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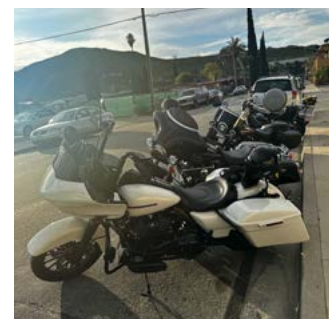
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2023 ABATE Board Meeting April 8th

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Update in March

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State Capitol Update

by Jim Lombardo Sr., ABATE Lobbyist

The Legislature is back and busy drafting bills for the beginning of their new Two year Session that will adjourn on September 14th. We expect there to be between 2,000-2,200 new Law proposals this year alone, the deadline for bills to be introduced is February 17th.

Assembly Member Rendon (D - Lakewood) was re-elected Speaker until the Budget passes this June and then now current "Speaker Designee" Robert Rivas (D - Salinas) will replace him.

On the Senate side our good friend and supporter Senator Toni Atkins (D - San Diego) is the current Speaker Pro Tempore and has announced she will be stepping down in the future to run for Lt Governor...stay tuned for a Speaker race between the Democrats!

Come the 3rd weekend in February we will read and analyze over 2000 bills that will be introduced, so expect a full review and update on them in March, we will report back to ABATE members any Bills that affect Motorcyclists.

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



New ABATE Officers

Bobby "420" Tabaldo - New Legislative Director

Although I have only two years with ABATE as a member, I have been directly engaged with Motorcycle Rights within California and Nationally with respect to legislation, political campaigning, grass roots mobilization, public relations, and research & analysis with some experience working with attorneys on civil rights and traffic court cases since 2010. As ABATE's new Legislative Director, I bring skills and experience as a grassroots lobbyist, founder and manager of several motorcycle rights coalitions in the San Francisco Bay Area, rally and political action organizer and through leadership roles within the National Council of Clubs, Confederation of Clubs, Modified Motorcycle Association, Local Bay Area Coalitions, The California Motorcycle Safety Programs Advisory Committee, US Defenders and as a member of Bikers of Lessor Tolerance (BOLT).



Through my years of working through the legislative process, organizing Unification Rallies, organizing protests supporting selected domestic and international motorcycle rights issues, chairing coalition meetings, putting together media kits, educational materials and refining my political skills, I feel that the role of Legislative Director with ABATE is a good fit, at the right time for the right reasons. I see myself as a reluctant leader who prefers to work collaboratively on common goals, sharing both challenges and successes by committee but will not hesitate to make difficult decisions and lead by example whenever necessary to promote and advance our initiatives and achieve positive results.

Unification of all motorcycle rights organizations and riders based on mutual respect and shared goals has been my objective since 2013. Establishing mutually beneficial relationships and alliances through coalition building and community organizing, working with multiple local, state and national organizations to establish shared goals and initiatives that promote unity between organizations has been a slow process, but has recently made very good progress. In addition, Influencing public perception of motorcyclists in a positive light, ensuring control of our own narrative while fighting against the profiling and discrimination of riders, promoting safety and opposing legislation that effects our motorcycle riding lifestyle is also an ongoing endeavor.

After many challenging years and hard work leading to several key wins for state motorcycle rights, the future presents even more challenges, not just to motorcyclists but to everyone who operates automobiles, boats and other motorized vehicles which are subject to the rules and laws regulating how we operate on the roads, off-roads, waterways and highways. As daunting as it may seem, these new challenges also provides opportunities to do things differently, be more nimble, smarter and faster through collaboration and partnerships.

(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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New ABATE Officers (continued) & Executive Director's Corner

Continued...Bobby "420" Tabaldo - Legislative Director

I am very encouraged with ABATE's new leadership, our direction and our newly formed alliances and I want to thank the ABATE's board of directors for their trust and confidence in my ability to advance ABATE's legislative agenda.

Bill "River" McClennen - Asst. Membership Chair

A motorcycle rider since he was 15 years of age, Horsemen MC Secretary/Treasurer for the last 10 years, ABATE member for over six years, and Membership Officer for ABATE Local 8 for two years, Bill steps in to the State position of Assistant Membership Chair with valuable experience and great enthusiasm for the success of ABATE.



