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### Lobbyist's Legislative Report

by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

Three ABATE bills, AB 1047, AB 1535 and AB 1890 are currently making their way through this year's legislative process. The deadline for candidates to file for the June 5 primary elections, and Initiatives to bail out the schools that raise taxes on millionaires, are all going on in Sacramento.

We had another good month at the Capitol. AB 1535, by Assemblywoman Linda Halderman, requiring Caltrans to reinstall **MOTORCYCLES OK IN HOV LANES** signs passed out of the Assembly Transportation Committee on March 19, and now goes before the Assembly Appropriations Committee. If passed there, it then goes to the Assembly Floor for another vote.

Last month, we were able to move AB 1047 by Transportation Committee Vice-Chairman, Kevin Jeffries, out of the Assembly, which **WILL BAN MOTORCYCLE ONLY CHECKPOINTS**, as New Hampshire, South Carolina and Virginia have already done. This should help the MRF in their efforts to pass a ban on NHTSA funding motorcycle-only checkpoints in any state.

Please join others by signing support forms and sending them and letters and e-mails to the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee, Room 2209, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 651-4121. AB 1047 will be heard there this month or in early May, so don't wait!

ABATE has sponsored another bill, AB 1890, by Assemblyman Jose Solorio, to help motorcyclists who use toll roads or toll bridges. Some of



the toll authorities are requiring motorcycle riders to have their transponders out and visible, creating a safety problem for riders. ABATE's Gill Mellon has been in various meetings with Assemblyman Solorio and local toll authorities who will not agree to allow us to just have our transponders on the bike, rather than displayed. Assemblyman Solorio said **enough!** He agreed that this is a problem, and introduced our legislation to fix it.

AB 1890 will allow riders to just have them on bikes, displayed or not. Again, we need letters, e-mails and calls to the Assembly Transportation Committee, 1020 N Street, Room 112, Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 319-2093.

Finally, the deadline for the final filing of Candidates for the June Primary election was



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## What is ABATE?

ABATE is a motorcyclists' rights organization (not a club) dedicated to preserving freedom of choice and freedom of the road, with emphasis on education and safety. Our members are active in programs for public awareness and motorcycle safety, and in supporting many types of charity events.

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## Executive Director's Report

by Greg Covell

Welcome all new and returning members! Our Board of Directors meeting for April is to be on-line via an online conference service. Testing how this will work has begun and details still to follow.

We have talked about motorcycle parking and it was determined that we should start at the Local level. I currently have my Safety Officer working on wording to present to businesses and legislators to convince them of the importance of this issue.



A move to replace the "Motorcycles OK" signs on our HOV lanes is being initiated. However funding may be an issue. Hence, they may be replaced when the "old signs" need replacing during regular maintenance.

It was also brought to our attention in January that a bill may be proposed to stop lane sharing in California. Apparently, the deadline was missed to get the bill on the docket. I fully expect it to

show up quietly, possibly as a rider on another bill. California is the only state currently allowing lane sharing; let's not lose this issue which would affect all riders, but mostly daily commuters in high traffic areas throughout California.

There is so much to do to protect the rights and privileges of motorcyclists. Every day in every state the battle is carried on by small, dedicated groups and individuals. Government rules and legislation for "safety" economics, and convenience have led the automotive industry to a level of mediocrity that makes it nearly impossible to tell a Ford from a Chevy, Toyota, Nissan, Lexus or Chrysler. Individuality used to be a respected quality in this country.

Over the past few decades "group think" and compromise have become the norm and the rugged individualism and the responsibility for one's own actions, that this country was founded upon, seems to be on the wane. I find this sad, somewhat depressing, and the more I think about it, it really makes me angry that so many people in this country seem set on mediocrity and the desire to have someone tell them how to live their lives. It makes me grateful for groups like ABATE who continue to struggle against an overly controlling government.

Motorcycle Safety Month is coming up - any ideas? I believe we have the ability and the need to share ideas and plans from individuals as well as Locals. Local Presidents, let's share ideas as soon as possible, that way others might be able to implement them also.

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March 15, so Carol has already spent many hours going over the lists of Candidates for ALL 80 Assembly Districts, 20 State Senate Districts and 53 Congressional Districts and is e-mailing and snail mailing our questionnaires to candidates. We will review their responses and develop recommendations for our Leg/PAC Committee to consider, and then send them out for a vote.

After the vote, we will send a voter guide - **RECOMMENDATIONS ON MOTORCYCLIST-FRIENDLY CANDIDATES** - to ALL LOCALS so that you can print them and pass them out to all of our members and to other interested motorcycleists and non-motorcyclists.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! Local 1 thanks all that attended the Polar Bear run on February 26.

Our meeting is on March 18 and as usual this report is due by the 15th. So I will future tense this report.

President's remarks are about how to fund the various funds, lobbyists, Pac and general, with the money we made from the Polar Bear run.

We also discussed AB1047, which is going to be heard soon, and the other bills. Glen will discuss membership and other assorted tidbits. Jim Nickla will expound on publicity related issues, and I will encourage participation in other folks' runs and ask all to attend the Southern California Regional Rally in May.

Questions from the members will take up the rest of the meeting and then breakfast. Thanks for reading. Regards, Sporty.

## Local #02 Simi Valley



As I pulled up to VFW Post 10049 I could see smoke coming from the BBQ. Thanks to our volunteer cooks, VP Scott and Frank who did a fabulous job cooking hamburgers and hotdogs with all the fixin's! We serve a great \$5.00 meal! We were here at Local 2 meet on the second Tuesday of the month. We start serving at 6:45 pm and our meeting starts at 7:30. We meet at VFW Post 10049 at 4242 East Los Angeles Ave in Simi Valley.

Pres Ray got us going with the Pledge of Allegiance and got the meeting going discussing many things that our Local does. You have to be here, it's all good stuff. VP Scott talked about the perils of lane splitting and advantages - one of the great accomplishments of ABATE! Our secretary, Jane, read the minutes, a big thanks to her and Frank for all they do for Local 2! If you are/were here, you'd

know what I'm talking about - faithful volunteers that work hard for all!

Our treasurer, Stephanie, gave us a report and said we doing real good. She's another dedicated volunteer as well. Pat, our membership officer, talked about some missing people, but to our delight, about four of our members showed up whom we haven't seen in months! It is really good to see you guys!

AMA person, Shirley, talked about the *Run for the Wall* and a few other rides as well. Guy, our run coordinator, discussed future runs.

A big thanks to all our officers at Local 2! They work hard to keep our Local in business! It's time consuming and it's all volunteer work.

Big thanks also to VFW Post 10049 for letting us conduct our meetings at your place, you are very gracious to us and we really appreciate you hospitality!!!

We had plenty of raffle prizes that are donated to Local 2, and then donated in money form to ABATE. Thanks to all who donate them, and please, all who come please bring raffle prizes, this creates fun at the end of our meetings! Shirley was the BIG winner of the 50/50 drawing.

Our winner of the membership drawing was Bob Tanger who posthumously donated it back to ABATE - it was agreed upon by us all to do this. ABATE Local 2 lost our beloved member, Bob Tanger, this year. RIP Panhead Bob! 1940 - 2012, he leaves behind two sons, one daughter and many grandkids. You will be missed. We are planning to do an honorary ride soon and will let all know.

Ride Safe PTL!!! norm e. new

## Local #06 San Diego



Must start out with reiterating how much Local 6 misses John Del Santo! He was such an integral part of Local 6 for so many years. His are some big shoes (actually and figuratively) to fill, but we will try. He left us a good foundation and legacy with which to carry on.

January there was no meeting because it fell on New Year's Day and we figured not too many folks would show up...duh! Some members went up to Local 11's meeting the next week, I believe. Local 11 members/officers come to our meetings and we'd like to encourage everyone to go to their

meeting the second Sunday each month, 11:00 am, Oakvale County Store, in Escondido.

In February, Steve Martin conducted the meeting and we started nominations for the 2012 officers, reviewed the political and legislative scene, announced upcoming events and heard a little about past events, along with other subjects of the day.

