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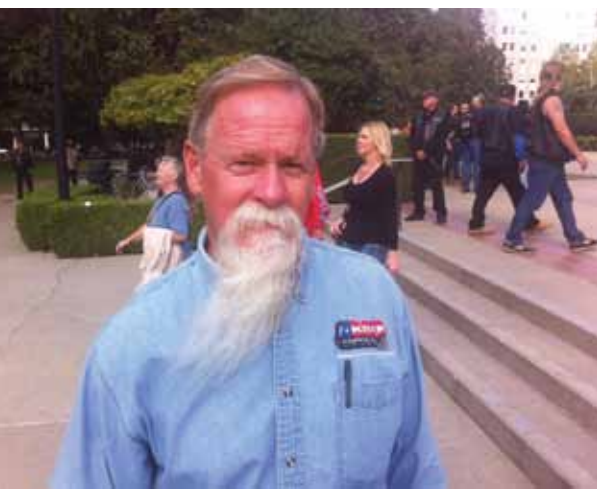
Johnny Wolf aka "Diesel"

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Executive Director's Report



**by Dave Hastings,
Executive Director**

It's hard to believe we're halfway through our summer riding season already and autumn is waiting around the next curve in the road. If we can trust the weather people we are supposed to be heading into an El Nino weather pattern this fall and they are predicting above average rainfall here in southern California. So, assuming they are correct, which rarely happens it seems, we should be getting in all of the riding time we can now before the rain comes down and we need our rain gear for the rest of the season. There's no doubt we need rain, but it sure makes riding a lot more work and the wet streets and poor visibility will often increase the accident rate for our riders. Plan now to check your lights, tires, and rain gear and maybe even update your riding skills to get ready to ride through whatever Mother Nature decides to throw at us. We want you safe and sound and always having fun out there on the highway this season regardless of the road conditions!

Very rarely lately have we seen any good news about motorcycle riders, so I want to give a "Thumb's Up" to Johnny Wolf, aka "Diesel", who is President

of Dynasty M/C and gives back to his community by coaching kid's sports teams. Diesel played baseball and football all the way through college and later he competed in and trained mixed martial arts fighters as the owner of four MMA gyms. Diesel says he doesn't remember all of his teachers but he never forgot any of his coaches.

As his way of giving back Diesel now coaches youth football and baseball teams in his community. Diesel coached two baseball teams this year, a Junior 90's team of 14 year olds and a AAA team of 10 year olds. Both of his teams finished in first place and his AAA "Royals" won their League Play-off and the Tournament of Champions. This is the first time that has ever happened in the history of the league.

Coaching requires no less than 15 hours a week of Diesel's time and when he's not coaching he continues to give back by performing maintenance work on the fields, keeping score books, or cleaning up and properly disposing of trash and debris at the field sites.

When Diesel started his M/C club he made a list of priorities for himself, his members, and their families, and those values and priorities have served him, his club, and his community well.

I would like to say "Thank You" from ABATE of California for your dedication to motorcycling and for making such a positive impact on the kids and families of your community.

ABATE knows our motorcycle riders come from all walks of life and many of them have made a beneficial impact on their communities. I think it's about time ABATE uses some of our news articles to "educate" the general public and make them aware of the talent, dedication, and hard work our riders perform in the communities they live in and visit. If you know of someone else who deserves an accolade please contact me and I will do my best to give them the recognition they deserve for their hard work in our home towns.

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What is ABATE?

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

Included with an ABATE membership are a sew-on patch, membership card, and our monthly newsletter THE BAILING WIRE. There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclists' rights and safety with payment of the appropriate fees.

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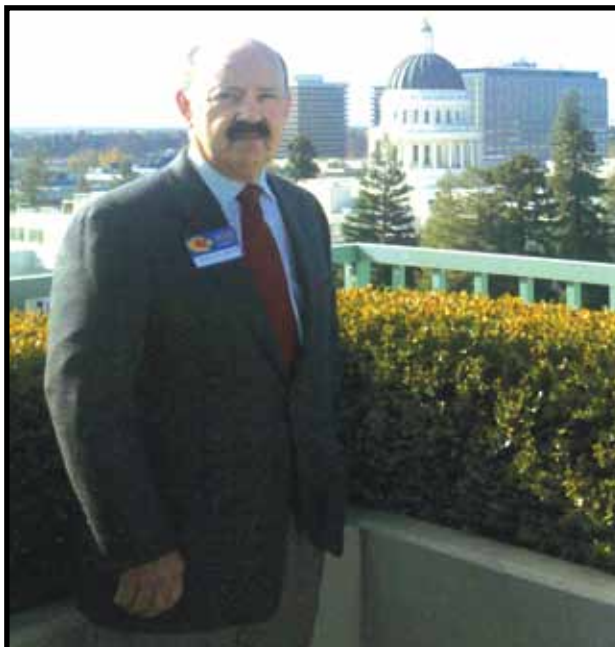
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Lobbyist's Report



by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

The Legislature is finally out on Summer Recess! Before heading out for a month-long vacation, the Legislature acted on many bills! One piece of legislation important to us, however, they postponed until next year! AB 51 by Assemblyman Bill Quirk, that would codify motorcycle lane splitting, was made into a two-year bill.

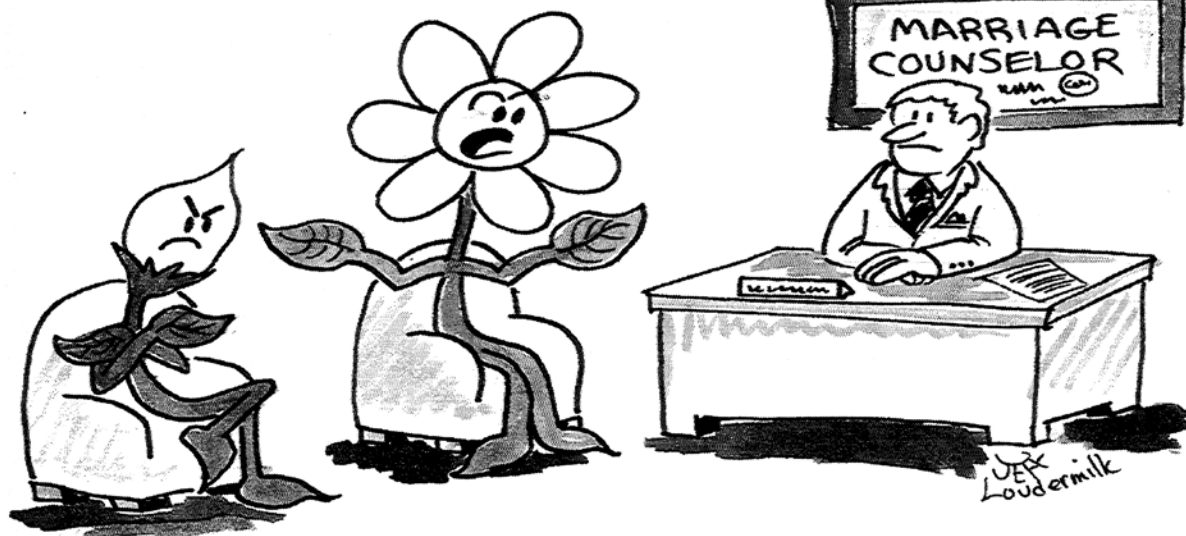
After numerous meetings with ABATE and other rider groups, Quirk put AB 51 over until

NEXT YEAR! He said he wanted to continue to meet with the motorcycle rider groups to see if he can work out the problems in his bill. As more discussions took place, doubts also began to surface about how, or if, the law could be effectively and safely enforced by (also lane splitting) law enforcement officers.

