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# A Union of Motorcyclists Dedicated to Freedom of the Road Lobbyist's Legislative Report

## James Sr & James Jr.



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The Legislature is hearing Bills at a rapid pace as the April/May deadlines approach; April Deadline for bills to pass 1st policy committees

and May to pass the Appropriations Fiscal Committees!

So far AB 47 Daly (D-Anaheim) that dissuade distracted drivers from using cell phones ANYTIME while driving or incur a point penalty on their License and AB 390 Frazier (D-Vacaville), Chair of Assembly Transportation Committee, which will reinstate the fixit ticket for noise violations. Currently it is a \$400.00 fine plus penalty assessments- close to \$1000.00, plus fixing/replacing your pipes! Both are waiting a hearing in Assembly Appropriations. Then to the full Assembly in June.

We are working very diligently to pass both of these important Motorcycle bills.

SB 767 Senator Glazer (D – East Bay) is double referred and set to be heard in Senate Governmental Organization Committee next!

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# **Bills at a Glance**

**ABATE Supporting:** 

AB-47 Daly (D – Anaheim/ Frazier (D – Vacaville) Driver records: points: distracted driving would make the ticket for holding your phone while driving a moving violation and point on your Driving Record. Jim Lombardo Sr. testified in Committee on behalf of ABATE as we helped secure the 13-0 Vote, it now heads to Appropriations Committee. All DMV related Bills are sent to the Suspense File until further Notice. This Bill was amended to not take effect until January 1st, 2021.

*AB 390 Frazier (D - Vacaville)/Grayson (D - Concord) Notice to correct violations: motorcycle exceptions.* It will be heard in late April/Early May in Appropriations and puts back noise violation to a fix it ticket – not a notice to appear, ABATE's Lobbyist will Testify in Support at Committee and assist the Sponsors of the Bill through Political Process.

## **ABATE Opposing:**

SB 767 Glazer (D – East Bay). Off-highway vehicular recreation: Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area: Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area. This bill would authorize the department to dispose of the portion of the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area known as the "Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area" to permanently preserve that land for conservation purposes. Passed out of Senate Natural Resources with Republicans Votinh No and Senator Hueso (D – East San Diego) not voting. It is Double Referred and is next up in Senate Governmental Organization Committee

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# What is ABATE?

ABATE is a motorcyclists' rights organization dedicated to preserving freedom of choice and freedom of the road on or off with emphasis on education and safety. Although not a club, our members are active in programs for public awareness and motorcycle safety and in supporting many types of charity events. There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclist's rights and safety with payment of the appropriate fees.

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## ABATE OF CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER

# **Executive Director Report**

# by Mark Loudermilk

We just had our second quarter Board of Directors meeting and for a change had it online. I want to thank Janet and Chuck and any others that helped ABATE members become acquainted and comfortable with using Free Conference Call. And I also want to thank everyone that attended and participated in the meeting. I am happy with how things went, we had good participation, and good ideas shared. Except for one audio mishap you had to be there to appreciate, things went very smoothly. I have gotten some good feedback from people who attended and ideas for adjustments in the format.

As mentioned, it was a good meeting and with your feedback and ideas it will only improve. Probably the biggest benefit was not spending several hundred dollars and a couple days to travel. I hope that more of our members join in at our next online meeting and contribute their ideas and experience to our group.

Our next Board meeting is in July and will be in Thousand Oaks. Tentatively the fall meeting is scheduled to be online again. Thanks again to all that helped make this a success.

Recently, Gill has been working very hard with Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys, which has resulted in a Russ Brown sponsorship of our Bailing Wire which will begin with the May issue. The biggest change you will see is the Bailing Wire will now be printed 11 months of the year (January & February issues are combined). We are also working on giving The Bailing Wire a facelift. You will notice some cosmetic changes soon. Plus, I would like to ask all members for your feedback. Give us your thoughts on what you like, what you don't like and changes you think would improve the Bailing Wire. It is your newsletter so let's hear what you think.

One change that is being considered is giving the Bailing wire a new name. A bailing wire is an older term which I think many younger people may not know what it refers to. It is also not a term that is immediately relatable to motorcycling. So, let us know. Is a name change a good thing, bad thing, do you have a suggestion for a new name? If you have any ideas or suggestions, please email them to info@abate. org.

# **Mission Statement**

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



May 2019

Lastly, but not least, May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Our lobby ist has engaged a legislator to sponsor this resolution for 2019. Watch for news of this resolution as it makes its way through the State legislature. Motorcycle Safety Awareness is not only to educate those not on two or three wheels about motorcycles and sharing the road with us but also about us, the riders, refreshing ourselves on the dynamics of riding: knowing your bike, situational awareness on the road, knowing your skills and how they change as we all get a little older. More than any vehicle on the road riding a motorcycle requires a defensive attitude to ensure safety and survival. Please be safe, be aware, and have a great ride!