The March meeting was started with elections and here's how it played out: (1) Snowman, President; (2) Nancy Nemecek, Vice President; (3) Patty Wilber, Secretary; (4) Michael Decker, Treasurer; (5) Douglas Findlay, PAC and Legislative Officer; (6) Doc Robinson, Membership; (7) Maureen Giacalone, Activities and Merchandise; (8) Monica Smith, PR; (9) Steve Anderson, Distribution; (10) Fran Del Santo, Sergeant-at-Arms and Photographer; (11) Steve Martin, Safety Officer; (12) Kim Blackhurst, Medical Info Officer; and (13) Joe Tatro, Webmaster. A big Local 6 thanks goes to everyone for volunteering to be a new or returning officer.

Snowman has a few ideas to try to reach out to the members of Local 6 who we rarely see and we'll keep you posted as things progress. Some kind of event is probably in order. Monica Smith, our new PR Officer, volunteered to set up an ABATE table at the upcoming Wolfpack M/C Swap Meet at the Flinn Springs Inn at the end of the month - hopefully we can enlighten a few folks, and pick up some new memberships.

I've been working on updating the ABATE email list. On March 6 an email was sent to everyone on the list asking for a response with their actual name and whether they would like to have the list reverted back to a two-way communication. I've received a lot of them back, but not all. If you didn't respond, please do ASAP. The phone tree will continue also.

We certainly appreciate everyone who comes to meetings and takes the time to read the Bailing Wire and the email blasts. If you have any ideas, concerns, etc., please feel free to get in touch with Snowman (619) 855-9981 (text is good, too), or with me at (858) 569-7370.

Ride safe, we will ride free again! Nancy Nemecek

## Local #11 North San Diego



Hi! I am Gary Elliott the new scribe for Local 11. We would like to send our best to brother, James Fillo, who had to step down for personal

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reasons. I understand he is up in Oxnard for a while, so you all at Local 13 might run into him. Thanks for all of your hard work Jim.

On the rest of the election front, Tim Clark decided not to run for president after several years of dedicated hard work and leadership for the Local. Our PAC representative Dan Buse has been elected president. The PAC Rep position is open, but there are no takers at the current time, so Dan will be doing double duty in the interim. Vice President Dave Caldwell will continue in his role as VP and will continue to keep us up to date on all of the state and local runs and events. Cheryl Clark has decided to step down as treasurer. Tim Clark will assume those duties.

On another serious note, member Dale Pulver (also a Moose Lodge member) talked about a tragic accident that most of us were aware of that happened on a local highway. A man, a Moose Lodge member and woman were hit head on by a DUI driver. Both lost a leg. The rider is recovering but, the passenger is not fairing as well. She has no insurance. Both are still in the hospital. The members voted to donate \$20 to help start a fund to help with her medical bills. Another member matched that and then the wallets opened up.

Todd Whitehead won the 50/50 and donated half back to the Local and half to the fund. Thanks Todd. We collected a little over \$100. I am proud to be a Local 11 member. Ride safe.

## Local #13 Ventura County



It's TWO reports in one! As I mentioned in the last report, the Local had decided to vote on changing the meeting date of the monthly meeting. **The vote was taken and passed to change the date of the monthly meeting to the 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY of the month.**

For now, we are still meeting at the VFW in Point Hueneme, but are always looking for a better location - maybe closer to a freeway for better access!

In February we formed a committee to oversee the Callous Cheeks Run. There are a few surprises in store for everyone this year, so please make plans on HELPING with this important Run. Remember, it's a Local Run, so the Local members need to work, as well as enjoy the Run! As of the

March meeting we have a date of June 23 for Callous Cheeks. Mark your calendars!

For rides coming up, we have the VNV/LVMC Vung Tau Run scheduled for April 1. Local 13 will be meeting at the Top Deck, 100 W. Pleasant Valley Rd, Point Hueneme, at 9am with kickstands up at 10am!

We are talking with our friends in Local 3 regarding an overnighter in May. Make sure you get all the info as it sounds like a TON of fun!

Our Membership can in February was up to \$262, when we pulled Kit Sauer's name out - too bad he wasn't present to win! In March, Phil Veroutere could have picked himself up \$275 -but he wasn't present to win, either! That's right; we pay you (possibly) to come to meetings!

**Our next meeting is April 12, 2012 at 7:30pm.** If you want the latest info, check out our ABATE of Ventura County FACEBOOK page, or send an email with your name and membership number to [abate.L13@gmail.com](mailto:abate.L13@gmail.com) and we'll put you on the list! No jokes, no SPAM, nothing but Local 13 business.

Ride Safe, Scott, President Local 13

## Local #19 Pomona Valley

The first quarter of 2012 is gone and so is Winter. It's time for the Spring showers and some warmer weather. Don't put away the foul weather gear just yet. It never hurts to spend a rainy day in the garage making sure your bike is ready to go when it's clear out and you want to ride. Riding has been a bit challenging lately with the rain we have gotten. Take a minute to check your bike before you hit the road.

The work on the ABATE Regional Rally goes on. Local 19 is working the sign-in booth again this year. If you are interested in spending a few hours there, please let Robert or Diane know. There is always a need for help and the weekend is a lot of fun. The band playing Friday night is The Pack and, I have seen them before. They play good music and will make Friday evening a good one. Of course, there will be more fun on Saturday as well. The Shady Oasis Campground (just north of Victorville) is a great place to camp for the weekend. If you prefer a hotel, there are several in and around Victorville and you will be about five miles from the campgrounds.

The 2012 Toy Run preparations have already begun. Robert is going to Chair this event on Local 19's behalf and Kevin will Chair on behalf of PV HOG. The various committees will start forming and volunteers are needed from both groups. The first meeting was in March and the attendance was a bit low. Hopefully, this will change as the ball starts rolling for this year's event. After all, all the efforts are for kids that aren't expecting much of a Christmas. Try to make it to the next meeting if you can.

I would like to thank Pomona Valley HOG for donating money to help sponsor our Regional Rally. Diane attended their March meeting and the group voted to pay the funds needed to get their logo on our T-shirt this year. Hope to see you at our next meeting. Meetings are still being held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Round Table Pizza on 4<sup>th</sup> and Mountain (Southeast corner) with a 7:00pm start time. Come out and join us!

I look forward to seeing you out there on the road. In the mean time ... keep the shiny side UP! Ed

## Local #20 Orange County



The regular meeting of the ABATE Local 20 was called to order at 7:00 pm on March 13, 2012 in Costa Mesa, CA by Gill. Thirty six people attended, three of them guests. Also we had three new members join this week: Alex Darrah, Shane Valdez and junior member Johnny Ybara - welcome!

Gill said that Richard Lester stepped up for the Junior Scholarship Program in ABATE. The scholarship program will pay for motorcycle safety classes for our junior members as they become old enough to get their learner's permit and become full fledge ABATE members. Lester must really care about motorcycle rights to use his own money for this program.

Assemblyman Jose Solorio is still working on AB1890 Updating Toll Road Transponder Regulations for Motorcyclists, changing the wording from "visible" to "accessible" because the way it is currently worded is unreasonable for motorcycle riders.

Assemblyman Solorio is also pushing to end the unconstitutional motorcycle only check points. He believes that the funds that have been given to cities would be better spent on real motorcycle safety issues like riding classes.

Many events are in the works in the upcoming months in our area and one of these is Byron Madewell's Annual Blood and Bone Marrow Drive on April 28. Spike commented that last year there was a great turnout. Not only did every person that called to make an appointment show up, but many others that didn't even have an appoint-



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ment showed up. This event has the potential to save many lives.

The dollar draw netted \$35.00, Robert Marshall's name was drawn, but he was not present so the money rolls over to next month.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm by Gill. The next monthly meeting will be at 7:00 pm on April 10 in Costa Mesa. ~Leenie~

## Local #21 Antelope Valley



Five people at the meeting with a pitch of \$100 and live music at the Road House with the bad-to-the-bone Niel from the Bull Frog Blues band from my own home town.

Company biz is done between sets and conducted quickly. Tina from the main ABATE Office called me one fine night about the State run and Southern California Regional Rally. That girl sure does her job!

Mark C came by on Tuesday to give me the lobby bucks for three months. He just bought a house - yah Mark!

So have a great month and see you at the Rally in May. Local 21

## Local #25 Sacramento



March 15 was the best meeting ever this year. We finally filled the whole dining room that we use at Denny's. Of course our guest speakers had something to do with that.

