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Legislative Directors Corner

by Bobby Tabaldo

Making Your Voice Heard in the California State Legislature

Part I in a III-Part Series



In our last Bailing Wire, our Chairman, D-Man shared his experience visiting local legislators as part of our "Meet Your Legislator" events through

the months of October – December. The intent of those visits was to introduce himself and ABATE, to begin the process of developing a relationship (one that needs to be revisited several time a year at the minimum), talk about ABATE and what we do for the motorcycle riders in California, leave a copy of our 2024 Constituent Bill Ideas, and last, obtain staff contacts for follow-up at the Capitol offices in January.

Those of you reading this article today may say, "That's all well and good, but the process doesn't seem that straight forward or easy." Well, this article will serve as a primer for making first contact as easy as possible.

But first off, you might ask, "Why is any this important?"

The relationship between a constituent (that's you) and your district state legislators is the foundation of ABATE's (or any rights

organization's) ability to achieve its goals and advocate for its members. Without membership (grassroots) support, it would be very difficult to influence state legislators to support or oppose issues and or bills that ABATE believes are important for all of us. Constituents represent votes, money and political support, elements that politicians need to stay in office and succeed in their goals. It is a two-way street. We need their support and they, in turn, need ours.

Understand that paying a membership to a rights organization is not a substitute for engaging in the political process. Both are required. While members lobby ideas with lawmakers at a district level, ABATE mobilizes all the efforts throughout the state and focuses our collective goals into realistic, achievable activities to move the needle.

ABATE also leverages professional lobbyists who know the ins and outs at the capitol and have the relationships and ongoing name recognition to navigate through what can be a complicated process moving our agenda forward through the various committees and floor sessions. Strategic partnerships, political alliances, social and news media...continued on
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ABATE of California is committed to protect and promote the interests of the Motorcycle community. ABATE exists to preserve and safeguard the individual rights and liberties of all riders through political and legislative action. ABATE promotes motorcycle safety through education, training and public awareness.

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*****All content is subject to approval by the Editors.**

Lobbyist Capitol Update

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

The Legislature is still in recess until January 3rd. The deadline for last year's bills, that failed, to stay alive and pass out of their house of origin (Assembly or Senate), is January 31st or they are dead for the Year.

The deadline for new bills to be introduced is February 16th, 2024. As usual there will be over 2500 new proposed Laws introduced in the Senate and the Assembly. Plus, mark March 5th on your calendars because it is the Presidential Primary Election Day in our State. California moved the election from June to March years ago so the California Election could have more influence on selecting the next President. Because the elections will be held earlier in the year, it will affect the Legislative process with all 80 Assembly Members up for Election and half of the Senate running as well so look for super busy start for our year. Also, don't forget the Selection of a New US Senator with the passing of Senator Feinstein - Quite a crowded field.

As Senators and Assemblymembers are back in their Districts all of December, make sure to stop by their local offices and introduce yourselves, perhaps even ask to schedule a meeting with your Local Representative!

Thanks as always to those who send their contributions to ABATE's separate and dedicated Lobbyist Account.

Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!



Politics: Legislature Proposed New Laws

Presented by The Lombardo Group

AB-251 Ward California Transportation Commission: vehicle weight safety study - Support, *Amended

This bill would require the CTC to convene a task force to study the relationship between vehicle weight and injuries to vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians and cyclists, and degradation to roads, and to study the costs and benefits of imposing a passenger vehicle weight fee, or restructuring an existing fee to include consideration of vehicle weight. The bill would require the CTC, by no later than January 1, 2026, to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature, as specified. ***Signed into Law**

AB-316 Aguiar-Curry Vehicles: autonomous vehicles - Support

This bill would prohibit the operation of an autonomous vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or more on public roads for testing purposes, transporting goods, or transporting passengers without a human safety operator physically present in the autonomous vehicle at the time of operation. ***Vetoed by Governor**

AB-645 Friedman Speed Safety System Pilot Program Oppose

This bill would authorize, until January 1, 2032, the Cities of Los Angeles, San Jose, Oakland, Glendale, and Long Beach, and the City and County of San Francisco to establish a Speed Safety System Pilot Program if the system meets specified requirements, and would require the participating city or city and county to engage in a public information campaign at least 30 days before implementation of the program, including information relating to when the systems would begin detecting violations and where the systems would be utilized.

The bill would require a participating city or city and county to issue warning notices rather than notices of violations for violations detected within the first 60 calendar days of the program.

This bill would specify that any violation of a speed law recorded by a speed safety system authorized by these provisions would be subject only to the provided civil penalties. The bill would, among other things, provide for the issuance of a notice of violation, an initial review, an administrative hearing, and an appeals process, as specified, for a violation under this program.

