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Lobbyist's Report

by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

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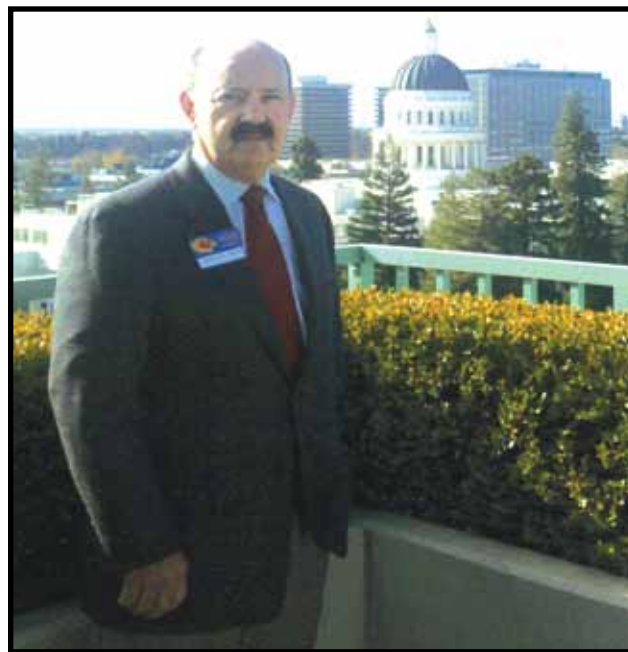
The race for State Controller will feature Republican Ashley Swearingin, Mayor of Fresno, versus either current Board of Equalization Member Betty Yee, or former Assembly Speaker, John Perez. The race has Yee currently leading by only 413 votes.

We won't know the final outcome for weeks to come. The race for the Insurance Commissioner will be Democrat incumbent Doug Jones against the Senate Transportation Committee's Vice Chairman, Ted Gaines, a motorcyclist-friendly candidate.

All the Primary Election results and ABATE endorsements for the November 4th Election will be finalized at our July 26th Legislative/PAC meeting in Fresno. So, please plan on attending and bring the names of any suggested candidates you wish to have ABATE endorse. We did quite well with our June Primary Election endorsements and many motorcyclist-friendly candidates will be on the November 4th ballot.

As I monitor bills being amended, every day, during the current session, I have not seen any language for a Mandatory Reflective Vest requirement for all riders to wear, or the roadside noise testing scheme for citing loud motorcycles, surface in any bills. I will have to be watching closely until August 31st when our legislators adjourn to go home and run for the November 4th Elections.

AB 1835, a bill by Kristin Olsen (R-Modesto) **repealing** the **MANDATORY HELMET USE** requirement for Off Road Side by Side riders, will be heard in the Senate Transportation Committee on June 24th. I have been busy lobbying the Committee members and their staffs for an



AYE vote on this important **HELMET REPEAL BILL**. I'll have more information about it at the July Legislative meeting in Fresno.

Nationally, we helped the MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation), by contacting our congressional members, in blocking a provision of a new Federal Highway Transportation funding bill which would have authorized NHTSA to lobby states to pass mandatory helmet laws. I remember quite well when ABATE sent me to Washington, D.C., 19 years ago in 1995, to help the MRF repeal the ISTEA Section 153 highway funding penalties for states without motorcycle helmet laws **WHICH WE WERE SUCCESSFUL AT ACCOMPLISHING**. Good work to all of you that wrote and called our Congressional representatives **THIS TIME, AS WELL!**

I look forward to seeing you all in Fresno on July 26th! Thanks again for sending in donations to the dedicated Lobbyist Fund to keep me in the Capital working on behalf of **ALL** riders.

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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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Executive Director's Report

by Dave Hastings, Executive Director

July is here and we are already halfway through the 2014 year. July 4th is set aside to celebrate our country's freedom and I hope you think of ABATE on that day too. ABATE of California was incorporated to protect and defend your right to ride a motorcycle in California and also to guarantee those rights for future generations. Our country is the greatest place in the world to live and even with laws that sometimes encroach on our personal freedoms, I still wouldn't want to live anywhere else. I'm very thankful for the opportunity to call this place home and we all should thank every veteran and civilian who has guaranteed the freedoms that all of us cherish and sadly, sometimes take for granted.

ABATE is comprised of a diverse mixture of individuals who work hard daily to actively defend your motorcycle freedoms. Our ABATE members volunteer their time freely to protect every rider in California from overly protective, draconian, and sometimes even discriminatory laws that some elected and appointed representatives try to impose on our motorcycle lifestyle. I've never understood why we elect a representative who's only measurement of personal success is the number of new laws they can enact while holding office. Don't we already have enough laws on the books now? Wouldn't our lives be just as safe, and probably much more productive, if we just enforced the laws we already have? Adding another layer of law only encroaches further on my personal freedom and doesn't necessarily make any of us safer. I think that an individual who chooses to ignore present law will continue to do so, regardless of how many "new" laws are written concerning the same issue.