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#### ABATE OF CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER

by Sporty Milligan,

**Membership Chairman** 

Hi all! At this time in the year the mem-

bership numbers for the drive are very

low. We have signed-up only 10 members.

So you need to get cracking and sign-up

some more new members. I also hope that

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(Ads & Flyers subject to approval by Editor)				
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Color for an ad or flyer is extra and must be submitted showing color. All ads MUST be pre-paid for entire duration of ad run. Prices do not include any changes that you may want to make to existing ads placed with us.

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renewals.

With that said you can use the following to appeal to your members to stay in the fold: "ABATE Renewal, you have seen what ABATE has to offer through your membership. It is my sincere hope that you will consider staying with your Local and ABATE of California. We, as ABATE members, are doing our best to see that we keep ABATE of California going strong. My motto is Help Prevent Tooth Decay aka bad laws in California from being approved. That is what we're doing by supporting good bills such as AB 47 and AB 390 and working to get the anti-profiling bill to move forward. Remember it's folks like you that help keep the organization going."

That is something that you can use again when you send your renewal note to your renewing members. So do your best to keep your renewals and to sign-up new members.

Your Membership Chairman, Sporty you are diligently trying to maintain your Milligan.

# Gill Mellen L20 President with Distr 74 Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris at Fire **Station #1 in Costa Mesa**



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Sincerely,

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Steve Cady, Local 33 Jered Yates, Local 8 From ABATE Locals: 1, 19, Donations to the Lobbyist and those that join us - that too **Steve Howe, Local 8** Jered Yates, Local 8 **Rick Mullaly, Local 33** From the ABATE Locals: 1, THANK YOU!! It's a team ef-2, 11, 19, 24, 25, 31 & 40 part of the ABATE Team!

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Jered Yates, Local 8 Thank YOU for your contributions in helping to preserve "Freedom of the Road" by supporting ABATE's paid Lobbyist and the General Fund!!! Thank you to our Members that renew their Memberships helps in preserving and fighting for Motorcyclist's Rights!! And of Course, the Locals that contribute to the funds regularly and when they do events. fort, so thank you for being a

# Local 03/13 Annual Leather Weather Run March 31st 2019.

Picture of our President Chuck Pedersen, Run Coordinator J. P. Martin and winners Luis Ruiz, Jr. and Luis III.

Picture of our 'own' band, GWA - "Gramps With Amps", Gene Jacobs, John Warner, Tim Suffolk and Joe LaGioia, played at the after party. Significant is that each of these members are also members of our ABATE Local! Kind of cool, huh?



# Local 27 17th Annual Bare Necessities Run

















# LOCAL REPORTS

#### Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! Local 1's meeting in April surprisingly enough is on Easter Sunday so the crowd size will be small. However the Elks Lodge is doing their breakfast so we will be able to conduct a meeting for those who show up.

I will be doing a review of the on line Board of Directors meeting, the PAC report and the runs I think the group might like to attend. If my membership chairman and VP show up, they will give reports.

I will take questions from the members. Then we will do a small drawing for a free breakfast provided by the Lodge staff. I will wish everyone a Happy Easter, then enjoy a nice breakfast.

Pres Sporty reporting

#### Local #02 Simi Valley



When you show up early and everybody is there, are you late? That was me, oh well, at least people were eating our delicious \$5 meal deal and talking about all sorts of stuff. A great thanks to our volunteer cooks Frank and Scott, a job well done! We serve a great \$5 meal, cheeseburgers or fat foot longs with all the fixin's you could eat, plus we have great access to the VFW's bar that serves all kinds of drinks at a great price. We get to do this in the VFW's patio, it's a great set up and we get to feel relaxed and talk about yesterday. A really BIG thanks to the VFW POST 10049, we also get to use their indoor meeting room that could hold plenty of ABATE members! We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4242 East Los Angeles Street in Simi Valley. Our meeting starts at 7:30 and lasts approximately 90 minutes, we serve our great meal deals from 6:45am until 7:20am and the show begins!

VP Scott opened up with the Pledge of Allegiance and then Pres Jim opened the meeting, Jim talked about our Sweaty Buns run, we discussed the placement of the volunteers and end stop and anything else to get this going.

We also talked about going to the city council meeting on the 29th of this month where the city of Simi will give us a Proclamation of Motorcycle Awareness, which we will attend.

We had good discussions on every topic we talked about, to include about what to do about getting future members. Secretary Jane read the minutes and talked about a friend in need, Betty our Treasurer gave the report on our finances, and PR Norm talked about finishing his book of meeting notes that is 124 meetings long! I read briefly the report from 2009 and compared our status 10 years to the day, verified by the volunteer cooks, then and the same cooks today Frank and Scott!

Membership coordinator Frank gave us his report on where we are at, group rides, Pigface talked about thefts that he noticed others were doing, and he also talked about rides.

