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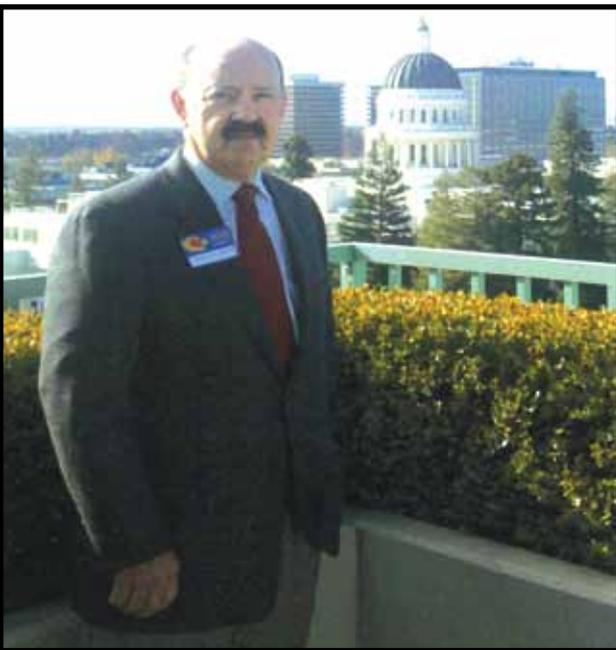
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Lobbyist's Report



by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

Governor Brown officially declared May as **MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH!** And once again we were able to pressure Caltrans to put our **SHARE THE ROAD – LOOK TWICE FOR MOTORCYCLISTS** freeway message board displays up to celebrate **MAY IS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH!**

The Legislature is in full swing with the State Budget passage deadline of June 15th looming! Of course, they will get paid just because they pass a budget, whether or not the Governor Brown signs it, as happened last year when he vetoed the first one sent to him. They then cut some funding and Jerry went to work with his

blue pencil and cut some out of the pork barrel projects that still remained and, satisfied, he then signed the reduced budget legislation.

So, many bills are still hung up in the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file pending passage of the budget. One such bill is Assemblyman Ken Cooley's AB 334 that would address motorcyclist profiling by law enforcement.

Although not held up in the suspense file, AB 51, Assemblyman Bill Quirk's bill to codify motorcycle lane splitting is on the Assembly floor awaiting amendments that were requested by the Transportation Committee Chairman. I have a copy of draft amendment language which we will discuss at the ABATE Legislative Committee meeting in Fresno on May 30th, so be sure you or your Local PAC Rep, attend.

There is one other bill we may wish to discuss - AB 346 by Assemblyman Scott Wilk (R-Santa Clarita) - that will require anyone stopped by a law enforcement officer to present an unobstructed view of their face so the arresting officer can make a positive identification. Although it doesn't mention it specifically, the bill was introduced because a motorcyclist refused to remove their helmet during a traffic stop. Does this mean that a motorcycle rider's helmet has to be removed even if it is minimal enough the show the rider's face?

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in Fresno on May 30th!

Thanks to ALL who contribute to the dedicated Lobbyist fund to keep me here in the Capital fighting for motorcyclists' riding rights!

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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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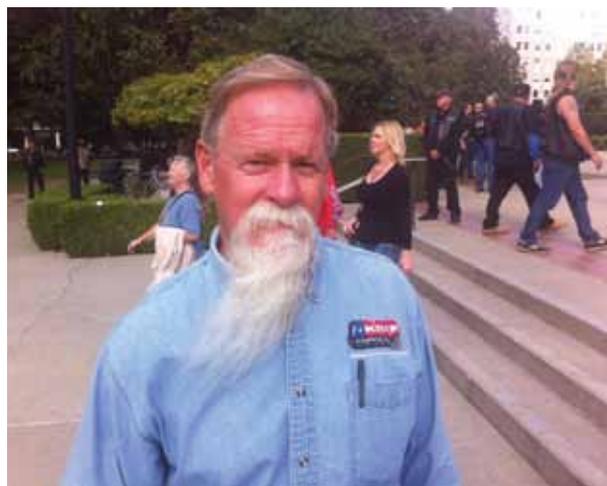
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Executive Director's Report



by Dave Hastings, Executive Director

The 2015 ABATE Southern Regional Rally was held on Mother's Day weekend in Victorville and was well attended even though Mother Nature did her best to scare people away. After having beautiful weather for weeks prior to our event, we experienced rain, snow, and very windy conditions all over California right before our event took place. Needless to say, some people decided to stay home, but those that came were treated to a very nice weekend for the Rally. We were treated to a special surprise when the original founder of ABATE of California, "Deacon" Dave Phillips and his lovely Lady Kay, rolled into the campground to attend the Rally while on a short visit to California.

I want to say "Thank You" to everyone that pre-registered, paid at the gate, and volunteered that weekend. Our Local 17 member's made a generous

donation to the Rally even though they could not attend in person and I'm very thankful for their support. For the first time in a while we actually had more volunteers than we could use and I'm grateful for the outpouring of help and the support of all of our members.

We will have a complete accounting of the proceeds soon and the Rally Committee will then turn it into the State Office for distribution.

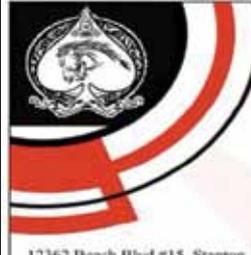
Again, thanks for your contributions, participation, and volunteer time during the Rally. Although it's always a lot of work to put on an event like this, I had a great weekend and I sincerely hope everyone else in attendance did too!

Now we can all start preparing to attend the ABATE State Run in Kernville on September 11th. Also please don't forget all of our ABATE Local events statewide! Keep your eye on the event listing page of our Bailing Wire and do your best to attend every ABATE fundraiser you possibly can because they help support our entire organization.

In closing, I'm not sure when this edition of our Bailing Wire will go to print so I would like to give a final reminder of the ABATE Board of Directors meeting that will be held on May 30, 2015 in Fresno and hosted by Local 24. Make sure you have someone there to bring home up-to-date information for your Local. There will be a lot of discussion regarding current legislation at the PAC meeting and you also will have a chance to network with the Local Presidents. Stay informed and stay current with your ABATE business partners! Dave Hastings



Photo of Guy Corrigan, President of ABATE Local #2, receiving a Proclamation at the Simi Valley City Council meeting on April 20th designating May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in Simi Valley.



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

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by Dave Hastings, Treasurer

Not much measurable progress has been made since last month's article. Chuck Pedersen and Jim Lombardo are still gathering information and looking at our options regarding the 2015 motorcycle legislation slowly making its way through the legislative process in Sacramento.

We were fortunate to have three of our ABATE Board members attend the NCOM convention in Denver, Colorado and they all came home recharged, focused, and ready to carry on the fight for motorcycle freedom here in our home state.