One of the bills that continues to make its way through the Legislature, as this article is written, is Assemblyman Mike Gatto's ABATE-endorsed AB 8 that would, among other important things, use the freeway message signs to assist in apprehending alleged hit and run drivers. I spoke in support of the measure, on July 14, and AB 8 passed out of the Senate Public Safety Committee with ABATE's help.

Governor Brown has called a Special Legislative Session to work on raising funding to fix the road repair problems, accumulated over decades, that so many of us are aware of as highway travelers. There are many proposals for the fixes and I am watching them very closely to see how the expected tax increases will affect us as motorcyclist users of the state's streets and highways!

Thank you for the continued support of the dedicated Lobbyist Fund to keep me in the Capital fighting for your rights!



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ABATE of California now has their off road division up and running!

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by Dave Hastings, PAC Treasurer

This month's PAC report is going to cover the subject that we always seem to be talking about and that, as usual, is funding for our various ABATE accounts. The primary account that our organization exists off of is our General Fund. This account pays for our day to day operating expenses and if it ever goes dry ABATE of California and all of our Locals will be forced to shut down and then disappear like dust in the wind.

The next crucial account is our Lobbyist Fund. This account is used to pay our Lobbyist, Jim Lombardo. Jim has represented ABATE for many years and is well known in our state capitol for his dedication to motorcycle rights and motorcycle legislation. ABATE has been very successful in introducing and passing motorcycle related legislation and our members should be both aware of, and proud of, our success and Jim's service. We have established a proven political track record in introducing and passing "good" bills, and sometimes even "stopping" perceived negative legislation that affects motorcycling in California.

Over the years Jim Lombardo has successfully advised us and helped us guide our organization and our members through the halls of our state leg-

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islature and the legislative process. He has been one of the main reasons ABATE is respected and well known in those capitol hallways and we owe our success to Jim's experience and our members' dedication, hard work, and perseverance.

ABATE PAC and our PAC Fund was set up years ago so our organization could become politically active in California. ABATE of California's incorporation documents do not legally allow our organization to be politically active, employ a paid Lobbyist, or to collect or donate funds to political candidates in California. That is why we have a registered California Political Action Committee (PAC) and comply with all of the mandatory California Secretary of State filings, rules and regulations. Monies deposited in this account are used for contributions to state candidates and cannot be used for any other purpose.

So, there you have a quick overview of our ABATE funding accounts and I'm going to again ask every Local and individual ABATE member who can donate to those accounts to please do so. Right now we need donations for the Lobbyist and General Funds. Our PAC Fund is doing OK at this time because we are not in an election year cycle.

I know it seems like we are continuously asking for funding, but ABATE does not have a statewide fundraiser this year (such as the bike raffle, etc) and funding has been down from most of our Locals this year. At your next meeting ask your Local Officers what amount, if any, has been donated to our State Funds in 2015 and then discuss if anything more can be sent in at this time. ABATE relies heavily on your generosity and donations to keep our State Funds operating, let's not allow them to become dust in the wind!

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Local #01 Los Angeles County



Hi all! Sporty with the Local 1 report. Meeting date was July 19th. Started at 9 am at the Elks Lodge in Tujunga.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, I gave the opening remarks, then encouraged the members to attend the 3rd quarterly Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, July 25th, in Cypress, starting at 8:30 am with the meet and greet. Hope you were able to be there.

I also encouraged the members who were due for a renewal to re-up their membership. I gave the treasury report and announced that we are still able to pay Local 1's share to the Lobbyists fund. That is a good thing!

Next we talked about the Bills AB-51, AB-334 and AB-8 and what they mean to us in the political scheme of things. Questions about these bills were asked and answered.

Talked about our members attending ABATE Local 2's Sweaty Buns run on July 26th that starts from Simi Valley HD in Moorpark; sign-ins from 9 am to 10:30 am. Hope to do a group ride.

The State run is coming up in Kernville on September 11th - 13th. I purchased a campsite, which also includes two weekend passes. I am offering one of the weekend passes and free camping with me to any Local 1 member. I am hoping one of the members will take advantage of this special offer from me, Sporty.

Next Glen C did the membership report. After all this comes questions from the members and that concludes the meeting. We adjourn to a nice Elks Lodge breakfast that they provide at a nominal cost. Yum!

Regards, Sporty Milligan, ABATE Local 1 President

PS: Keep those renewals flowing back to your Locals and look out for new members.

Local #02 Simi Valley



The weather is cooking! Delicious BBQ is in the air! That's how Local 2 rolls before our monthly meeting! Thanks to our volunteer cooks, Frank and Ken, for your hard work. We serve a great \$5.00 meal of burgers and hot dogs with all the fixin's you can think of. I did see fruit and hot links as part of this great deal. We also have a great bar so you can get your favorite beverages within talking distance. We start serving our dinner at 6:45 pm and our meeting starts at 7:30 pm. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Street in Simi Valley.

Pres Guy got our meeting going with the Pledge of Allegiance then introduced us to the new Post Commander, Commander Mary. She talked about the facilities and was grateful that we get to use them. She said that she and her husband are riders as well. She

invited us to the many events that the Post does. It is great that she and the VFW appreciates what we do because after all is said and done, it's about our freedom and rights!

Pres Guy talked about our Sweaty Buns Run on July 26th. We are pretty much set with everything and our big offering of ride shirts was another success, getting the much needed paid advertisers to cover the expense.

President Chuck from Local 3/13 brought four guests. He talked about all the AB bills and where we are at with them. Thanks for your inspiring words!

Our secretary Jane read the minutes, VP Jim talked about AB 8 and the safety article, and Jane also filled in for our treasurer Pat who was on vacation. PR Norm talked about the passing of Brian Wassell and encouraged everyone to read the Bailing Wire on line. Our Ride master Bob talked about our upcoming Sweaty Buns run and our membership officer, Frank, talked about our membership.

Tonight the meeting went very quickly. We had a great attendance and the camaraderie was great, too. It's always good when other Locals attend other Locals meetings. This should be an ongoing trend all the time. It's good to see how others handle their meetings and present info. After all it's about ABATE!

We missed all who couldn't make the meeting this month and hope to see you soon. We are going to have a great Sweaty Buns run again this year! With all the hard work and dedication that has gone into the planning, I know it's going to be very prosperous for ABATE!

Ride safer than last time. PTL norm e.

Local #3/13 Thousand Oaks & Ventura



It's all about the mission! Early in July, I found and shared a post to our Facebook pages, which exemplifies our direction. It is a picture of a Pride of Lions, males and females, walking toward the camera with this caption, "Surround Yourself with Those on the Same Mission as You". Powerful animals on a mission! I shared it to remind and inspire all of us to work together toward the same mission - working, riding and contacting legislators for our motorcycle riding rights. To that end, our Local 3/13 of Thousand Oaks and Ventura County continues to reach out to the motorcycle community and to other ABATE Locals to work together for an even bigger voice.

Our recent Bike Night, held the first Thursday of each month at Azar's Sports Bar & Grill, 2215 Michael Drive in Newbury Park, enjoyed the attendance of not only many of our members, but some of those of a nearby group, Riders United, with their President, "Jimmy the Saint", accompanied by ten or more of his members interested in the ABATE mission. Also a handful other members of local groups came by to check out the scene. It was a great night and added to our enthusiasm to reach out and invite motorcyclists to join our mission!

Last night a few of us from our Local 3/13 attended the monthly meeting of nearby Local 2, encouraging fellowship, working together, sharing and attending each other's events, and furthering our joint mission! Our Prez, California State Legislative Director for ABATE of California, Chuck Pedersen, shared with the group the current issues and bills being brought

forth in Sacramento.