Bill has a passion for older motorcycles, is a member of the Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club, and founded the All Japanese Motorcycle Club, of which he is proud of his membership work there. He has years of experience in organizing motorcycle shows and membership drives.

As Bill begins his new position with ABATE of CA, his plans to help increase membership and support include: comprehensive organization of the membership records, supporting the Local Presidents in their membership activities, assuring new and renewing member letters, cards, pins and etc. are delivered timely, and reaching out to various other motorcycle groups, to increase and encourage the diversity of our membership with more women riders, younger riders, and diverse bike styles.

The Board of Directors is pleased to accept and appreciates the help and support of Bill McClennen in this area and are confident that his activities will make a substantial difference in the success of ABATE of California.

Executive Director's Corner

by Chuck "Chief" Pedersen

Welcome to 2023!

As Executive Director, I'll be bringing you monthly Bailing Wire Articles, as we work through this year.

I want to thank the many new and sustaining board members who have stepped



up this year. Each of them are dedicated and passionate. There are many ideas in regard to how to build ABATE, and they are needed and appreciated. My respect to our past, and within my respect to move forward, we need to be gentle in our processes.

Here is my analogy, that hopefully some may understand, of a past hobby of mine: stained glass work.

I used a tool, something like this.



Very simple in nature, but a tool that I had to learn how to use effectively.

Cutting glass is a complicated process. One that needs to be thoroughly thought out and one that takes patience. The upper left of the tool is the cutting wheel, where one scores the glass to break it. It looks simple enough, but it gets complicated when doing the outside radius of a curve, or even more so, the inside radius. The three slots below it are for the different thicknesses of glass. Using the correct gauge communicates the stress to the glass before the score. The ball at the bottom end is where all gentle processes of cutting glass is learned. It is used when one is cutting arcs, especially the inside of an arc. The ball is then used to patiently tap on the score until the cut breaks under gentle vibration.

Applying the correct amount of pressure was always the challenge. Straight cuts were simple. Score, place it at the edge of the table and with a little pressure it breaks perfectly. Every glass breaks differently. Take for instance textured glass. It is harder to precisely score. Usually it is done from the back side where it has a smooth surface. Sometimes you find pieces that are from an old project and besides their previous sacrifice, there is still enough to shape or surface, thus they can contribute to the project, as well.

My analogy is this, we will be going through changes in 2023. There are a lot of new and important agendas. I support each one. As we make these things happen, I want to remind our leadership and our members that sometimes when making something beautiful and sustaining, it can be like cutting glass. Impatience and too much pressure breaks glass into pieces that cannot be used for the art.

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Locals Reports

Local #01 Los Angeles

It's been an interesting couple of months to end 2022. We had a couple of well attended meetings and discussed the exhaust legislation. Our main focus was the annual Toy Ride and a return to actually riding to the charity.

The Messengers and the Solders for Jesus along with Local 1 supported the Glendale Harley dealership in making this a success. There was a good turnout and plenty of toys for the kids.

We are now planning our 36th annual Polar Bear Ride on March 12, 2023. This is also our Peter Daniels Memorial Ride.

Registration will go from 9 am to 11 am. Breakfast burritos will be sold complements from the Moose Lodge, 17751 Saticoy Street in Reseda.

Jim Nickla Local 1

Local #02 Simi Valley

This is ABATE Local #2 Secretary Jane Warthen writing this article as Norm e is not feeling well.

Just wanted to let everyone know that we are in the process of finding a new location for our monthly meetings as the V.F.W. Post #10049 is now only open until 5 pm.

We need more of our members to attend our meetings. We have a lot to work on. We currently meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

Please call Jane Warthen, (805) 341-3386, for the location of ABATE Local #2 meetings.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

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

A big month at Local 17, at our November meeting we gave out our annual charity donation, \$100 to BRO and \$200 to Opportunity House. We elected our Board for 2023 with Glenn agreeing to be President until we can find a replacement as soon as possible. Mike as VP again, Dee Dee became secretary, and Greg to be the Treasurer.

