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**Per our Election Endorsements ABATE called 55 out 58 races correctly. On December 5th the Legislature will be sworn in, reconvening January 4th for the start of the 2023 Legislative Session**



## State Assembly District 67 - Districtwide Results

100.0% ( 262 of 262 ) precincts partially reporting as of November 9, 2022, 5:40 p.m. ?

Candidate	Sharon Quirk-Silva (Party Preference: DEM)
Votes	34,014
Percent	50.0%

Candidate	Soo Yoo (Party Preference: REP)
Votes	34,016
Percent	50.0%

**When people say my vote doesn't count, tell that to these two Candidates in Fullerton/Anaheim District. In the end the incumbent motorcycle friendly Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva pulled out ahead to retain her seat.**

**<<<<<Pictured with Sharon on election night, new Board Chairman David "D-Man" Seiler and Assistant Membership Chair Bill McClennon**

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All Levels include (2) memberships with (1) address. Levels (1 & 2) ad size is (2 x 3.5) and Level (3's) ad size is (3.5 x 4) which is also published on our website [www.abate.org](http://www.abate.org) along with a link to your company's website. New Business Members received a Display Plaque. Following years are supplied with a year plate. New Business Members or Business Members with new Business Cards must mail them into the ABATE State Office.

### AD RATES FOR NON-BUSINESS MEMBERS

(2 x 3.5) size Black & White	\$15.00 per month \$150.00 per year
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1/4 Page (5w x 7.8h)	\$150.00 per month \$1500 per year
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## State Capitol Update

by Jim Lombardo Sr., ABATE Lobbyist

The Election Results have been delayed due to the large number of Mail in ballots that Californian and other States have implemented over the years! So my update will be on the Races that have been called by the Experts.

Congress now has one house Republican, with Kevin McCarthy (A Good Friend of Motorcyclists) leading to become Speaker. The US Senate sits at 50 Democrats and 49 Republicans, with the December 6 Runoff between Hershel Walker (R) and Raphael Warnock (D). A tie will leave the Democrats in control of the Senate because Vice President Harris is the deciding vote as VP is always appointed as President of the Senate.

In California Abate Endorsed 58 Candidates, we were Successful in electing 55 of the 58 Candidates we endorsed! A very outstanding job done by all of Motorcyclists Voting and working in these Campaigns! The Assembly returned to Sacramento two days after the Election and had a real Donnybrook of a fight to elect the Speaker. The Meeting lasted 6 hours and the compromise is that current Speaker Rendon would continue to be Speaker until June 30 2023, then step down and Robert Rivas (Salinas) will become the New Speaker. Nothing has been shared whether the current Chairs of Committees will keep their committees or if new ones will takeover. More may be decided December 5th when the official vote takes place to Elect the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempe of the Senate. Our Good Friend Toni Atkins is expected to be re-elected as the leader.

Hope to See you at the Legislative PAC meeting January 7th in Simi Valley, if not in person join us by ZOOM (see page 3 for details) to discuss proposed new bills by Abate and AB 2469 Petrie-Norris on noise tickets and being unable to Register your Motorcycle!

Thanks to all the Locals and Individuals who contribute to a dedicated Lobbyist account to keep us in the Halls of the Capitol fighting for Motorcyclist!



## New ABATE Officers

During the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting on October 29, 2022, vacant board seats, one officer position and the incoming Executive Director for 2023 were ratified by a quorum of the board of directors. We are excited to welcome these individuals to their respective roles and appreciate their dedication and commitment to ABATE.

### Dave "D-Man" Seiler – Chairman of the Board

I have been involved in various levels of political actions for many years. I joined ABATE in 2014 and found a group of passionate leaders working hard to both revive membership while vigilantly watching over the rights that we already have. I have served as the PAC officer for Local 8 for many years. Also, I have served on the ABATE of CA Board of Directors since 2017. I have been to CA state capital many times representing ABATE's position on various issues. I am looking forward to serving as your ABATE of CA Board Chairman in 2023 – "By EACH of us doing a small task towards OUR collective goals and objectives... WE will have great accomplishments, TOGETHER"



My position is: We will continue to monitor and protect all motorcyclists' rights; promote diversity within our ABATE officers and membership, and increase communication within ABATE to build a stronger, more informed and unified organization. As we each work towards these goals and objectives, we will see a resurgence of our membership base. We will re-welcome freedom fighters from past years and welcome newer members to the fight. It does not matter what you ride, be it touring, cruiser or sport bike; American, European, or Metric; in a club or as an independent. It is that you ride and are one of the proud few that are willing to stand up and defend the lifestyle we hold dear. We need to continue to rebrand ourselves. The general motorcycle community has the misconception that ABATE is "a bunch of old Harley riders that want to repeal the helmet law."