Issues we are working on include AB-334 the Anti-Profilng Measure; AB-51 involving defining lane sharing parameters, and AB-346 involving Full Identity Checks. Join us in support of these efforts! Get involved and write your legislators! Everything we do does make a difference.

Our Local 3/13 is always welcoming to new members. Bike Nights are held 1st Thursdays of the month, 7 pm at Azar's Sports Bar & Grill, 2215 Michael Drive in Newbury Park. General Membership Meetings are on the 3rd Thursdays of the month, 7 pm at the Elks Lodge, 158 N. Conejo School Road in Thousand Oaks. Our Sunday rides are every Sunday, starting at Azar's - kick stands up at 10:30 am.

Come join us and bring your friends! Check us out on Facebook at www.Facebook/ABATE313 to follow our events and issues. It's all about the mission! Kathleen B.

Local #08 Orange County



We at Local 8 continue to grow and welcome new members. We are proud to welcome new comers to ABATE and embrace their riding experiences. I was remiss writing last month, so I have much to say.

We had a good attendance at the Regional Rally in Victorville. And are all looking forward to the State run in Kernville - so much so that most of us here at Local 8 have our reservations made. We are all excited about seeing friends once more that we often don't see other than at these events.

I wanted to let all know, and shout out a big thanks, as this girl was the winner of the 50/50 at the Regional Rally. Half of the winnings were given back to ABATE and sent to our Lobbyist. Without him much of this would not be possible and we appreciate his time and passion.

Onward and upward: At our last meeting we discussed the current bills and our call to action last month for AB-8. Thank you to all that contacted people in your districts. It's the call to action that brings us closer to our goals. Don't forget to sign up for Legislative alerts on the ABATE website to keep informed.

Local 8 is looking forward to attending the Long Beach Motorcycle Swap meet in July. We will be offloading "treasures", all for the betterment of ABATE. We have had great success in getting the word of ABATE out at these events. We stay busy at Local 8 "spreadin" the news.

In closing, let's all remember that it gets hot on the road in the summer months - Hydration and Sunscreen are your friends. Keep safe out there. Local 8's very own Hawgette

Local #11 North San Diego County



Howdy from North San Diego County! We had our monthly meeting on Sunday, July 12th, at the Escon-

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did Moose Lodge 1874. If you are ever in the area on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1100, please stop by. Come early for the Lodge breakfast 0830-1100. See Local 11 Facebook page for address and other info.

We started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Prez Dan Buse, then officer introductions. We then had a moment of silence for downed bikers. There seems to be a rash of road rage incidents against motorcycles. Be careful out there.

The meeting consisted of discussions on several topics including the lane splitting issue. AB-51 is on hold until the 2016 legislative session. It also appears there is no change in the movement of AB-334 the Anti Profiling bill. Still in suspense over (perceived) costs. Dan also ran down the upcoming political events in the area. He reminded us also of the Board of Directors meeting scheduled on July 25th in Cypress, California. In other news we discussed the "Save the Patch" legal battle with the Mongols and the Feds.

Vice President Dick Beckton gave us the rundown on upcoming rides and events. There is no shortage of activities, to be sure.

Treasurer Tim Clark gave us the financial report. We are doing well and the fundraiser helped a lot. We are now caught up with our donations to the general fund and lobbyist fund.

PAC Rep Mark "Dogman" Castillero answered a few questions on how the monies donated to the PAC fund are spent. Dogman will be taking over as the primary COC meeting liaison and will be backed up by VP Dick Beckton.

Until next month, Ride safe, Gary

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



It was another successful year for our 21st Annual Ride-in Bike and 18th Annual Hot Rod show! Big thanks again to Iron Steed HD for allowing us to host our event at their business. We couldn't do it without them! A real big thanks also goes to the nearly 30 volunteers from the Local that make this event even possible!

Special honors go to Bill McBride, Marshall Johnson, Toni and Jay Marshall, Dan Fitzgerald and Gilbert Camou! Toni, Jay Dan and Gilbert stayed to the bitter end to help with the breakdown of all the tables, chairs, tents and gear. Thank God cause the Pres was exhausted! I have had all positive calls and feedback about this year's event - a first!

There was concern over not having the back lot for our cars and trucks BUT - Iron Steed and all our volunteers just made it work by having fewer vendors and moving all the show to the front of Iron Steed. Things always happen for a reason, as we have always had the thought to get everyone close together

A special request to say a prayer for the family and friends of Rocky White, a 5 year ABATE member who recently passed. Rocky had been very ill and not doing well for some time. He will be missed by many.

Our next big event is the 4th Annual Texas Hold-Em Tournament to be held this year on October 24th. Please, everyone, get some tickets from Ron and help us fill the Moose Lodge with players.

Remember the 16th Annual Sarah Renee Phillips Memorial Run on August 29th, too. See Glenn for info. Sign-ins are from 8 am to 10 am at Miss Darla's, 110 Peabody Rd, Vacaville, 95687. Proceeds go to scholarships for local high school students.

Cool mornings turn into hot afternoons, so be sure to stay hydrated when you are out riding. Ride safe, Ride FREE!

Local #20 Orange County



Spike was not at the meeting tonight so in his place, after the Pledge of Allegiance, Gill said "God save the Queen" which is what Spike usually says.

When the meeting began we had 22 members and 6 guests, but at the end of the meeting Ken Bedley renewed his membership and Yarbi "Nacho" Romero, Louie Lopez and Mike Silva joined our Local 20.

Gill told us that AB-51, the Lane Splitting bill, is currently on hold until 2016.

The 1st Annual "Save the Costa Mesa Alano Club" Poker Run & Party will be August 22nd at 2040 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa and the (real) Downed Biker Rally will be October 17th at The Cornerstone Church located at 4905 E. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim. Unlike other downed biker rallies, this one helps any bikers they can, regardless of what they ride or if they are a club member or an independent, not just members of their own club.

Tonight's draw of \$114.00 was won by Nacho. The non-politically correct, Gill

Local #23 San Bernardino County



Our next Bike Night will be on August 14th from 7 - 9 pm. Please see flyer. We have been growing and the word is slowly spreading. If you are out for a ride then stop by and say hello. We play a few bike games and raffle off some cool stuff.

Our annual Chili Cook-Off was a success. The local Geezers showed up and took home the 1st place trophy for the best chili! Our President, Ed Pelton, was the defending trophy holder and lost by only 2 votes, so it was really close. Cindy Krause won 1st place in the dessert contest again this year with her mother's recipe of a strawberry cream cheese pie that had everyone coming back for seconds. Kevin Sorrell won 1st place with his tasty salsa. Everyone had a good time, including our puppy, Buddy, who enjoyed making some new friends.

Enjoy your summer and be safe. Tammy Odell

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello fellow ABATE members! It's been quite a while since I've written one of these, so here goes. We had 3 bikes for the 4th of July breakfast ride to Descanso - well 4 bikes, when you count Fred and Gloria who came 45 minutes later. It was a beautiful day for a ride.