Our Holiday party was held at the Moose Lodge in Vacaville. All attendees received a gift and we had a great buffet that was catered by Vacaville Buckhorn BBQ. Tyler and Connie were serving and all the food was delicious, and everyone present agreed that the tri-tip was outstanding. There was music and then awards given out to VP Mike, Treasurer Dee Dee, Raffle coordinator Lynda, support awards to members Bill and Paula, Sam, Jan and Mike, and then to our Business members that have supported the Local, Darla of Miss Darla's and Judy from the Wild Wrangler and Sal with Vacaville Performance who provided our tunes.

At our December meeting Ed Hammer's name was called for the biker bucks, but he was not present and the money rolls to the next meeting.

Local 17 Spring Bingo date is set for April 21st, followed by the Summer Bingo on July 22nd the Fall Bingo and Memorial for past members will be on October 1st. Look for more events as the year unfolds.

Looking forward to seeing YOU at the next meeting.

Down the road, Greg

Local #19 Pomona Valley

It is really nice to have events in person, and get to see familiar faces that we don't get to see very often these days. Although the Toy Run was not as well attended as once upon a time, we did have a nice showing. We brought in some nice stuff for Santa Claus Inc, and even most of the proceeds we need to get us through another year. So, all told, we would consider the event a success.

Because our November and December meetings conflict with holidays we tend to go dark for monthly meetings for that time.

We are about to start off the year with the Toy Run wrap meeting and 2023 kickoff. We have a lot to be excited about within the organization for 2023. And I am sure that will extend to Local 19.

If any of you wish to join us, we will be meeting on the 4th Wednesdays at Round Table Pizza on Mountain and 6th St. in Ontario.

Jeff Bassler, President, ABATE Local 19

Local #38 Imperial Valley

ABATE Local 38 will now be meeting at Denny's, 1445 Ocotillo Drive in El Centro, California 92243. See you there, last Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Happy New Year ABATE members! I hope the new year finds you in good health.

We had an officers meeting to set down what we do for the year. First up, our Stimulus Run will be May 13th. This is our major fundraiser and membership drive.

Next the Turkey Run. The shirts tentatively will be tropical blue. The toy run planning was put on hold due to Bob Brown stepping down as chairman. We thank him and his wife Alicia for all their hard work over the years. Any volunteers? More details to follow.

That's all for now, see you down the road, ride safe.

Ed Aranda, President ABATE Local 38

(Locals Reports continued on Page 10)

RECOGNITION OF STATE LEGISLATION



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**FOR PASSAGE OF A STATE ANTI-PROFILING
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Fox".

WILLIAM "ROCKY" FOX, VICE PRESIDENT
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kirk Hardtail Willard".

KIRK "HARDTAIL" WILLARD
MRF PRESIDENT



Local #3 Thousands Oaks/Ventura

We are excited for what this New Year promises! Our slate of Officers for 2023 is set, with Chuck "Chief" Pedersen continuing another year as President, John "J.P." Martin as Vice President, Ron "Slingshot" Hupfeld as Sgt. At Arms, and Kathlean "MamaBear" Pedersen as Treasurer/Scribe, Membership Chair & P.R. Planning continues for this year's activities, with fun rides and runs, sustaining our important mission of working on legislation. Watch for upcoming date in late Spring for our annual Leather Weather Run. We enjoyed a fun and well attended Annual Christmas Pot Luck & White Elephant Gift exchange in December. Lots of camaraderie and good times, with ABATE State Board members and friends joining in, as well. We are looking forward to attending and working the Dave Mann Chopper Fest on February 12th (see flyer in this issue) and look for our friends and riding pals to participate in that event.

Supporting ABATE makes a statement and 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 these events, contributes to the work we do protecting your motorcycle riding rights. Our President, Chuck "Chief" Pedersen, Exec. Director of ABATE of CA, along with Bobby T. ABATE's California State Legislative Director, and many of our Officers, continues to network with various other groups, building alliances to assemble a formidable voice in Sacramento. We are a group that is making things happen... being involved in passing Lane Splitting legislation just a couple of years ago, and now working on the Anti-Profilng Bill this year! Join Us to be an effective voice in matters of motorcycling rights!