Freedom and personal responsibility are the cornerstones of our countries' existence and every one of us should demand they be returned to us. ABATE demands the right to ride motorcycles in California. We exist to educate California and her elected officials of our rights, our acceptance of personal responsibility, our love and hunger of personal freedom, and our dedication to our motorcycle cause and the laws of our country. Motorcycle people truly understand and cherish the above mentioned facts and we will never, ever, let California



forget the promises the founding fathers of this country made to every American or why we ABATE members still celebrate independence on July 4th of every year with such reverence.

I'm not really very superstitious but I do have a small bell attached to every motorcycle I own. This small bell is supposed to protect me on my rides and so far it has done its job. If you don't have one on your bike you might want to get one too. Join me and ABATE and then listen to the soft, but very distinctive, ring of freedom from that bell as you travel on your own personal journeys. That little bell will surprise you with its song as you travel the roads of California and elsewhere. Let your own freedom softly ring out and if you haven't done so already, become an ABATE member and help guarantee everyone's right to ride in California. Let's all join together to ring in some ABATE freedom and celebrate our one of a kind, unique American motorcycle lifestyle, in the month of July and throughout 2014. Dave H.

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

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Lee ‘Sporty’ Milligan,
Membership Chairman

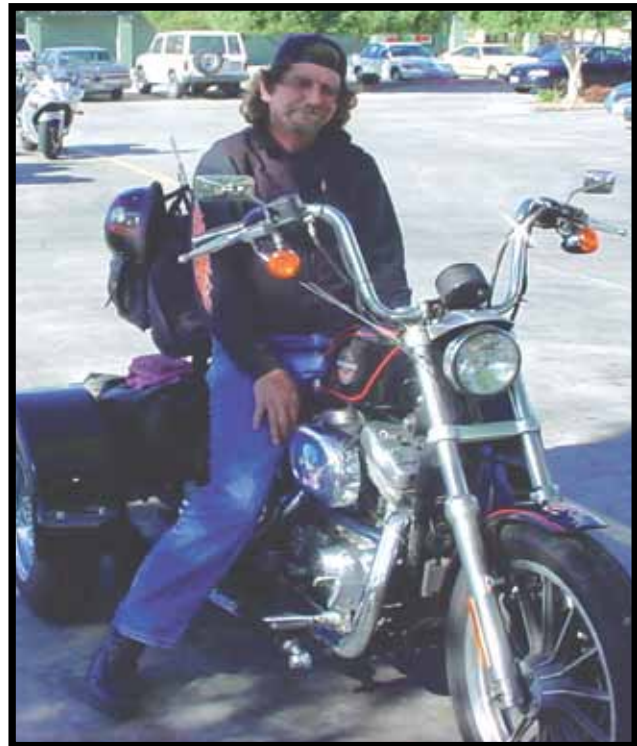
Ok all this month’s Membership Report starts out with a special thank you acknowledgement to all the ABATE members who have supported the ABATE Membership Drive by getting new members and supporting the Membership Raffle. This year, once again, we will be announcing the winner of the \$250.00 raffle ticket at our July 26th Board meeting in Fresno. We will call the winner if they are not there in person.

I am still mending from my broken leg (see medical report in the Sporty’s Ride column). If your Local is doing any runs this summer please have an ABATE table and encourage those non-members that show up at your run to think seriously with their money and join ABATE. It’s also bike night season so if you go to them, take a couple of membership cards with you.

Local Membership Chairs do your best to keep your renewals. Presidents as well make the members feel welcome at your monthly meetings so they will in turn respond with a renewal. I know we have email news - email that goes out with the important “State” stuff - but for the Local stuff Presidents should have all of your Local members that have email in a group for that line of communicating.


In ABATE Local 1 we have a group email of about 60 members. When something I think is important and my member is not on the discussion line I forward it to the group. To protect the members email I send it in the BCC format which sends the email to my members as an undisclosed recipient. This protects the members’ email from being hacked and respects their privacy.

Again I am asking you to let me know what you think of the Membership Drive and what are your ways to bring our membership numbers up. At



this juncture (from January 1 to May 1) we obtained 77 new members. I am hoping for our final year total to be around 205 new members so let’s get busy. It’s up to the Presidents and their Membership Chairs and of course our Board members to encourage folks to support ABATE of California. Let’s not procrastinate! Get new members for ABATE and please keep your Renewals.

There is strength and unity in numbers of members. Regards, Sporty (wearing the Membership hat)



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LOCAL NEWS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! Sporty with the Local 1 report for our June meeting. First off I will say that since we were back at the Elks Lodge in Tujunga we started out the meeting by doing the Pledge of Allegiance. I gave the opening remarks, which was a medical report on my leg and about Wildman. He is one of our members and had an accident in his apartment on Friday the 13th when he left something on the stove and his smoke alarm did not work so his apartment got burnt and his stuff got smoked out. We're trying to help him find temporary living quarters. As of this writing, my wife has a place in mind for him to stay and Wildman has to work out the details so he might not be homeless.