Motorcycle profiling bills are being introduced nationwide and our Board of Directors members benefitted enormously from the opportunity to sit down and discuss the issues with representatives from the other states who are actively involved with this legislation.

One other item I'm proud to pass on is that long time California ABATE member New York Myke was recognized during the Silver Spokes Awards Banquet for his contribution to "Improving the Image of Motorcycling". If you've been involved with our organization for a few years you surely know who New York Myke is and I'm proud to say he was a mentor to me during my early days

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Pac/Treasurer's Report

with ABATE. Even though he has stepped back from the day to day operation of our organization he, like many before him, has left a lasting impression within the motorcycling community. I would like to say "Thank You" to Myke for his personal dedication to ABATE of California and offer my sincere congratulations to him for receiving this well-deserved national recognition from his peers in the motorcycle world.

One of the good things that has occurred since the Sacramento Unification Rally is the establishment of the California Working Group chaired by Rodney Grenier to coordinate and assist all of the different organizations that are working on California motorcycle legislation.

I would like to ask every ABATE Local President and each of our individual members to send a short note to your elected officials in Sacramento concerning our **ABATE opposition to AB 51** as written and also to show **support for AB 334** - the anti-profiling bill.

We are also looking at AB 346 which mandates helmet removal for identification purposes and we will decide our ABATE position on this issue as soon as we can gather more information and present it to our members for discussion.

So, stay tuned and stay ready for necessary action as these bills work their way through the legislature.

In the meantime, please continue to send in your hard earned donations so ABATE of California can finish the job we started so many years ago - protecting your right to ride!

"THANKS TO ALL THAT DO, AND TO THOSE THAT DON'T, PLEASE TRY TO!"
Dave H.

ABATE "Brothers & Sisters" Lost in 2015

Ernie "Godfather" Dorsey, Local 40 President (passed in December 2014);

Frank Conard, Past President of Local 22, and a current ABATE Member;
Sandy (Benjamin) Lake, Local 3/13;
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LOCAL NEWS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Local 1 had a dilemma in May. I canceled our monthly meeting because the Elks Lodge puts its monthly breakfast on the second week of the month instead of the third week because it's Mother's Day and we're at the Regional Rally.

The third week is usually the Guide Dog run and well Local 1 members like to do this. I shall see how well they like to do this run as I have set a time and place to meet to go to this run on Sunday, May 17th.

Our regularly scheduled monthly meetings will be back at the usual time - the 3rd Sunday - in June at the Elks Lodge in Tujunga. I have emailed my Local 1 members of May's meeting agenda.

Local 1 report by Sporty, President

Local #02 Simi Valley



May is a great month for us here in So Cal. The weather is perfect for BBQ-ing! As Local 2 prepares for this evening's meeting, we start out with a great \$5 meal deal! Of course that is BBQ hamburgers/hotdogs with all the fixin's you could want and to top it off we have the generous VFW's bar at our convenience. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 10049 at 4242 East Los Angeles Street. We start serving our fabulous dinner at 6:45 until 7:30 then our meeting starts promptly afterwards. Big thanks to VP Jim and Kelly for cooking this evening! It's always good, period! Just a simple reminder, we ALL volunteer to cook thru-out the year, helping to generate funds for ABATE and the VFW supplies us with a great environment in which to do these meetings.

Pres Guy got us going again with the Pledge. He talked about Local 2's Sweaty Buns Run, which is July 26th! It's with great planning in advance that makes our run successful and leading us to celebrate our 20th run.

Just remember, we all dedicate a lot of time in doing this year after year. We still need volunteer help and your input and help is needed, this is a great once-a-year run we do! We have a lot of great things on the table and we have changed up things just enough to make it even better than before.

VP Jim talked about the separation of personal political views and ABATE. I agree; as JFK once said, "Ask not what ABATE can do for you, ask what you can do for ABATE!"

Jane, our secretary, read the minutes; our treasurer, Pat, gave us our monthly report; PR Norm talked about reading the Bailing Wire on line and being on the radio KNX 1070 to discuss lane sharing.

Frank, our membership coordinator, gave us our monthly report; run coordinator Bob talked about the last run and the new flyers for our Sweaty Buns Run as well as future Local 2 runs.

I stress this out again - a BIG THANK YOU to the VFW for letting us use their facility, it's awesome! And a big thanks to all the Officers of Local 2. We do a lot of footwork, research and meetings prior to our monthly meetings. We don't shoot from the hip, as they say, while making a meeting. We come up with an Agenda every month and have the best meetings monthly as possible! We miss all who couldn't make it and hope to see you at the next meeting.

Ride safer than the last time, PTL norm e.

Local # 3/13 Thousand Oaks/Ventura

Lots of fun was had at the Regional Rally in Victorville last month. It was great to meet some new friends and 'party' with old ones, (who said 'old'?). There were the usual (and hilarious) bike games, vendors selling cool 'biker stuff' and just a great casual atmosphere to enjoy our ABATE family. We also had the pleasure of meeting up with Dave "Deacon" Phillips, founder of the American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education. He had some great stories to share about our past and our purpose.

Local 44 folks were there in grand force and style, not to mention Carol, Tina and the mass of people it takes to pull off an event like this. Saturday night Local 3/13 was invited to an incredible and blessed dinner with Local 44's potluck party. Yum! Thank you, ALL! We were 'fighting over' the last piece of pie, right Dave?

Our own "Motorcycle Awareness Run" held April 26, was a huge success. Lots of great raffle prizes were donated and then won by appreciative attendees! Everyone enjoyed the beautiful ride through the local canyons, the fabulous route being planned by our veteran rider and Treasury Officer, Don Martin. Thanks to everyone that supported ABATE and attended this important run. The after party at Azar's Sport's Bar was a great way to end the run. "American Steele" was rockin' the house and everyone danced and enjoyed their classic rock style. This also marks the start of our Sunday-Funday Rides, the fourth Sunday of each month. We'll meet at Azar's Sports Grill at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast, k/u (kickstands up) 10:00 a.m. SHARP ... for a ride together and finish the day with the great music of "American Steel!"

Our Local 3/13 is growing and always welcoming NEW members. Bike Nights 1st Thursdays 7pm @ Azar's; General Membership Meeting 3rd Thursdays 7pm @ Elks Lodge in Thousand Oaks; and Sunday rides EVERY Sunday, start @ Azar's k/u 10:00. Come Join Us ...for fun and to support your motorcycle riding rights! Kathleen

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



ABATE Local 17 of Napa, Solano and Yolo counties continues to grow! At our highly successful Bingo Run on April 25, we picked up two new members - James Hinchman and Chuck Loeth, and a new business member, Steele Canyon Saloon. Welcome to all! Great weather, great riding on great roads, great fun and the opportunity to be a visible and proactive presence in the community!