This bill would require a \$25 filing fee for an appeal challenging a notice of violation issued as a result of a speed safety system until January 1, 2032. ***Signed into Law, after 6 years of defeating similar Bills**

SB-50 Bradford Vehicles: enforcement - Tracking/Monitoring

This bill would prohibit a peace officer from stopping or detaining the operator of a motor vehicle or bicycle for a low-level infraction, as defined, unless a separate, independent basis for a stop exists. The bill would authorize a peace officer who does not have grounds to stop a vehicle or bicycle, but can determine the identity of the owner, to send a citation or warning letter to the owner.

The bill would authorize local authorities to enforce a violation of the Vehicle Code through government employees who are not peace officers. ***Failed. Ordered to Inactive File until January 2024**

SB-708 Jones Vehicles: off-highway motor vehicles: off-highway motorcycles: sanctioned event permit - Support

Existing law authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation to issue to a nonresident of this state a special permit to operate an off-highway motor vehicle. Existing law requires the fee for this special permit to be not less than \$20, as established by the department.

This bill would require the department to issue a special permit to California residents to operate certain off-road motorcycles at sanctioned events, as defined. The bill would require the department to establish a fee for this permit, as specified.


***Held in Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee. Chair Bauer-Kahan (Democrat - East Bay) refused to set Hearing**

SB-847 Dahle Vehicles: motorcycle: safety helmet religious exception - Tracking/Monitoring

This bill would authorize the department to adopt a regulation certifying a helmet offered for sale, or sold, that substantially complies with, but does not meet, the requirements imposed by the specified federal standards if the helmet is designed for the purposes of compliance with a driver's or passenger's religious beliefs or practices. ***Vetoed by Governor**




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Message from the Executive Director

By Chuck "Chief" Pedersen



Happy Holidays to all ABATE members ... and every freedom loving enthusiast that reads this column.

At this point, I hope we are all full from our Thanksgiving feasts (and left-overs.) December brings Holiday Cheer and more. Don't forget to send Santa your motorcycle wish list.

Then, we head into the New Year when resolutions are made (and kept?). Good Luck! I know that I will have my own challenges! I wish everyone a warm Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Good News: Local 40 out of Bakersfield has started up again! I want to express appreciation to Local 40-Bakersfield, successfully rescheduling their monthly meetings. I know that many Locals are working to build and keep their memberships. Local 40 has done both. Congrats to Darren "Smokey" and the group!

51+ years: ABATE of California has been in existence for 51 years and counting. This longevity is ONLY due to the succession of many leaders; both at the State and Local levels. This means that ABATE is like a baton race. Each leader passes the baton to the next leader, and so on. It is not a sprint or a marathon. It is a 51 year endeavor and only because of the passing of the torch.

Participation: Being of service to ABATE of California is essential to our success and brings life value to each of us. If you have not stepped up to a Local support position, I ask that you consider doing so now. Many of us bring service to our communities. We need to do the same for ABATE. It is the essence of our success. It is not enough to just be a paid member. Things only happen when we all support the cause. With many, each job is minimal. With few, the burden falls on the few that do step up. We are a family, so PLEASE offer some help to support your ABATE family.

Regional Rally: Speaking of stepping up, I couldn't be more impressed with those of you that have communicated your dedication to the upcoming Southern California Regional Rally. We are months ahead of the May 18, 2024 date and already we have several volunteers who have taken on various responsibilities in coordination of the event, including: the bike run, bike games, vendor booths, getting flyers produced and out, coordinating run t-shirts, providing food and drinks, and much more. We could use more help toward this event and look for more of you to contribute. (flyer in this issue) Again, I want to strongly encourage you to be part of the success!

Meeting Legislators: The end of the year is quickly approaching. If your Local has not reached out to your local Legislators, it is not too late. They will return to Sacramento in January, which means they are still in their regional offices now. This is the best time to contact them while they are in your local district. Not sure what to say...? State Legislative Director, Bobby Tabaldo, can give you guidance. (see his article that begins on the front page of this issue) Bobby has

a Legislative Packet full of information and talking points. If nothing else, just go and meet your Legislators and introduce them to ABATE and tell them that we can provide them with facts and history on motorcycle rights and statistics. As I've mentioned before, politics is a numbers game. The bigger the voice, the more influence we have. Do this now, while they are 'home' and near you. Do not wait until they return to Sacramento, especially if you reside in the far corners of California.