We had a good number of prizes for our raffles and we also had our membership drawing which was won by VP Scott Burton and then as fast as he won this mini wad of money he quickly donated if back to ABATE - that's how Scott rolls!

We missed all who couldn't make it and hope to see you soon! Ride safer than last time then repeat, often!

PR Norm e Newiger

#### Local #03/13 Thousand Oaks/Ventura County



Last month's annual Leather Weather Run was a great success! Our newest Officer, Run Coordinator, John "J.P." Martin, and his committee, planned a fabulous event! A poker style run with a ride through beautiful Ventura County hills and valleys, stops along the way, and a fun after party with prizes, food and live music. This is always a very good event for us, with proceeds benefitting ABATE of CA. A good time and funds raised! Great job, J.P.!!

Now, we're all looking forward to good riding weather and good times with our ABATE family! Planning continues for the year's activities, with more great rides and runs, as well as sustaining our important mission of working on legislation; including an Anti-Profiling Resolution to be presented to the 2019 State legislative calendar, further protecting our motorcycle riding rights.

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

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

Our President, and ABATE's California State Legislative Director, Chuck "Chief" Pedersen, continues to network with various other riding groups, building alliances to assemble a formidable voice in Sacramento. Issues we are currently working on include the "Anti-Profiling" bill. We are a group that is making things happen, being instrumental in getting a Lane Splitting bill passed last year, and now working on the Anti-Profiling Bill this year! Join us to be an effective voice in matters of motorcycling rights!

We always welcome new members. Bike Nights are held the 1st Thursday of each month, 7 pm, at Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park. General Membership Meetings are on the 3rd Thursdays, 7 pm, at the Elks Lodge, 158 N. Conejo School Road in Thousand Oaks. And Sunday-Funday rides every second Sunday (all year, weather permitting).

Come join us to any or all of our events and bring your friends. Check us out on Facebook at www.Facebook/ABATE313 to follow our events and issues.

It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups & organizations!

Ride Free! Kathlean "MamaBear" Scribe & P.R., Local 3/13

#### **Local #08 Orange County**



Local 8 just keeps getting better! We invite all Locals to our "May Media Month" meeting presented by D-Man who will educate us on all of the different types of communication outlets ABATE members have access to, to promote and extend our reach to All Who Ride, and beyond! See you 7:30 pm, Monday, May 13th, American Legion Hall, 8071 Whitaker Street, Buena Park.

Local 8's annual Long Beach Motorcycle Swap Meet Booth event is coming up on July 28th!! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and ALL proceeds go directly to ABATE of California. It is another opportunity to get our message out to non-ABATE members. Please call Steve Howe (562) 298-6236 for information on donations to this very worthy outreach.

This month's Opportunity Drawing was won by D-Man. But OOPS - he wasn't here, so the pot just rolls on! It pays to show up to Local 8 meetings!

Remember that May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. Yet another opening to educate the public on road safety and sharing of the road.

Ride safe and free! Linda Kelly, Local 8

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



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ABATE Local 17 is gearing up for its 25th Annual Hot Rods & Harleys from 11 am to 5 pm on Sunday, June 2nd in conjunction with Iron Steed Harley-Davidson. Wow! Remember when we started at Andrews Park 25 years ago as the ABATE Local 17 Ride-In Bike Show? After 3 years we added the Hot Rods making this our 22nd anniversary for the Hot Rods. We are having this year's show at the Dixon Fairgrounds on Hwy. 113, 655 S. 1st. St., Dixon, CA. 95620. Thanks to the HUGE support and organization from our Iron Steed Dealership event staff and ownership.

The show is a must for those who have a passion for custom motorcycles and those who love tricked-out and souped-up cars or trucks. There are 13 categories for motorcycles and 7 automobile categories with an added 5 special award fields. The crowd can interact with voting for People's Choice in both the motorcycle and automobile categories.

Admission is free. The event features The Grinders with a great mix of tunes, a variety of food and merchandise vendors, and a family friendly day. Nearly 3000 people enjoy this event annually, which gives the public an opportunity to learn about ABATE and the motorcycling community.

For those interested, vendors and car/truck and motorcycle applications can be obtained by visiting Iron Steed Harley-Davidson website at <u>www.</u> <u>ironsteed.com</u> or sending an email to <u>events@</u> <u>ironsteedhd.com</u>. Entry fees are still \$20 prior to May 31st and \$25 after May 31st.

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Over the years, the proceeds from the annual event have helped support various local charities such as Mission Solano, Opportunity House, Vaca FISH, Baskets For Hope, the Yountville Wreath Program, Crime-Stoppers and the Sarah Renee Phillips Memorial Scholarship: as well as supporting our cause to keep our freedom of choice while enjoying our right to ride. Visit <u>www.ABATE17,org</u> or <u>www.ABATE.org</u> to find out more.