Our 18th Annual American Hot Rod and 21st Annual Ride In Bike Show is just a few weeks away on Sunday, June 7th, from 11 am to 5 pm at Iron Steed Harley-Davidson, located at 100 Auto Center Drive in Vacaville. We are still looking for volunteers to help with parking and other tasks. With thousands of people attending this event, it is one of our favorite events, and the proceeds help support our local charities and our mission. Visit www.abate17.org or our Facebook page to find out more.

Spring and summer give us lots of opportunity to ride. We encourage everyone to participate in not only our Local's events, but also support other club and organizations when they have runs; ride with friends; or just go and explore a road that you have never been on before. It is good for the soul!

Stay informed and take action! There are always things going on in our government that can and will affect our freedom to ride. Visit our ABATE17.org website to keep up with what is happening with the AB 51 (Lane Splitting) and AB 334 (Anti-Profiling) bills. Speak up; make your voice heard by contacting your state and federal legislators, Assembly members and members of Congress. It is also a good idea to connect with your local officials, let them know what ABATE is all about. They can be valuable allies.

Ride safe, Ride FREE! Shauna

Local #20 Orange County



24 members were at the meeting tonight. Spike had great news and good information regarding the NCOM meeting this past week in Denver. ABATE, the COC and NCOM are working together on anti-profiling AB 334. There were over 1,000 bikers there; the largest attendance Spike has seen. The COC rented a conference room for a get together to talk about having a representative in every area so all will have input and it is very important that every group member is on the same page. The language/wording is very important regarding how the bill is written. He also said that after the state of Washington passed their anti-profiling bill, police harassment has dropped 90%.

Gill reminded us that if a patch holder is denied access to any business because they are wearing a patch, that he or Spike needs to be informed and if there are any posted signs that patches are not welcome, take a picture, send it to Gill along with the business name and address.

Anna Bryson's name was pulled for the dollar draw but was not at the meeting so we now have \$86.00 for next month's draw. The non-politically correct, Gill

Local #23 San Bernardino

We had a great show of support for ABATE Local 23 this year at the Regional Rally. With family and friends showing up, we had about 25 people that came out for this fun weekend. We didn't win the Horseshoe Tournament or the Bike Show but we had some really good BBQ ribs and corn on the cob. The weather was perfect on Saturday and Sunday.

LOCAL NEWS



We have been actively recruiting new memberships - Welcome John and Christine Lowe, and welcome back to Charles Maverick!

As this goes to press we are getting ready for our annual Chili Cook Off on May 16th. The winners will all be posted on our Facebook page. This is always a friendly competition and we are eager to see who the winners will be this year. Good Luck!

Our next Bike Night will be on June 12th from 7-9 pm. Please see our flyer in this issue. Hope to see some new faces there also.

Tammy Odell

Local #25 Sacramento



Lil' David called the meeting to order at 7:02 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ruby welcomed Rick Dobbs a returning visitor. We had 5 members present.

PAC Report: Gary reported that AB 334 has been put on suspense. Assemblyman Cooley won't speak on a suspense bill. AB 51 is going to Appropriations. AB 8 is set for the Public Safety Committee. SB 192, the bicycle helmet bill has been gutted.

Runs/Events: May 30 is the 2nd quarterly state Board of Directors meeting in Fresno. Southern Regional Rally is Mother's Day weekend in Victorville.

Lil' David is selling Membership Drive Raffle Tickets. This pays for the Membership Drive contest. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32. David S.

Local #52 Grass Valley



Hi folks! I would like to start out by asking the membership for more ideas on fundraising. Steve Shoemaker has put in his time - above and beyond - and certainly some money out of pocket to keep us in the black. While his efforts are greatly appreciated I sure would like to diversify the efforts. It shouldn't fall on one member's shoulders. Give me your feedback on this!

On that note, I would like to put together a run and see what kind of revenue we can generate. We have pulled back from those in the last few years mainly because of low membership. A repercussion of low membership is low volunteer turnout. We are now up to 29 members and growing a bit every year. Our good friend Kerry Foucht's daughter is fighting cancer and I can't think of a better reason to raise money than to help one of our own (see Wendy Foucht at GoFundMe). I'm thinking October to avoid the many conflicts of the summer rides, and most years it is still warm enough to keep it appealing. Give me some ideas on stops, folks that you know that can help with raffle prizes, local bands that we might have at the end, etc. More than anything, I'd like to get a feel for how many of you would be willing to help with staffing the run before we commit. It's a bit risky to invest in something like this and then cancel due to lack of interest.

As they do every year, the City Councils of Grass Valley and Nevada City, as well as the Nevada County Board of Supervisors issued our proclamations for Motorcycle Awareness Month. I normally send the requests in about mid-April. Next year I will get them out in March so we get an earlier heads up on the meeting date. My hope is that if I can get the word out to you a bit sooner we'll get a better turn out at the meeting. I'm not sure how much of an impression we make as an organization when only one member shows up to receive the proclamation.

A reminder of the annual membership challenge. Bring us one new member! More is better, but if everyone can just sign up one new member....well do the math! Businesses you know? Friends and family? C'mon!

Ride safe. Craig

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May 2015

Motorcycle Safety Awareness

In 1987, the State of California initiated a statewide motorcycle safety program designed to promote safety through the education and training of novice motorcycle riders.

Since 2008, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) has partnered with public and private motorcycle safety stakeholder organizations to develop a comprehensive effort to address an increase of motorcyclist fatalities and injuries on the state's roadways. This effort has resulted in a significant decrease in motorcyclist involved fatalities.

During the month of May, the California Motorcyclist Safety Program, the CHP, and national, state, and local motorcycle safety organizations join together to increase awareness by motorcyclists and motorists of the need to safely coexist on California's roadways.

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ABATE attends Assembly member Tom Daly's event by "Spike"

Assembly member Tom Daly representing District 69, recently took time out of his busy schedule to host his now annual event in Anaheim. Pictured here with Assemblyman Tom Daly and his wife Debbie are members of ABATE's state board and local 20, Gill Mellen and Spike. Tom Daly, very familiar with ABATE and its local reps, has a very active part in the legislative works in our State Capitol. He has already worked for veterans issues, of which the biker community is very much comprised and supportive of and he is an active committee member. Not only

does Tom Daly chair the Insurance committee, he is also a member of the following committees: Appropriations, Governmental Organization, Transportation and Veteran Affairs, all very important to ABATE's political agendas. The evening was a great success and not only gave our ABATE representatives a chance to chat with Daly and his supportive staff but also get to know other political and attending guests and share with them ABATE and some of our biker issues. I would encourage all ABATE members to get to know your local political representatives.