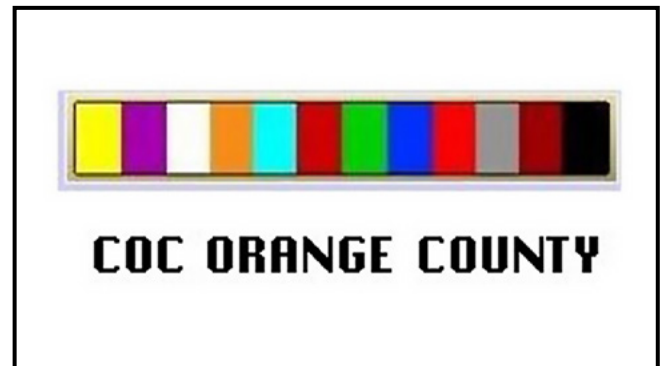


Surveys: Board member Jeff Sterling has been working hard, putting together online surveys intended to get your feedback on many topics. The results of everyone's survey responses will be analyzed by the Board with the intent of making sure your thoughts shape the future course of ABATE. They only take a few minutes to complete and are a valuable tool for you to provide feedback to the Board. You will find these surveys in your email. If you do not get an email notification, please contact any Board member to give us your current email address and we will make sure that you get one.

That's all for now. Remember that ABATE of California does not publish a January Bailing Wire, therefore my next message will come to you in the February Bailing Wire.

I want to again wish you a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. Blessings to you and Yours.

Chuck Pedersen



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What is ABATE?

ABATE is a Motorcyclists' Rights Organization dedicated to preserving freedom of choice, freedom of the road on or off with emphasis on education and safety. Although not a club, our members are active in programs for public awareness, motorcycle safety and supporting charity events throughout the state. There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclist's rights and safety through Membership.

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Legislative Director's Corner

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are also very important to our success and will be covered in a separate article.

So how can you get started? Glad you asked! There are multiple ways to introduce yourself and establish a relationship with your local legislator(s). The good news is it doesn't take much time out of your life and the benefits are many. Although there is much debate regarding the use of letters and phone calls, they are still low-cost, minimum effort options. However, the face-to-face method is ideal.



WHEN MEETING WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS

IDENTIFY YOUR LEGISLATOR(S):

California is divided into assembly and senate districts. The easiest way to determine who your legislators are is to use the below link or QR Code.

<https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>



SCHEDULE A MEETING IN ADVANCE:

Call ahead to make an appointment- do not unexpectedly show up. Let the legislator's aide know what you want to discuss. Be as specific as possible so that your legislator and their staff can prepare materials they may want to provide you.

IF YOU ARE REPRESENTING A GROUP, LET THE LEGISLATOR KNOW:

When you introduce yourself make it clear who you are and what organization, if any, you are working with.

DON'T FEEL SLIGHTED IF YOU END UP MEETING WITH A STAFF MEMBER:

A legislator will often have you meet with trusted staff members who attend meetings and conduct other duties on behalf of the legislator. You should provide the same information to the staff member as you would the legislator.

DO YOUR HOMEWORK AND BE PREPARED:

Be concise and try to anticipate direct and challenging questions and prepare your answers before the meeting. If you need guidance and or help to prepare, contact your Local President or a member of the ABATE board.

BRING MATERIALS THAT HELP MAKE YOUR POINT:

If you have completed bill idea forms, fact sheets, studies and surveys or other statistical information to back up your views, bring them. ABATE PAC/Legislative Director, Asst. Director and/or board members can provide much of this material to you. Often these items and materials are discussed and provided by Presidents at the Locals' monthly meetings.

LET LEGISLATORS EXPLAIN THEIR VIEW:

Believe it or not, they may have input from many sources, state agencies, committees, historical records and/or contacts with other state or private groups with expertise on the issue.

FOLLOW UP:

Shortly after meeting with your legislator or staff member, give him or her a call, or follow-up with a 'thank-you' note.

WHEN TELEPHONING AN ELECTED OFFICIAL

DON'T EXPECT TO TALK DIRECTLY TO A LEGISLATOR ON THE FIRST CALL:

A call to a legislator's office is usually answered by staff who will note your request or your position on a bill. This information will be passed on to the legislator. If you're calling to request background information or to discuss a particular issue, your call may be transferred to the staff person responsible for that particular issue area. If you are calling to schedule a face to face with either the

legislator or a senior member of his/her staff – Legislative Director or District Director, for example, you may need to request to be transferred or obtain the direct number to the scheduler in either the local or capitol office.

INTRODUCE YOURSELF CLEARLY:

Be sure to provide the staff member with your name, address and email. This will help ensure that you will receive helpful follow-up information.

TRY TO COVER ONE SUBJECT PER CALL:

If there is a pending vote, action or follow-up on a bill, your phone call should be simple and to the point. The information will be taken down and forwarded to the appropriate staff person.

KEEP YOUR COMMENTS BRIEF:

Be prepared to state your question or position, what you want the legislator to consider doing and be ready to support your position with one or more well thought-out responses.

THANK LEGISLATORS FOR THEIR RESPONSE:

If a legislator or their staff does not have an immediate response to your request, politely ask when you can expect an answer. When you receive a reply, be sure to thank the legislator for getting back to you, even if the legislator's position is not the same as yours.