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#### Local #20 Orange County



14 members and 2 guests were at the April meeting. Spike said that 24 cases were dropped re Waco. Civil suits are now at \$1 billion lawsuit. Other topics were discussed. New people in the administration swept out the old staff. Karen (Marketing/LAHD) 1/2 Page add Bailing Wire. Come down the second Thursday of the month for bike night.

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Tell Gill or Spike if you get stopped for tickets, etc. Be respectful when stopped. If you get stopped re modified pipes, the ticket has been lowered \$25.00 to \$193. Also, Wish.com has cameras for a very reasonable amount. The cameras are very useful during a stop or accident.

Pinch's \$26 went back in the treasure chest. Non-Politically Correct Gill/Squirt Secretary

#### Local #23 San Bernardino



Spring is here! Halleluiah! So riding season is upon us, who-ha! We had a good meeting. The main topics were the upcoming Board of Directors meeting on line. Then the Local 27 Bare Necessities Run in a week on April 14th.

The new handouts and ABATE fliers look great - thanks to all involved. Bike nites are starting up again so be extra careful out there on the road.

The Laughlin River run is at the end of the month – April 24th – 28th. Rt. 66 from Amboy to the I-40 EB is closed for road repairs, so take Kelso Rd. to the I-40 off Rt. 66 - enjoy! Local -23 Sect/Tres, Greg

# Locals 23 & 27 Hippy Killer Hoedown April 6th



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#### ABATE Events for 2019

You can also go to our website <u>www.abate.org</u> and Events Calendar to download available flyers.

May 4th – ABATE 17 – 8th Annual Texas Hold- key Run Em (see flyer this issue)

- May 4<sup>th</sup> ABATE 38 Cinco De Mayo and Annual Ice Chest Run (see flyer this issue)
- this issue)

May 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> – 34<sup>th</sup> Annual NCOM Convention Run (see flyer this issue)

May 20<sup>th</sup> – May 21<sup>st</sup> – MRF Bikers Inside the Beltway, Falls Church VA & Washington DC (see flyer this issue)

- June 2<sup>nd</sup> ABATE 17 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride-In Bike and Car Show (see flyer this issue)
- July 13th ABATE 3rd Quarterly Board Meeting Elks Lodge Thousand Oaks
- July 20th ABATE 17 Summer Bingo

July 28th – ABATE 2 – Sweaty Buns Run (see flyer this issue)

- July 28<sup>th</sup> ABATE 8 Long Beach Motorcycle Swap Meet
- August 24<sup>th</sup> ABATE 17 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Sarah's Memorial Run

September 19<sup>th</sup> – MRF Meeting Of The Minds 2019, Bloomington MN (see flyer this issue)

- October 6th ABATE 17 Memorial Run & Fall Bingo
- October 19 ABATE 4th Quarterly Board Meeting (Location to be announced)
- October ABATE 3/13 11th Annual Biker

#### Trivia Run

- November 10<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> Annual One More From The Heart, Totally Kids Rehabilitation Hospital November – ABATE 11 – Ice Chest Raffle November - ABATE 24 - 29th Annual Tur-
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NCOM CONVENTION IN ORLANDO IN-VITES NAMES FOR FALLEN RIDERS TRIB-UTE: With the 34th Annual NCOM Convention in Orlando, Florida just weeks away, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MROs, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and supporters who have died since last year's Convention, so that we may honor their memories with the traditional "Ringing of the Bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies. Dedications should be e-mailed in advance to Bill Bish at NCOMBish@aol.com, or can be hand-delivered at the Convention to "Doc" Reichenbach, NCOM Chairman of the Board.

This year's NCOM Convention, to be held Mother's Day weekend, May 10-12, 2019 at the Doubletree by Hilton - Universal Orlando, located at 5780 Major Blvd., in Orlando, Florida will draw hundreds of concerned motorcyclists from across America to "The City Beautiful" to address topics of concern to all riders.

The annual gathering of bikers' rights activists will focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to benefit our right to ride and Freedom of the Road, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$114 by calling (800) 222-8733.

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$85 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$50 for the Convention only. All motorcyclists are welcome and encouraged to attend.

To pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit <u>www.ON-A-BIKE</u>.com.

**JUDGE RULES GOVERNMENT CAN'T SEIZE MONGOLS M/C PATCH:** The Mongols motorcycle club has won its latest round in a decade long battle with the federal government, when a California judge found that a jury's recent decision to strip the club of trademarked logo was unconstitutional.

On February 28, 2019 U.S. District Judge David O. Carter ruled that denying Mongols members the right to display the logo would overstep the constitutional right to free expression embedded in the 1st Amendment, as well as the 8th Amendment's ban on excessive penalties.