I discussed the legislation AB 1835 the side x side bill and had the small amount of members that attended the meeting sign the petition. We also talked about the elections as far as it related to the small turn out for the members that attended. Finally in the PAC report I showed the group the letter I received from Congressman Tony Cardenas who wrote that he would weigh the facts when considering his decision on the Grow America act which has turned into HR 4745.

Next we discussed a proposal from former ABATE member Robin Shane who suggested to Board member Nick Benson about getting triangle window clingys that say we support motorcycles. The group liked the idea and it would not be that costly. I also asked the group to think about getting trophies for the state run and also a small logo on the back of the t-shirts for the state run.

The meeting at this point went over to Glen Cheslock who did the membership report. There are members who need to do their renewals. Jim Nickla discussed the attempt at getting a company to do Local 1 t-shirts - still working on that. Run report done by Steve B and he had 16 runs to report on. When he concluded that, Shelia Lindsey invited us to attend the Ladies of Harley event, which she is head of for the Glendale Chapter. The event is at Hooters in Burbank on June 30th at 6 pm. I said I would put something out on the Discussion Line and the ABATE Local 1 group line regarding this event.

We concluded the meeting and adjourned for the Elks Lodge breakfast. Our next meeting is July 20th, 9 am, at the Elks Lodge in Tujunga. Regards, Sporty

Local #02 Simi Valley



Another beautiful day here at Local 2, the weather couldn't get any better! As I walked in I passed by American Steel parked near the entry. What another beautiful thing! Then the beautiful scent of BBQ hit me. This is a great prelude to our meeting and having the ability to eat and hang out with members of our Local is a cool thing! We meet at: VFW Post 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Street in Simi Valley on the second Tuesday of the month. We serve a killer \$5.00 BBQ dinner with all the fixins' and it's very filling. We start serving our BBQ at 6:45 and our meeting starts promptly at 7:30. And a great big thanks to our volunteer cooks, new member Ken and Pres. Guy. Nicely done! A double thanks to VFW Post 10049 for letting us use their facilities and have access to a really cool bar right next to the BBQ.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, our Pres. got us going talking about our upcoming Sweaty Buns Run (July 27th). This is our big event that we pull off every year and it's a great opportunity to meet a lot of cool people and have major amounts of fun, but it takes dedication and volunteers. So if you can come to our next meeting, we will welcome you all with open arms! Why? Because we need

you! And camaraderie is most important! You will not be disappointed, we meet once a month for a couple of hours and you know that we're all friends here. So to all who couldn't make it, we miss you!

We had a good turn out even though quite a few members were on vacation. Nevertheless, we hope to see you next meeting because it's crunch time and we got to nail down our SBR run! VP Jim took over our vacationing secretary Jane's spot and read the minutes; our treasurer gave us a positive update and our membership report was good. PR man Norm talked about a new commercial he saw on TV by the CHP about lane splitting - NICE! He also talked about going to ABATE's website and to use Goodsearch.com for your surfing needs. Guy, our ride coordinator as well, talked about our rides to include our booth at the chili cook off in Simi Valley and discussed future Local 2 monthly rides.

It was another fine, informative meeting for all who were there. See ya next month! Ride safe! PTL norm e.

Local #08 Orange County



We had a good meeting last Monday night. Dave spoke on HR 4745 "National Helmet" implications. We need to keep the federal Government out of California's business. Riders from all over the nation are involved. I just sent an email to my Congressman about this issue after I got an "Urgent Call For Action" from ABATE of Iowa. People seem to love to sign things. Sign your name to letters & emails to your legislators to voice your opinion when ABATE asks you to do so. Help ABATE help you.

Local 8ers are getting together to go to "Harley Night" at the Costa Mesa Speedway on Saturday, August 23rd. It will cost about \$20 to get in. We'll have more info at our July meeting.

Local 8 is discussing a "Ridin and Shootin Day" on October 5th. Ryan is getting more information from Raa-hauge range. If it works out, it could be a lot of fun. This won't be a run, just a ride. Come to the meeting, so we can get your ideas.

Izella's name was drawn in our membership drawing, but she was not present.

Tires down, Tank up. Larry

Local #11 North San Diego County



Howdy from Local 11! Really liking our new meeting location at the Moose Lodge 1874 in Escondido. Started the morning with breakfast in the Lodge and then moved out to the grounds for our meeting. President Dan Buse kicked off the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance then gave us his report. Talking about the various opportunities to attend political meetings in the area to make ABATE's presence known. He also ran down a list of upcoming events. You can see all of these events on the San Diego Motorcycle Events Facebook page.

We have an upcoming event, RIPS Bad Ride on June 22nd which will be out at the Pala Casino and Resort. ABATE Locals 6 and 11 will have a booth set up there. This will already have happened by the time you read this. I will update you next month.