Assemblyman Bill Berryhill's Senate Campaign staff member, Justine Dodds, brought information on his campaign and spoke about his attributes. Assemblyman Berryhill is now running for the Senate. He is from the Stockton area, PRO-BIKER, farmer, and believes in the right to bear arms. He wants to give back to the communities, not take from them.

Craig Deluz, Capitol Director for Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries, was also at our meeting and

spoke about AB 1047. He spoke about Assemblyman Jeffries, what he is doing and how we can help with more signature of support forms. Mr Deluz answered our questions about bills that are put on the consent calendar and how they are passed. He made it a point to tell us that the best MRO they like working with who does the best job for bikers rights is ABATE.

We got one renewal with a new spouse added to that renewal. We may be receiving four to six new members, as these bikers have shown an interest in our organization.

We are planning on talking with other northern Locals to participate in a tour of the Capitol building. So let me know what is a great weekend for you to visit the Capitol. We need to get our dates to mesh and make sure no other events are going on at the same time.

This Sunday, March 18, several of us will be visiting Local 17's monthly meeting to discuss the possibility of putting together a Northern California Regional Rally. Many of us northerners can't make it south for the Southern California Regional Rally.

However, Lil Dave, Lenny (my husband) and I are all planning on riding down and camping out at the Southern Rally so that Local 25 is represented by more than one person, who is also a state Board member. I really think that all Locals should participate, if they are able to. But not everyone can afford to go. I have friends in Hesperia I am going to get to join us there as well.

We went to the State Capitol on March 14 to bring in another stack of letters and signatures of support for AB 1047 to the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee. ABATE of CA is really very awesome because I was told they are being inundated with mostly ABATE letters. I give praise to all from ABATE of CA, and to my own Local 25 members for their continued letter writing campaigns. Rebel Ruthi, President, Local 25, Sacramento

## Local #27 Riverside



Local 27's March meeting was somewhat sparsely attended by about 20 members. Those that attended were involved and connected. It is always fun to connect with people we haven't seen in a while.

The Geezers and Heart N Soul are regularly represented and have become strong supporters of ABATE. Their input and help are tremendously appreciated. We are still working the I.E.HOG meetings and are slowly gaining members and support

there as well. Strength and support begin at home. We are working to make our Local strong. This Local strength will then, in turn, help support a strong statewide voice for ABATE in California.

Legislative bills were discussed, calendar of events was presented and new and returning members were greeted. Plans are being consolidated for our Bare Necessities Run in April.

A reminder to all to visit our business members if only to say "Hi".

Come out and show your support for ABATE first, and then plan your other rides. Coming up locally: ABATE Local 27's Bare Necessities April 15, ABATE Southern California Regional Rally May 11th - 13th, ABATE Local 23's run May 19, ABATE Local 27 is assisting with the Riverside Chili Cook-off/ Car & Bike Show on May 26, and ABATE Local 27 has a booth at West Coast Thunder (Soboba location) on May 28.

Want to know what's happening here locally? Check our website [www.abatelocal27.org](http://www.abatelocal27.org). Keep your Eyes Wide Open, Greg Covell, President Local 27, [gmcvl@yahoo.com](mailto:gmcvl@yahoo.com)

## Local #44 High Desert



Local 44's March meeting was well attended and we had the opportunity to meet Paul Schrader, a candidate for Sheriff of San Bernardino County. Mr Schrader addressed our members and answered questions from the floor and assured us of his strong belief in the Constitution of the United States and how important that document is for every citizen of this county. He is a firm believer of a law abiding citizen's right to "keep and bear arms" and believes California should be a "shall issue" concealed carry weapon (CCW) state and promised that if elected, he would immediately institute that policy in San Bernardino County. Currently this county does issue CCW permits to its citizen's, but because they are at the personal discretion of the Sheriff's Department, many of our law abiding citizen's requesting a CCW permit are still turned down, with no appeal process and



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no recourse from the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Schrader believes every law abiding citizen that applies should be granted a CCW permit as long as they can pass the routine background checks, are not mentally ill, or a convicted felon. This is the same criteria all other "shall issue" states use and would bring San Bernardino County citizens a fair and equitable application and approval process for the CCW permit. Again, speaking one on one with a candidate is always more informative than listening to a prepared campaign statement at an event. Thank you Mr Schrader for expressing your beliefs and answering our questions and

thanks to our members for allowing him to address our meeting!

After our meeting adjourned we took a group ride out to the T-Bird for our annual Saint Patrick's Day party. This will be our last event at this location because the building will be demolished for a new construction project shortly. No problem though, Jim & Debbie, the owners of the T-Bird and Local 44 members are working hard on their new location and will be re-opening soon! Maybe a Local 44 grand opening ride/visit should be planned after they are finished with the new building. This year, because of the upcoming location

change, we instituted a new group activity for the end of the party. We had an autograph session on the interior wall of the T-Bird. Our members and some of the patrons enthusiastically adorned the wall with bright green Saint Patrick's Day autographs!

So put aside whatever excuse you have been using for not attending our meetings, and come on out and join us. Local 44 always has an informative meeting and we do our best to guarantee we have a great group of people to ride and party with! Dave H.

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# Pac/Lobbyist Report

by Dave Hastings, Treasurer

Over the last few months we have been discussing the critical importance of the upcoming primary elections in California. On June 5 California's new voter approved Open Primary Act will do away with the traditional nomination process by party. This means we the voters, not the established political parties, will place the two top vote-getters on the November ballot.

In a district such as mine, where we have thirteen candidates running for an open, uncontested, congressional seat we have a distinct possibility of utter party chaos on the November ballot. My district is comprised of 42% registered Republicans and of those thirteen candidates, ten are registered with the GOP. We could very well end up with two Republicans in a direct run-off on the November ballot. On the flip side of that coin, with that many GOP candidates, they may split the vote so decisively that we end up placing the two Democrats or the one independent candidate on the November ballot instead. Remember, the top two total vote-getters-regardless of their party affiliation, advance to the November election. This will set up some new and dynamic election strategies statewide.

My district is an anomaly because candidates and voters in this area are notorious for ignoring established party protocol. High Desert voters and candidates are fiercely independent and most of us moved here to get away from the "estab-



lishment", hence the large number of candidates thumbing their nose at their party protocol and running against their fellow party members, even though ultimately, it may have disastrous results for their own party's election success. Whatever the outcome, we are definitely going to participate in an old fashioned "wild west shoot-out" during the June primary election. So, NOW is the time to get informed, get involved, and help get YOUR candidate elected.

Your area may not be as volatile as mine, but someone running for office needs your help on election day, and ABATE will ultimately benefit from that help. Don't let someone else make that November decision for you in the June primary, make your difference now. We, the registered voters of ABATE of California, have an enormous opportunity to control the outcome of the November ballot. This year's primary election results and our November ballot choices will be determined by the voters, not by partisan political party affiliation. So, pick your favorites, volunteer to help them now, and always let them know you are a member of ABATE of California and how important motorcycle rights are to you.

Lastly, remember the single most important contribution you can give is your VOTE!

Please, attend and support all ABATE events statewide, keep your PAC, Lobbyist, and ABATE of California contributions coming and **"THANKS TO ALL THAT DO, AND TO THOSE THAT DON'T, PLEASE TRY TO!"**



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# Sporty's Rides

## by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan

Greetings all! Sporty here, hopeful that my prose will be slightly more entertaining than the scribe of last month. I will begin by saying that it's been a pleasure writing all these years. I guess you must like my whimsical insightful column as my Board members have stated in the past. So here goes, folks.

The early part of this month was filled with preparations for Local 1's Polar Bear run. At the COC fund raiser that was staged at the Elks Lodge in Tujunga where Local 1 stages its monthly meeting, I was able to pass out flyers for the Polar Bear run. Sweet deal; I have come to find out that if you support events, then when you need folks to support your runs the troops will come for your stuff. With that said and times financially tough, it was and is a special deal when they show up at your event.

My good Local 1 member, Bob Warren, and I made a prerun of the Polar Bear route. On the first leg check point one, Auto Sports, was no longer able to be used as a check point. Flash - all was not lost, as we were able to use a small restaurant, which I guess puts on hot rod nights through out the year, called TROYS as check point one. It's off Foothill Blvd in Tujunga. They have a nice breakfast.