"We are ecstatic that the Mongols motorcycle club has been able to win this 1st Amendment battle for itself and all motorcycle clubs," said Stephen Stubbs, an attorney for the Mongols. "The government has clearly overreached into a realm that the Constitution does not allow. They tried to ban symbolic speech," Stubbs told the Los Angeles Times. Stubbs, a.k.a. "Bowtie" as bikers call him, is a member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF) and is legal counsel for the Southern Nevada Confederation of Clubs (COC).

In December, after a lengthy trial, a jury convicted the Mongols Nation entity as an organization of racketeering and conspiracy charges stemming from a 2008 investigation, and the ensuing guilty verdict thus allowed prosecutors from the U.S. attorney's office to pursue a court order forcing the club to forfeit the trademarked symbol that appears on their patches.

Judge Carter affirmed the RICO convictions, which could carry fines at sentencing in April, but his written ruling marks a setback for federal prosecutors after they convinced a jury in January to allow the government to seize the club's patches and trademarks as criminal instruments.

Carter's ruling, which has drawn national attention in this first-of-its-kind case, is being hailed as a major victory for all motorcycle clubs, but it is expected to be appealed and may eventually make its way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Save the Patch" and Motorcycle Profiling will be among the many issues that will be discussed at the upcoming NCOM Convention in Orlando, Florida, May 10-12, 2019.

**CLUB COLORS BANNED FROM IDAHO STATEHOUSE FOR ANTI-PROFILING VOTE:** Members of motorcycle clubs in Idaho were recently barred by Capitol Security from wearing their colors into the State Capitol on March 4, 2019 during a Senate floor vote on Senate Bill 1109, a bill prohibiting motorcycle profiling.

ABATE of Idaho immediately sent a letter to all state Senators and Representatives calling for a cessation of such unconstitutional acts of discrimination, stating in part that "Any government agent denying an individual access to Senate Chambers because they are wearing motorcycle club colors is a clear violation of speech, association and due process rights protected by the U.S. Constitution."

The bill, sponsored by Senator Lee Heider (R-Twin Falls), a motorcyclist himself, would have outlawed motorcycle profiling by state or local law enforcement for the purposes of traffic stops, detentions or other actions. SB 1109 defines motorcycle profiling as "the arbitrary use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related paraphernalia as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle."

Although a similar anti-profiling measure passed the House unanimously last session, Senators killed the proposal this year by just one vote, 17-18.

Motorcycle profiling has been the subject of discussion not only in Idaho, but across the nation. In December 2018, the U.S. Senate passed a resolution to promote awareness of and discourage motorcycle profiling. Anti-motorcycle profiling bills have been considered in several states, and has been enacted into law in both Washington in 2011 and Maryland in 2016.

**MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURERS JOIN FORCES TO ENHANCE SAFETY:** Recently, six motorcycle manufacturers have joined forces with the goal of increasing safety for road-going motorcyclists in the United States. The Safer Motorcycling Research Consortium (SMRC), a non-profit entity, is borne of the cooperation between American Honda Motor Company, BMW Motorrad, Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Indian Motorcycle Company, Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A., and Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.

To this day, any motorcycle-related legislation

only has the Hurt Report done in the late 70s to turn to for concrete information about motorcycle safety. "Technology throughout all of modern transportation has advanced so far, so quickly that a good comprehensive, multifaceted look at the risks and advantages of motorcycles on our modern roads is long overdue," states RideApart.com in assessing the consortium. "Hopefully along with integrating safety measures into motorcycle design, these companies will release the results of their research for the benefit of everyone on two wheels."

Keep an eye out for more news coming from the SMRC, as it is "committed to working collaboratively with U.S. federal agencies to conduct pre-competitive research in order to substantially enhance the safety of the motorcycle riding ecosystem."

LANE SPLITTING BILL PROPOSED IN CONNECTICUT: A Democrat state senator in Connecticut has introduced legislation to allow motorcyclists to lane split in that state. State Senator Cathy Osten (D-Sprague) proposed Senate Bill 629 "To permit the operator of a motorcycle to operate between lanes of traffic as is permitted in other states and countries and thereby ease traffic congestion."

Although California is the only jurisdiction that has legalized the practice in the U.S. and Canada, politicians in Texas, Washington, Oregon, Montana and Utah have proposed such bills, while Hawaii has legalized a similar measure which allows motorcyclists to filter ahead on the shoulder of the road in congested traffic situations.

Lane splitting, or "filtering", is also legal in a number of other countries, notably in Europe and Asia, with many sources indicating that it helps reduce congestion and emissions while increasing safety for the riders who engage in the practice.

IS AN AUTOBAHN COMING TO CALIFOR-

**NIA?** California is considering creating speed limitfree lanes on some major highways, similar to the famous Autobahn in Germany. Senator John Moorlach (R-Orange County) introduced Senate Bill 319 which would require the Department of Transportation to create two additional lanes on Interstate 5 and State Route 99 north and southbound with unrestricted speed limits.