Although we should remember our past, we need to report our evolution to the world. We monitor and lobby to protect each motorcyclist from any potential infringement on their rights as motorcyclists. We must continue to get the message out that we are "an organization focused on protecting the right to freely own and ride your motorcycle." We also need to understand, communicate and attract both the Gen-X and the Millennial generation riders. We MUST focus on these generations to ensure the future preservation of our rights to freely own and ride our motorcycles. Let us look to expand ABATE in membership and continue to increase diversity. Diversity will unite and strengthen us as an organization and as a political influencer. We are all brothers and sisters in the wind. One Team – One Goal!

Thanks, D-Man

(New ABATE Officers continued on Page 6)

## Mission Statement

ABATE of California is committed to protect and promote the interests of the Motorcycle community. ABATE exists to preserve and safeguard the individual rights and liberties of all riders through political and legislative action. ABATE promotes motorcycle safety through education, training and public awareness.

## 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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**For Those Members who want to help or hold office contact your Presidents or Board Members (see page 3)**

## Wanted

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## New ABATE Officers (continued)

### Jeff Sterling – Board Member ABATE of CA

A native of Orange County, California, we go together like a shoe and gum. By the mid 70's there were two things that I was absolutely sure For one, I would finish high-school early. Secondly, a motorcycle would be my preferred choice of transportation.



My love for riding motorcycles began 45 years ago when my first car was a Kawasaki LTD 750. At that time, the influx of humanity hadn't brought SoCal traffic to the screeching halt that they now call rush hour. Riding the open roads through and around the county back then is what led me to the longest lasting love affair of my life.

My path to becoming an advocate of motorcycle rights, first and foremost in California, then on a national level, began as a charter member of the Orange County chapter of the "Humpers" motorcycle club. Before long, membership in and former treasurer of the Southern California Confederation of Clubs; a founding member of the National Council of Clubs; and currently co-administrator of the National Motorcycle Profiling Survey. Also, becoming a sustaining club member of the MRF has provided me with the opportunity to work with SMROs from around the country, primary focus being federal legislation.

With a renewed commitment from a 'disruptive' mix of focused and dedicated ABATE of CA board members, along with support from every level of membership, working to achieve a common goal, it's truly just a matter of time, before ABATE of California is once again the preeminent MRO in California.

Ride on!

### Tim "Kidd" Otis – Member, Board of Directors



My name is Tim Otis, my club name is Kidd. I am 38 years old. I am a member of Bill W's Sober Pack M/C, since 2005. Having attended the SoCal COC since 2005, I became a COC liaison a little over a year ago.

I was a member of ABATE years ago with Local 9. Although I had dropped out for a few years, when I found out that ABATE was re-grouping, with renewed enthusiasm and conviction, I decided to re-join and re-commit, and be a part of it on a level that I feel I can do something to help with the cause. I am ready to serve as a member of the Board of Directors

to work with our brothers and sisters to continue the fight for motorcyclists' rights.

I also have my own business, Kidd's Kustoms, making signs, banners, stickers, shirts, and motorcycle painting. I have been married for 13 years and we have 4 kids.

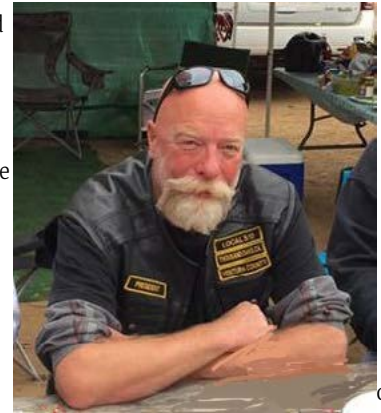
Together, we can make ABATE better than ever!

### Chuck Pedersen - Incoming Executive Director

#### President Local 3/13 ABATE Member for 25 years.

of. I became a member of ABATE when the helmet law passed. I said to myself that I will be part of the solution and ABATE was that solution. Well, maybe not so much there, but we have been successful and have made a difference for motorcycle riders' rights in so many other areas.

I have been a long time member serving in a couple of different positions. I have been the President Local 3/13 for most of my membership term. I also served as CA State Legislative Director when ABATE of California was the only group to support the lane sharing legislation. I have seen great things accomplished by this organization. And I expect much more.



My Local members voted and gave me the nickname/road name of "Chief"

Although my humble nature makes me uncomfortable to wear it, I do so out of appreciation and pride for my brotherhood and relationships with those members of my Local.