Tim Clark gave us the treasurer's report. Regional Representative Dave Connor gave us his report. Our PAC rep, Dogman, talked about AB1835 and other outstanding issues that we are facing in the political arena, as well as the need to get involved in campaigning for candidates. The opportunity drawing was won by Katy Stone. Congratulations!

On another note: Local 11 Prez Dan, myself and John

Genaway went to the Local 6 meeting the week before. After the meeting was the memorial ride for Barry and Carol Sandberg who were murdered in their home 5 years ago. No one has been arrested as of yet. There is a \$51,000 reward. Someone knows something and needs to come forward. Barry and Carol were Local 6 members. Spread the word. Thanks, Gary

Local #20 Orange County



We welcome renewing member David Gerard, and new members Susan "Cookie" Seitz and Jeff & Kristy Christopher. We had a total of twenty members and three guests.

Spike was not at the meeting because he was home with a broken pelvis because he went down on his bike. He is doing good and on the mend. He works hard for our cause and we wouldn't get anywhere without him.

Gill was happy to tell us that Prop 41 passed with flying colors and is still working on getting a cemetery for Veterans here in Orange County.

He also told us that having a NRA sticker on your car or bike give cops probable cause to search, so he warns against having one.

Gill also said that it is a good idea to have a Power of Attorney form completed that gives another club member the rights to retrieve a bike if it is ever impounded if you go down or are arrested. Impound fees are added every day and if you are unable to get your bike out yourself, this form will allow someone else to pick up your bike if you are unable, saving a lot of money.

He also reminded us, if asked by a cop, to complete a field card DO NOT DO IT!

We pulled Sheldon Peterson's name for the dollar draw but he was not at the meeting so the \$22.00 rolls over to next month.

The non-politically correct Gill. Submitted by Leenie

Local #40 Bakersfield



Hello from hot ol' Bako, home of the ABATE Local 40. We just had our motorcycle awareness run on Saturday, May 31st. Kick stands were up at 11:00 am at Bikersfield. 19 bikes showed up for coffee, donuts and to sign up. Thank you Bobby and Kelly, owners of Bikersfield located at 2622 Fairhaven Drive.

Cruised over to Bakersfield Harley Davidson where everyone checked out all of the new chrome. The weather was great, a nice 79 as we cruised down Hwy 99 to DJ Playhouse on Taft Hwy 119. Big shout out to DJ for having us!

The last leg of our run was The Tumbleweed Café on Hwy 33 in Derby Acres for lunch, where we had good food and a good time with some great people! Thank you to all that joined us!

Stormi Raines

LOCAL NEWS

Local #44 High Desert



This month's newsletter catches us right in the middle of everything. By the time you receive this our Local 44 Run should be over. Our 19th annual run is scheduled for June 21st and at the time of this writing everything is ready for the event. Hopefully you were there and with your help we had a great turn out, made a profit, and we all had a great time doing it.

We have a blood drive scheduled for July 5th so please show up and support our Local and the Blood Bank. You truly are giving the "gift of life" when you can donate your blood!

The next quarterly ABATE State Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for July 26th in Fresno. Join me there and participate with the rest of your State Officers at this meeting.

Start planning now to attend the State Run in Kernville on Sept.12-14th. Local 44 always has members in attendance at the State Run and we have many fond memories of the prior events. Be there this year and become a part of the fun and help us make some new memories for 2014.

On the home front our Local 44 membership is holding steady and our meeting attendance is good but we can always improve on both. Invite a friend to our next meeting and then encourage them to join us.

Also, take the time to look around at our next function and introduce yourself to anyone present that you don't recognize. Motorcycle rights may be your only reason for attending a meeting but lifelong

friendships can be made there too! A few minutes of your time spent making a stranger feel welcome may turn into a new member and friend for everyone in our Local 44. So, thanks for your help and your dedication to our Local, and I will be looking for you at all of the events coming up. Until I see you again, ride safe and ride often. Dave H.

Local #52 Grass Valley



Hi folks! Half the year is in the bag! There are still many rides and bike nights to attend. Don't forget the Welcome Home Vets ride July 12th. Registration starts at C&E V-Twin in Auburn at 9:00 am.

Every third Thursday of the month Pacos Tacos in Grass Valley hosts the Throwbacks. This is a great meet with lots of vintage iron. Kicks off at 5:00 pm.

Also don't forget the State Run in Kernville September 12th-14th. Start thinking of raffle prizes to donate!

A huge thanks to Brenda Whittington for joining the ABATE family and Rick Mullaly, Bill Johnston, and Wendy Shoemaker for their renewals!

Thanks to Steve Shoemaker for the donations as well. He has been making wind chimes out of donated mufflers and they sell pretty well. Save your take offs and give them to Steve!

Craig, Cheers!

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14NR28 - From Hardtail
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Gone. Done. Thanks! That is the short and sweet of it.