Replacing the now defunct High-Speed Rail project with dedicated lanes would let Californians speedily and safely traverse the Northern and Southern parts of the state. Like the German Autobahn, the new lanes would be designed for both high-speed and safety, as a World Health Organization study estimates road traffic deaths per 100,000 people is 4.1 in Germany, while 12.4 in the United States.

The project is also anticipated to reduce emissions, by decreasing the number of idling vehicles, which would justify paying for the project using the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

"Why don't we provide people with vehicles the opportunity just to drive at 100 miles an hour, get to San Francisco in a shorter period of time than the train would?," Sen. Moorlach told CBS Sacramento, adding that there are fewer reported incidents on the Autobahn.

THAILAND COULD REDUCE MOTOR-CYCLE DEATHS 82% WITH DEDICATED LANES: Dedicated motorcycle lanes might be the answer to substantially lowering the death toll around Bangkok's congested streets, suggests a leading Thai engineer.

The Engineering Institute of Thailand's Dr Thanet Wirasiri says that Thailand has some of the most dangerous driving conditions in South East Asia, and claims that the ever worsening death toll could be reduced by 82% with such lanes.

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In Bangkok about three quarters of deaths involved motorcycles, according to the Daily News, which notes that there are 3 million motorbikes on the road around Bangkok alone.

Dr. Wirasiri's think-tank is proposing motorcycle lanes on major roads as part of a coordinated approach to improve road design and reduce the risk to riders on the city's roads.

PHILLIPINES SEEK TO BAN SHORTS WHILE RIDING; REQUIRE GLOVES AND BOOTS: During a press briefing held March 12 by the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority in Makati, MMDA General Manager Jose Arturo 'Jojo' Garcia told reporters that the agency is looking to penalize motorcycle riders, including pillions (passengers), who wear shorts when riding their motorcycles. "The motorcycle's engine is hot, including the exhaust pipe, and if the [rider] person did not wear socks or what, their skin might get burned and may cause an accident," he said.

The MMDA GM said that their office met with their government counterparts to recommend the creation of laws and policies concerning the proper attire for motorcycle riders, among them, the requirement of wearing leather boots and gloves. "Protective devices shall include: helmets, goggles, leather boots, and protective clothing such as heavy pants, heavy jacket, leather gloves, and rain suit" stated GM Garcia.

Motorcycle groups, particularly the Motorcycle Rights Organization or MRO, oppose the MMDA proposal, saying there are already too many motorcycle laws that exist concerning road safety and only need proper implementation, reported MotoPinas. com.

The group went on to point out that requiring only leather materials for riding boots and gloves would be too expensive to acquire for the average motorcyclist, and argue that wearing heavy pants and jackets in a tropical climate would be impractical.

CANADIAN SIKHS IN ALBERTA AND ON-TARIO NOW EXEMPTED FROM HELMET LAW: Turban-wearing Sikhs in Alberta and Ontario are now allowed to ride motorcycles without a helmet, joining the Provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia in granting exemption from the nationwide helmet law. For three decades, Canadian Sikhs have fought to pass a legal exemption allowing members of the religion to legally ride a motorcycle while wearing a turban, and not a helmet, as it's not possible to wear a helmet and a turban at the same time. On October 18, 2018 the provincial government

in Ontario announced that motorcycle helmets will henceforth be optional for Sikh riders, while the province of Alberta amended their vehicle equipment regulations effective last April 12th that applies to drivers and passengers over the age of 18 who are practicing members of the Sikh religion.

The United Kingdom implemented a motorcycle helmet exemption for Sikhs in 1976.

Alberta's Transportation Minister Brian Mason told CBC News that the exemption was granted at the request of the Sikh community as recognition of their civil and religious rights.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "If you're not at the table, you're on the menu." ~ Modern political proverb circa 2000 Washington, D.C.





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# **Sporty's Rides**



## by Sporty Milligan

Hi all! It's time for Sporty's Rides, that mad cap adventure of your good old pal Sporty. As I related in my last column, I visit my business members. This time was a trip to Bartels HD. I was on my 2002 883/1200 Sporty which runs ok except for the fact that it has over 125,500 miles on the speedo. It can be testy when you start it up so you have to let it warm up a while. The date of this adventure was April 7th. Weather was great meaning no rain. I started out going to my AA Sunday breakfast at the SFV group where I enjoyed a quick breakfast. The ride down from there was not too bad. Before I get to the dealership, I always stop at a 7-Eleven to get a cup of decaf because the dealership does not serve it. Once at the dealership I usually drop off flyers and then chit chat with the fellows who visit the shop.