I continue to offer my service to this membership. As Executive Director my focus will be serving the direction of the Board of Directors, but more importantly the Locals. The Locals are our bed rock. I believe in order to build ABATE as a whole it starts at the Local level.

If you are a member, you are here for a purpose, just as I am. If you aren't yet, please consider joining and supporting our mission. More than ever, we need to solidify our energies into one collective force. We have done it in the past ... it can be our future. This will happen when the individuals stand together and become the collective. That will be our strength.

Politics is a numbers game and unity is a force of numbers. Let's find new ways of supporting ourselves.

Ride Free!

(New ABATE Officers continued on Page 7)

## New ABATE Officers (continued)

**Kathlean "Mama Bear" Pedersen**

**State Officer P.R. & Social Media Content, Member of ABATE Local 3/13 over eight years.**

A few years back, our Local came together and gave me the nickname "Mama Bear" which I cherish. (Positions held at the Local include P.R., Membership Chair, Scribe & Treasurer.

Positions held for ABATE State include Board Secretary & P.A.C. Secretary).



Through my careers in the corporate world and then owning my own retail/food service business, I've been involved in marketing, sales and public relations. I bring this experience and knowledge, and my enthusiasm to ABATE of CA. As the new Public Relations & Social Media Officer, this will be my focus.

Our organization is going through a major revival! I am eager to assist in getting our message out. Reaching out to all riders, of all ages and on all motorcycles ... Also, although I have been riding as a 'passenger' my entire adult life, I've always had high regard and respect for those women who 'ride their own.' I look forward to reaching out to and welcoming more female riders and passengers into our organization.

I'm excited about the future of ABATE of CA and am pleased to be a part of it!

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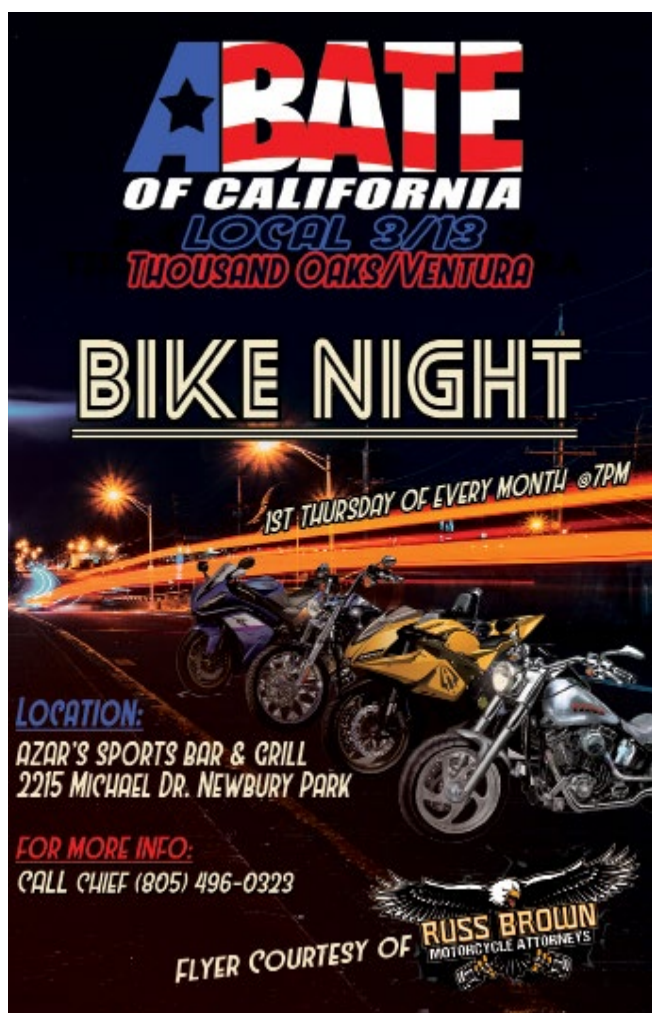
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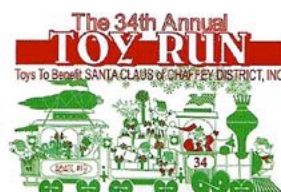
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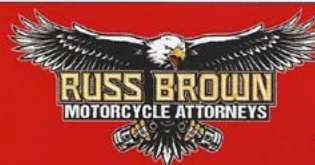
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## Locals Reports

### Local #01 Los Angeles

Let me introduce myself: I'm Jim Nickla new President of Local 1. We have been growing and getting out to bike nights to spread our message to all riders. We plan to start reaching out to metric bike riders where we can.