Our Local 3 is always welcoming NEW members. Bike Nights are held the 1st Thursday of each month starting @ 6:30 pm @ 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 Rd. in Thousand Oaks; and Sunday rides EVERY second or third Sunday. Come join Us ... to any or all of these events ... and bring your friends ... Check us out on Facebook @ www.facebook.com/ABATE313 to follow our events and issues.

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U.S. HOUSE JOINS SENATE IN OPPOSING MOTORCYCLIST PROFILING

On December 23, 2022, in one of the last actions of the 117th Congress before adjourning, the U.S. House of Representatives approved H. Res.366; "Promoting awareness of motorcyclist profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling."

The House now joins with the U.S. Senate in passing separate resolutions opposing the discretionary profiling of motorcyclists by law enforcement, defining it as; "motorcyclist profiling means the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States."

Sponsored by Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI), House Resolution 366 garnered 103 bipartisan cosponsors, and is similar to Senate Resolution 154 passed by the U.S. Senate in 2018 which likewise urges state law enforcement officials to condemn the discriminatory policy.

Accordingly, H.Res.366 states;

"Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the House of Representatives –

- (1) promotes increased public awareness on the issue of motorcyclist profiling;
- (2) encourages collaboration and communication with the motorcyclist community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end motorcyclist profiling; and
- (3) urges State law enforcement officials to include statements condemning motorcyclist profiling in written policies and training materials."

Meanwhile, in addition to the federal efforts to prevent anti-biker profiling, the five states of Washington (2011), Maryland (2016), Louisiana (2019), Idaho (2020) and most recently New Hampshire (2022) have all enacted laws at the state level to curb profiling.

NHTSA CHALLENGED ON ANTI-MOTORCYCLIST PROFILING

On December 20, 2022, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives agreed to a \$1.7 trillion omnibus spending measure that will fund the federal government through September, avoiding a government shutdown, but attached within the funding section for the Department of Transportation is language from House Report 117-402 inserted at the request of Rep. Susie Lee (R-NV) that questions the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) about their role in the promulgation of anti-motorcyclist profiling;

"The Committee is concerned that National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) may be conducting activities that encourage states to adopt legislation, regulation, or other policies that unjustly profile motorcycle riders. The Committee directs NHTSA to report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the extent to which the agency works with states on motorcycle passenger policies within 120 days of enactment of this Act."

SAVE THE PATCH: MONGOLS M/C KEEP THEIR TRADEMARK LOGO

The Mongol Nation Motorcycle Club can keep their trademark logo, a backpatch typically worn on jackets and vests by members, thanks to a Ninth Circuit ruling handed down on January 6, 2023. But the three-judge panel also declined to overturn the 2018 criminal conviction of the organization on federal racketeering charges, reports Courthouse News Service.

Stephen Stubbs, the Mongols general counsel, called the ruling "a victory not only for the Mongols Motorcycle Club,

but for all motorcycle clubs, freedom, and America as a whole."

As backdrop to the now-infamous courtroom battle with far-reaching implications for America's biker community; after a decade-long prosecution 77 members were convicted, as was the Mongols organization itself, under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO). A federal jury ordered the club be fined \$500,000 and forced to forfeit a large stockpile of vests, guns and ammunition seized by federal agents in raids. The jury also decided the club should forfeit their trademarked patch over to the government.

Months after the verdict, U.S. District Judge David Carter said the Mongols could keep their trademark, ruling that such a forfeiture would violate its First Amendment rights to free speech and association, and would also constitute an excessive fine prohibited by the Eighth Amendment.

Both parties appealed. The Mongols argued the organization wasn't an indictable "person" under the RICO statute. The federal government asked the Ninth Circuit to simply dissolve the Mongols' trademark, effectively allowing anyone to buy and sell products with the design.

In a unanimous opinion, U.S. Circuit Judge Holly Thomas wrote that the RICO law's forfeiture provision only allows the government to seize property, not destroy it.