So now is it about 3 pm and I began my trek home. Usually when I am down in Marina Del Ray I take surface streets. Lincoln was the street I took leaving Bartels, then a right turn onto Washington Blvd. I took this street until I got into Culver City. Once there I continued to press through to 3rd street till I got into Beverly Hills. I then took a right turn onto Melrose which took me into West Hollywood. I like to cruise down there to look at the sights and sounds of the area. Next, I had to stop and get another cup of decaf. After the coffee I continued on and cruised through Hollywood. I had finally had enough, so I started home. I went up Highland, which turned out to be a wrong move, because I then had to take Mulholland. So, I was rolling along at 25 miles per hour when BAM I hit a sandy spot and dropped the bike to the ground. Traffic behind me stopped and I was helped up. I was hurt but able to ride my bike home. Later when I got home, I ended up going to the hospital where it was determined that I was just bruised. My bike suffered a loose left mirror and a broken shifter peg which is replaceable.

As I had to recover for a week, jump ahead to Saturday April 13 when we



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had our second board meeting which was an on line meeting. The meeting went well which is a good deal because we can now get more members involved in the meeting process. That will be our job the rest of this year. I am not a real good computer guy but I did well enough to make a contribution to the meeting. So, our final meeting of the year should be another on line meeting. Our job as board members will be to sell the organization on the on line meeting.

The very next day was the Bare Essentials Run at ABATE Local 27's meeting spot. I had a great time and enjoyed spending the day at Dexter Park in Riverside. The Run got a lot of stuff for the Salvation Army of Riverside which help the homeless. Thanks to the crew of Local 27 and the Geezers MC for a fine day. I was riding my 2007 m1200 l model and it ran well. Another member of Local 1 Dale Ferrens (aka) Odie had a good time as well.

By the way, the winner of the 50/50 raffle prize of \$100 was Honda Ray. He donated his winnings to the lobbyist's fund. Thanks Ray.

So that's my brief tale for this month. I am no worse for wear and the bike will be fixed up. Again, till next time: sign-up members for the membership drive, keep your renewals and do ABATE runs.

Till we meet next month. Your pal, scribe Sporty

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# **Motorcycle Safety Report**



# by Norm e. Newiger, Safety Officer

## **Preparation H-D**

So the great month of April is almost over, and as history about April is as different to me as well as the person in the next county. By this I mean that April is the turning point of our seasons with a little bit of this and that. The weather on any day it will be 90 degree's then as fast as it got hot it's winter again the next day - this is how So Cal rolls.

If you live in the mountain zones you could be enjoying the snow and not even think about riding, or you are in the valley riding looking at the snow caps dressed as if you were going to the beach. After halfway through April the white caps becomes smaller and the north side is where the snow slowly disappears, I know this because of the curiosity of adventurism in my brain.

I have a strange urge to get close to the snow (unless it's unavoidable), because when I ride the mountain zones I have the same memories of the scenic views etc. during the other seasons we ride and to see it with that frozen white water, well it's just different. You can't get that feeling driving a car. It's about riding into a different temperature zone.

This is a brain thing, it's about adjusting your mind into thinking, for some they are coming out of hibernation, spring and April are synonymous, and it's about moving forward and shaking out the cobwebs. I talked about spring before and all that happens, but in April we will get stabs of winter days and if we are lucky it will rain a few times for us in So Cal. We don't use the term April showers brings May flowers, because out here rain is rare in April, but go to another county and it's the complete opposite. Go figure. We get reports of rain but it always get blown out to sea, or the mountains blocked the rain, and so we all adjust differently because you never know how the weather will be.

If our brain is clicking, then it's time to get excited about the early start of riding season. I know we can pretty much ride year round, but the trend says it's riding season because of the start of summer and usually there are many events everywhere, from the beaches to the high desert and beyond, everywhere. As spring happens, our brain quietly and secretively changes our moods, enticing us to be adventurists, like taking a put and feeling the wind, the vibrations and freedom!

The urge doesn't go away, it builds momentum every weekend and you feel it about every Wednesday and your brain is saying I need to experience that freedom again, while you're actually working 9-5. It's nonstop until you do it again! You remembered that all your issues in life was gone, the roar of the v twin had blasted them away and the air was clean and fresh, especially during this time of the year. And like that, it hits you and you remember the scents, the air, and the same surroundings but with white snow here and there. That's the reason we ride there, it's our brain telling us quietly to go, be an adventurist, experiment with life, and if that's not enough you will have dreams that give hints of riding to the places you ride to.

Everyone says life is short and it's true. So when you're old, say over 50 (I'm being very kind) it's even shorter. All I know is no matter the age, or what you ride, ride as much as you can, defeat the brain and ride because in all realities, time is not on your side! We just got to figure out how to ride more and work less, unless of course, you're retired, then you become busier with life and ride less. Sorry for that last one, it's true for a percent of riders and I'm practically one of them. At the age I'm at, my bones let me know how much I can endure, with certain medical issues I have, I'm somewhat limited to riding distances, but ride I can and do because of the love of riding I have, it's part of the aging process we go through, everybody is different, but close.