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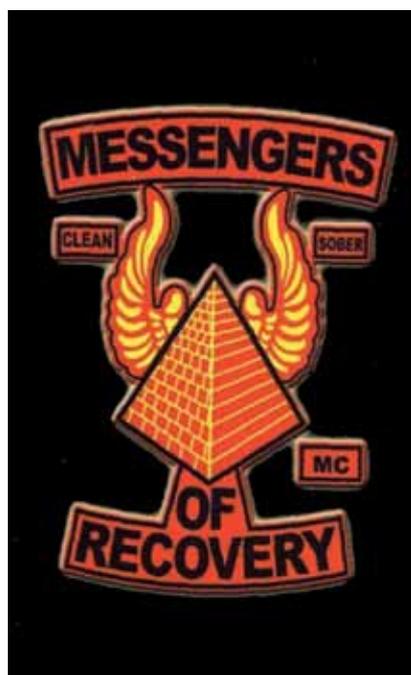
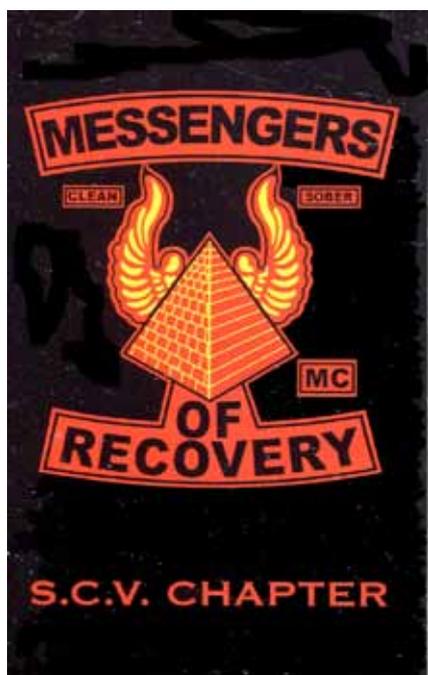
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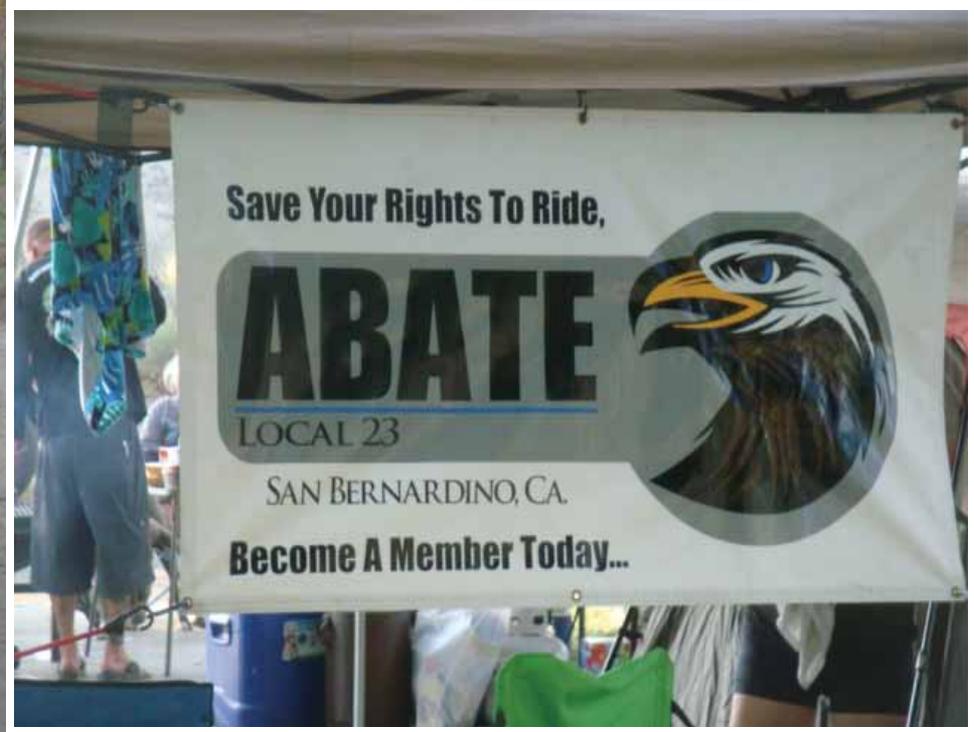
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Tech Tips

by Craig Griswold



Evo Upgrade

Today's Harley-Davidson motorcycles are a pretty nice product! Swing a leg over a late model bike with a 103" engine and you can't help but be pleasantly surprised by the power on tap from a bone stock bike. This has not always been the case! For example, the stock Evolution 80" motor, albeit a nice technological jump from the Shovelhead, was kind of a dog right out of the box. Naturally, owner demand and aftermarket supply would give way to numerous performance options. As with all things performance, the more conservative options lend themselves to stock reliability, while the wild drag strip set-ups will earn you bragging rights at the expense of more frequent overhauls and parts replacement. Here's one of our favorites for the Evo that wakes things right up! It is a nice jump in power without sacrificing reliability.

This project will involve a top-end rebuild and as long as the bottom-end checks out we can leave that in place. After top-end disassembly, check out your connecting rod end-play, wrist pin bushing clearance and flywheel run-out at the pinion shaft per service wear specs. Also check out the rocker arm shaft to bushing clearances.

We send the heads to Branch-O'Keefe (formerly known as Branch Flowmetrics) in Signal Hill, CA. We use the #4 head with Branch's pistons that, as advertised, will bring the compression ratio up from the stock 8.5:1 to 8.9:1.



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We have the compression ratio set to around 9.5:1 which they will accomplish by decking the heads. Doesn't sound like a huge leap, but this is an outstanding set-up when paired with the Andrews EV-51 camshaft. Not enough compression to worry about detonation and strain on parts, but plenty to wake up this motor.

When installing the EV-51 we do some of the normal clearance checks although there is rarely any need for modification. Cam lobe to engine case and cam lobe to lifter block will suffice. If less than .060" a little machining with the pencil grinder will do. Valve to valve, valve to piston, and rocker to top cover will not be an issue with the .510 lift of this cam, even with the decking of the heads as previously mentioned.

Lastly, check cam gear to pinion gear fitment. If this is too loose excessive gear backlash will produce a noise that sounds much like a lifter tick. If too tight, you'll get gear whine. The measurement process is outlined in the service manual and is very simple to do. Different size cam gears can be purchased to establish a better fit.

There are many more aggressive performance packages that can be done and we'll write about those in the future. All builds have to be tailored to the riding style. A set-up that blows the numbers out of the water at the drag strip will not be fun on the street. However, if you have a bike that you would just like to find the happy medium that gives you better ET's at the track and you still want to ride it to work every day, there's a number of builds for that too.