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Preview of PART II – Scheduled for February Issue of The Bailing Wire

- Using scheduled public events to meet your legislator and pitch your idea in 5 minutes. The California State Legislature, How a bill becomes a law, When testifying in committee, Sources of legislative information, How to write an editorial or letter to the editor, Keep up-to-date automatically, Let your views be known.



Sporty's Ride

By Lee "Sporty" Milligan, Board Member

Hi All,

Sporty here, with my monthly report on my rides and events, with polite commentary.

My first ride since the last issue was October 25th to Ontario, for Local #19's meeting. I left my house in San Fernando early to do some flyer drop-offs at the various bike shops and dealerships on the way to the meeting at Round Table Pizza.

The first stop was Cycle Gear in Pasadena. I again met the shop staff and asked if they were ready to take an ABATE business membership. They said they would have to ask their corporates. So, I left more flyers and Bailing Wires and thanked them for their time. Laidlaw's HD was the next stop. I put the flyers for the Totally Kids ride and the Local #19 Toy Run out on their table and was able to get a good cup of coffee.

My next spot was Bert's Mega Store. I dropped off flyers and passed out a few to some of the cliental that was there. My final stop before the meeting was Azusa Cycle Gear, where I dropped off flyers. I needed gloves, so I bought a pair of Gunlet gloves for a good price. I figured they would be useful later on the night ride home.

Okay, so on to the Local #19 meeting, which went well. Jeff runs a decent meeting, and we came away very well informed. Once I said my good-byes and went to my bike, I noticed that it was beginning to drizzle. Not a good feeling, as I had over 50 miles to get to my house in San Fernando. Oh well, off I went, and it drizzled most of the way home. I stopped at the Mobile station for a 'cup of joe' before the ride up the hill and home. When I got to the top of the hill, the rain had lightened-up as I got close to my house.

The next event was my ride to Bartel's HD for their Chili Cook-Off. It was a decent ride to Marina del Rey and when I arrived the event was in full swing. After sampling the chilies, I began giving out flyers. There were a few vendors that I spoke to and invited them to join ABATE, as well. I would really like to thank Ron and Bill Bartels for their association as being ABATE of CA business members with ABATE Local #01 ... and thanks for putting on a fine event.

The next week was a busy one and it went well. On November 4th I first rode to Santa Claus, Inc. Ontario. We were there to put



together 100 boy's and girl's 20-inch bicycles. When I arrived, they were in full building mode. I put together three bikes. We also had an ABATE Toy Run planning meeting to confirm final details.

Next, I headed to Local #23's Bare Essentials Charity Run. When I got there and saw the crew for Local #23 set up, I was surprised to see sitting there was long-time ABATE members Russ Howard and his wife. Have not seen them in quite some time.

The VFW where the event was staged was on Dexter Park in Riverside. They had silent auctions for raffle prizes, and I got a set of handlebar grips for \$10 ... A sweet deal. Inside, they served tri-tip with potato salad and chips for lunch for \$15 – not a bad deal. About 2:15pm not much was happening, so I bid farewell and thanked them for their hospitality and headed home. I took the 60 freeway and made it home by 6pm.

My final ride for this month's Sporty's Rides was Local #03's Fall Freedom Poker Run. It started at Azar's Bar and Grill in Newberry Park. I managed to get there early to get a Run t-shirt which was given FREE to the first 25 entries. This was a good start to my day. I was on my 2007 1200L Sporty. I left to start the run about a half hour before the rest of the group.

Leaving Azar's, the route took us up by the old Camarillo State Hospital, which is now CSUC. Then, down to the coast to the Neptune's Net check point. From there we took Decker Canyon, then Mulholland Hwy. to Kanan Dume and the next checkpoint, The Rock Store. Then again to Mulholland, all the way to Las Virgenes Road and to Mulholland HD, check

point 4. The end stop was the Junkyard Cafe in Simi Valley.

My poker hand did not amount to much, but I did win some interesting raffle prizes and had a nice patty melt hamburger. I had a good time. Thank you to the Local #03 crew for a fun day and great ride. I was happy to get a nifty run t-shirt, as well.

This concludes this month's issue of Sporty's Rides. Although I had back troubles and lots of pain at the beginning of the month, it feels better now, as I complete my column.

Thanks for listening and reading my column. Remember to do ABATE events, get members wherever you can find them, and be safe on your travels.

Scribe Sporty Out.

I am going for a ride!