We have been working on how to deal with AB2496. I see they have amended the exhaust bill by requiring the courts to issue the order to get your bike certified, but that will over burden the courts further. While I believe creating a new bureaucracy that will not only need startup funding, but long-term expenditures at tax payers' expense. We have plenty of laws that can handle this issue if needed.

We are meeting on the 3rd Sunday at 13026 Saticoy Street in North Hollywood. Look for the orange flags on the south side of the street. Come to the back of the driveway. Please stop by and say hello and bring your brothers and sisters whether they ride or not.

We are always behind on our reports due to printing dates. Please feel free to leave a message for me at 818-469-9711 and I'll do my best to return your call ASAP.

### Local #3 Thousand Oaks/Ventura

We are excited for the upcoming New Year. ABATE is experiencing a revival ... renewed energy and enthusiasm. Social restrictions are OVER and we are ready to ride, have some great events, and to work for our motorcycle riding rights!

Planning continues for the year's activities, with fun rides and runs, as well as sustaining our important mission of working on rider freedom legislation, including Anti-Profiling legislation, exhaust and noise initiatives and safety programs ... further protecting our motorcycle freedoms.

The comradery and interest in our mission is contagious! Our Local 3/13 continues to grow and evolve. We've been riding with and making new friends in other clubs and groups, spreading the word that ABATE's legislative activities help ALL riders. It's all about motorcyclists' rights ... across all Clubs, Groups and Organizations!

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

We are a group that is making things happen... instrumental in passing the Lane Splitting bill last year, and now working on Anti-Profiling this year! Join Us to be an effective voice in matters of motorcycling rights!

Our Local 3/13 is always welcoming NEW members. Bike Nights are held the 1st Thursday of each month @ 6pm @ Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park. General Membership Meetings are on the 3rd Thursdays @ 7pm @ Elk's Lodge, 158 N.

Conejo School Road in Thousand Oaks. And Sunday-Funday rides one Sunday per month (all year, weather permitting)

Come join Us ... to ANY - or ALL - of our events ... and bring your friends ...

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Kathlean "MamaBear"

Scribe, Membership & P.R., Local 3

### Local #19 Pomona Valley

Legislatively we were focused on the Steven Choi race in Orange County, with many members supporting his campaign. We are disappointed with the narrow loss. This will make overcoming Cottie Petrie-Norris' sound bill (no law) even more difficult.

On a more positive note, we were able to purchase and build 75 bicycles and helmets for Santa Claus of the Chaffey District, Inc. to give to children this year (**Pictures on Page 19**). We have been giving 100 each year for the past several years. But with the deal we get on purchasing them from Huffy nearly doubling the price per bike, we were thrilled to be able to get the 75. Even with the price increase, our cost was still well under what they are going for retail right now. So, we did well. And SCI was able to get more used bikes donated than any prior year, so they will still have more than most years to offer up. This bicycle drive is important to us, because, as I like to say, "Riding a bicycle is the gateway drug to riding a motorcycle." There are not many who ride that didn't first ride a bike as a child. So, we are helping build the next generation of riders, and ABATE members.

The bicycle drive is only an element of our greater Toy Run. We are staying busy making sure we take care of all the preparations for this 34th event. We still have openings for vendors, if you know anyone who may be interested, and we are always open to raffle item donations.

Most of all, if any of you are within riding distance, we welcome you to join us on Sunday, December 4th. The venue is the Ontario VFW, right across the street from SCI. During the event tours will be offered of SCI so everyone can see where all our effort goes to. Anyone who takes the tour will easily understand why after 34 years we are still committed to helping this organization. I hope to see many of you at The Toy Run!

Because our normal meeting time conflicts with Thanksgiving and Christmas plans, we typically go dark for the last two months of the year.

Jeff Bassler, President, ABATE Local 19



### Local #23 San Bernardino

We had our meeting on November 6th with 8 members attending. With our "P" at the helm, Ron welcomed everyone. Greg gave the Treasurer's report. We passed the hat and collected love offerings. Liz reminded the Treasurer to send a check to Local 19 for their Toy/Bike giveaway.

There was not a V.P. report today, but Liz and Ron let us all know what is going on in Sacramento on various bills. Also, no Ride report from Ed. We reviewed the upcoming local toy runs and events.

Local 23's next meeting will be December 4th. After the meeting, we will ride to the Local 19 Toy/Bike Run. Please join us at 9:00 am in Highland at the Pepper Steak restaurant, 26589 Highland Ave, for a great breakfast and meeting.

Be safe out there... Greg, Local 23 Treasurer

### Local #25 Sacramento

Minutes of the ABATE Local 25 meeting, Thursday, October 20th, 2022.

Lil' David called the meeting to order at 7:00.

There were 6 members attending, our VP has indicated she will not be attending future meetings due to health issues.