Ride safe!

(Craig Griswold and Mary Kirby are the owners of Two Gunners Custom Iron in Penn Valley, CA. Questions and comments can be sent to e-mail: craig@twogunnerscustomiron.com, or call 530-263-8071. Additional information can be found on the web at: twogunnerscustomiron.com).

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Lee "Sporty" Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hi all! Hope you have been trying to get new members for the Membership Drive. Also, do like Local 17 did and sell those Membership Funding tickets. This is what you can do to help pay for the Drive.

There are many events for you to get new members. Especially, since we could use their support to help us in our fight with the bills AB 51 and AB 334.

Don't forget to reward your member renewals with renewal trinkets. It does not cost much for a trinket and they show your care about the membership of your Local. I will leave the creativity of the trinkets up to you.

I am hoping that we can acquire at least 150 new members by the end of the year. Again if any of you have questions regarding the Membership Drive or just memberships in general, email me at Williammilligan285@yahoo.com. Help ABATE out by getting new members and please, once you get a member, strive to keep that new member.

Thanks again for listening. Regards, Sporty Milligan, wearing the Membership hat.

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Motorcycle Safety Report

by Norm e. Newiger
Stay Focused

In a previous article I stated, ride as a teacher and you will learn as well (4-15-14, Who's the Enemy). So after a year or so, did you? We subconsciously teach ourselves the dos and don'ts of riding and that's a great thing that is automatic in our lives and pretty much with everything that we do as well. But, have you progressed or are you stagnant and satisfied with your own growth? Do we tend to relax when we think we know it all? I will admit that I kinda do, or mostly do, but I do use my judgment when I do relax while riding; on the open road in the middle of nowhere is a good place to feel this way, kinda like a single guard, guarding the campsite while the other 14 persons are asleep. It's a different story while riding on the 405 freeway at 5:30 pm. You have to be focused because they are all out to get you and if you blink, it might be too late. We do have multiple levels of being focused, inter city riding is not easier or safer than any crazy freeway system, and I think it's more dangerous as well, it might not be as lethal, but the risks are greater.

I've always talked about drivers of other vehicles' disabilities while driving, i.e. on their cell phone, texting, eating, besieged by personal issues, buzzed, etc. etc. just too much to list. But what about Bob on his Harley? What's his mindset? Could our mental health be a danger to ourselves and others? How about our physical health? I had a friend that used his motorcycle for suicide once, he succeeded. I had another friend who used to ride his hard tail until it nearly killed him after the fact; a few hard bumps would trigger his bad back so bad it would bring tears to his eyes besides the knife feeling in his back, he's a soft tail person now. There are a lot of things that can change our focus while riding, the scenery around us is one, even a good looking woman or man walking down the sidewalk, I have to be liberal or sexually correct while writing nowadays! I've always said that if you don't feel mentally good to ride, then don't! And this applies to the way you physically feel as well, and that goes for the hung-over half asleep persons as well.

Staying focused while riding is important and becomes second nature to you, it's just like smiling while you actually want to punch someone in the face, and you all know this! In all that you do while riding, everything determines how focused you should be, weather included. They say don't be fixated on an object for more than 5 seconds, it could be very hazardous to you, I say 1 second, depending on your situation, because you never know what's going to happen at any given time. I'm not saying that being focused is this big mental thing that you've got to figure out, it does come naturally when you think about it, but you have to remind yourself constantly and that's not a bad thing when you're zipping thru un-charted mountains you become more focused because of the unknown, it just kicks in. It's like tunnel vision and you're locked into your surroundings as you ride. My example is this, I'm a musician (bassist) in multiple bands, when I play I have to be focused on



the song while doing all the things that I do, I didn't learn it in a day, but I knew that that's what has to be done and made it a conscious thing until it became second nature, I take this the same way as I ride, no matter what the conditions may be.

The month of May is one of the best months to be riding your bike in So Cal and many other places, the start of long days and cooler temperatures make for a great start of the riding season. I also had talked about getting your bike ready for the bulk of the riding season that could be 7 months of 2 wheel bliss. The great state of California provides us with temperate zones from the ocean to the high desert in which the temperature fluctuates 30 plus degrees and 40 degrees is not uncommon. This change could be mind altering and or change your body's wants and needs, from the hot desert to the cool beach, your brain says cool, but from the beach to the super hot high desert hell, it says whoa!

They say that May is motorcycle awareness month and I say it should be every month! We need to push for motorcycle awareness signs in all high traffic areas, period! It's a mental thing for drivers to see signs and now know of our presence just like deer crossing signs etc. The subliminal message sticks into our brains, therefore we all know of our surroundings and confrontational possibilities; let's share the focus of all vehicle drivers and riders, what a concept.

My biggest thought about focus is the issue of lane sharing/lane splitting; it seems to be in the cross-hairs recently and will be in the forefront soon. A recent study from the office of traffic safety says that a mere 53% of Californians are aware that the

practice is legal. That means almost half of the drivers think lane splitting is unlawful, if this is true, who is to blame for this? If the DMV is highly serious about this current issue then I think it's their job to educate the general public that drives on all our roads and not to let vehicle drivers hear about it in a round about way. Lane splitting should be done in a safe manner with respect to all vehicles in their approximate area, it's a bad rap for us when a small percent of riders hot dog it and freak out drivers in their area of travel, we've all seen these riders and I think that's how we are being judged, I'm not going to get into saying it's those other riders on rice rockets with too much power between their legs. It's about a level playing field for all riders. Here is a couple of facts, it is illegal to intentionally block or impede a motorcyclist in a way that could cause harm to the rider (CVC 22400) and opening a vehicle door to impede a motorcycle is illegal as well (CVC 22517).

My thoughts on lane splitting are this: It's legal, and we should embrace the safety issues when we do split lanes, it's not only for our safety but to others as well because we don't know how people re-act, period. Lane splitting is safe and does not cause accidents, it might frustrate vehicle drivers because we get to weave thru the traffic while they don't, my solution is, join us on 2 wheels! I think most responsible good riders lane split with respect to others, and the real facts for us is about doing it safely time after time, this is about staying focused 360 degree's.

The important things we must do is, be visible, use your turn signals, do not become distracted, check your mirrors and blind spots continuously, make sure you have escape routes, avoiding jerks by being patient, be smooth about passing vehicles and not the jerky movements that could cause you to crash. I've never just passed one vehicle while lane splitting, it's continuous until I've attained the speed limit as the traffic smoothes out. Here's the last important fact of lane splitting, who is liable? If an accident happens while a motorcyclist is lane splitting, there is a good chance that fault for the accident will be attributed to the rider. If the insurance adjuster or courts finds that the motorcyclist's carelessness was a substantial cause of the accident, the rider is out of luck when it comes to recovering damages. However, if the rider can prove that the other driver contributed to the accident the rider may be partially or fully compensated for injuries and damages because of the accident. Just remember this, we are not the only ones that can cause an accident, stuff happens real fast and safety while lane splitting is very important, stay focused and enjoy your freedom by being respectful, and making good choices as you ride.