We continued on and were also pleasantly surprised as the weather was reasonably good for February. When we got to the end spot, the Big Oaks Lodge, it was not open just yet. We have had a good rapport with the owner, Dee, and she is back after the problems she had with the potential buyer. So I said good-bye to Bob as he had business in Santa Clarita and went home.

Ok, now during the course of the month prior to the event I visited the Rock Store where I passed out flyers and got folks to sign support sheets for our bill AB 1047 motorcycle only check points (the bill will prevent this from happening in CA, if passed.) Note: I must have gotten several calls from folks inquiring about the run from the vari-



ous publications I put the run flyer in, so that might have helped things out. At this point in the month I had made 122 run sheets with the route and poker marker sheet attached. Glen C assured me that was enough.

Now for the run: February 26 was a foggy day and I had all the stuff loaded in my wife's Honda Ridgeline. I had purchased two tables from Lowe's. I am getting enough stuff assembled so I don't have to borrow Peter's stuff as much - that's a good thing both ways. Everyone who was to be at the run was there. Anyway the sign-up ladies were there and that is a big plus. I personally want to **THANK BUFFY AND HER SISTER AND ALSO THANK SHARON ANDERSON AND HER FRIEND, GLORIA, FOR DOING A GREAT JOB AT SIGN-UP** and selling the raffle and 50/50 tickets. Yes, we did run out of run sheets and I had to send Local 1 member, Jim Nickla, out to make more copies. All was not lost as he prevailed by getting the sheets.

At the end, which was the Big Oaks Lodge, everything was in order. We had two vendors selling their wares. Our main music was handled by the DJ and it was good. Sarge was great with the job of MC and the raffle drawings. We got lucky with the weather.

Again, I want to thank the following folks for their help in making this work out: Buffy and her sister at sign-in at Big Jim's restaurant, Sharon A and Gloria as the sign-in Ladies for the selling of 50/50 and raffle tickets, Steve B and his girlfriend for helping with the traffic control, Jim Nickla for traffic control and purchase of emergency run sheets and tallying the poker hands at the Oaks, Sarge for helping set up and being MC at the Oaks, Bob Warren and Yodie for checkpoint one work, Steve and Linda Kerr for selling raffle tickets and 50/50/ at the end and Iceman aka Ed Mathis and Buzy for working the second check point.

Finally a big debt of thanks goes to Glen C for doing the AMA wrap up stuff and helping keep things in perspective through out the day. Also a big debt of thanks for those of you who showed up to the 25th annual Polar Bear run; the folks at Locals 3, 5, 8, 19, 22, 23 and Local 1, thanks to the Clubs that showed up, thanks guys. And if I left anyone out, my apologies and thank you! Great stuff, everyone!

We had a special day and it bears the extra write up in this column.

OK the last thing, other than using the bike to commute to work and going to the dentist (he says if you don't brush and floss, all he can do is yank and fill!), is the ride to Simi Valley to say Happy Retirement to ABATE Local 3 officer, Clean Dean. You may know of him as the editor of Biker Magazine. The party was at the Moose Lodge in Simi Valley and we came to toast his retirement and what he meant as an ABATE member as well. I had my usual good time.

Sunday, March 11, was a Southern California Regional Rally committee meeting in San Bernardino and it was a business bike ride. Hope to see you all Mothers' Day weekend at the Shady Oasis Kampground in Victorville for the Southern California Regional Rally. See flyer in this Bailing Wire.

That is all for now, ATTEND ABATE EVENTS, Regards, Sporty




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# COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

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## FEDERAL HIGHWAY BILL PROGRESS-

**ES:** The U.S. Senate has approved its version of a federal highway appropriations measure (S.1813, "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century" or MAP-21) by a vote of 74-22 on March 14, and the \$109 billion highway bill includes motorcycle safety funding for states and would bar federal funds from being used to conduct motorcycle-only checkpoints.

The measure now goes to the House of Representatives for further action, where a similar measure is also being considered (H.R. 7, the "American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012").

Both bills contain motorcycle safety program funding and both would prohibit motorcycle-exclusive roadblocks, and neither version has any anti-motorcycle provisions, but it's unclear if the House will take up the Senate bill or advance their own legislation.

**MORE STATES MOVE TO BAN MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS:** While Congress continues to consider passing a prohibition on motorcycle-only roadside "safety checkpoints" by halting federal funding, several states are moving forward with their own laws to ban the practice.

New Hampshire and North Carolina have both passed such legislation, and Virginia has become the latest state to pass a bill to bar law enforcement agencies from setting up safety checks that only stop motorcycles for inspection. Following a motorcycle-only checkpoint set up during last year's Rolling Thunder POW/MIA rally en route to Washington, D.C. over Memorial Day weekend, Delegate C. Todd Gilbert (R-Shenandoah) introduced H.B.187, which passed and was signed into law on February 28 by Governor Bob McDonnell.

Most recently, New Jersey introduced companion bills in the Senate (S-1685) and the Assembly (A-508) to prohibit police from establishing checkpoints limited to certain types of vehicles and would require that all checkpoints include all types of vehicles.

Calling motorcycle-only checkpoints discriminatory and unconstitutional ABATE of California is likewise pushing a bill (AB-1047) that would ban state and federal funding of biker barricades. According to ABATE Lobbyist Jim Lombardo, "We passed out of the Assembly and are awaiting a hearing in the Senate Transportation Committee, and then on to Governor Brown."

Meanwhile on the legal front, New York A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) Attorney Mitch Proner told the Associated Press that he is preparing to appeal a federal court decision upholding the constitutionality of motorcycle roadblocks in N.Y., and the issue may eventually be heard before the U.S. Supreme Court.



**BIKER ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BILL HEARD IN COLORADO:** Colorado legislation to ban discrimination against people wearing motorcyclist gear failed to pass its first committee hearing, but the bill's sponsor told the AP that he was glad he proposed the bill because it raised awareness. He said bikers are unfairly judged to be criminals.

State Rep. Joe Miklosi (D-Denver) says he didn't propose the measure to get attention but to help constituents who belong to motorcycle clubs and say they are being singled out unfairly. "I'm motivated by doing the right thing," Miklosi said. "They're being discriminated against."

Bikers say they're unfairly refused service at hotels, restaurants and stores because of how they dress, and Miklosi's bill (HB-1128) would have banned businesses from discriminating against motorcyclists based on their style of dress.

But his bid to add "unconventional attire" to the state law that bars discrimination in public accommodations and put biker attire alongside such protected classes as race, gender and religious affiliation, fell short in the GOP-controlled House State, Veterans and Military Affairs committee which is known for rejecting Democratic proposals.

**GREEN MOUNTAIN SENATORS LEARN GANG DESIGNATION INCLUDES VETS:** Members of the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club may be surprised to find themselves on a list of "security threat groups" recently offered by the Department of Corrections to the Vermont Senate Judiciary Committee in Montpelier, VT.

According to information offered to the committee, a definition from the Department of Justice says a gang designation is appropriate for a group of three or more people with a common identifying sign, symbol or name who, individually or col-

lectively, engage in criminal activity which creates an atmosphere of fear and intimidation.

Senator Alice Nitka (D-Windsor) wasn't so sure that the aging vets of the motorcycle club back in Windsor are a menace to society and warrant being "lumped in" with street gangs like "the Bloods and the Crips," reported vtdigger.org.

If all it takes for a "gang" to make the list is for a few members of a group to commit a crime, Senator Jeanette White (D-Windham) asked, "... will the Boys and Girls Club be next?"

## MINNESOTA ROAD GUARDING BILLS

**ADVANCE:** Two companion bills to allow trained and certified motorcyclists to road guard during motorcycle runs (SF1719 and HF2008) were approved by the Minnesota Senate and House Transportation Committees, respectively.

Mack Backlund, State Coordinator for ABATE of Minnesota, testified in favor before both committees and answered questions from the committee members. While there were questions and concerns brought up during discussion, in the end both bills passed by unanimous voice vote with no amendments.