Our secretary was out of state last month so we don't have any minutes of the September meeting.

The Treasurer was absent but earlier in the week gave us our checking account balance.

Membership report – Lil'David told us he received a six page list of members.

PAC Report – Both SB 1079 and AB 2496, which ABATE opposed, were signed by the Governor. SB 1079 would require the CHP to evaluate the efficacy of sound-activated enforcement devices by evaluating devices from at least 3 different companies, and would require the department, on or before January 1, 2025, to prepare and submit its findings and recommendations from the evaluation in a report to the Legislature. ABATE will be watching the process. AB 2496 Requires a court to notify the DMV to place a registration hold on a vehicle found to have a noncompliant modified muffler until the court has been presented with a certificate of compliance from a referee authorized to test the decibel levels of a vehicle, starting in 2027. There is no provision to authorize a referee to issue certificates of compliance so the provisions should not be enforced until the problems are worked out. AB 2125 would establish a pilot program allowing motorcycle training programs to administer the driving test. The bill is in the Appropriations Committee.

Runs/Events – Resurrection M/C is having their Graveyard Run on the 29th. Hellbent is having their party that night. Renegade toy run is on November 19th. The MMA toy run in on December 4th. Nevada County toy run is on December 10th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

### Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE members, wow 25 years of the Local 38 Turkey Run. We collected 401 turkey's we donated to 12 charities around the Imperial Valley. We had 120 registered, including Ratchet Ron and his Beautiful wife Liz, from Yucaipa, which was a real nice surprise. It was a beautiful day, for a motorcycle event.

First I want to thank the El Centro Walmart supercenter, Angel, and Grace and her crew do a great job. Next El Centro Motors for the use of 2 Ford trucks to deliver the turkeys.

The following are t shirt sponsors and those that donated or helped with the event:

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Thanks to everyone who attended supported and volunteered for this worthwhile event. Happy Holidays



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### **AVID MOTORCYCLIST ELECTED AGAIN TO NEW HAMPSHIRE HOUSE**

Delight, displeasure, or distrust, the November 8 midterms meant a lot of things to a lot of people, but for motorcyclists there was at least one bright spot in New Hampshire where longtime biker Charlie St. Clair won election to the State House of Representatives, again.

St. Clair is well known to riders everywhere as the coordinator of Laconia Motorcycle Week; "The World's Oldest Motorcycle Rally," going on 100 years!

Democrat victor and former representative St. Clair previously served one term in the State House, until this past election cycle when he lost to now-incumbent Republican Rep. Richard Littlefield in 2020, the same person St. Clair just defeated to now reclaim his old House seat!

St. Clair told The Laconia Daily Sun that once he's back at the Statehouse, he'd like to return to his previous seat on the Transportation Committee, where he can best serve his community, rally-goers and motorcyclists who live in or visit New Hampshire; "I have a lot of questions on projects [that were] supposed to be done two years ago [in the transportation committee] and I will also be listening to the residents of Laconia and their concerns and following their direction," he told the local newspaper.

As a candidate, St. Clair emphasized placing constituents above party lines and demands, saying "I always encourage people not to vote by party but on the individual."

With record-setting voter turnout across the country, many races nationwide are still in limbo or dispute, with outcomes determining the political direction of many states and our nation, and with Donald Trump once again throwing his hat in the Presidential ring for 2024, American politics is about to get even more interesting.

### **ARIZONA SENATOR CALLS FOR PASSAGE OF THE RPM ACT**

Since being elected to Congress in November 2020, U.S. Senator Mark Kelly (D-AZ) has proven himself to be a strong ally and defender of motorsports, and as an original cosponsor of S. 2736, the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2021 (RPM Act), and according to SEMA (the Specialty Equipment Market Association) he has championed the bill both publicly and behind the scenes.

Sen. Kelly recently spoke at a Senate Environment and Public Works Committee hearing about the importance of the RPM Act and amateur racing, noting that his wife, former U.S. Representative Gabby Giffords, raced motorcycles on the track. "Racing is important to many Arizonans -- and it's a part of our state's legacy," he testified. "The RPM Act will help provide certainty to Arizona's amateur racers and auto mechanics from EPA regulations, which could harm their ability to enjoy the hobby of motorsport."

The RPM Act of 2021 was re-introduced in Congress last September 14 by U.S. Senator Richard Burr (R-NC), currently with 33 cosponsors, and is common-sense, bipartisan legislation to protect Americans' right to convert street vehicles into dedicated race cars and the motorsports-parts industry's ability to sell products that enable racers to compete.