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NCOM HAILS THIRD DECADE WITH DENVER CONVENTION: You could smell it in the air, as distinct as a Denver dispensary and just as intoxicating; unity and cooperation in the face of critical challenges affecting today's motorcyclists. "Coming Together" in one of the largest gatherings of bikers' rights activists in America, the 30th annual NCOM Convention, May 7th-10th in Denver, Colorado addressed issues of mutual concern for the betterment of biking.

For three decades, over Mother's Day weekend, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists has provided a forum for diverse factions of the motorcycle community to meet in the spirit of teamwork to tackle topics such as Biker Anti-Profitting legislation, Save the Patch litigation, Freedom of the Road and Use of the Courts, as well as seminars on Public Relations and Social Media, Lobbying 101 and Working with your Legislators.

Friday's Opening Ceremonies was one of the best-attended ever, and the energetic congregation of concerned riders from across the country encompassed various segments of motorcycling from clubs to rights organizations, and from touring groups to sportbikers; all there to learn and share with mutual respect.

Special Meetings were on the weekend's agenda in support of NCOM's many outreach programs for Women in Motorcycling; Clean and Sober Roundtable; National Sport Bike Association (NSBA); and Christian Unity Conference, in addition to the Confederation of Clubs General Patch Holders Meeting.

During the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, several honorees were recognized for their contributions to "Improving The Image of Motorcycling", including; MEDIA: Joe Teresi - Easyriders Magazine; COMMERCE: New York Myke - San Diego Harley-Davidson; LEGAL: Joe Ritzo - AIM Attorney for ME, NH, MA & VT; ENTERTAINMENT: Danny "The Count" Koker - "Counting Cars" History Channel TV show; SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Larry Lindsey - Dixie ABATE, AL; and NCOM's highest honor, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award, was presented to Jerry Theophilopoulos - AIM Attorney for Florida.

Next year's 31st Annual NCOM Convention will be held May 5th-8th, 2016 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. For further information, contact NCOM at (800) ON-A-BIKE or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

RIGHT-TO-REPAIR DECISION EXPECTED FROM U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE: In July, the U.S. Copyright Office (USCO) is expected to issue a decision about a vehicle owner's right to alter any of the computer software or code that controls the vehicle's operations. Though the decision is based on briefs filed by agricultural and automotive vehicle manufacturers, it could potentially have implications for motorcycles, ATV, UTV, personal watercraft and other vehicles that use computer software to control ignition, fuel, stability, traction, braking and other vehicle operating systems.

In the briefs, the manufacturers argue that allowing owners, non-manufacturer approved service technicians or anyone but their own designated technicians to view or alter the computer software or codes is not allowed under the anti-circumvention prohibition in Section 1201 of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) which, if applied as manufacturers suggest, restricts vehicle software inspection, repair, and modification. The original intent of the DMCA, however, was more to prevent code copying that could involve copyright infringement.

Every three years, the Librarian of Congress, working with the Copyright Office, hears requests from members of the public whose speech and other rights are affected by the law and considers whether to grant exemptions.

MARYLAND ENACTS BAN ON MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS: The Maryland legislature has joined a growing list of states to prohibit law enforcement officers from conducting roadside checkpoints that specifically target motorcyclists. H.B. 917, introduced by Maryland Delegate Benjamin Kramer (D-Wheaton) and companion bill S.B. 716 introduced by state Senator Jammie Raskin (D-Takoma Park) state that "a police officer at a motor vehicle checkpoint may not target only motorcycles for inspection or evaluation."

The bipartisan legislation passed unanimously in the House 137-0 on March 19, and the Senate 47-0 on March 29, and was signed into law on May 12, making Mary-



land the eighth state to pass a law against motorcycle-only checkpoints, while another 11 states have prohibited such discriminatory roadblocks either on constitutional grounds or by judicial action.

KANSAS LAW CREATES NEW "AUTOCYCLE" VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION: Under a new law in Kansas, "Autocycle" is now defined as a three-wheel motorcycle that has a steering wheel and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride it. House Bill 2044, signed into law by Governor Sam Brownback on May 7, 2015 after passing the legislature near-unanimously by both chambers, creates the new classification of vehicles which proponents say are neither cars nor motorcycles and need their own classification to protect drivers from breaking the law.

The federal government classifies any vehicle with less than four wheels as a motorcycle, which requires a motorcycle license to operate, but some say the motorcycle license test isn't helpful for operating autocycles because they aren't driven the same way. "It's a requirement that makes absolutely no sense," said Joel Sheltrown, vice president of governmental affairs for Elio Motors, a Phoenix company that plans to start making autocycles in 2016. "My customer base, a lot of them, don't have motorcycle licenses and they're not going to go out and rent a motorcycle, learn how to drive it, go down and take a test just so they can drive our vehicle, especially seniors."

HB 2044 allows drivers to operate an autocycle without a motorcycle endorsement, and Sheltrown said about 18 states are working on legislation for autocycles and six states already passed laws for defining autocycles. Otherwise, out-of-state drivers could run into trouble if they drive into a state where a motorcycle license is required, as drivers would automatically be breaking the law and could face tickets or possibly get their vehicle impounded until they could prove they had a motorcycle license.

OREGON SENATE PASSES LANE SPLITTING BILL: Oregon motorcycle riders are one step closer to splitting lanes thanks to SB 694. The bill, which would legalize lane splitting under specific traffic conditions, passed 18-10 in the state Senate with bipartisan support, and now moves on to the Oregon House for debate and a final approval vote or amendment.

The measure would allow lane splitting when traffic is stopped or slowed to 10 mph or less, with motorcycle riders allowed to split lanes not in excess of 20 mph. Lane splitting is only permitted on roads 50 mph or higher and forbidden between lanes going in opposite directions.

During the committee discussion that sent the bill to the Senate floor, lawmakers complimented advocates for the legislation. "It's been some of the most effective citizen lobbying I've seen on a bill," said Senator Sara Gelser (D). "It was persistent, helpful, useful and fact-based and I really appreciated it."

Another committee member, Senator Ginny Burdick (D), also said of the measure: "I can't remember a time when I've ever been more opposed to a bill, then turned around and supported it. The advocates on this did a very nice job."