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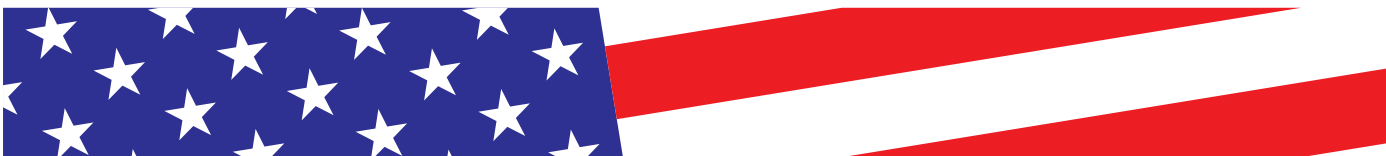


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All Female Ride-In Bike Show @ the Rocky Point Rally, Mexico.



This Bike Show was brought on by the Bling Devas, MC of Las Vegas.

They give out 3 crowns. Our own Rocio Green, V.P. of ABATE Local 38 was the proud recipient of one of the three “Queen of the Streets” crowns presented.

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Locals Reports

Local #01 Los Angeles

We have been trying to attend as many events and bike nights as we can. Our goal is to get the word out for riders to reach out to their local legislators. We're asking them to create a dialogue about the recent laws that affect riders' rights and support future legislation we might support.

We are asking that all members try to make our monthly meetings. Last month's October attendance was very small. We are making a significant effort to supply a meal on the third Tuesday at 5:30 pm and absorb the cost. We need to remember we all must play a part in supporting our goals and protecting our love of motorcycling. Our November meeting will take place after this is published and we are planning on our regular meeting in December.

Also, please remember to renew your membership. Our Membership Chair has been working with me to stay current.

We will be working with Glendale HD on December 9th on the annual Toy Run at 9:30 am. Please bring a new unwrapped toy for ages from toddlers to young teens. (see flyer in this issue)

Thank You,

Jim Nickla, President Local #01

Local #3 Thousand Oaks/Ventura

We are happy to share that our "Fall Freedom Poker Run" was well attended and financially successful! Our Events team, headed by our V.P. & Run Coordinator, J.P. Martin, did a great job putting a nice ride and raffles and end party together. We enjoyed good vendor and sponsor support from Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys, Butch's Custom Cycles, Eddie's Towing, 805 Diesel, Inc., Wide Open Throttle, VFW Post 1679 Ventura, Conejo Woodworks, Auto City Glass, Napa Auto Parts Camarillo, Camarillo Independent Auto, Military Animal Project, and Commanche Cycles. Because of our strong sponsor commitments, we were able to offer commemorative t-shirts for this event!

We are looking forward to our Annual Christmas Pot-Luck on the 21st of December. This is ALWAYS our best attended meeting with loads of fun and friendship shared! Everyone brings a food to share and a "white elephant" gift of not more than \$25-\$30 value.

Anyone ... and everyone ... is invited to all our meetings and events (including the Christmas Pot-Luck)! Our Local #03 is always happy to welcome NEW members. Bike Nights are held the 1st Thursday of each month, (weather permitting) starting @ 6:30 pm @ Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park; our General Membership Meetings are on the 3rd Thursdays @ 7pm @ The Elks Lodge #2477, 158 N. Conejo School Rd. in Thousand Oaks; and periodic Sunday rides are planned by our members. We encourage anyone in the area to just show up ... or call our President, Chuck Pedersen, for times and directions. His number is in the back of this issue.

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

Our Local #03 President, Chuck Pedersen, who is also Exec. Director of ABATE of CA, along with Bobby T., ABATE's California

State Legislative Director, and other members & board members, continue to network with various other groups, building alliances to present a formidable voice in Sacramento. ABATE is a group that is making things happen ... being instrumental in passing Lane Splitting legislation just a couple of years ago, and now working on Anti-Profilings, Noise and Exhaust Bills this year! (see the flyer on Page 30 of this issue outlining ABATE accomplishments)

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Local #19 Pomona & San Gabriel Valleys

With Local #19's meetings held the 4th Wednesday of the month, that does not lend itself to much attendance in November due to Thanksgiving or December due to Christmas. As such, we don't have in-person regular meetings those months. Among topics at our October meeting was encouraging members to meet with their state legislators while they are in their home districts... and before the holidays.

Since the October meeting we have entered into 'All Toy Run, All The Time' mode. Thanks to a great Bicycle Drive, we were able to purchase 100 bicycles and helmets for Santa Claus of the Chaffey District, Inc. (SCI) to give out for Christmas this year. Saturday, November 4th we gathered at SCI to assemble all the bikes.



With the Bike Build behind us, the focus is on the Sunday, December 3rd Toy Run. We still have a few spaces left for vendors, if you know anyone interested, they can call or text Mike at (626) 373-

5238. Otherwise, please spread the word to attend. We are on the final stretch, and attendees can also tour SCI to see what they do with their elves and a shoestring budget. It is a truly magical place.