In 1998, the bikers of this nation wrapped up a two-year lobbying effort with the signing of the TEA 21 (Intermodal Surface Transportation Equity Act reauthorization bill which became Transportation Equity Act for the Twenty First Century). In this bill was the work of the collective "we". A ban on NHTSA lobbying states to enact laws. The prohibition of motorcycle bans on highways and roads that use federal monies. A change in NHTSA's mission statement to include "accident PREVENTION". Also, the inclusion of motorcycles in the development of the Intelligent Transportation System.

Each time some of this hard-gained ground has been threatened, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has rallied constitutionally-minded motorcyclists to contact their legislators.

The MRF issued a Call to Action on Saturday, June 7th, regarding an imminent vote on an appropriations bill, Monday, June 9th. With not even 48 hours with which to work, we saw a swift surgical strike by the bikers of our nation once again.

Thank you - to the constituent bikers who called U.S. Congressional House members and let them know that Section 102 of HR 4745 was inappropriate; that you considered it a violation of previous agreements, and an infringement upon the 10th Amendment of our U.S. Constitution.

Thank you - to U.S. Congressmen Walberg (MI) and Sensenbrenner (WI) for offering up an amendment to the bill language.

Thank you - to the bikers of Michigan and Wisconsin for cultivating and maintaining relationships with your U.S. Congressional Reps and Senators so that quick resolution, when needed, is possible.

We are small, but we are mighty. You are why. Thank you.

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It is a BIG WOW and THANK YOU THIS MONTH...our annual donation letter has been mailed and for one it gets a wonderful and much appreciated response; and two, it lets us know that some Members have moved so the data base can be updated.

Thank you to each and everyone who has contributed to these various funds; either by sending separate donations or by adding extra dollars when you renew!! Large, small and in-between donations all add up when combined, so, THANK YOU!

We will do our best to recognize your generosity by listing and thanking you here; IF we leave your name off, please contact Carol@abate.org or Dave Hastings 760/947-4700 and we'll list you next month. (Most times it's just a matter of when the mail arrives and the Bailing Wire deadline.) But it never hurts to follow-up.

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Motorcycle Safety Report

by Norm e. Newiger, Safety Officer

Leather and Summer Riding

Here we are again; it's summer time and great riding is before us all. Summer does have its perils; the heat can turn a great day into chaos quickly. Let alone our bikes, our bodies can wreak havoc as fast as a V twin in Death Valley at high noon in August! When we ride the heat is subconsciously always on our mind - mainly pertaining to our bikes rather than our bodies. We think that when we're hot we will have a cold one and that should suffice for now. But we are not like our bikes, just cool down and then go, we need to absorb nutrients and liquids over a period of time before we go. I'm not talking about drinking a cold one just because you think you sweated while riding, I'm talking about after riding hard thru blistering heat!

How cheap do you dress? Are you safety conscious about this or illiterate? You have the bad ass bike of your dreams and what about furthering your safety by what you wear, from head to toes? When I think about being properly dressed I don't think about armor type of clothing, you just can't be bullet proof enough. Outside of a helmet, I don't know of any type of safety clothing you can wear while riding that could save your life or save you from blunt force trauma. I don't want to look like a Robo Cop or a space aged biker that can't bend over to pick up a nickel. This is not about dirt bike riding or any type of racing. This is about riding because it's bitchen out there! Bitchen is a term from the '60s that means Bitchen, i.e. nice, cool, far-out, awesome, etc.

When I do ride I like to be comfortable and a little loose, for me, it does depend on the time of the year. But in the summer I'm not wrapped up as I am during the supposed winter out here. I do make myself more vulnerable because of the heat but what I do wear is the best protective type of clothing that I can afford and wear with confidence. I will not buy cheap biker clothes to save money, besides, if I can't spell the country of origin then forget about it! It's really not about the country that it comes from, it's about the quality that you want to pay for, and yes I'm talking about leather! Leather from cows, they are everywhere in the world and guess what? Leather has been around since day 37 - just my guess. We've been using leather extensively since the one horse power days! After the cowboy days when motorcycles were invented, riders were wearing leather jackets to protect themselves from road rash and wind blast. Also many types of helmets were made from leather from aviation to sports, and you had your head wrapped in leather. Fast forward to today, we are offered many, and I say many types of leather clothing and accessories, the drug store biker will be dressed from head to toes in leather and the minimalist will wear boots, gloves and maybe a vest.

