Eye contact is vital to all of us on the road! I can't see me trusting sensors on a front bumper thinking I'll be safe going through an intersection, especially if they are in the left turn lane. There are many other scenarios as well that I think of and it affects my thought process. I'm not over reacting, but I have to think about what I've learned and what I have to learn. It's going to be new age technology versus the previous generation and I'm in the one behind the previous generation - maybe further back! I just don't know, but it's what I see in the future of traveling on these roads of life.

My biggest concern about these baby autonomous cars is they are at the stage where they are using the public roads as the ultimate test for their vehicles and do their research as well. What cost is this going to be? Do they need accidents or accident scenarios to help them in their research? Is the public going to be guinea pigs for the automotive industry? I guess we already have been. I see us repeating history now that I think about it. Maybe our great-grandparents could have gone through what we are going through now. They went from horses to cars and motorcycles, trusting the system for what it's worth, and today we are doing the same.

I'm not worried about just the technology, it's about who is responsible? Will this technology be a feeding ground for insurance companies? And who's going to pay? I'm worried that the insurance companies will boost the rates of everyone because they will be paying out big time during the growth of the new high-tech cars that they insure. I know that these super big companies will find a balance and stick with it as long as they are the beneficiary, not us, the effected. We will be going to court to testify against this tech-



nology that it was their fault and they will say their data proves that it wasn't. We will be going back and forth until it implodes! I will say I was just out for a ride on a two lane highway and this car swerved onto my lane while avoiding hitting a poodle in his lane and he crashed into me. On the other hand the car will say in 32 thousandth of a second the car avoided an accident to be in one with you because you weren't quick enough to use defensive measures to avoid an accident with such said autonomous car. Us, the motorcycle rider, will think, I looked at the car as it approached me and I saw that no one was driving the car so I couldn't communicate with the driver in that split second to see if I can avoid the accident. Now if the driver was human then I could trust his driving skills and kinda knew what he was trying to do and maybe get lucky enough for a near miss, and I do mean lucky!

I truthfully can say that me and sensors on a bumper don't see eye to eye. I have no human contact whatsoever and that bothers me. I don't know how to trust a machine that doesn't have human reaction skills, just sensors to tell it what to do and not thinking about all the other factors, i.e. just run over the dog and save a bikers life, or avoid an accident to cause one. I know my escape routes when I enter any intersection so as to be prepared, in advance! I don't know if these cars will stop or correct themselves as they pull out in front of me or doing a left turn. This is a car driver problem as well, so as far as I see it for now, this new technology is reserved for the high end car drivers. What percent of the vehicles will be on the road versus regular vehicles? The integration of these vehicles will be a nightmare to me and others because we will now have to deal with multiple driver scenarios. Gone is human trust and interaction. This no doubt will be a big learning curve for us and we will all have to learn regardless what you drive or ride.

I'm not scared or intimidated with this new technology, just highly concerned because there is too much to figure out. What about us the motorcyclists? I don't even know if or

how intensive they are interacting these scenarios with motorcycle riders. I wish they would have gotten into flying cars rather than autonomous cars, because the lesser number of cars on the road is a plus for us riders!

So back to the legalities of the autonomous cars as I see it. Is the owner of the autonomous car responsible for any illegal traffic citations? Who is responsible for causing an accident? How will the government handle the policing of these vehicles? I think when the time comes it will be a nightmare on legislative issues pertaining the laws of the roads. There will be a major push to make this happen because of the pressure of new technology and the non-patience of groups who oversee what's happening, you know, good old fashion lobbying!

ABATE and other organizations will be in the forefront to oversee these new issues. We need to develop legislation to address these issues. Safety should be the first priority and highly monitored. I don't want to be a part of the growth if motorcycles are not a priority in the development of these autonomous vehicles. I want to feel comfortable riding next to an autonomous vehicle, not worried or scared. I don't want to ride ahead of these vehicles or fall behind them because I don't trust them, I do this already to drivers who I think are a hazard on the road anyway. We all know how crazy our roads are.

So will these new cars never tailgate or squeeze in front of you? Will road rage be all but gone? Can we focus on dealing with this new monster for the time being? Don't think so! These new vehicles will be subjected to a lot of hand gestures because they don't tailgate or snake you, they will be the only ones driving lawfully and the traffic will be horrible because these machines have no feelings or gut instincts. It will be brake light city behind them because like our cruise control, they will constantly be braking to maintain the proper speed and that will drive us nuts because we don't really know why they are stopping! I sure would hate to see an autonomous car wipe out because it avoided a tumble weed rolling in front of it on a windy day, or any other predicament that could happen to them thus affecting us as we ride let alone drive.

With all this new technology here, I'm going to give it a college try. I have no other choice. To embrace this technology it has to make sense to me. I will ride my bike and hope the changes are slow enough for me to digest them all. The pleasure of riding will outweigh these changes until they introduce autonomous motorcycles, then I will officially retire from riding! I'm old school and I need that old school thought process that took years to acquire.

I hope ABATE and other groups that stand for our rights and safety will lead the way for safety for all of us on the roads of life. This is a must for our sanity and pleasure, because riding is our way of life.

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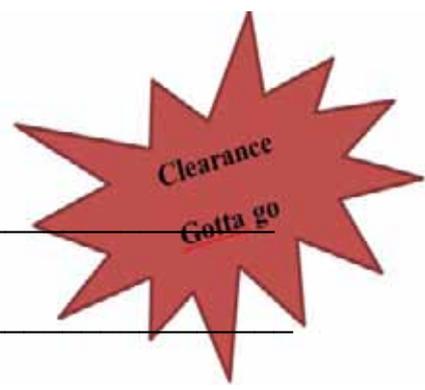
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