Attorney Stubbs applauded the appellate ruling, saying that the "Mongol Nation is thrilled to push back against government overreach and win this important freedom of speech battle, first in the federal district court, and then at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals," and adding that "The Mongol patch is a symbol of the esteemed brotherhood of its members, and the Ninth circuit stood strong against the government's unconstitutional attempt to ban and

extinguish important symbolic free speech.”

HARLEY-DAVIDSON GOING ALL-ELECTRIC

American motorcycle company Harley-Davidson, known for its large-engine heavyweight cruiser motorcycles, is transitioning to become an all-electric brand, explains its CEO Jochen Zeitz.

“At some point in time, Harley Davidson will be all-electric,” he told Dezeen in an interview. “But that’s a long-term transition that needs to happen. It’s not something you do overnight.”

The Motor Company launched its first electric motorcycle in 2018, named LiveWire, and according to Zeitz electrification is the next logical step in the evolution of the brand that was established 120 years ago.

“If you look at the past 120 years, the company has always evolved, never stood still,” he said. “Now, like the founders did at the time by trying to reinvent or invent something unique, that’s obviously something that we as a company brand need to do as well.”

Harley’s planned timeline to become fully electric is longer than many other auto companies, however, with several leading car brands stating that they will be all electric by 2030.

WYOMING LAWMAKERS PROPOSE BAN ON ELECTRIC VEHICLES

A group of GOP Wyoming state lawmakers want to end electric vehicle sales there by 2035, saying the move will help safeguard the oil and gas industries, which employ thousands of people in the state.

The measure, introduced to the state legislature on January 13, was sponsored by six state legislators, who said in it that electric vehicles will hinder Wyoming’s ability to trade with other states. According to “The Hill,” the bill states that citizens and industries would be encouraged not to purchase electric vehicles before the ban goes into effect.

“The proliferation of electric vehicles at the expense of gas-powered vehicles will have deleterious impacts on Wyoming’s communities and will be detrimental to Wyoming’s economy and

the ability for the country to efficiently engage in commerce,” the bill reads. The legislation further states that adding new power charging stations would require “massive” amounts of new power to “sustain the misadventure of electric vehicles.”

Fifteen other states, meanwhile, including New York and California, have moved to ban gas-powered vehicle sales.

UGANDA TO GIVE RIDERS A FREE ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE

Ugandan President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni is looking to go green, by handing out a free electric motorcycle to all of the region’s riders. President Museveni is planning on tackling pollution by providing riders with a completely free electric motorbike, including the region’s 100,000+ Boda-Boda riders, who are self-employed motorcycle taxis.

The system will be a trade-in, with riders swapping their current petrol bike for a new fully electric motorcycle, and the government is installing a network of charging stations across the country to support the move.

With around 70 percent of East Africa’s transport being handled by lightweight small-capacity bikes, the scheme looks set to remove many of those machines from the region’s roads.

LEGENDARY MOTORCYCLE DAREDEVIL ROBBIE KNieVEL -- R.I.P.

‘Kaptain Robbie Knievel’ followed his famous daredevil father, Evel Knievel, into the high-flying, bone-shattering world of motorcycle stuntriding, going on to break all of his dad’s jump records and even successfully clearing the fountains at Caesars Palace that famously nearly killed the elder stuntman. Decked out in star-spangled leathers, Robbie Knievel landed more than 350 jumps over a death-defying 30-year career, and he died January 13, 2023 of pancreatic cancer at his home in Reno, Nevada at age 60.

STURGIS CHARITABLE DONATIONS SURPASS \$2 MILLION

Motorcyclists who took part in the Sturgis Buffalo Chip charity events for 2022 raised a generous \$400,000 for Veterans, charities for children and the community. The figure pushes the grand total that Sturgis Buffalo Chip has raised

for charity during the Sturgis Rally to over \$2.1 million.

“We are continually blown away by our guests’ desire to give back,” said Rod Woodruff, president of Sturgis Buffalo Chip. “People from all over come here to let loose and have a fun vacation, and yet they still take the time and spend their hard-earned dollars to give through Buffalo Chip charity events. With the help of all our friends, we’ve raised over \$2 million to help children, injured American war veterans and our local community. Just two years ago, we broke the million-dollar mark, and now we’re over two million. We are so blessed to be part of the giving spirit of the motorcycle community.”