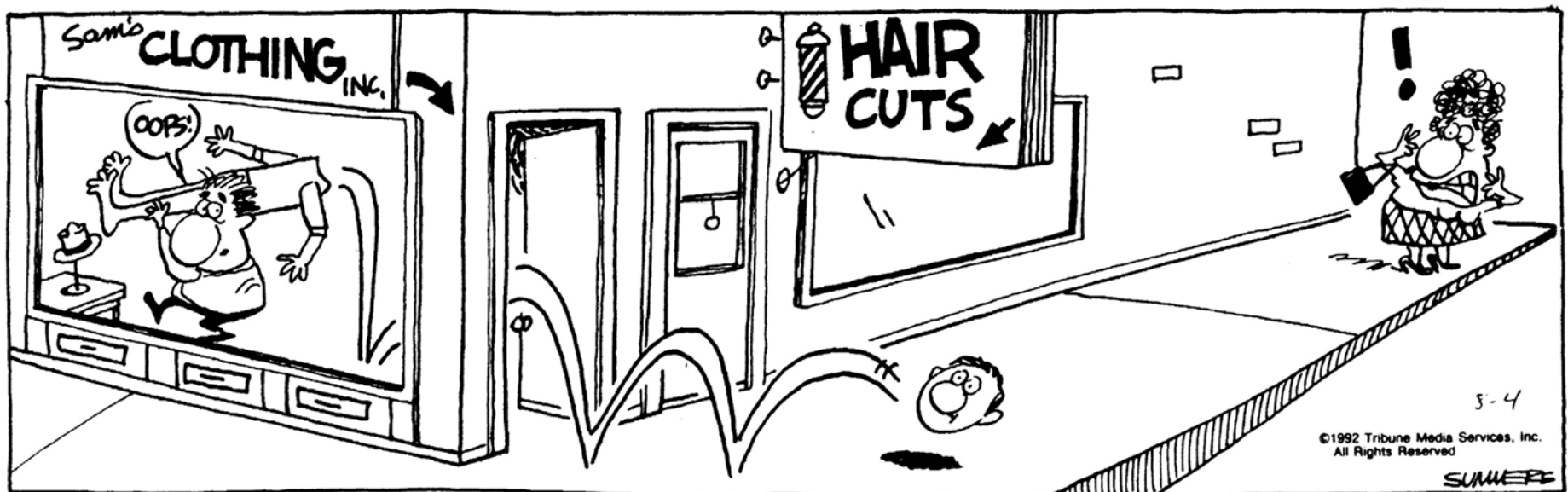
The next things coming up are the ABATE State Run in Kernville and Local 38's anniversary party.

We need everyone's help with the Turkey and Toy runs. I am working on donation letters. Speaking of donations, Barb and I have attended the last two Local 11 meetings. They donated \$100 to be a t-shirt sponsor, also Dogman donated \$100 for his club. So already we have \$200. We need all we can get to make the 18th annual Turkey Run a success. This is a very worthy cause. If you do this run once, it will become one of your favorite events.

We meet the last Thursday of the month at La Fonda Restaurant, 1950 South 4th Street in El Centro at 6:30 pm. Come to our monthly meeting and we will tell you how to get into the State Run and the Local 38 anniversary party for free - Imperial Valley only!

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Bye for now, Eddie Aranda, Prez Local 38



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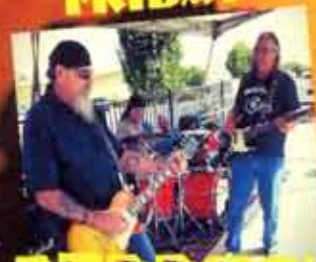
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most talented riders I ever knew. He was very safety minded and knew all the ins and outs of motorcycling and mechanics, as I had witnessed over the years. Brian always had a great smile while doing this. The picture of him above was taken during a slow ride event at a Sweaty Buns Run for Local 2, of which he was a member. Brian won every slow ride event he entered, year after year; even in Hollister where he was a two time winner.

Brian and I spent many hours designing and talking about the Ride Line and what to do next, in fact my first motorcycle safety article was posted on the Ride Line. Over the years I used him many times as a consultant because he had such a vast base of knowledge of riding experience. He loved to ride, whether it was dirt or asphalt he was a master of riding and always looked for challenges because he was very competitive by nature.

Brian was always willing to help anyone, he was a great roadside mechanic and would do his best to help. He could teach anyone anything about motorcycles from how to handle your bike to diagnosing what's wrong with it. He did this as a humbled person, which he was.

Brian will be missed by a lot of people, not only from the motorcycle world, but friends from every walk that knew him! He was a member of the Live Ride Church and was a Live Rider for many years. He had a passion for doing the Lord's work on a Harley!

Brian is survived by his wife, Susan, daughter, Holly, and two grandsons, Kevin and Dillon.

Brian, you will be missed by all and still loved by all, RIP my brother!

Norm e. Newiger

RIP BRIAN "BRIMAN" WASSELL
March 6, 1959 – June 28, 2015

It is with great sadness I announce the passing of Brian Scott Wassell. Brian was killed in an auto accident early Sunday morning, June 28, 2015. It was a single vehicle accident and he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Brian was very well known in the biker community, his late father, Richard, had started the Ride Line, which Brian re-started with the modern day technology of the internet. He did this over the years with selfless dedication, going to clubs, organizations and events and passing out his card so he could list riding events on the Ride Line. I was one of Brian's best friends and witnessed him, and helped him, post flyers for many, many years.

Brian was known as "Briman", he was one of the

Bruce Abbott Waldron 2/27/35 – 7/1/15

Local 24 Fresno

We lost a 19+ year member on July 1, 2015. Mr. Bruce Waldron was a very active member and served as our columnist for the Bailing Wire.

Aside from ABATE, Bruce belonged to Virago Star Cruisers and Virago Owners Club. As a member of American Motorcyclist Assn. he kept us up to date with the happenings in both the State and Federal arenas.

Bruce was an avid long distance motorcycle rider and enjoyed many trips into Alaska, Canada and the Western United States. Now he can ride with no time table and return to those favorite areas.

We will miss you Bruce. Our condolences to his family.



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Attention!!!! ABATE of California Members – It IS ELECTION TIME!!!!

It is time to start preparations for the 2016 Board Elections – it's an even numbered year – So 6 ABATE Members will need to be Elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 term. Whether they be Re-elected or Newly Elected is Up to YOU, the ABATE Members to nominate a Candidate & Vote in the Election!

ABATE has tiered elections – 5 run in the odd numbered years and 6 for the even numbered years. The 6 current Board Members up for re-election are: Nick Benson Sr.; Mark “Dogman” Castillero; Tom Lubbers; Fred “Sarge” Matthews; Lee “Sporty” Milligan and Ed Rogers.

ABATE of California Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation and your elected Board Members are Volunteers, and you, the Member, would be considered as a “stockholder” have an obligation ...

If you are a current ABATE of California Member this applies to you:

- Membership Rights** – The membership is the highest authority of ABATE and shall be empowered to take or direct any action consistent with the bylaws of the organization. The specific rights of a member in good standing (membership dues are current) are:
- a) To nominate and vote on ABATE Local representatives.
 - b) To nominate and vote for the State Board of Directors of ABATE of California.

If You would like to be a candidate for the Board of Directors – you need to send in

your Candidate Statement no later than the 15th of September to Bailing.wire@abate.org (450 words or less) a current picture of yourself is nice too, many Members have face recognition and are not always able to match a name to a face. Send a picture in a jpg file (does not need to be big) to the same email Bailing.wire@abate.org

And also Time for Nominations for the 2015 Freedom Fighter of the Year Award.

For the nominations of ABATE’s Freedom Fighter for 2015 – it is a difficult task to just pick one out of ALL of our ABATE Members as each Local, more than likely has a person worthy of this distinction – so as in any election – write the best recommendation you can to convince other Members to vote for your nominated Candidate!

The BEST thing about ABATE’s elections – it isn’t going to be the Candidate that spends the most money to get Elected

– it is UP to YOU the ABATE Member to choose the Candidate with the best qualifications that YOU want in charge of taking care of ABATE Business and representing YOU! And then VOTE when you receive the Ballot!