Racing cars and motorcycles has remained an unquestioned American tradition until 2015 when the EPA took the position that converted vehicles must remain emissions-compliant, even though they are no longer driven on public streets or highways.

### **U.S. LAWMAKERS PURSUE "RIGHT TO REPAIR" CONSUMER PROTECTIONS**

Lawmakers in both the U.S. House and Senate are actively pursuing federal legislation intended to level the playing field for independent repair providers, including for motor vehicle repair shops.

U.S. Senators Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) and Ron Wyden (D-OR) introduced S.3830, the Fair Repair Act of 2022, a bipartisan bill that seeks to ensure that manufacturers do not lock out owners and independent service providers from providing repairs by denying access to parts, tools, and documentation. The Fair Repair Act would require manufacturers of electronic equipment to make the same tools, parts, and documentation available to owners and independent repair providers, covering a variety of industries such as agricultural equipment, consumer electronics, medical equipment, and motor vehicles.

Similarly, Congressman Bobby Rush (D-IL), a senior member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, has introduced the Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair (REPAIR) Act (H.R.6570). This legislation would ensure that vehicle owners and independent repair shops have equal access to repair and maintenance tools and data as car companies and licensed dealerships.

Vehicle makers have long argued that they shouldn't have to share proprietary performance information, but for independent repair shops this practice makes for an unfair marketplace.

Although industry advocates for years have pushed for the right to repair, the issue gained momentum last year when President Biden issued a sweeping Executive Order directing federal regulatory agencies to take a variety of steps that would fundamentally alter the government's regulation of businesses' competitive practices.

Specifically, the order directs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to address "unfair anticompetitive restrictions on third-party repair or self-repair items, such as the restrictions imposed by powerful manufacturers that prevent farmers from repairing their own equipment."



## **HARLEY HIT WITH ANOTHER RIGHT-TO-REPAIR LAWSUIT**

This past June, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission issued a sternly-worded order to Harley-Davidson, requiring it to honor existing right-to-repair laws, citing illegal warranty language that restricted customers from using aftermarket parts, or taking their bikes for service by anyone other than a Harley dealer. Such actions, the warranties stated, could void the owners' warranties.

Secondarily, the FTC pointed to the fact that the full terms of such warranties weren't fully disclosed to customers in a single document, but rather customers were directed to contact an authorized dealer to learn the full details. The federal trade agency also ordered Harley to cease this behavior, as well.

While this was seen as a positive step by many interested in right-to-repair reform within the U.S., this action by the FTC couldn't recoup the losses experienced by Harley customers who felt that they were effectively held hostage to the terms of their warranties. Thus, in August, 2022, two right-to-repair class action lawsuits were filed in federal courts: one in Wisconsin, and one in California. But, as you may already have suspected, that's not the end of the story.

Now, RideApart.com reports that on November 3, 2022, a third class-action lawsuit was filed in Chicago federal court. It claims that the Motor Company's warranty policy violates existing U.S. antitrust laws because it disallows the use of aftermarket parts. The 55-page class action complaint demands a jury trial to hear its claims, and spells out in detail the nature of both its claims and the multiple classes across multiple states (and the District of Columbia) enveloped within. It alleges that the Harley-Davidson warranties in question violated both federal and state antitrust laws, and requests unspecified financial relief for members of the Class, including payment of legal fees.

The filing argues that since Harley makes approximately 15% of its annual revenue from parts, it is clearly in the company's best interest to maximize that revenue as much as possible -- including using its warranties as tools to force owners to use H-D's OEM parts. It also

makes a case for how a Harley warranty can effectively cost owners an excessive amount of money.

## **EUROPE MOVES TO BAN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES**

On October 27, 2022, the European Commission, European Parliament, and the member states, united in the Council of the European Union, reached an agreement about the emission limits for cars and vans, and following a few steps to lower the emission of the fleet, from 2035 the sale of new cars that have no zero CO<sub>2</sub>-emission will be banned in the European Union.

Environmentalists celebrated this as a victory of battery electric vehicles (BEVs) against vehicles with an internal combustion engine (ICE), claiming this means a ban on gasoline-powered engines. Consequently, this would not only affect cars and vans, but also motorcycles.

"The Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations will resist any attempt to ban the internal combustion engine for motorcycles," stated Dolf Willigers, FEMA's General Secretary, explaining that, "In our view, the emissions of motorcycles are already negligible and the alternatives for both fossil fuels and electricity are still in the development phase. To focus solely on battery electric vehicles the problems of air quality and climate change will just be redeemed to other, equal serious problems: the social and environmental aspects of the mining of raw materials that are needed to make batteries and the geo-political consequences of getting dependent to countries like China to acquire these raw materials and the batteries should not be underestimated."