END OF THE ROAD FOR MAYANS M.C.

The titular Santo Padre biker club is calling it quits, as it’s been announced that the TV series “Mayans M.C.” is set to ride off into the sunset at the end of its upcoming fifth season. The news comes from FX network boss John Landgraf during an executive session at the Television Critics’ Association winter press tour.

The “Sons of Anarchy” spinoff, which originally premiered on the network in 2008 and lasted until 2014, centers on a fictional motorcycle gang on the California-Mexico border, and it’s set two and a half years after the events of ‘Sons’.

2023 NCOM CONVENTION IN PHOENIX -- MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The 38th annual Convention is scheduled for Father’s Day weekend, June 16-18, 2023 in Phoenix, Arizona, so plan ahead to join with hundreds of fellow concerned riders from the ranks of Motorcycle Rights Organizations (MROs), clubs (Confederations of Clubs) and independent riders, with agenda items dealing with legal and legislative issues affecting all motorcyclists, so check back at www.ON-A-BIKE.com for further details from the National Coalition of Motorcyclists as they become available.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “Daredevils don’t live easy lives.”

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by Lee "Sporty" Milligan

WELCOME TO ALL CURRENT & POTENTIAL ABATE MEMBERS.

This is our first membership report of the year. As most of you know, I have been at this for a very long time. For this year, I'm thankful to have some help!

Welcome our new Asst. Membership Chairman, Bill McClennen. (See his BIO in this issue)

Bill is technically savvy and will take care of organizational and record keeping matters of membership, as well as implement ways to improve the membership program. Bill has created a team of members, including Kathleen "MamaBear" P. and Jody "Moonie" M. (as well as the Membership Chairs of Locals) who will also be part of improving our membership program.

Last year's Annual Membership Drive concluded December 31st with winners being awarded at our first Board meeting of this new year: 3rd Place to Sporty Milligan; 2nd Place to ABATE Local 40 of Bakersfield; and 1st Place to Glenn Phillips of Local 17 in Vacaville. Cash payouts were \$50, \$100, \$150, respectively. Nice job, everyone!

On to our Membership Raffle ... We're selling tickets for \$1.00 each. The prize is \$250. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at our 3rd quarterly Board meeting in October. All members are strongly encouraged to sell these tickets! This annual raffle contributes to membership committee activities and is important to our success.

Emphasis this year is to build up our membership numbers and keep our renewals. ABATE plans include better educating the public about the work that ABATE does and the value of membership and support. We will also be setting up membership booths at motorcycle related events. The David Mann Chopper Fest Bike Show February 12th in Ventura is just one of many we are planning to attend this year. When the weather gets warmer, you can do Bike Night membership booths. There are more ways to attract new members. Our team will be in contact with Local Presidents with further ideas and help in getting new members and keeping our renewals.

Remember ... with ABATE of CA being the last MRO organization with full time lobbyist representation in Sacramento, it is critical to our rights that we can continue with our mission. EVERYONE that rides and anyone that cares about rider rights should join ABATE... IF ONLY to contribute to having our lobbyist team there to sound the alarm as legislators target our rights.

We'll end this month's membership report by saying ... there is strength and unity in numbers of members. Let's do what we can to represent ABATE and increase our membership!

Sporty, Membership Chairman



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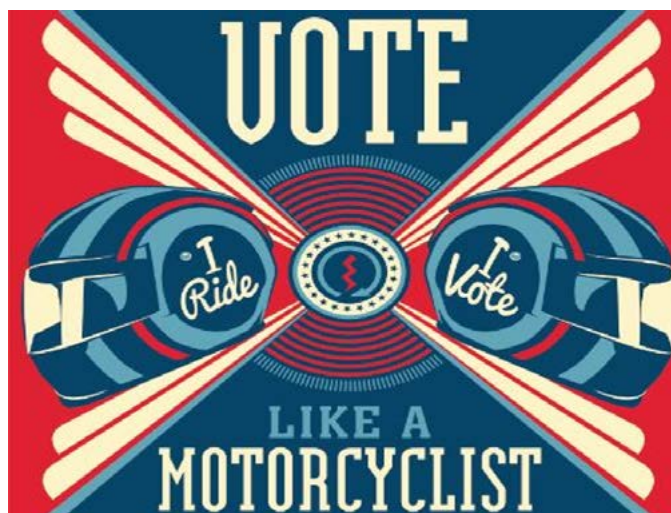
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Sporty's Ride