And the question that is usually asked is: Who has Won the Freedom Fighter Awards in the Past? The “official” State-wide Awards started with the year 1995, and there are 2 years that are missing (haven’t been able to track down if the year was skipped or it just didn’t make it to any official recognition).

Here’s the answer: John “Milky” Loudermilk; Mike Osborn; John Paliwoda; Dave Hastings; Bill Bish; Jean Hughes; Leon Dailey; Nancy Nemecek; Rex Foreman; Lee “Sporty” Milligan III (twice); Beverly Lieswald; “Lil’ David” Morena; Cynthia Witthans; John Del Santo; Nick Benson Sr.; Ruby Weber and for 2014 it was Glenn Phillips.

21st Annual Ride-in Bike and 18th Annual Hot Rod show!

It was another successful year for our 21st Annual Ride-in Bike and 18th Annual Hot Rod show! Big thanks again to Iron Steed HD for allowing us to host our event at their business. We couldn't do it without them! A real big thanks also goes to the nearly 30 volunteers from the local that make this event even possible!

Special honors got to Bill McBride, Marshall Johnson, Toni and Jay Marshall, Dan Fitzgerald and Gilbert Camou! Toni, Jay Dan and Gilbert stayed to the bitter end to help with the breakdown of all the tables, chairs, tents and gear. Thank God cause the Pres was exhausted! I have had all positive calls and feedback about this years event (A First!).

There was concern over not having the back lot for our cars and trucks BUT - Iron Steed and all our volunteers just made it work by having fewer vendors and moving all the show to the front of Iron Steed. Things always happen for a reason, as we have always had the thoughts to get everyone close together.

A special request to say a prayer for the family and friends of Rocky White, a 5 year ABATE member who recently passed. Rocky had been very ill and not doing well for some time. He will be missed by many.

Our next big event is the 4th Annual Texas Hold-Em Tournament to be held this year on Oct. 24th. Please all get some tickets from Ron and help us fill the Moose Lodge with players.

Remember the 16th Annual Sarah Renee Phillips Memorial Run on August 29th too. See Glenn for info. Sign-ins are from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Miss Darla's - 110 Peabody Rd, Vacaville, 95687. Proceeds go to scholarships for local high school students.

Cool mornings turn in to hot afternoons, so be sure to stay hydrated when you are out riding.

Ride safe, Ride FREE! Shauna Manina, Pics by Glenn J. Phillips.



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August 29 – 16TH Annual Sarah Renee Phillips Memorial Run – All Proceeds benefit Scholarship Fund – Contact Glenn Phillips (Local 17 President) 707/624-6310 for additional details.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Greetings all! What are you doing to help sustain your Local’s membership? Membership is the life line of this organization, so I hope you’re trying to get more members for your Local and that you’re also trying to keep your renewals.

I understand that there are Locals with little support attendance at their monthly meetings. With that being said, there are ways to get the members to stick with your Local. Presidents and membership chairs: It takes effort to do this. How is this accomplished? One way is to get your Local’s members’ email addresses. I have a list of Local 1 members’ email addresses. I use this for sending meeting reminders, info about motorcycle issues that are important and the call to actions. When you send these emails out, you send them out as “undisclosed recipient”. That way your members don’t see each other’s email addresses.

What if they do not have email? I send out post card reminders for the meetings to my members that do not have email. The hope here is that by continuing to keep your membership informed on the Local level you will see the results at renewal time. Local 1 has been fairly successful in this matter. We can’t keep all the members, but we keep enough to make the previous suggestions worth your while. And don’t forget your renewal membership trinkets

I ask again that you continue to look for new members. If your Local needs help with membership, please email me at: williammilligan285@yahoo.com and I will try to help you folks.

Regards and good membership signing up, Sporty, your Membership Chairman

September – 11-13 – ABATE State Run, Kernville, Frandy Campground (See Flyer this issue). Please NOTE:

Reservations for campsites can ONLY be done online www.notoriousent.net Campsites may be shared with as many as will fit in the reserved space allotted.

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October 4 - - ABATE Local 17 – Memorial Ride (Details TBA.)

October 10 – ABATE Local 17 – Annual Fall Run (Details TBA.)

October 24 – ABATE Local 17 - Poker Tournament (Details TBA.)


November 21 – ABATE Local 38 – Annual Turkey Run (Details TBA.)

December 6 – ABATE Local 17 – Toy Run (Details TBA.)

December 19 – ABATE Local 38 – Annual Toy Run (Details TBA.)

If you have a date for your event, and no details 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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Motorcycle Safety Report

by Norm e. Newiger

Hot Weather is Fun!

Yes it is that time of the year – HOT, HOT, HOT! July through September cooks in So Cal and with our water shortage and sweltering weather we do have to be cautious about riding in certain areas. From the hot black asphalt in the valleys to the deserts low and high you can cook yourself and/or your bike - fast! I sometimes ride in the San Fernando Valley and that asphalt gets so hot it softens up somewhat, and all that oil and engine crap in the middle of the lane gets gooey and very slippery, so watch out!

I'm doing a little re-write on this subject to refresh everyone who reads this. Age is a major factor with any type of heat wave, whether you are riding or just out enjoying the summer months. If you or any of your riding buddies are in the so called senior years you have to watch yourself or them and vice versa - the buddy system. It is a known fact that the elderly, as well as infants and children, are more susceptible to heat related illnesses. This also includes adults who are under many different types of treatments or have a chronic illness.

Have you ever been riding in hot weather and started to feel lightheaded, a little faint, or maybe tired and/or weak all of a sudden? How about getting a headache or hallucinating as well? If so, any of these conditions could lead you into making a life threatening decision for you and/or a friend! Riding in hot weather (90+ degrees) can be a challenge to your body without you knowing it.

Your body has natural means of regulating its own temperature, but failure to do so in the face of extreme heat is called Heat Stroke! Depending on the severity it could lead to organ damage and possible death.

Everyone is susceptible. It doesn't matter if you are in a desert, jungle, mountains or in your backyard! It doesn't matter if you're walking, jogging, doing yard work, working out doors or even riding your bike. You could be in the shade or on a hot tin roof, Heat Exhaustion can and does happen - real quick if you're not paying attention to your body. Heat waves result in more deaths in the USA than hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, lightning, and earthquakes combined.

Here are some examples of possible Heat Exhaustion/Heat Stroke symptoms: Headache, nausea, muscle cramps, profuse sweating, dizziness, confusion, exhaustion, high body temperature, rapid heart beat, dry skin and hallucinations. Some symptoms can be more prevalent than others, everybody's body is different, and the location where you are plays a part, too. You also have to factor in your medical condition. Certain medications you are on play a big roll in how your body re-acts to hot weather. For example: I have a thyroid issue and riding in hot weather is a big deal to me.

Heat Exhaustion can progress to Heat Stroke when the body's temperature regulation fails. The affected individual develops a change in mental status, becomes confused, lethargic and may have a seizure,



the skin stops sweating and the body temperature may exceed 106 F (41 C). This is a life threatening condition and emergency medical attention is needed immediately.

If you, or someone you are with, are experiencing any of these symptoms here's what you should do: Get yourself or the person into a cool shady area or an air conditioned building, remove clothing to include boots and socks and apply cool water to the skin or, if possible, a cool bath or shower. Possibilities are endless but sometimes you have to use what you have where you are. Even a cool concrete floor helps. You can accelerate body cooling by using a fan to blow cool air on the person. Drinking cool water will help with hydration and certain sports drinks can help as well.