The legislation creates a motorcycle road guard certificate under which a person can stop and hold traffic during a motorcycle group ride: "Permit holders of a motorcycle road guard certificate who are acting as a flagger for a motorcycle ride to stop and hold traffic, and override traffic control devices to direct motorcycle operators or other vehicles. Requires drivers to remain stopped until directed to proceed."

"This language has a long way to go in the process before becoming law, but passage in the Senate and House Transportation Committees is a great start," said Backlund.

**YOU CAN HELP MOTORCYCLE SAFETY STUDY:** Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI) is working in conjunction with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation to conduct a long term, comprehensive Naturalistic Motorcyclist Study of everyday riding in a wide variety of environments and conditions -- and they need participants.

If selected, you will answer questions about your age, training and riding experience to determine where you fit in the study. To gather information, several small cameras, radar, GPS and a recording unit will be attached to your motorcycle for one year. Once the equipment is attached, your job is to ignore it and ride like you normally would. The data is encrypted as it is collected and kept confidential.

They have selected a number of motorcycles representing a cross section of riders and types of riding: beginners, sport bikes, cruisers and touring, and designed their equipment and mounting

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system to work with several specific models, and participants must live in or near the targeted study areas that cover different terrain and traffic patterns; Blacksburg, Virginia, Orlando, Florida and Irvine, California. For more details, contact VTTI at [www.motorcycle.vtti.vt.edu](http://www.motorcycle.vtti.vt.edu).

## FEDS PROPOSE DISTRACTED DRIVING GUIDELINES FOR AUTOMAKERS:

U.S. Department of Transportation chief Ray LaHood has announced a new set of proposed distracted driving guidelines for automakers that would limit the use of in-car tech solutions that are "not directly relevant to safely operating the vehicle, or cause undue distraction by engaging the driver's eyes or hands for more than a very limited duration while driving."

From cell phones to GPS screens, distracted driving is an ever-present road hazard in today's techno-centric world, especially for vulnerable travelers like motorcyclists, but soon video games and Facebook friends could be within arm's reach as drivers hurtle down the highway in the next generation of cars from Detroit.

Coming dashboard devices would deliver a whole new level of eye candy and brain entrapment, as more than 90% of cars debuting in the next five years are expected to be equipped with Internet-connected screens and other cutting-edge wonders. Automakers are responding to surveys that show 75% of young adults want touch-screen technology in their cars.

But, not if the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration can hit the "Hold" button. The agency's proposed guidelines -- which do not carry the weight of law -- call for automobile manufacturers to make some dashboard electronic devices automatically shut down once a car starts moving, unless they're for passengers and cannot be seen by the driver.

The guidelines cite six activities that should not occur while driving: text messaging, Internet browsing, using social media, entering addresses in navigation systems, dialing phones and reading display screens with more than 30 characters of text.

Studies show that drivers double the risk of a crash if they take their eyes off the road for more than two seconds, yet 41 states still allow using a cell phone hand-set while driving and fifteen allow texting behind the wheel.

**WEIRD NEWS: FEELING THE WIND IN YOUR EAR:** Today's phones can deliver the sound of a heartbeat, but soon you'll actually feel the throbbing.

At the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Artificial Muscle Inc. demonstrated how it can make mobile devices shake and rattle with great realism, employing a technology that uses plastics that function like muscles, allowing you to feel the rumble of a Harley or the reverberation of a shotgun blast.

The company showed off an iPhone it had modified by placing one of its Vivitouch "motors" inside that shook a modified Xbox controller to allow the user to feel what it's like to hold a beating heart. In another instance, it let the user experience the signature rumble of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle starting up.

**CHOPPERS FACE EURO-SION OF RIGHTS:** They're long and lean, and Europe is looking to ban them. Custom motorcycles are coming under fire across the pond, according to [Motorcycles.about.com](http://Motorcycles.about.com). Along with proposals to limit motorcycle emissions, force anti-lock brake systems on all bikes, and prohibit engine tuning for increased power; European Parliament is considering a ban on extended forks. The issue will be voted on in April and the limits on modifications could take effect by 2014; ABS rulings and stricter emissions could be enforced by 2016.

"The proposed EU Regulation on Type Approval and Market Surveillance of two and three-wheeled vehicles passed its first reading, Committee stage, on 5th December even though an impact assessment on many elements of the proposal was ongoing," writes MAG-UK (Motor-

cycle Action Group), "and the Delegated Acts appear to have moved well outside the scope of the Commission's original proposal."

**2012 NCOM CONVENTION IN INDIANAPOLIS:** The 27th annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 10-13, 2012 at the J W Marriot located at 10 S. West St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. 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 \$99.00 by calling (800) 266-9432 or (317) 860-5800.

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$80 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$45 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](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com).

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 May 2011, so that we may honor their memories during the traditional "Ringing of the Bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies. Dedications can be e-mailed to [NCOMBish@aol.com](mailto:NCOMBish@aol.com).

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# How Far Do You Look Ahead?



by Steve Guderian, Safety Officer

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

Maybe another way to ask "How far do you look ahead?" is "How far ahead *should* you look?" Various information about driving and riding has said that you should look or scan up to 12-15 seconds ahead in order to prepare yourself for things that you will be approaching. But I have two questions about this:

First, how do you know how far 12-15 seconds is ahead of you? When you are riding down the road how can you possibly judge time and/or distance to know how far ahead 12-15 seconds is in front of you when you are simply scanning? 12-15 seconds worth of distance in front of you is based on how fast you are traveling at the time, so again the question is how do you judge how far ahead to look or scan?

The second question I have is a little more straight forward, if I can stop my motorcycle in 5 seconds, why should I be concerned with what is 12-15 seconds in front of me? Bring this in one step closer, if I can stop my motorcycle in 5 seconds, why should I be concerned with what is 6 seconds in front of me? If I have brought my motorcycle to a complete stop in 5 seconds how is something 6 seconds, or longer, away from me going to affect me?

I have asked this second question to a lot of people and to be perfectly honest with you, I have not received what I would consider to be a reasonable answer to it. And, when we are talking about look ahead distance, this really is a reasonable question to ask and it does deserve an answer. Since an answer is important and I can't provide you with a reasonable answer to this question, I would say that you really don't need to look further ahead than the distance you can stop in. I will also say that it is a reasonable presumption that your driving and riding experience has given you some idea on how far you need to stop given the speed that you are traveling at. In other words, your own experiences on the roadway in a car, truck, bus or even on a motorcycle can provide you an idea as to how far ahead you need to look in order to stop for something.

I suspect that the odds are very good that this is what you are doing anyway. It kind of goes along with keeping things simple so that you are not distracted thinking about how far ahead you need to look based on the speed, conditions and the roadway environment you are in. Speaking of which, it kind of seems reasonable that the roadway environment plays a part in your look ahead distance. For example, it is much easier to look 12-15 seconds ahead when you are riding on a 4 lane freeway with very light traffic. But, if you are riding on the very same freeway at the very same location as before but in bumper to bumper traffic and you are lane sharing do you really want to take the time to look or scan ahead 12-15 seconds? Given this set of roadway and traffic conditions do you really need to? As I have previously written, it is my position that rules or suggestions for what we as riders need to do for our safety are best if they have few or no exceptions.

Just in case you were wondering, I have not found any studies or actual testing that say or confirm looking 12-15 seconds ahead is the best or safest thing to do.

There is also another very important factor to consider about how far you look ahead; there is only so much information that you can input and process at any given moment in time. Think of it like a pipeline of info going to your brain. All pipelines can fill up and they can get stopped up. So, if you can stop in 5 seconds, but you are looking say 10 seconds ahead and the information pipeline gets full or stopped up. Is it possible that you might miss something hazardous within the 5 seconds ahead of you that you really need to be aware of? Yes it is possible, which means there is a potential for disaster. Cutting back on the visual information you are trying to process through scanning helps keep the pipeline clear so that you have an opportunity to see or catch what you need to.

They say that a picture is worth a thousand words, so in order to make this piece about four-thousand words shorter, how about some pictures. As noted in the pictures, they were obtained from *Google Earth*.



Background info, the area in this overview picture is South San Antonio Ave starting just north of Sunkist Street. in Ontario, CA. The big street at the top of the picture is Mission Blvd. The speed limit on San Antonio Ave is 35 mph or a little more

than 51 fps (feet per-second). Let's presume that you are riding southbound on San Antonio Ave.