Jeff Bassler, President Local #19

Locals Reports

Local #23 San Bernardino

We had a good turn out and meeting, passed the "hat" bag and got many donations! Tks. to all! The Tres. report was given by Greg, then our V.P. gave his 2 cents. Tks. Arnold. Liz gave the Lobby report, which was very informative. The Bare Necessities Run was a success. We were glad to see Sporty ride all the way out from the Valley. We heard about the Regional Rally on May 18th. Then we elected next year's officers. Local 19 Santa Inc. is Dec. 3rd after our meeting.



Come out and join in! See U there! Greg, L-23 Sect./Tres.

Thank you to everyone that came out to our Bare Necessity's Run. The showing was very low, but the generosity was large. We were able to collect two large trash cans of socks and underwear for the Salvation Army.

Honda Ray once again gave us a great ride into the Totally Kids facility for the 33rd Annual "One More from the Heart". This year we



were back into full swing with being able to interact with the nurses and patients. What a blessing. If you have not been on this run, you need to do it.

The rest of the year will see all of us out and about with all of the toy runs

going on. We should all be equipped with toys, smiles and our ABATE information.

See you Dec. 3rd for Local #19's 35th Annual Toy Run

Ride Safe and Enjoy.

Ron Morris, President

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE Members & Friends,

I hope everyone is healthy and had a Happy Thanksgiving. As of this writing the 26th Annual ABATE 38 Turkey Run hasn't happened yet, so bear with me. Our Goal this year was to provide 415 Turkeys that were requested from the charities around the Imperial Valley. In my next report I will let you know if we met our goal and details of the run.

Before I get to the Thank Yous for the Turkey Run, let me remind everyone that the 33rd Annual Los Ninos Toy Run is December 16, starting at Coyne Powersports. Sign-in 8:30 to 10 am. with the auction starting at 10 am. Breakfast is provided by Coyne Powersports. See what Peggy has on her table.



Now for the thank-you's... Walmart El Centro for hosting us, El Centro Motors for the use of trucks to transport the turkeys. next everyone that helped, donated, sponsored, and participated. This event would not have been possible without the following, starting with ABATE Local 6 - San Diego, ACC Club Brawley, Air Comfort Heating and Cooling, Alpine Community Center, AutoZone stores Imperial and both El Centro locations, Baja Sons Growers, Blue Knights CA X, Bob and Alicia Brown, Bobby's Territorial Harley-Davidson - Yuma, Brotherhood Unidos De Mexicali B.C., CASA, CCPOA - Centinela, Coyotes MC Mexicali B.C., Coyne Powersports, Danny Collins, Eddie and Diana Rodrigo, Escobedo Paint and Body Shop, El Centro Motors, Faith Assembly - Imperial, Fat Daddy's Cycles, Fred and Gloria Bryant, F.I.R.E. Group, Hussey's Brake and Wheel, Innercare, ivmoto, Jim Earnest, Lerma Transport, Inc., Law Tigers, La Familia MC, Los Carnales MC, Mando's Stereo, M & M Auto Repair, MotorWorld/ Indian Motorcycles - El Cajon, Offroad Pit, One World Beef, Peggy Price, Plenums + in Chula Vista, Rigo's Auto Shop and Smog, Rocio Green Realty, Sue Hobbs, SunRunners Car Club, United Kia - Nissan -Toyota, Valley Auto Glass - Calexico, Valley Independent Bikers, Walmart - El Centro, and Yuma AZ HOG Chapter 0104.



Also, our Local is continuing to grow and thrive! We want to welcome some of the members from the FIRE GROUP, that joined ABATE 38 in October 2023 (pictured here with Ed Aranda & Rocio Green) We look forward to collaborating with them and growing together.

Happy Holidays,

See you down the road, ride safe.

Ed Aranda,

President



Local #40 Bakersfield

So ... Our meeting/rebirth of Local 40 in the Bakersfield area went GREAT! We signed up/ renewed a lot of old members, and some new ones, after talking to them and explaining how we all need to do our part in getting new people thru the doors.

I think it's gonna be great. Appreciate all your guys' support!

We meet the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 at Rusty's Pizza on Ming Ave.

Join Us!

Thanks,

Darren "Smokey" Billesbach, Jr.

President Local #40

Safety Article

by Jeff Bassler, President Local #19 & Board Member



I'd like to Introduce You to a New Safety Feature on YOUR Motorcycle...

Too many of you might not have noticed a small pedal near your right foot while you are riding. This is a special control that applies ONLY the rear brake of your bike. We are taught in training that the FRONT brake is 70% of the braking power, and the control is conveniently located next to the throttle, just like they are in a car. With so much power at your fingertips, few riders bother mastering alternate slowing techniques. Further rider training highlights that we can apply both front and rear brakes for 100% of the braking force for straight line emergency or panic braking. However, there is little more attention paid to this rear brake thing.