Riding in hot weather above 90 degrees can be dangerous if not properly addressed. You could be riding and not notice any sweat on your arms or head, but you have to think about evaporation as you ride (remember dry skin). You could be blow drying yourself at any speed and this is very misleading to your brain because other symptoms may happen in due time when you think everything is all right. Wearing shorts, no helmet, or no shirt will not make you any cooler than if you were fully dressed. In fact it's better if you know you are sweating than not knowing, i.e. you sweat because your body is trying to cool down and now you know it. At this point you can make a decision to prevent Heat Exhaustion or Heat Stroke.

If you, or anyone riding with you, feel unsure about yourself or another person, always call 911 as the severity of Heat Exhaustion may be unknown at the time and it's better to be safe than sorry.

Hot weather truths or myths, for example:

#1 – Mesh gear will keep you cooler: Yes and no is the right answer! Mesh gear will keep you cooler to a certain degree and provide just a little relief from the heat if the temperate zone is in the 80s, but in the 90s it's a different story. Riding in temperatures in the 90s won't provide any cool options with which your thyroid can work with (your thyroid regulates

your body temperature). While riding in temperatures at about 90 plus degrees you need some skin surface moisture (sweat) and some air. Remember this, lots of hot air and no skin moisture is potentially a very bad thing that can happen to anyone. It could lead to dehydration and or Heat Exhaustion/Heat Stroke. As you ride with mesh type clothing on your body, the air is quickly wicking away any moisture coming to the surface of the skin which will leave you dry and hot!

#2 - While riding with no shirt or sleeveless type clothing and no helmet will not keep you cooler (you see this all the time - mostly male riders), it could promote dehydration and Heat Exhaustion faster. Plus, you can get sun burnt and this will raise your body temperature as well. Keeping your skin covered will help reduce the chances of skin cancer down the road if in fact you do this quite often. Sweating is good, moisture is released through the surface of your skin and transfers excess heat away from you via the needed air flow.

#3 – Will a cool wet neck tie or wrap cool me down? Yes and No is partially correct but No is truer! While riding in real hot weather a neck tie/wrap cools you down just a little bit and it might feel good but your body is still hot - the body's core is what is really hot, from your shoulders to your waistline. If your body's core is hot and I mean Hot then the blood moving to all your extremities is overheated. You need relief at the core not your neck! An evaporative type of cooling vest that allows you to control airflow will assist your thyroid and body with keeping your blood at a far more acceptable temperature than any type of wet neck tie or wrap. Try it, your body will thank you.

#4 - Can you drink too much water? Yes, drinking a lot of water real fast can make you sick at first, so be careful on your intake. You should drink water continuously throughout the day. When you are riding in extreme hot weather pull over and drink water often, even if you feel okay. You have to be smart and remember that everybody's body is different. You might be feeling okay, but the other person(s) may not. The worst that could happen is that you pee more and that's better than being whisked away in an ambulance with intravenous lines in your body. Yes, you do need electrolytes in your body while sweating your ass off! But be careful of what you put into your body. Sports drinks can help but read the ingredients so you know what you are drinking. A lot of energy drinks pump you up with caffeine and sugar, which promote dehydration, and beer is not the answer, because the alcohol will help in dehydrating your body as well, true! The key word is electrolytes; you can get the sport drinks that provide them as well as additives that you can add to any drink. I know, not drinking ice cold beer is an unpopular answer, but you have to be smart about this and know when it's the proper time to drink beer.

Riding in hot weather is not a bad thing, I love riding in the high desert areas and the views are different and shade is minimal. If you are properly prepared, then it's a fun thing to do. Having common sense is one of the most important things you can possess. If you have saddle bags then use them as a cooler for water or whatever your "smart" drink is. Having extra bottles of water can help out anyone you may see broken down, car or motorcycle. It's a good thing to give some water to someone who's broken down out in the middle of nowhere. Being generous to anybody in time of need is always a great thing and they will remember it! Tell them it's an ABATE thing!

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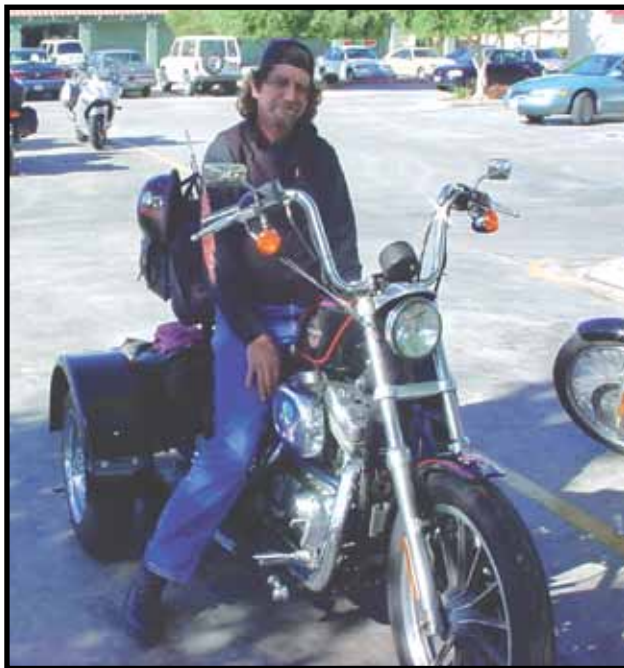
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Sporty's Rides

by Lee "Sporty" Milligan



Hi all! Again a brief medical report and work up-date. I had to see a physical therapy doctor recently and she suggested that we put a weight limit on what I can carry. It has been allowed to be only 25 pounds. That means I can carry up to only 25 pounds. They're trying to write something for my slope work. I still don't have the final copy of this yet so for now it's business as usual with the weight and slope work restrictions.

On July 27 I have to go to Kaiser and do a stress test for my heart. It is a 5 hour procedure so I will have to take a day off from work.

Regarding work itself, I have been regulated to being taken in the morning to the job site where I do physical labor (weed eater work, carrying brush etc.) It is classified as arduous work. However on the bright side since I took a driving school refresher course not too long ago, I have been given another shot to try and get the ability to drive county trucks - the small ones S10 Chevys, Ford Rangers, Toyota small pickups and GMC Sonoma. It will be imperative that I pass the test, as it would make things a whole lot easier if I get my driving privilege restored.

A member of our staff, in another department, had a stroke and now is on life support, but I think he will be removed from that soon. Sad, very sad.

ABATE Local 2 member, Brian Wassell, died

in a car crash on the 14 fwy near Aqua Dulce. The accident caused head trauma, which killed him instantly. Also very sad. Brian was the computer guy behind the Ride Line, which was first started by his father. His dad drove an El Camino with a trailer hooked behind the truck. The trailer had a set up that had motorcycle run flyers on it. You could get your run flyer posted and also get free advertisement. A good deal. Brian took over when his father passed away and did it on line for a few years. So once again, sad, really sad.

As of this writing my 2002 883 has been at Casey's MC in Pacoima for 6 months. They have one mechanic so it's kind of slow going. The

good thing is they have not asked for any more money to do additional repairs. As I wrote earlier, I am having the bike made to run better. It has the voyager kit on it and the under carriage is still connected to it. I hope to find out more about the bike this weekend. My other bike, the 1200 L Sporty, I have been riding the piss out of and it had to have the battery replaced. I think the next step is a voltage regulator - maybe this Friday. Riding the bike to work saves me at least 20 minutes on the afternoon commute.

So this Thursday, July 16th, is the Barger HD Bike night. Then on Saturday, July 18th, I hope a group will ride to San Juan Capistrano for the Eagles MC food drive. The band Family Style will be playing - good stuff - from noon to 5 pm. I will still go even if I go solo. Then Sunday is our Local 1 meeting at the Elks Lodge.

Other than riding to work, I have not done much in the way of other stuff biking wise except encouraging my Local 1 to support the various bills we have going via the computer.