## **WORLD'S BIGGEST BIKE SHOW BREAKS NEW RECORDS**

Apparently, 2022's iteration of the largest motorcycle show on the planet was a resounding success, judging by the numbers; 1,370 Brands present, representing 45 different Nations, and a 38% increase in attendance at this year's EICMA (acronym for International Motorcycle and Accessories Exhibition) hosted annually in Milan, Italy where manufacturers debut new models to crowds of over a half million.

Given the lineup of marques, influencers and diverse ranges of advancing technology, it was only natural that the build-up of anticipation would give rise to even bigger attendance numbers.

"It is these numbers, the embrace of the general public, the massive presence of exhibitors who have emphasized their solid satisfaction and whom we thank for having always believed in EICMA," added EICMA S.p.A. president Pietro Meda. "...the attractiveness and international centrality, the positive increase in every performance indicator that affirm the unique value and indispensability of our event...EICMA unquestionably remains in its place: on the highest step in the entire international scene."

## **SUZUKI-POWERED DRONE TAKES FLIGHT**

Ever since watching 'The Jetsons' on TV in the 60s we've been waiting for the future to get here so we can take to the skies in our flying cars, so perhaps for now we'll settle for a motorcycle-powered flying machine, as a Suzuki-engined drone has been developed in Japan that can lift 150kg (330lb) and fly for up to six hours.

Utilizing one of the most legendary sports motorcycle engines of all time, the Suzuki GSX-R1000, the 'Kunio' AZ1000 "Super Drone" was developed by Arase Aizawa Aerospace with the concept of the vehicle being to, literally, have a flying engine, maximizing the performance of the aircraft and the payload it can carry. The motorcycle engine was chosen due to its lightweight, high-output design.

The quadcopter stands over a meter tall (3.28 feet) with a length of over three meters (nearly 10 feet), and the mammoth 55-litre fuel tank can carry the unladen 110kg (242.5 lbs) drone aloft for an impressive six-hour road trip, sans the roadways.

George Jetson was born this year, on July 31, 2022 in Orbit City, with Hanna-Barbera's 21st-century cartoon series set a hundred years into the future in 2062; so maybe the future starts now?

**QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Jane! Stop this crazy thing!"**

**- George Jetson (b. 2022-?), Digital index operator at Spacely's Space Sprockets**

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

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## Membership Report & Sporty's Bike

by Sporty Milligan

Hello all you folks in ABATE land! It's time for the Membership report. Every month I write a column dedicated to reminding all the ABATE Locals that they need to do their best to sign-up new members and keep their renewals. Both are the life of your Local.

To keep your renewals, you have to show interest in their well-being. Sometimes you need to go the extra mile by reaching out to the membership, especially those long-time members that support your Local with their membership renewal. What has worked in the past is to have a list of your members email info. This way, you can put information at their fingertips. The point is keeping your members informed shows that you care about them. I suggest you try to do that with your Local's members.

We're in the final leg of the Membership drive. I hope to get an update from the office manager as to where we are at this point in the drive. There is a cash payout for first (\$150), second (\$100) and third (\$50) place winners.

So, there's my monthly pitch for signing-up new members and keeping your Local's current members.

We are in the process of finally getting membership cards and pins out to the renewals for the year. I will ensure that this will be happening. Your patience is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

This concludes my Membership report. As I have said in the past, there is strength and unity in number of members.

Membership Chairman, Sporty reporting



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## ONE MORE FROM THE HEART

by Jeff Bassler, Local 19

Although OMFTH is not officially an ABATE event, put on by a Local, it is an event that is put on by long time dedicated members of ABATE and it is a great cause. It was started 32 years ago by members of, I believe, Local 27 Riverside. Leadership of the event was handed over to ABATE member “Honda Ray” Fleishman around the turn of the century.

There is no charge to participate in the event, but donations of cash or items (new or used) from a list of the needs from Totally Kids Rehabilitation Hospital are welcome. There is an official ride from long time business member Chopper Place in Riverside to the Totally Kids facility blocks from Loma Linda Harley.


Historically participants have been able to walk the halls of the hospital and meet some of the kids we help. There have been restrictions on this due to COVID. This has heavily dampened participation. But we expect this year will be the last year with the COVID restriction, and we will go back to normal – and we hope – normal event participation next year.