WISCONSIN ACTS TO LEGALIZE COLORED LIGHTING: The Wisconsin legislature has passed a bill legalizing colored motorcycle lights. Current Wisconsin law (and in most U.S. States) prohibits operating a motor vehicle with lights other than white or amber in front and red in the rear.

The bill's Assembly sponsor, John Jagler (R-Watertown), says colored LED lights are becoming more popular on motorcycles. He says more lights will increase motorcycle visibility, making them safer. Under the bill, people could equip their motorcycles with any color lights aside blue as long as they don't flash or rotate.

The Assembly passed the bill last month. The Senate passed the bill on a voice vote on May 6, sending the measure to Governor Scott Walker.

In the meantime, a similar measure HB 3944 would amend 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". The measure passed Senate Transportation Committee 16-0 on May 13 and has been placed on the Senate calendar.

GEORGIA GOVERNOR VETOES "DEAD RED" BILL: Georgia Governor Nathan Deal has vetoed a bill passed by the state legislature that would have allowed cyclists, both bicyclists and motorcyclists, to ride through unresponsive red lights, sometimes referred to as "dead red" legislation.

On May 12, 2015 the governor nixed Senate Bill 76: "Motorcycle Mobility Safety Act" relating to the safe operation of a motorcycle; inoperative traffic-control signal, issuing the following veto message:

"While I am sympathetic to the concerns and causes of motorcyclists and bicyclists, this legislation does not provide an adequate solution and presents a confusing exception to motorists. Furthermore, Senate Bill 76 would eliminate the current 15-inch height restriction placed on motorcycle handlebars. Motorcycles equipped with handlebars more than 15 inches in height pose a safety hazard due to the increased difficulty in steering and decreased control. In 2014, crashes involving motorcycles and bicycles accounted for 13 percent of the fatalities on Georgia roads, and I do not see how this legislation will enhance roadway safety. Therefore, in the interest of providing the necessary roadway safety Georgians deserve, I hereby VETO Senate Bill 76."

AUSSIE COPS DROP TERM "CRIMINAL MOTORCYCLE GANGS" FOR P.C. "OUTLAW" TAG: Queensland police have dropped the term "criminal motorcycle gangs" for bikies in a sign of a new political climate; quietly reverting to the more widely used "outlaw" tag, the description used by the new Labor police minister.

The term CMG was coined by the former Newman government, which directed police to adopt it from the outset of its legislative and public relations campaign against bikies in 2013. However, the new Palaszczuk Labor government is reviewing the controversial "bikie laws", including anti-association and mandatory sentencing provisions, after pre-election promises to repeal them.

A government source told Guardian Australia that all other Australian police forces, as well as the Australian Crime Commission, refer to the bikies as OMCs, adding that bikies refer to themselves as outlaw motorcycle clubs, "1%" clubs or simply motorcycle clubs.

WEIRD NEWS: BRITON DEPORTED FOR RIDING NUDE: A British man was to be deported from Cambodia after he was caught riding a motorcycle naked. The 24-year-old student from the University of the West of Scotland, was booted out for "violating the beautiful customs and culture" of the country.

He spent the weekend in jail after being caught with two other nude riders, a 22-year-old Finnish woman and a 30-year-old Italian man, appearing in a video posted on YouTube before being stopped by police 50 miles after shedding their clothes. It's been reported they are to be permanently barred from Cambodia for indecent exposure.

Kandal police chief Eav Chamroeun told the Phnom Penh Post: "I think that this was the first time there have been foreign people driving motorcycles naked in Cambodia. Their actions have seriously violated Cambodia's integrity, the beautiful customs and culture of Cambodia, and Cambodian law. We cannot allow them to commit pornography like this in our country."

Sok Phal, head of the Ministry of Interior's immigration department, said: "The General Department of Immigration has asked the leadership of the Ministry of Interior to expel them from the country as punishment."

INSURER CLAIMS MOTORCYCLISTS ARE THEIR OWN WORST ENEMY: According to Progressive Insurance, single-vehicle mishaps accounted for more motorcycle-related claims last year than any other event. The insurer processed 3.5 times more of such claims than for rear-end crashes, the next-most common motorcycle incident. Excess speed is the most common rider-related factor in fatal motorcycle accidents. Riding while intoxicated on alcohol or controlled substances is another leading cause of motorcycle accidents where another vehicle is not involved.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The object and practice of liberty lies in the limitation of governmental power." ~ Douglas MacArthur (1880-1964) General of the Army, Medal of Honor recipient.

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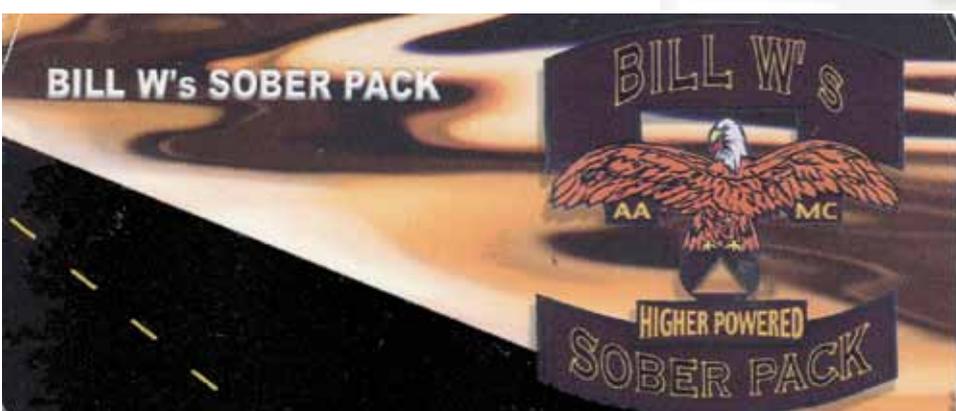
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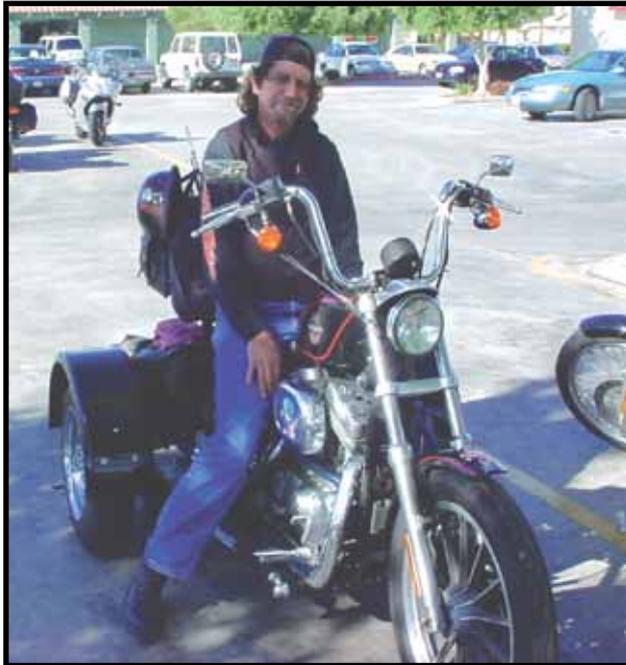
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Sporty's Rides

by Lee "Sporty" Milligan

Greetings all ABATE freedom fighters and peeps. I am back to work now and it's been kind of a stretch. They have me doing hand work. That means I am using a weed eater and going up and down slopes. I have been trying to figure out how to do this safely and with some measure of swiftness. I am working with a couple of young guys that are 28 and 34 yrs. old. They sort of work circles around me, but I am doing my best to keep up. I guess they respect me for that. My other co-worker, Nate, is my age and says we're not spring chickens so it's only natural we're not going to be as fast as the younger guys. I am a Mighty Milligan so I will rise above this and persevere.