So as I close this edition of Sporty's Rides, I will leave you with this: May your ride be safe, your journeys far, your friendships be full of ABATE members and that you are part of the group ABATE that helps fight tooth decay (bad laws from happening to motorcyclists in California).

Regards Sporty Milligan or "STP" Sporty the Peg Leg Pirate

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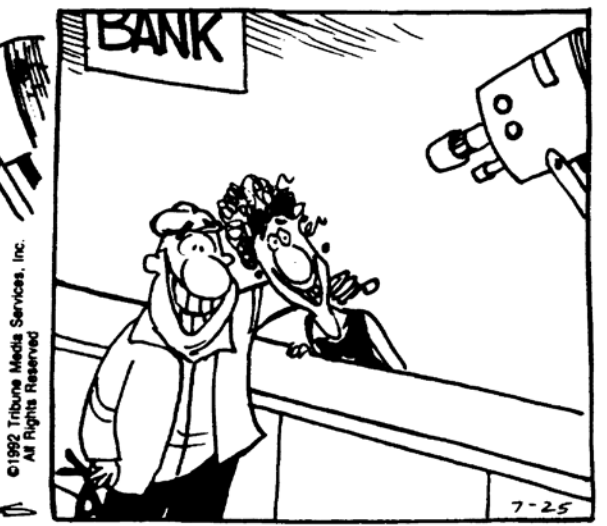
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Guy Corrigan 2nd Tues 7:30 PM
805/796-6328 VFW Post#10049
4242 E Los Angeles Ave.
Simi Valley
Crashman1@sbcglobal.net

Thousand Oaks/Ventura Local#03/13-Reg#7

Chuck Pedersen 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge
805/496-0323 158 N Conejo School
Thousand Oaks

San Diego County - Local #06-Reg#12

Snowman 1st Sun - 12 Noon
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P O Box 501946 Pacific Beach
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619/855-9981

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562/298-6236 American Legion #354
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buse13@att.net Escondido Moose Lodge
760/807-7294 25721 Jesmond Dene Rd
Escondido 92026

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P O Box 148 Judy's Wild
Vacaville 95696 Wrangler Saloon
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Jeff Bassler 4th Wed - 7:00 PM
C/O 9648 Calle Vejar Round Table Pizza
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91730 Ontario, CA 91729
909/596-9685

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Gill Mellen 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
2104 Continental Ave. American Legion
Costa Mesa 92627 5646 Corporate Ave.
949/632-9787 Cypress CA 90630



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Antelope Valley - Local #21-Reg#13

Ron Sundquist 2nd Thurs - 7:00 PM
37230 52nd St. East AV Roadhouse
Palmdale 93552 320 W Ave J2
661/586-5555 Lancaster 93534
ron.sundquist@sbcglobal.net

San Bernardino - Local#23-Reg#9

Ed Pelton 1st Sun 9:00 AM
626/513-6314 Vicky's Restaurant
502 S Waterman Ave
San Bernardino CA

Fresno - Local#24-Reg#6

Jeff Krebs 2nd Tues. 7:00 PM
559/801-5655 Yosemite Falls Cafe'
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Sacramento - Local#25-Reg#2

Lil' David Morena 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
916/616-9605 Denny's
3520 Auburn Blvd.
Sacramento 95821

Riverside - Local#27-Reg#9

Kenny Nuttall 1st Tues - 7:00 PM
P.O. Box 7070 American Legion
Riverside CA 92513 2979 Dexter Dr
951/377-5772 (in Fairmont Park)
www.abatelocal27.org Riverside, CA 92513

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Marty Rapp 2nd - Thurs - 6:30 PM
P.O. Box 2334 Odd # Months
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760/367-1694

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Larry James 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
Panighetti's
530/893-4827 2760 Esplanade
Chico 95973

Yuba City - Local #33-Reg#2

Steve Katen 2nd Tues. - 7:PM
530/749-1003 American Legion
5477 Feather River Blvd.
Olivehurst

Imperial Valley - Local#38-Reg#12

Ed Aranda Last Thurs - 6:30 PM
Edward_A12@yahoo.com
La Fonda Bar & Grill
1950 South 4th St.
El Centro, CA 92243

Bakersfield - Local#40-Reg#6

Steve Broughton 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM
760/616-0402 Rusty's Pizza
5430 Olive Dr
Bakersfield 93308

High Desert Local 44/47-Reg #13

Dave Hastings 2nd Sat. 9:30 am
760/947-4700 Eagles Order #4181
P.O. Box 3094 16195 Main St
Victorville, CA 92392 Hesperia 92345

Grass Valley - Local#52-Reg#2

Craig Griswold 3rd Wed - 6:30 PM
21183 State Hwy 20 Alta Sierra
Penn Valley Pizza & Grill'
530/263-8071 15690 Johnson Place
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HAWAII TO ELIMINATE ETHANOL IN GASOLINE Legislation to repeal the requirement that gasoline offered for sale in Hawaii contain a percentage of ethanol was signed into law by Governor David Ige, and the new law becomes effective December 31, 2015.

The law recognizes that the requirement of blending ethanol into gasoline does not produce any economic benefit for the state and the import of ethanol creates an economic burden for state residents. Ethanol increases water formation, which can then corrode metals and dissolve plastics and rubber, especially over a period of time when the vehicle is not used. Current high-performance specialty parts along with pre-model-year '01 cars and parts may be most susceptible to corrosion, and no motorcycles or ATVs are approved for higher blended fuels. The lifespan of vehicles and equipment can be dramatically reduced with the wrong fuel, and owners could be confronted with breakdowns.

More than a dozen states have ethanol mandates, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, but only Hawaii and Florida have passed such a repeal. Florida ended its mandate in 2013, the same year the Environmental Protection Agency proposed reducing the amount of ethanol in fuel, acknowledging that a federal push wasn't working as well as expected.

There have been no changes to federal law on the issue since the EPA report, but Pennsylvania Republican Senator Pat Toomey and California Democratic Senator Dianne Feinstein have introduced a bill seeking to repeal the corn ethanol mandate in the federal Renewable Fuel Standard.

CALIFORNIA REQUIRES MOTORCYCLISTS TO REMOVE HELMET FOR TRAFFIC STOPS Known as the "Identity Confirmation Act," Assembly Bill 346 will require a motorist to give law enforcement an unobstructed view of their face during a traffic stop, said California Assemblymember Scott Wilk (R-Santa Clarita), author of the measure which primarily targets motorcycle riders.

The Facial ID bill was inspired by a Simi Valley, CA police officer who told the assemblyman about having cases thrown out of court because he couldn't positively identify someone, Wilk told the Simi Valley Acorn, specifically relating the case of a motorcyclist who refused to remove their helmet.

Wilk admitted to the paper that motorists are compliant 99% of the time, and currently if a driver refuses to show their face during a traffic stop, police can arrest them for resisting or delaying an officer, and can result in going to jail until they can go before a judge.

"From an 'identification' legal view, all citizens are required to prove their identity when asked by law enforcement," said Chuck Pedersen, State Legislative Director for ABATE of California. "From a helmet ticket defense, an officer cannot ask for you to remove your helmet for the purpose of inspection. I don't see a need for this additional legislation."

Nonetheless, AB 346 passed near-unanimously through the State Assembly, was approved by the Senate, and is now headed to Governor Jerry Brown's desk.

HANDLEBAR HEIGHT LIMIT REPEALED IN SOUTH DAKOTA Just in time for the 75th Sturgis Rally, starting July 1st, ape-hangers are now legal in South Dakota. The \$20 fine for riding with your hands too high was wiped off the books as Governor Dennis Daugaard signed Senate Bill 85, effectively abolishing South Dakota codified law that prohibited such handlebars.