Sporty's Rides

by Sporty Milligan

Hello all it's been a while since we talked. Hope you are all doing well. Weather-wise it's been raining and that crimps our riding. I am doing my morning walk; it is usually over three miles. I have one of those Samsung Smart watches - yea. It helps me calculate miles and steps plus time on walk. You're doing good if you're over 6,000 steps. I also have different routes I take so I don't get bored.

Recently I started riding again. Felt good to be back on the bike. Until I get my 2002 Sporty fixed, I am riding my 2007 1200L Sporty. It's been on the charger so the battery does not die.

I rode to my hearing aid appointment. I will need to get my ears cleaned out. My left ear is clogged and caused my ear to chirp. Kinda unnerving in places where the chirping can be detected. In fact, the hearing doc had to use a computer to lower the chirping sound. When I go to the doctor for ear cleaning at Kaiser in Panorama City, I will take the bike as its easier to park a bike then a car space wise.

It is time to talk briefly about the Board of Directors meeting in Simi Valley. I rode there. Felt good to do fwy. Bike runs OK for a bike with over 141,000 miles on the speedo. Yea baby.

Our first 2023 Board of Directors meeting was good because it was a hybrid meeting so we got more Locals to participate and that is good.

We have an agenda as well. Go to www.abate.org to see the details on the political scene. Navigate around and you will find what you need. It was a good meeting. The ride home was sweet.

Any questions on membership, email me at williammilligan285@yahoo.com and I will try to answer them.

Sunday I went to the Rock Store with my membership cards and raffle tickets to see what was up and I wanted one of their breakfast burritos. They are really good and priced right. I sold about 24 raffle tickets - good deal. I've sold 35 tickets so far.

During the week I rode when it was not raining and I rode to the special meetings I go to.

On Saturday the 14th it was raining so I drove to the Moose Lodge in Reseda for the Calabasas Riders HOG Chapter meeting - the first one of the new year. What was sweet was I got two renewals there for Local 1. I am still doing membership send-outs for Local 1 and with that comes on opportunity to get renewals.

Finally, regarding my bike "mishap". The police report cover sheet came out. The rest in 90 days. I have retrained Russ Brown's attorneys Chuck Koro and Shelby West. We will see what happens and how this plays out.

Okay that's all for this month's Sporty's Rides. Till next time, sign-up new members, attend ABATE events and save the date, March 12th, for the 36 annual Polar Bear Run. Flyers will be out shortly.

Scribe Sporty reporting



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SEE FLYER PAGE 10

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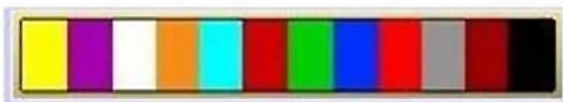
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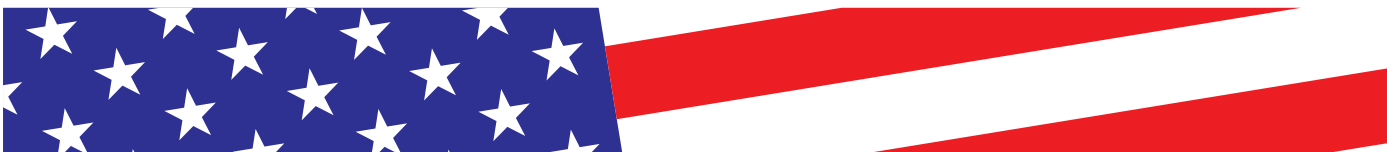
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