Leather is good! Due to its excellent resistance to abrasion and wind, we wear leather for protection, besides its cool looks it's also a fashion statement. I'm not talking about the leather interior in my car or the \$3,000 leather



sofa from Italy, not me, really! Let's face it, wearing leather for protection is a great thing, I don't think about it in the bad accidents per se, I know for a fact there are many spills and minor incidents that are not reported or used for statistics, thus wearing leather has saved many from road rash, minor cuts and abrasions, we all have been there and or seen it. You know who you are. I have done some research on leather and have found out about the quality and types of leather that's out there and is used in all markets. The best you can do for yourself is to find leather products that state "Full - Grain". It's the highest of quality from cows. "Top - Grain" leather is a misleading, as it is the second highest quality. It has had the "split" layer separated away, making it thinner and more pliable than full-grain leather. The price will also let you know, but it's your choice. When I got my first leather jacket it cost me \$500 and my buddies laughed at me and said you could go online and get them for \$88. I laughed at them because their jackets were made from about 147 pieces stitched together! I also saw the \$120 biker jacket that looked good but wasn't the high quality mine was. After a few years their jackets were falling apart and looked really cheap, but mine was still in great condition. I knew theirs were cheap and I would not want them between me and the asphalt, that's for sure.

As far as wearing chaps, it's a hit and miss thing for me, I know it can protect your Levis but why does it leave your ass hanging! I wear them mostly in the winter for warmth. Gloves are the best thing for your hands. Hands down! These boots are made for riding, yes! I think of how important boots are and wear them for any distance riding. Good boots can protect your feet/ankles from getting mangled just because of where they are in relationship to you riding. Have you ever had your boot get caught underneath your controls or frame as you do a slow turn or from a stop? I have, and if not for my boots I could have easily broke or sprained my ankle. It happens that

fast! Have you ever seen them riders ride with the forward controls/freeway bars and their foot slips and hit the road? For that reason I wear boots! I love eating bugs at 65mph! Wearing no face protection helps me enjoy protein meals on wheels. Don't enjoy the protein? Then wear some kind of face protection. Since I don't wear a full face helmet or have a windshield of sorts, I rely on a bandana or designated facewear.

I'm more interested in filtering out the particulates than bugs; the air I breathe could be dangerous. Just follow an old diesel engine vehicle and you'll know what I'm talking about. But I do sometimes get hay fever or clogged sinuses here and there, it's just part of riding. Back to the particulates, I did wear a white bandana over my face during a long ride to see how dirty it would get. I was amazed at how dirty it was and especially around my mouth where moisture was more prevalent, even though I thought of it as micro dirt and anything floating out there I knew that I was ingesting it. It's horrible! It's not just dust, dirt or pollen, its vapor from all vehicles to include, dare I say this, disc brake dust! We do accept the exhaust fumes and the beautiful smell of radiator vapor, but think about it being in your lungs. I guess this is the price for freedom on the road. I accept this because of my love for riding, but I will wear some kind of face protection when needed. You know the drill about eye protection, protect them, you only get two of them per life and if you lose one, riding is a bitch with only one eye!

Road trip, in the summer! I just got back from Las Vegas. I knew that even though I had to drive, it was a hot desert trek that had to be done. From the L.A. area going up the 15 northbound is a shadeless, unforgiving ride or drive, especially if you broke down. It could be hours before you could get help, and there is no shade from Barstow to Vegas! While I was driving in air conditioned comfort, I continually noticed the outside temperature; it was going from 102 to 109 and we all know it's hotter on the black asphalt. I knew this from the many trips before, whether I was riding or driving that breaking down does happen and it really sucks! When you break down in the desert it owns you, and you better be prepared. So I knew in advance what I could do for me or to help someone else in the advent of a vehicle misfortune. I'm not a wrench person and I know most have cell phones and with that, help is only a call away. But there is the waiting aspect of it and I do this to help out. On all of my road trips I pack double extra bottles of cold water, not for me exclusively but for anyone who has broken down. For me, it's the least I could do to help out those who may need it, car or bike it doesn't matter to me. You'd be surprised by their looks and thanks when you offer them ice cold water in the desert - so many people are unprepared for breaking down. The heat in the desert by the roadside is horrible and I'd say 99.9 percent of the people driving by don't stop and probably mumble to themselves tough luck dude! When you do this, it's a positive forward action, and it's contagious, just tell them to do the same thing, it works! Have a safe riding experience ALL the time. Norm e.

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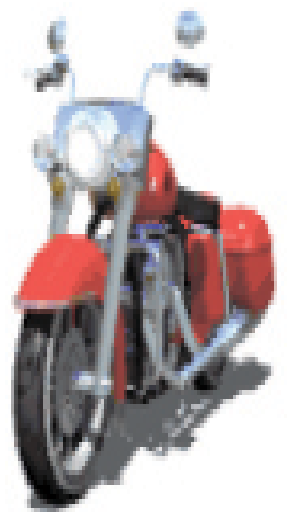
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Sporty's Rides

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan

Hi again! I'm still on the mend. Yes, my leg is still messed up. Had a CT scan and it shows no growth. I have an appointment to see my leg specialist, Dr C, on June 16th. That is one day after my monthly ABATE meeting. I also recently spoke with a guy who is a specialist in leg amputations. We talked and I listened and learned things. This will help in my decision making as to what to do about my leg getting better or having it removed below the knee.