Under normal operation, you should notice that the front end of the bike dips when you apply pressure to the front brake lever. That applies more weight to the front tire. Especially with ALL your steering control

reliant on front tire traction, there are several situations in which too much of that pressure and braking can be hazardous. Lock the front brake, or otherwise slide the front tire, and you lose steering control, and you might not keep that shiny side up. This is clearly less than desirable. There has to be a better way.

That is where the rear brake comes in. Like many controls, safe operations come from practice. Like the front brake, applying too much rear brake power has its own hazards. Although the rear brake applies less weight to the front tire than front braking, it still does transfer some weight from the rear to the front tire. That means you have less grip on the road with the rear tire, making it easier to lock up the rear tire. Although it is easier to safely rear skid to a stop than it is for a front tire lock up, it still is less than desirable. THAT is what the practice seeks to avoid. The best way to practice the rear brake is to utilize every normal stop light slow down and stop as a chance to apply the rear brake and get the feel for it. NEVER apply hard pressure. Apply light pressure, and gradually firm up pressure to control your safe stop. Get in the habit of using the rear brake, always gradually increasing from light pressure to firmer pressure... under rolling control.

Now that you have made safe rear braking a habit, you can move on to safe situational use of that rear brake. A catch all that describes the best times to use the rear brake can be simply stated as times loss of steering control are most hazardous. These fall into three major categories.

Curves and Turns are challenging times to apply the front brake. That is why we are taught to straighten up the bike for hard braking. Too much spinning resistance on the front tire while lateral forces are applied (because of the turn), can lead to the front tire sliding out from under you. However, applying the rear brake applies no spinning resistance on the front tire. That allows the front tire to maintain a more consistent grip on the road through the turn. That said, the light to firmer progression of brake application is critical. Too much pressure and you slide out your rear tire. That is why the straight-line practice is encouraged. But you have safer slowing control with the rear brake than the front while leaning into a curve. Further, this can be paired with very light front braking for maximum slowing.

Poor Traction Surfaces, like off road, gravel, sand, or other loose hazards on the

road make it MUCH easier for the front tire to lock up and take away your steering control. You just don't have the margin of error when applying your brakes on such surfaces as you do when on a more solid, grippy, surface. This leads to paranoid riding. Less experienced riders are universally uncomfortable, at best, riding on such surfaces. Mastering the rear brake technique of gradual application of pressure can restore control, and thus confidence, on these surfaces.

And another major situation where rear braking can lead to safer bike operation is Slow Speed Maneuvers. While riding at slow speeds it is easy for front brake pressure to grab and lock the front brake. If that happens while the handlebars are turned, and especially if there is a lean angle too, a momentary lock of the front brake is enough to throw you down the direction you are steering. Additionally, that is a situation more people are likely to be watching you. I'll tell you; you won't feel much more stupid doing ANYTHING on a bike than dropping it in front of a group of spectators in a parking lot. Don't let this happen to you. This is also a key to motor officers successfully completing the motorcycle rodeo courses that include a lot of slow speed tight turns. Be in command of your rear brake and allow the front wheel to steer you to your destination in style and safety. Be that "cool" biker.

Sadly, the majority of riders use the rear brake very little, if at all. One of the missions of ABATE is to increase rider safety. Having full command of ALL the controls on your bike, knowledge of when to use them, and command of their nuanced use can make you one of the safest riders on the road. Don't rely on bad habits... and always strive to be a better rider.



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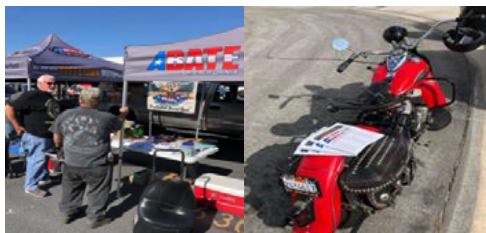
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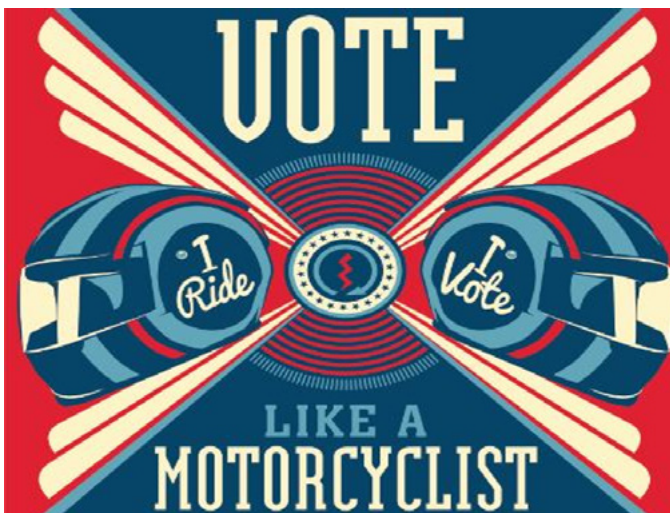
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Membership Report

By Bill "River" McClennen, Asst. Membership Chairman

Our membership is growing, and we have a good handle on the details. Each month the Locals get current reports with a request to review and update any changes.