At 35 mph the look ahead distance for 12 seconds is 616 feet, which is shown as the yellow line in this picture, the line starts from a spot just below or south of Sunkist Street. From this picture you can see that looking 12 seconds means that you would have to look almost all of the way down to Mission Blvd, which as you can imagine is a signal controlled intersection. This picture also shows you this is a residential area and that there are multiple cross streets that you have to be concerned with.



This photo is a street view looking southbound on San Antonio Ave from the start of the yellow line in the above photo toward Mission Blvd. This picture gives you a little better idea of just how far ahead you would be looking if you were riding down San Antonio Ave, as well as just exactly what the roadway environment around you is. That first intersection that you see is not actually another roadway, but rather an alley and it has limited cross traffic visibility. There is a driveway on the left. Since this is a residential area there is a potential for pedestrians, bicycles and children. Also, isn't it reasonable to expect differing traffic patterns depending on the day of the week and/or the time of day that you are riding down this street? Weekends would be different traffic patterns from a weekday, and during the week daytime traffic can depend on children going or coming from school. If you were to look/scan 12 seconds ahead you would be trying to gather information almost all of the way down to where you can see the cars near the top of the picture.

In this next picture the yellow line represents the distance you would need to bring your motorcycle to a stop traveling at 35 mph.

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The yellow line in this picture is about 170 feet long. It represents a travel distance for 2 seconds of perception and reaction time and a stopping distance using 0.6g, which is what studies are indicating represents what riders generally do for heavy braking. The total stopping time for this 170 foot distance is about 5 seconds. You can see in the above picture that this distance takes you just past the alley, and if you look at it from the

street view you can see that you have a much more manageable area to look over and scan.

Let me take a moment to be clear, I am not saying not to look ahead; I am not saying this at all. It is important that you get your head and your eyes up and that you do look ahead on the roadway for potential hazards. What I am saying is that how far you look ahead depends on all the factors that you have in front of you at the moment. From your speed, to your experience to the roadway environment you are in at the moment. Remember rider safety, your safety while riding is all about you and it starts with you.

If you have developed a habit where you know what 12-15 seconds of look ahead distances is for whatever speed you are traveling at, and this works for you, by all means don't change. But I have one more piece of information for you to consider, the roadway is a dynamic place. Pretty much everybody and everything using the roadway and sidewalks is moving in some manner or another. This means that everything in that roadway environment around you is changing at each and every moment in time. This can represent a lot of visual information that has to be processed. And, look at the different cross streets and alleys in the pic-

tures. When do you think your first opportunity to see any traffic on one of these cross streets will be, 12-15 seconds away, or maybe closer to 4 or 5 seconds away? Remember, that traffic on cross streets is moving too. If I am riding down San Antonio Ave at 35 mph and I am trying to scan or look at one of the cross streets 8 or 9 seconds ahead, could I miss something in the alley right there in front of me? The answer is yes.

This is part of the title of my pieces; "In order to make the right decisions, motorcycle riders need the right information." So "How Far Do You Look Ahead?" The information is presented for you to decide what is safest and best for you. As for me, I am worried about the closer in potential hazards so I am generally not looking or scanning much beyond my stopping distance. But this is what works best for me.

Remember, my next trip to Irvine in So Cal where I will be available to meet with anybody will be Thursday, April 5, through Sunday, April 8, 2012, which I know is Easter weekend. I will also be around at the Southern Regional Rally, Friday, May 11, and Saturday, May 12, 2012.

As always, any questions, comments or debate please feel free to contact me any time.

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## Tech Tips by Craig Griswold

### Carburetors (Part III)

In Part II we discussed the tuning procedure for the S&S Super E/G carburetors. This month, we'll cover the tuning of the Mikuni HSR series carburetors. Since the procedure in its entirety is quite lengthy, we'll edit as needed to save space while still covering all the bases. A complete copy of the tuning manual, including illustrations and parts listing can be downloaded from the Mikuni website, or shoot me a note and I'll attach a copy.

Different manufacturers use different terminology and procedures. While S&S uses engine RPM for reference, Mikuni uses throttle position. To start, stick masking tape to the throttle grip and housing for "witness marks." Mark positions on the tape in  $\frac{1}{4}$  throttle increments from idle to full open.

The Mikuni has four independent circuits: Choke, idle, main, and accelerator pump. The choke is not a tunable circuit, and its name is somewhat of a misnomer. A choke, found on older carbs, actually restricts air flow and as a

result, increases fuel delivery (rich air/fuel ratio). The choke on the Mikuni and other modern carburetors is actually an enrichening device. It has its own circuit and delivers a metered flow of air/fuel mixture without restricting air flow. It probably goes without explanation that this device is used for cold starts. To what extent can vary depending on how the carb is tuned and other variables.

The second circuit is idle. This one can be tuned and covers the throttle position from idle to  $\frac{1}{8}$ . There are two tunable components; the pilot air screw and the pilot jet. Back when we discussed tuning the S&S carb I mentioned that some carbs use an *air screw* rather than a fuel screw. The Mikuni is one of them. The default setting for the air screw is two turns out. If best idle is achieved with less than one turn out, the pilot jet is too small (lean). If more than two and a half turns out, the jet is too large (rich). As a side note, if you are turning the mixture screw in to fully closed on any carburetor (to check position or baseline the setting before tuning), most product literature will state somewhere in bold letters "*GENTLY SEATED*." They're not kidding. Over-tightening will ruin the seat which is integral to the carb body. There's no repair or fix, its junk.

Next is the main circuit. Hang in there, this one's a doozy. The first component is the jet needle. This alone affects two different throttle positions. The straight portion of the needle controls just off idle to  $\frac{1}{4}$  throttle, the tapered portion  $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{3}{4}$ . If adjustment is required in the former, the needle must be changed. Mikuni jet kits contain different size needles to accommodate these changes. They can also be purchased from your local shop and other parts

sources. If adjustment is needed from  $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{3}{4}$  throttle, the needle can be raised and lowered accordingly. To lean the mixture, lower the needle, to go richer, raise the needle. A clip holds the needle in position.

The last component of the main circuit is the main jet. It affects throttle from  $\frac{3}{4}$  to WFO. This is relatively cut and dried. A simple jet change up or down handles this area. I do like to make changes no less than two sizes. One size at a time, sometimes makes the performance change less remarkable and harder to detect.

The final circuit of the Mik is the accelerator pump. Unlike most carbs that use one screw, the Mikuni uses two. One screw determines when the pump activates, the other affects deactivation. In other words, between the two screws, timing and duration are set for the pump. The horizontal screw determines activation. To bring it in sooner, turn the screw out. Later, turn it in. The vertical screw controls when the pump stops. Adjust this so pump duration ends somewhere between  $\frac{2}{3}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  throttle. In the end, you want the least amount of accelerator pump that will allow a quick snap of the throttle without the engine cutting out or coughing. Any more than that and you're wasting fuel (indicative of a puff of black smoke when you whack the throttle).

That's the basics for the Mikuni carburetor. This info is all good but how do we know when the tuning is too lean or too rich? Next time we'll highlight the tuning diagnostics and procedures so you can tell. After that, we'll dive into some of the other carburetors.

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**May 19** – ABATE Local 23, San Bernardino – Biker Rights Poker Run (see flyer this issue)

**June 2** – ABATE Local 44, High Desert – Annual Poker Run – Details TBA

**June 23** – ABATE Local 13, Ventura – Annual Callous Cheeks – Details TBA

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When businesses are struggling, so are consumers. People start to pinch their pennies

and scour for that great deal and everyone wants a great deal when purchasing a vehicle. However, something that looks too good to be true usually comes with a catch, so be sure to read the fine print before finalizing your purchase. Familiarize yourself with the history of the vehicle and to check if it is a "lemon."

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If a vehicle is a "lemon" it is required that that information is disclosed, so beware of

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You can also find out by looking at the vehicle's Certificate of Title and Registration Certificate to see if it says "Lemon Law Buyback" or ask the dealer/seller; they are required by law to disclose this information.

If you decide to purchase a "lemon," under California's Lemon Law, a new vehicle which is leased or sold with a manufacturer's written warranty may be returned to the manufacturer for a refund or a replacement if it cannot be repaired.