I am also going to have to see my heart specialist, Dr Shen, from the Kaiser Sunset Medical building. He is a good guy and knows what he's doing. You see I have a major problem of doing surgery with anesthesia. It tends to mess up my heart. In fact if I have a surgery with anesthesia there is a 20 to 30 chance of having problems with my heart. Yeaks. My doctors suggested doing an Epidural procedure where they numb the surgical area. That is all well and good, however it may not last long enough and then they would use anesthesia as a back up.

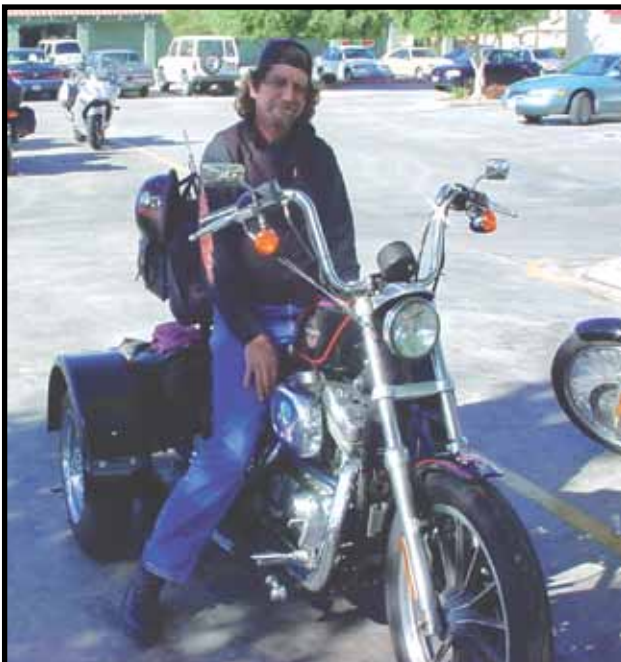
The next thing Dr C is talking about is a bone graft which is a 4 to 5 hour surgery. If I go that route and it's successful it would take about 4 months from the time of the surgery and there is no 100 percent guarantee that it will be successful. If I decide to go the amputation route, surgery is two hours and by September I could be back walking with a prosthetic lower leg.

Also on June 16th I am going to see Michael, who is involved with amputations, at his office in Palmdale. He is going to show me the procedure and let me talk with several other guys that have had the procedure.

Ok folks this is where I am at. Frankly I am getting really sick of all this down time and will be making a decision really soon regarding my leg. Again thanks for your patience with the medical reports.

Last month my ABATE member and good friend Steve B took me to the May ABATE Local 1 meeting in Sun Valley. I let him drive the little truck that could - my 1989 Toyota pick up truck. He has agreed to do this again for the June 15th meeting at the Elks Lodge.

During the interim I have had Steve B come over and ride my 1200L Sporty. I need to have this done to keep it



in fair shape. He said it runs ok could use some STP fuel injector in the gas to clean up the subsequent port injectors. They hesitate at slow speeds. I had him ride my 2002 XL 883 Sporty. It has over 103,450 miles on the speedo and Steve said it ran like it needed some repairs to the tranny gear box. I have also had my ABATE member and friend, Mike Sherry, ride the 2007 1200L Sporty and he likes the fact that it cruises well in and around town. That was his first time on a Harley as he rides one of those VTX 1800 Honda cruisers. He is also a good friend.

This down time is really beginning to annoy me to no end. The fact that I have not been able to see my ABATE friends from out of the area is really sad. But I know if I have to do boring then boring is what I have to do.

We had a good victory with the approval of the amendment to HR 4745 offered by U.S. Representatives Tim Walberg (R-MI) and Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI). We asked you to respond to the challenge by calling your congressman, you did and the amendment passed. Now HR 4745 goes to the United States Senate.

I am really glad that AB1835 the side x side is moving

along and that it has cleared the Assembly and is moving and resting in the Senate side of the State House. Another victory, if it gets eventually signed into law by the Governor. We, as members of MROs, have a responsibility to do our part when called on to do so via email news, call to actions, etc. Just remember when we fail to act on issues that strike the core of our beliefs, then we let those who try to put us down win.

Till next time, again there are some nifty ABATE runs going on this summer and early fall. Make your plans to attend them! Especially, our BIG fundraiser the STATE RUN in KERNVILLE on SEPTEMBER 12th, 13th & 14th.

Regards, Sporty.

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Pac/Lobbyist Report

by Dave Hastings, Treasurer

The 2014 mid term elections are over and now it's time to gear up for the November finale. ABATE PAC will have our candidate endorsements out soon and we will be "full steam ahead" for the next election cycle.

As usual, your ABATE PAC will get involved in races where we feel we can actually make a difference. Please, if you haven't already gotten involved, be prepared to assist us. Remember our endorsements are based solely on electing motorcycle friendly candidates to office and these people are always grateful for the help we provide, especially if the race is hotly contested.

Over the years ABATE PAC has been a huge help to many individuals seeking office and we have made many friends that have remained very



loyal to us throughout their political careers. When we have an issue that needs attention these people have been more than willing to step up to the plate and offer a helping hand in return. That is the main reason we always ask for your help with our ABATE PAC political activities.