Until now it was a petty offense in South Dakota if you rode a motorcycle on a public street or highway with the handlebar grips positioned at or above shoulder height, but as of now there are no more regulations on where to hang your hands.

EARPLUGS BENEFICIAL, BUT ILLEGAL FOR OHIO MOTORCYCLISTS Ohio's motorcycle operator manual says hearing protection, like earplugs, can help reduce noise while allowing a rider to hear important

sounds like horns or sirens, but it also says riders should adhere to state laws, which creates a problem: using earplugs in Ohio while operating a vehicle is illegal. There are exceptions for emergency personnel, or road workers, and even for people who wear hearing aids...but not for motorcyclists.



It isn't the sound of the motorcycle causing all the noise; "It's the wind noise that can cause permanent hearing loss," explains A.I.M. Attorney Ralph C. Buss, who has represented the interests of motorcycle riders for over 30 years. "Deafness is a serious problem that people don't think about, don't address," Buss said in an interview with WCPN public radio in Cleveland.

Attorney Buss challenged that law in court. His client: Tom Varsel, who happened to be a retired noise expert for GM who was pulled over for riding his motorcycle in Ohio while wearing earplugs. Varsel was fined \$37, but his case continued to an appellate court. He lost a constitutional challenge to the earplug law, but the case raised interesting issues of health and safety that the court ruled were matters for the legislature to address.

"What's clear is that wind noise on a motorcycle can be very intense, intense enough to damage your hearing," says Eric Healy, a professor of hearing science at the Ohio State University who testified in Varsel's case. "And what's also crystal clear is that earplugs can remedy that, almost completely."

To determine the level of wind noise motorcyclists face, Healy took a recording device for a drive with PhD students. Imagine a mannequin head with anatomically correct ears, stuck out a window, and the measurements recorded from that experiment, Healy says, matched previous work published in well-known British journals in the mid 1990s. He found that at speeds as low as 35 mph, wind noise exceeded 85 decibels.

"Sounds over that are known to cause hearing damage. The levels that we measured were in the range from 110 to 130db," Healy told WCPN radio host Tony Ganzer. Even helmets don't prevent the wind noise, though earplugs offering some 30db of potential reduction, might help.

But the wording of the law in Ohio and other states, which dates back to 1989 and was enacted largely in response to stereo headphones in cars, doesn't allow earplugs to be worn by motorcyclists or motorists.

A similar law in California, which allowed only for "custom earplugs," was amended in 2004, allowing individuals to wear earplugs that don't block the sounds of horns or emergency sirens. Under exceptions to their Headphone and Earplug law, it was added (V C Section 27400): "(d) A person wearing personal hearing protectors in the form of earplugs or molds that are specifically designed to attenuate injurious noise levels. The plugs or molds shall be designed in a manner so as to not inhibit the wearer's ability to hear a siren or horn from an emergency vehicle or a horn from another motor vehicle."

ILLINOIS LIGHTS IT UP A bill in Illinois to legalize accent lighting on motorcycles passed unanimously through the legislative process and on June 18 was sent to the Governor.

HB3944: Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code to provide that a motorcycle may be equipped with auxiliary accent lights, including standard bulb running lights and light emitting diode pods and strips. Provides that the auxiliary accent lights shall not be red or white or oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights. Defines "auxiliary accent light".

(a) A motorcycle may be equipped with any number of auxiliary accent lights, including standard bulb running lights and light emitting diode pods and strips of various colors.

(b) The auxiliary accent lights allowed under subsection (a) of this Section shall not be red or white or oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

(c) For the purposes of this Section, "auxiliary accent light" means any lighted lamp or illuminating device placed upon a motorcycle, other than head lamps, spot

lamps, auxiliary driving lamps, signal lamps, or hazard warning lamps.

"Accent lighting are the small colored lights tucked in on the underside of motorcycle gas tanks and frames," explains ABATE of Illinois on their website (www.ABATE-ILL.org), which supports the measure. "We are looking at legalizing them to be operating while the bike is in motion. They do not interfere with operator eyesight and will actually help in the reduction of bikers being 'T-Boned' at night with the extra lighting which will reduce Fatalities and Deaths. The bill increases visibility of motorcycles, especially at night."

Unlike automobiles and light trucks which are required to have side marker lights or wrap around headlights / tail lights which are visible from the side, motorcycle lights are often only visible from the front and rear and do not have the same illumination as automobiles. NHTSA published a report on the effectiveness of side marker lights on motor vehicles, concluding that side marker lights are a cost effective safety device which reduce the number of nighttime angular collisions that occur in the United States.

A similar bill was recently signed into law in Texas, and Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and West Virginia have all passed similar legislation, while Missouri and Virginia are currently in the process of legalizing such lighting.

SPREADING MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS Nate Hudson, co-owner of "British-American Motorcycle Club", a bike shop in Long Beach, California, is currently in the middle of a 17,000-mile ride all over the U.S. to spread a motorcycle safety message for riders and awareness from car drivers. He visits the Department Of Motor Vehicles office in every state's capital, where he hand delivers a request that the authorities consider including motorcycle awareness in both the driver's license exam and the state's drivers' education curriculum.

Hudson's journey is being sponsored by Allstate Insurance Company, and he's riding a tricked out Indian Roadmaster donated by Indian Motorcycle painted in Allstate blue with logo and trim. So any photo of his bike, therefore, becomes a social-media ad for Allstate.

Posts and pictures about "The Ride Of Awareness" are published on social media channels, from Instagram to Twitter to Facebook, an efficient and credible user-generated content reaching online many more bikers than any television spot or print ad.

PAKISTANI POLICE EXEMPT FEMALE PASSENGERS FROM WEARING HELMETS Reacting to public protests over a traffic regulation in which it was made mandatory for motorcycle riders as well as pillion (passengers) to wear a helmet, including women, police in Karachi have announced exempting female pillion riders from wearing a helmet.

Inspector General (IG) Sindh Police, Ghulam Haider Jamali announced here on June 10 that the decision was made after the repeated appeals of citizens. In an earlier statement, the police said in case of riding pillion without helmets, both will be fined, regardless of whether the pillion is male or female.

The people took the decision with a violent reaction when it was made mandatory for women as well to wear a helmet as a passenger, and some citizens also contacted the court in this regard to exempt women from this sanction. But before the court could take any action, IG Police keeping in view a number of complaints, appeals and violent reaction by the public, immediately announced to withdraw its decision, so now following the announcement women are exempted from the restriction to wear a helmet as a pillion rider.

SURVEY REVEALS RIDERS' PET PEEVES In an online survey of motorcyclists conducted in June by Erie Insurance, nationwide respondents were asked to share their top five pet peeves about both other motorcycle riders and car drivers:

Top Five Complaints About Fellow Riders: #1: Riding Recklessly (ie: speeding, weaving through traffic, doing wheelies) - 56%; #2: Passing on the Shoulder - 41%; #3: Lane Splitting - 36%; #4: Wearing shorts, sandals, tank tops, etc - 35%; #5: Riders who don't wear helmets - 28%.

Top Five Complaints About Vehicle Drivers: #1: Drivers who don't check their blind spots before changing lanes - 55%; #2: Texting while driving - 53%; #3: Reckless Driving (i.e., speeding, weaving in and out of traffic) - 50%; #4: Drivers who tailgate - 43%; #5: Not signaling when turning or changing lanes - 42%.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Be as beneficent as the sun on the sea, but if your rights as a rational being are trampled on, die on the first inch of your territory."

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882) American poet & philosopher