We naturally know our bodies and what we do to aggravate ourselves. It sucks, but it doesn't stop me all the time, just here and there. We kind of put the most important part of our health on the shelf because we never think about it even if we talk to ourselves, our brain needs good mental health, especially nowadays. Everyone thinks they have the solution, but I say stick to what got you here and be grateful. Head injuries are still on the rise, and mental health issues continues to rise.

We also use our brain as an excuse, because our brain is known for this scientific claim; the human brain has been called the most complex object in the known universe (personally I'm banking on that claim). The brain is the command center for the human nervous system. It contains about 86 billion nerve cells (neurons) - "the gray matter", it also contains billions of nerve fibers - (axons and dendrites) - "the white matter", these neurons are connected by trillions of connections, or synapses. This is why the brain gets the bad rap. In all that we do, whether it's mental or physical or even a breakdown in our body, it all leads to the brain. It's the main culprit for everything (thus we get the term, brain disorders), and because we only use 10 percent as myth would say, we will always have an out in whatever we do, you know, I was insane your honor, or the devil made me do it, and I lost my mind for a minute officer! The excuses are as long as the road in which we travel. Now you say, hey Norm! What does this fantastic mish-mash have to do with motorcycle

safety? Let me tell yah.....

We need our brains for everything, and mental health is on the rise and it is now on the front page from sports injuries, crazy ass human behavior to being damaged from wrongful upbringing and anything you say, like drugs, alcohol, drugs, bad humans, more drugs, environments, and anything that your brain convinces you to believe! I'm not talking about this in a roundabout way, I'm just stating some facts that do affect us riders, and mental health is a big issue nowadays. I've said before, if you're feeling different shall we say, about riding that day because of heavy issues in your life or some kind of confusing situation, then don't, there are plenty of days of riding throughout the year. I believe that if you have no focus or you just don't care about riding but you still do, then it's a good possibility you'll have an accident or a near miss, and there is no luck for stupid riders, just fault.

I've seen super crazy stuff happen before, I've done crazy stuff as well. It doesn't mean we have a brain disorder, we were just lucky whether we knew it or not. I have told myself that I'm not crazy, but does that mean I'm not? My friends think I am. I've known these types of people, one of my friends many years ago used his motorcycle to commit suicide, another after a serious crash (had a metal plate put in his skull), and when he was medically cleared to ride it made him a more dangerous rider, and another rider that was suffering from a mental disease that shut him down one day while riding. I have had a few friends quit riding after a close call and figured that riding wasn't for them anymore.

There have been many times I wanted to ride that weekend or the next day but didn't, it's something that I can't explain but I do honor. I know when my heads telling me it's not right today. I am not a sissy or anything like that. It's important for me to be mentally right as well as being physically good to go. People call it common sense and I'll buy that statement for a nickel! Common sense is bigger than what that means, it's all about what you do for any type of situation you are placed in and can find out a solution, even while riding you use common sense even if it's a perilous situation you're put into.

As I ride and drive today, I've seen the new push on texting and cell phone use as far as the legalities and ramifications. I am really happy about this because it's deadly and it seems to me that everyone who drives has a cell phone and thus we are all very vulnerable to their lack of respect for the law and safety of themselves and anyone who might be in the same place. Outside of paying a fine, should they make it criminal if an accident and or injury occur? I've seen the news and the devastation because of this, lives are lost and property damage is extensive. Should these people be tried in the court of law like someone under the influence is? After all their brain made them do it! And they knew right from wrong just like the drinker or smoker did.

All in all, just ask yourself, "Do you wanna ride?"



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Jim Kibbe 2nd Tues 7:30 PM VFW Post#10049 4242 E Los Angeles Ave. Simi Valley 93063

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Chuck Pedersen 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM 805/496-0323 Elks Lodge Chuck Pedersen@ 158 N Conejo School Thousand Oaks gmail.com 91362

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Snowman P O Box 501946 San Diego CA 92150 Pacific Beach 619/855-9981

1st Sun - 12 Noon Kate Sessions Park 92109

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Steve Howe 2nd Mon.7:30PM PO Box 5473 American Legion #354 Buena Park, CA 90622 8071 Whitaker 562/298-6236 **Buena** Park santabeard@yahoo.com 90621

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Jeff Bassler C/O 9648 Calle Vejar Round Table Pizza Rancho Cucamonga 1020 N Mountain 91730 909/596-9685

4th Wed - 7:00 PM Ontario, CA 91729



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# **Reg#11**

Gill Mellen 2nd Mon - 7:00 PM 2129 Harbor Bvld American Legion Post 132 Costa Mesa 92627 143 S Lemon St 949/632-9787 Orange, 92866 gillabate3@gmail.com

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Larry James

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## 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

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