Now on with the show. April 26th a hearty group of Local 1 members met up at the Woodland Hills Park & Ride lot and rode to the Local 3/13 Motorcycle Awareness run. Our group consisted of Mr. Glen Cheslock, Odie, Sporty and the lone female was Jeri Alexander aka Blazen. It was kind of windy, but not windy enough to stop us from going. We arrived at the starting point which was the Elks Lodge in Thousand Oaks and were greeted by Chuck Pedersen and his members. They offered, and we bought, breakfast served up by the Elks Lodge staff. It was quite good. We then picked up another rider, Mark Cobin from ABATE Local 21, who wanted to join our motley crew. Since I know the route for this area and since I have a tank bag I led us on the route. The first stop was the Rock Store. We got our poker run sheets signed and low and behold I spotted Russ Brown. I had to talk to him. Yes it was making up to be a good day. The next stop was at Three Points. That is the road that consists of Schueren, Pieuma and Saddle Peak roads. The dude doing the check point was doing the Maytag repairman post or the Lonesome Dove post or a one man show post, any way he was by himself. Leaving the second check post we rode on some mountain roads that were like the big girl models – curvy, until we arrived at a place in Thousand Oaks that sells off road vehicles and Yamaha bikes. They even sell those sporty copies the Bolt. No you can't beat the original right? But I hear they're selling well. Final stop was a sports grill called Azar's. TV sets, good food and girls who were very nice and firm to make this old biker take notice. I bought raffle tickets and won some awesome prizes, which I reused for the Regional Rally. So my group was well received especially Blazen. I want to personally thank the 3/13 ABATE crew for putting on a very enjoyable run. It was great to see the mem-



bers who showed up to support. It was really neat to see Don Martin still doing his money thing for the Local. I admire that type of steadfast loyalty to the Local and to ABATE. That's what it's all about.

May 2nd I attended the Westside HOG chapter monthly meeting. Again I gave a talk about the various bills – AB 334 and AB 51. I also passed out copies of the May is Motorcycle Awareness Month proclamation signed by Governor Brown.

From there I went to Barger HD. There I saw Loretta Barger and got her to ok giving me a raffle prize for the Regional Rally. Thank you Loretta! It was well received at the run.

From there I went to Glendale HD to see if I could get a raffle prize from their dealership. It was demo days so they were taking folks out to ride the new models. Yes, I got a raffle prize. I spoke with Emily who is Oliver's daughter.

Ok, so after farting around the dealership some more. I left to go to Office Depot in Sylmar/San Fernando to use their FAX machine to fax the members of the Assembly Appropriations committee so I could tell them to remove AB 334 from the suspension list. Problem was after 6 committee members FAXs came back busy. Disappointed, I left for home and decided to craft a word form letter on my computer. So I snail mailed all the committee members because we had until May 28th to convince them to remove the AB 334 from the suspension list.

Tuesday, May 5th, I had to leave early from work and take a blood test because they said there was something wrong with my kidneys and they needed

more blood to check it out. It had spiked in the wrong direction since I had started doing physical work. So I drove my truck to the work site and left for Kaiser to get the blood test about 2 pm.

After the test I went home and got my bike and rode to Glendale HD and got a couple of really nice raffle prizes. Thank you very much to the staff at Glendale HD you guys are wonderful and treat me well.

Thursday night, May 7th, I got home and the weather looked iffy. Renee, my best one, said there was a change in plans. I was going to take her Honda Ridge Line to the Regional Rally. I packed the truck up the night before the run and left early the next morning. Stopped at fellow Local 1 member Jim Nickla's house to get raffle prizes as he would not be going due to a messed up back. These prizes were kind of like fill ins as they are old, but not used, Love Ride stuff from years gone by.

Made it to the Regional Rally site, the Shady Oasis Kampground in Victorville by 9.15 am. It was gloomy and cold but no rain except for a few sprinkles. Around an hour later Iceman, another Local 1 member, showed up to help me work the raffle booth. We had Iceman, Lil' David and Board member Mark Loudermilk and myself working. Patty who usually helps us was pre-occupied with her husband Fred. He also hurt his back and was needing his wife to baby sit him. Due to the iffy weather Friday the crowd size was down considerable. Those who were there got some nice raffle prizes and some great music from the band, The Pack. They do a great job doing tunes that the folks like. The DJ also rocked as he came up with some CSN tunes when requested.

I personally want to thank the dedicated job that the Regional Rally committee did this year to put on a fine rally. I also want to thank Iceman for filling in for the past two years and for putting up with me this year in the booth. This is what being an ABATE member is all about, working for a common cause of fighting tooth decay (bad laws against bikers in California) then doing the fundraisers and having fun. Know that next year's rally be will be fun, too and you should come out and enjoy it with us!

A final note: Flash! The Little Truck That Could aka Sporty's 89 Toyota had to be rushed to the truck repair doctor as the clutch went out. It's being repaired as I write this column. Well wishers can send me a note at williammilligan285@yahoo.com and I will see that it is received.

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Till next time, Your Faithful ABATE Scribe, Sporty.



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Recently the off-road community was caught totally off guard by the passage of Assembly Bill 1595 that severely impacts the ability to modify and use "upgraded" off-highway side-by-side vehicles.

AB 1595 prohibits the use of (approved/sanctioned racing style) seat belt harnesses, prohibits the addition of full roll cages, and requires mandatory helmet use in these and ONLY these vehicles.

Portions of this law go into effect on January 1, 2013 and all parts of the law will be enforced on July 1, 2013. AB 1595 will have an immediate and very negative impact on side-by-side safety and prevent the use of many of these family recreational vehicles that have been upgraded with additional safety equipment.

Please join ABATE of California in our quest to repeal this poorly written legislation and help us restore the rights of side-by-side owners statewide who use these vehicles for safe and responsible family off-road recreation.

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