This facility is largely government funded, but they only fund medical and nutritional needs for the children. These children are technologically dependent, and will likely be that way for life. Through the efforts of this event, we provide EVERY child in care their own TV and a library of videos they can watch. We provide them backpacks to keep and take personal items when they get to leave their rooms. We provide toys and activities that enrich their lives. They have been able to get a special van that allows for limited field trips for the kids. And during this year’s event, we were able to see their new enrichment garden which features raised planters where they will be able to wheel up wheelchairs and allow the children to plant their own garden items. They have outdoor musical instruments they can play. And they have a place safe for them to experience outside instead of just their four walls.

We did have a good size group of participants this year, but nowhere near pre-COVID levels. We welcome all of you to join us next year for One More From The Heart.



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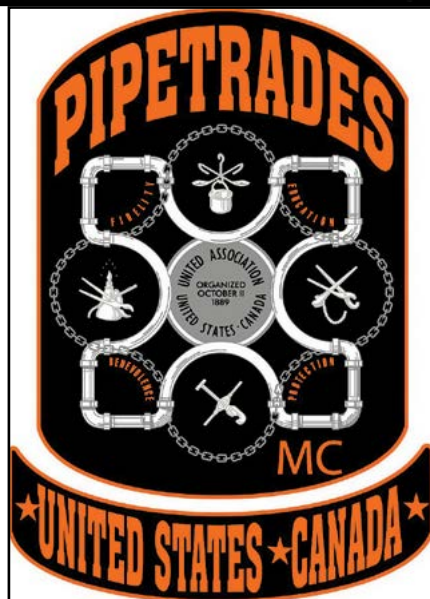
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## Sporty's Ride

### Sporty's Rides

by Sporty Milligan

Hi All ...

Here's my December edition of Sporty's Rides. Just in time to put in your Biker buddy's Christmas stocking (might make him pleasantly surprised or pleasantly annoyed, LOL).

Anyway, I am getting stronger and healthier. I took a 2.5 mile walk this am and did my upper body exercises. That's a plus. I have to just do enough upper body stuff to get strong enough to do a motorcycle ride. I am almost there, don't want to rush it. My wife has scheduled me a bone density test Dec 13. I am also driving my truck more, since I am not riding yet. You'll see why, if they put those pictures I sent in to the Bailing Wire of my bikes. So, at least one of my bikes is on the battery tender, ready to go. Still dealing with the accident.

Regarding the accident, they got a police report on the incident. One of the employees finally gave information to police officer about what happened. The shop next to Leon's Transmission in Reseda had a camera, but they were a real 'pain in the arse' to let them see the video. Had to get my temporary lawyer, Chuck Kero from Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys to send them a letter to force them to open their camera! That's pretty messed up, in my opinion.



Another shifty part of this is the police report takes 6 months to get a look! So, the lawyers would have to be on retainer. So, it's a \$500 deductible on my insurance policy to get the bike repaired. Me, I will mend nicely, in time. Well, that's the update from my perspective. Shit happens and sometimes you can't avoid getting hit, even if it's not your fault. All I have been able to do is go places in my truck. That kinda sucks.

I went to the Local 19 meeting the 4th Sunday in October. That was kinda cool. I would have rather ridden, because I could split traffic, but that wasn't the case. It took about 30 minutes longer to get there. A good meeting, they're Good folks.

Don't forget the Local 19 Toy Run, Dec. 4th at Santa Claus Inc. in Ontario. 10 am to 2pm. See flyer in this issue of the BAILING WIRE. The Calabasas Hog Riders Chapter meeting was canceled since the chapter leader had family issues. But I had breakfast with Jim Nickla at Millie's restaurant near his house. Food was good.

Nov 12th the Glendale Hog Chapter had a good meeting. They were going on a ride to the 49er Saloon in Acton. We talked about the Glendale ABATE & AMA. Also, the LA Toy Run Dec. 17th, 10am, Kickstands up @ 11am. BRING A TOY FOR THE KIDS. Destination St. Vincent De Paul's in Lincoln Heights.

The next day I loaded up my Little Truck That Could with the goodies I bought for the Shagger's Toy Run. I arrived at the start at Lancaster HD and the guys were happy to see me. I hung around the dealership for a while and then took off for a pleasant drive, but not without comedic events.



For one, I told 3 guys who were bald that they reminded me of a flock of bald eagles. The ride/drive for me was fun. I listened to my Joni Mitchell cds, and that in itself makes life bearable. The end stop was at Pearblossom Park, off Hwy 138. So, it was a good day, seeing friends I have not seen in quite some time. Ice Man, you looked good. Thanks for being my friend. Thanks to the Shaggers for treating me fair. Be blessed my friends.

FINALLY, MY ABATE FRIENDS ... I am going to Santa Barbara to have Thanksgiving with my Sister and will see my two Brothers, Mark & Jim.

To all ... have a swell Christmas ...

Sporty out.



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