Whether it's hunting down your old dealership or remedying the purchase of a defective car, the DMV is a great resource to help resolve your problem. The DMV aims to provide the public with useful information that will assist in making vehicle transactions easier. For information on dealers out of business, contact the DMV's Occupational Licensing Unit, at [www.DMV.ca.gov/vehindustry/ol/dealer.htm](http://www.DMV.ca.gov/vehindustry/ol/dealer.htm) or call (916) 229-3126. For more information on Lemon Laws, please visit [http://www.dca.ca.gov/acp/pdf\\_files/englemn.pdf](http://www.dca.ca.gov/acp/pdf_files/englemn.pdf).

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We have all experienced that terrifying -"oh-no-they're-going-to-hit-me" - moment, when we see another driver swerving dangerously in front of or alongside our own vehicle. Often times when we look over at the other driver and see them chatting away, we think to ourselves "oh, of course, they're on the phone!" We are a world of multitaskers and while many of us also engage in the same distracted driving behavior, we often don't consider ourselves as a risk to others in a similar situation. The reality is, once our attention is diverted from driving, even for a split second, the likelihood of causing a car crash increases tremendously.

According to studies done by Virginia Tech and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the number one source of driver inattention is the use of a wireless device. While it's no surprise that these advanced technological devices are

widespread, the potential outcome of people using these devices while driving is cause for concern. Driving while using a cell phone, whether hand-held or wireless, reduces the amount of brain activity associated with driving by 37 percent (Carnegie Mellon), and delays a driver's reactions as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit of 0.08 percent (University of Utah). This decreased reaction time means that you are four times more likely to get into a car crash (Insurance Institute for Highway Safety) and cause injury to yourself or someone else.

In California in 2011, the Department of Motor Vehicles reported that there were 460,487 hand-held cell phone convictions - up 22 percent from 361,260 convictions in 2010 and 52 percent from 301,833 in 2009. The cost of a ticket for a first offense is a minimum of \$159, and \$279 for subsequent offenses. While those costs may seem high, it's really nothing when you consider that the offender could have easily hurt or killed someone through their inability to pay full attention to the road ahead.

Although wireless devices are the leading sources of distracted driving, anything that takes your focus away from driving can be incredibly dangerous and may just as easily lead to a wreck. Grooming,

putting on makeup, eating or drinking, and adjusting music players are just a few common behaviors that cause drivers to be inattentive and more susceptible to crashes. While many of us find these habits to be routine and convenient while driving from one place to the next, when we stop and consider that the outcome may be injury or death, we need to realize that they are never worth the risk or even the potential cost of a traffic violation.

In an effort to bring awareness to the dangers of distracted driving, the California Office of Traffic Safety recently launched its annual campaign in April, as a part of National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. The campaign's goal is to stress the importance of staying focused while driving and minimizing all distractions. Drivers should be aware that crashes happen in the blink of an eye and any time spent focusing on something other than the road could lead to a crash or a traffic violation.

Make it a point to set aside your distractions, and encourage those you know to do the same. Having a trip result in a car crash due to daily, yet avoidable, distractions is never an actual belief for most of us, but it is a likely result. For more information regarding distracted driving facts, please visit [www.DMV.ca.gov](http://www.DMV.ca.gov).

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### AMA AWARD

The American Motorcyclist Association Board of Directors bestows the AMA Bessie Stringfield Award, which recognizes individuals who have introduced motorcycling to emerging markets, to U. S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords.

Until her recent retirement announcement, Rep. Giffords was the co-chair of the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus. As a rider for more than 20 years, and as a member of the U.S. House and the caucus, she worked with the AMA and the motorcycling community on a number of issues to protect and promote motorcycling.

Arguably, Giffords is the most visible woman motorcyclist ever elected at the national level, and her embrace of motorcycling encouraged many other women to take up riding.

"This is a great honor from the AMA," said Giffords' husband, astronaut Mark E. Kelly, on her behalf. "Gabby and I have been motorcyclists for many years, and I can tell you that motorcycling, and motorcyclists, have been important in our lives. She has been able to inspire so many others to take up riding, particularly women."

Kelly added that Giffords is progressing in her recovery from the failed assassination attempt on her life in January 2011, and that the couple hopes to ride together again one day in the future.

### Senate Highway Bill Passes

The United States Senate passed its version of a federal highway bill today. The measure (S 1813) provides \$109 billion over two years for highway projects. The final vote was 74-22. The bill moved quite quickly, considering the speed of the Senate these days. There was some discussion over amendments, the bulk of which were rejected.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) ([www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org)) is pleased to report that no federal helmet mandates are attached to this bill, which in the past has been the case. Even the last version of the bill that was voted on in 2005 had a full floor vote on an amendment that would have required every state to have a full mandatory helmet law, or have millions of dollars of their highway funds withheld.

"This year the mandatory helmet law issue was only a small part of the very early

discussion of the Senate bill," said Jeff Hennie, MRF Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs. "Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) filed a few motorcycle amendments during the committee phase, but he did not bring them up for a vote," he added.

The future is blurry for the Senate bill, as the House of Representatives has been flip-flopping on supporting it. Right now the House is supporting its own five-year bill, but it has not been brought for a floor vote.

While the MRF supports the House bill because it contains the language that would ban federal funding of mandatory motorcycle roadside checkpoints, it's not likely to see the return of the 2010 funds. Both the House and Senate bills send all safety money in one pot back to the states to give them flexibility.

The MRF will keep you updated on this and every other issue affecting motorcyclists in the Nation's capital.



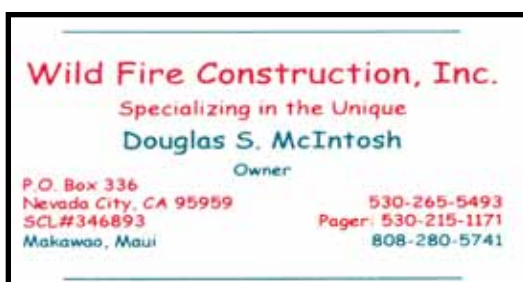
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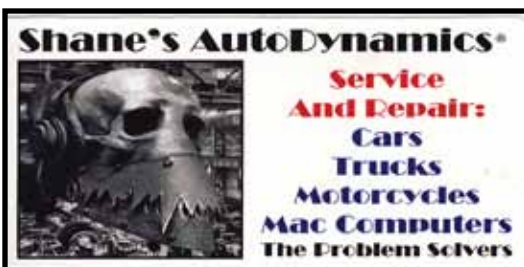
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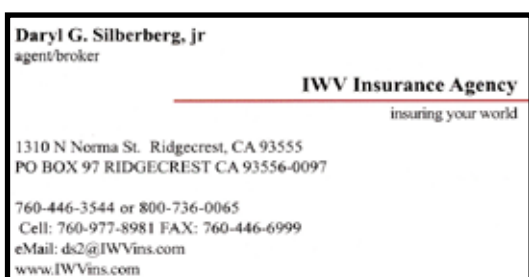
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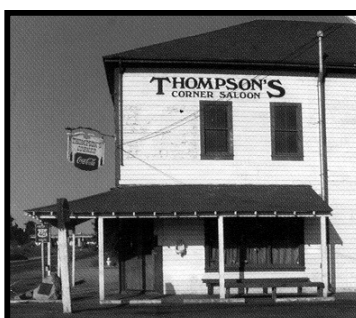
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## Letter to the Editor

from Peter Daniels

Just read an article in the March 2012 issue of the American Motorcyclist Association's (AMA) magazine. The title of the article is "Joining Forces". I encourage everyone to read it. If you are not an AMA member you can go on their web site and view the magazine.

It is basically about ABATE of Indiana becoming involved with off-road and ATV riders, which results in all motorcyclists becoming involved with all motorcycle issues in the state of Indiana. It also results in a formable group with political clout, and an increase in membership for all the groups.

Gee, isn't that exactly what ABATE of California wants? More members, more political clout, and unification of all motorcyclists in California!

It is this member's opinion that this is the direction ABATE of California should take in 2012. I recall when representatives from AMA, MMA, and other groups attended every ABATE of California Board of Directors meetings.

It is time to 'Join Forces' here on the left coast.