Jeff B. sent back outdated addresses that were from recent mailings and those were also updated. The names without a current address or email, after a phone call was made, were relegated to the "Local 99" list, a catch all for now. From this data, appears we are holding our own. Summer was good to us! Then I took a harder look to align the data with the efforts of all concerned.



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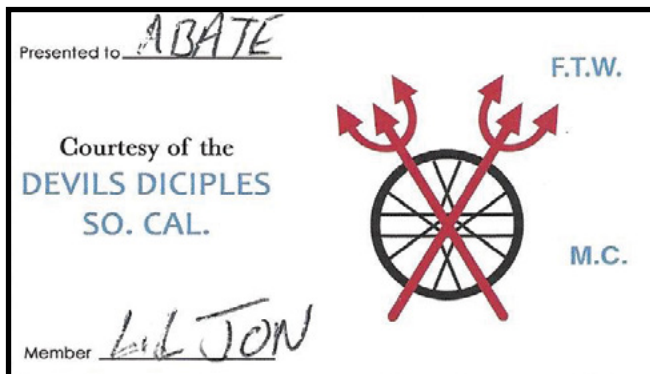
It is important that our management team keep up the great effort that has been made so far. A very successful rally in Sacramento at the first of the year, provided the springboard to have our Local members throughout the state go and see their legislators, seek input and determine the best course of action moving forward.

The Regional Rally team has been formulated and in the process of putting together a great event in Alpine, CA on May 18, 2024. (see flyer on Page 24 of this issue)

Bike nights are in full swing and attended by members of the Locals in their respective areas. ABATE is being represented at local motorcycle shops such as High Pointe Powersports.

A very successful introduction occurred at The Women's Moto Project, where ABATE was introduced to their team and later a meeting was held with management staff working toward securing a Business Membership for this organization.

As you can see, ABATE of California has come a long way since forming a new team in January 2023. There is more to do to get us back to the status we once enjoyed just a few years ago, before COVID invaded our land ... but we are WELL ON OUR WAY!



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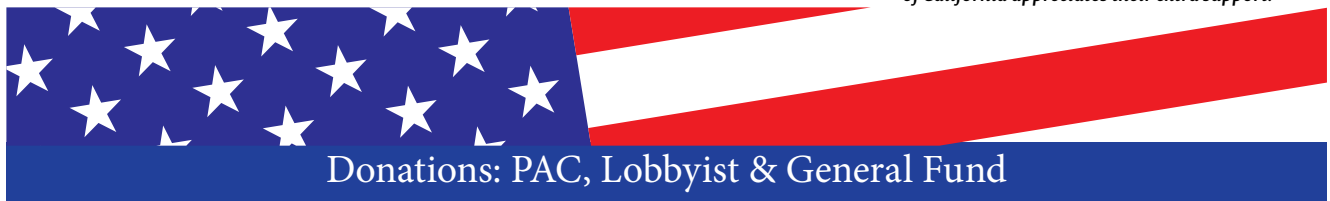
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- **Steered CHP committee providing safety guidelines and legalizing Lane Splitting**
- **Passed yearly "May is Motorcycle Awareness Month" Resolution in the CA State Assembly & Senate**
- **Passed Law stopping Motorcycle Only Checkpoints**
- **Forced Caltrans to post "Look Twice for Motorcycle's" and "Share the Road with Motorcycles" on their Digital Freeway Message Boards**
- **Stopped Transponders on Motorcycles for Autonomous Vehicle Recognition from advancing thru Strategic Highway Safety Plan advisory committee.**
- **Assisted Off-Highway Vehicle Community in passing permanent program for State Vehicular Recreation Areas, first time in 50 Year History!**
- **Passed Bill legalizing Motorcycles use of HOV lanes in California**
- **Defeated a proposed Law by Assemblywoman LaFollette outlawing Lane Splitting by Motorcyclists in California**
- **Passed Law diverting Court fees on Helmet Violations to Support Motorcycle Safety Program**
- **Protect Yearly the Motorcycle Safety Trust Fund, where Motorcycle registration Fees are deposited**
- **Blocked a proposed Law allowing Roadside Motorcycle Noise ticketing**
- **Prevented for 6 Years a bill allowing Cameras to issue Speeding Tickets. The Fight continues for 2032 pilot program expiration! Cities included: Los Angeles, Glendale, Long Beach, San Jose, Oakland, San Francisco**
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- **Passed Law grandfathering in pre 2013 motorcycle pipes for noise levels**
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