## Local #27 Bike Night





# Membership Report

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan,  
Membership Chairman

Greetings all! March is the month Carol sends me the quarterly report on how many members we have gotten so far from the membership drive. Getting new members is the core to keeping this organization alive. We need new members and the renewals to keep our organization strong. Thanks to those members who have gathered new

members for the first quarter.

**OK, THIS IS WHAT I AM ASKING OF YOU: NOW THE REST OF YOU NEED TO GET BUSY AND DO YOUR BEST TO GET MEMBERS AND RETAIN YOUR RENEWALS.** Kind of like the almond commercial, one can a week - that's all we ask. Now what is easier than that? Also keep in mind that we welcome new business members, too!

Look for the special membership raffle funding tickets to arrive shortly. The winning ticket of the drawing will be drawn at the July Board of Directors meeting.

I think I have made my point, but, again, you know what is needed - new members **and** retaining the renewals. I have faith we can all pull this off. Finally, remember there is strength in numbers of members.

Regards, Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman.

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& Long-Sleeve Scoop Neck**



**H.R.'S BEAR PATCH**

**3 X 3 1/2 PATCH**

You probably recognize this patch from way back, originating from Local 27 Honda Ray

Item # 07-177 \$8.00



Order Form 01/2012

	Item #	Qty.	Price	Total
ABATE Hat Red/Gold	06-141		\$ 15.00	
<b>NEW</b> ABATE of California Hat Red/Gold	11-311		\$ 15.00	
ABATE Hat White/ Silver	06-142		\$ 15.00	
9 X 6 Oval Sticker	06-160		\$ 5.00	
Bear Patch	07-177		\$ 8.00	
ABATE EMBLEM Large 12 X 9	07-174		\$ 40.00	
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ABATE of CA 2 color design Pin	07-172		\$ 5.00	
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		XX-Large 07-206		
		Sponsor T's		
		Medium 09-218		
		Large 09-219		

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Pocket Small 11-321	No/Pocket Small 11-315	Longsleeve Small 11-326
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Large 11-323	Large 11-317	Large 11-328
X-Large 11-324	X-Large 11-318	X-Large 11-329
XX-Large 11-325	XX-Large 11-319	XX-Large 11-330
	XXX-Large 11-320	XXX-Large 11-331

**Total T's X \$ 20.00 =**

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**Total Tank Shirts X \$15.00 =**

ABATE T-shirts Womens Qty.	Qty.
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Short-sleeve Small 11-322	Long-sleeve Small 11-337
Medium 11-333	Medium 11-338
Large 11-334	Large 11-339
X-Large 11-335	X-Large 11-340
XX-Large 11-336	XX-Large 11-341

**Total Women's T's X \$20.00 =**

ABATE Pull Over No Hood Sweatshirt Qty.	Qty.
Large 07-301	X-Large 07-302
XX-Large 07-303	

**Total Sweatshirts X \$ 35.00 =**

<b>Promotional Items</b>	Key Tags pkg. of 20	07-163	\$ 9.00
	Reflective Flag pkg. of 25	07-164	\$ 12.00

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**Sub-Total**  
**Add 20% to Total for**  
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**ABATE of California 60 X 60 Knit Blanket**







**Sunday April 29th**

**Sign in: 9:00 @ Miss Darlas  
110 Peabody Rd, Vacaville**

# **Annual Spring Bingo Fun Run**

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10	16	31	46	61
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13	19	33	49	64
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**Simi Valley - Local #02-Reg#8**

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

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

Chuck Pedersen 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM  
 842 E Avenida De Las Flores Elks Lodge  
 Thousand Oaks 91360 158 N. Conejo School  
 805/496-0323 Thousand Oaks

**San Gabriel Valley - Local#05-Reg#8**

Tom Lubbers 3rd Mon - 7:00 PM  
 626/335-6508 Peppertree Restaurant  
 1020 E Route 66, Glendora

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Snowman-ABATE #6 1st Sunday - 12 Noon  
 C/O Boozefighters M/C Kate Sessions Park  
 P.O. Box 501946 Pacific Beach  
 San Diego CA 92150  
 619/855-9981

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Jered Yates 2nd Mon. 7:30PM  
 5031 Tripoli Ave American Legion #354  
 Los Alamitos CA 8071 Whitaker, Buena Park  
 714/393-7174

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Dennis Seace 3rd Tues - 7:00 PM  
 P.O. Box 269 Fuddrucker's  
 Concord CA 94522 1975 Diamond Bl. #E260  
 925/427-5135 Concord

**Solano & Napa Counties - Local #17-Reg#3**

Glenn Phillips 3 rd Sun.- 10:00 AM  
 P O Box 148 Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon  
 Vacaville 95696 4826 Midway Rd.  
 707/624-6310 Vacaville CA

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

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

**ABATE MEETINGS****Orange County - Local #20-Reg#11**

Gill Mellen 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM  
 2104 Continental Ave. Franciscan's Best Western Inn  
 Costa Mesa, CA 92627 2642 Newport Blvd.  
 949/632-9787 Costa Mesa CA 92627

**Antelope Valley - Local #21-Reg#13**

Ron Sundquist 1st Thurs - 7:00 PM  
 37230 52nd St. East Moose Lodge  
 Palmdale 93552 44545 Division St  
 661/586-5555 Lancaster 93535  
 ron.sundquist@sbcglobal.net

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

Suzanne Palmiere 1st Thurs - 7:30 PM  
 310/245-0543 Chowder Barge  
 suzpalmiere@aol.com 611 N. Henry Ford  
 Wilmington 90744

**San Bernardino - Local#23-Reg#9**

Kevin Sorrell 1st Sun 9:00 AM  
 Vickie's Restaurant  
 909/793-1112 502 S. Waterman Ave.  
 San Bernardino

**Fresno - Local#24-Reg#6**

Ed Rogers 1st Wed. 7:00 PM  
 559/264-2891 Cedar Lanes  
 3131 N. Cedar, Fresno

**Sacramento - Local#25-Reg#2**

Rebel Ruthi Wolfson 3rd Thurs-7:30 PM  
 916/320-6439 Denny's  
 Abate.ca.local25@gmail.com 3520 Auburn Blvd.  
 Sacramento 95821

**Riverside - Local#27-Reg#9**

Greg Covell 1st Tues - 7:00 PM  
 P.O. Box 7070 American Legion  
 Riverside CA 92513 2979 Dexter Dr,  
 951/522-3434 Riverside, CA 92513  
 www.abatelocal27.org

**Morongo Basin - Local#29-Reg#10**

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

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

Larry James 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM  
 Last Call Lounge  
 530/893-4827 876 East Ave. Chico

**Yuba City - Local #33-Reg#2**

Steve Katen 3rd Thurs. - 7:PM  
 530/749-1003 American Legion  
 5477 Feather River Blvd.  
 Olivehurst

**Palm Springs - Local #36-Reg#10**  
**Closed****Imperial Valley - Local#38-Reg#12**

Bob Brown Last Thurs - 7:00 PM  
 606 Tangerine Dr SOBE's  
 El Centro CA 1151 S 4th St.  
 760/352-7995 El Centro

**Bakersfield - Local#40-Reg#6**

Omar Macias 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM  
 661/832-5240 Rusty's Pizza  
 661/900-8690 5430 Olive Dr  
 Bakersfield 93308

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

George Butterfield 2nd Sat - 9:00 AM  
 P.O. Box 3094 Eagles Fraternal Order  
 Victorville CA 92392 16195 Main St.  
 760/954-1227 Hesperia

**Barstow - Local #47-Reg#13**

Yermo Eddy 2nd Sat-9:00 AM Meet with L#44  
 PO Box 521 Eagles Fraternal Order  
 Yermo CA 92398 16195 Main St., Hesperia  
 760/254-3833 or 760/953-7353

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

Steve Shoemaker 3rd Wed - 6:30 PM  
 P.O. Box 356 Larry & Lena's Pizza & Grill  
 Chicago Park 95712 15690 Johnson Place  
 530/798-0001 Hwy#49 Grass Valley

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

Rob Vanderpool 3rd Sat 10:00 AM  
 P.O. Box 853 Mickey's Pub  
 Red Mountain CA 1661 W. Triangle Dr.  
 760/382-4713 Ridgecrest

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

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 530/613-0912 Grand Father's Club house  
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