So get involved with ABATE PAC as a volunteer and help ensure our motorcycle success in the upcoming November elections. You can donate some of your precious time or your hard earned money, or better yet donate both, to your ABATE PAC. Either way, both will be put to good use helping every motorcycle rider in California ride free into 2015!

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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

U.S. HOUSE VOTES DOWN FEDERAL HELMET LAW PUSH: The Obama Administration's proposed GROW AMERICA Act, a four-year \$302 billion transportation funding measure, contains a provision to allow NHTSA to begin lobbying states and state legislators "to consider proposals related to motorcycle helmet use laws," effectively overturning a ban against such federal lobbying on the issue that has been in place since 1995.

But on June 9th, by a voice vote on the floor of 229-192 (10 absent or abstaining), the U.S. House of Representatives approved an amendment offered by U.S. Representatives Tim Walberg (R-MI) and Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) to strike that provision from the House's version of the legislation; titled the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (H.R. 4745).

The full bill was approved by the House the following day, with the offending language in Section 102 of H.R. 4745 successfully eliminated, but the Senate version of this highly politicized and largely partisan transportation funding bill is still under consideration.

The Administration "strongly opposes House passage of H.R. 4745," and "looks forward to working with the Congress on an orderly appropriations process..."

"VISION ZERO" HITS NYC: A controversial European traffic control plan referred to as "Vision Zero" has found its way to American shores, as NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio has gained support of the New York City Council for his Vision Zero plan to eliminate traffic fatalities by 2024.

On May 29, 2014, the City Council approved a package of new policies aiding Mayor de Blasio's quest to end traffic deaths, modeled after a Swedish philosophy that treats all road deaths and serious injuries as inherently preventable, the initiative has become the centerpiece of the new administration's transportation agenda.

Among the changes approved, which includes misdemeanor charges or loss of license for hitting a pedestrian or cyclist, certain "exhibition behavior" from motorcyclists will not be tolerated under the law. The new rules governing motorcycle behavior outlaws "wheelies, doughnuts, burnouts and revving" -- a first offense would be punishable by up to 60 days in jail.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDER DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BY "NO COLORS" POLICY: Bikers all across South Florida are threatening to boycott and protest a restaurant after a member of the American Legion Riders said he was discriminated against for riding a motorcycle and wearing patches that proclaim his military service.

Proud Navy veteran Robert Thompson of Pompano Beach told WPTV Channel 5 (NBC) that a manager at the Old Key Lime House told him to remove his leather vest because they do not allow "gangs or colors" and that "his kind" was not welcome.

Within days of the incident, hundreds of veterans and bikers began sharing what happened through social media. A Facebook page was even created to boycott and protest the Old Key Lime House. Fearing backlash, management at the restaurant suspended the employee who made the comments, and the owner has apologized, calling it "a terrible misunderstanding."

A manager at the restaurant told the TV news station that their "no colors or gangs" policy should not have been applied, claiming that the restaurant welcomes bikers and veterans; although a sign still hangs at the bar that states: "WELCOME ALL BIKERS - NO PATCHES or CLUB AFFILIATION ALLOWED - LEAVE IT ON BIKE"

Thompson said he did not speak out to cause controversy but to stop discrimination, no matter what someone looks like, from happening again anywhere.

MINNESOTA APPROVES PURPLE HEART MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATE: Few U.S. states offer the option to get a personalized motorcycle license plate.



Minnesota just approved a bill to create a special motorcycle license plate for wounded combat veterans which will be a shrunken version of the Purple Heart plates that car owners can get.

FLYING OLD GLORY COULD VOID YOUR WARRANTY: Due to wind resistance from flags fluttering behind his Harley trike, former Wisconsin State Senator Dave Zien was informed by Harley-Davidson that the factory would not honor the warranty after the clutch failed during a ride to Dallas, Texas for the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Convention last month.

Zien, 64, a longtime member of the NCOM Legislative Task Force, says the Motor Company denied his warranty claim because of the excessive drag created by the flapping flags he flies from the back of his 2014 trike, which has 15,000 miles on it and is covered by a seven-year unlimited mileage warranty.

"All they said was, because I fly flags on the bike, there's no warranty on the powertrain," Zien told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel newspaper on May 15th. A combat Marine and Viet Nam veteran, the former lawmaker is a Hall of Fame biker who has set several long-distance riding records since the 1970s and says he's always done so with multiple flags on his bike. His 1991 Harley with one million miles on the odometer has been on display since 2000 at the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame in South Dakota.

Harley-Davidson told the newspaper that Zien's warranty is still in effect, but because of the addition of aftermarket products -- essentially, the huge flags -- Zien has voided any coverage on the powertrain and transmission.

"The issue isn't that the flags are heavy," Harley spokeswoman Maripat Blankenheim told the Journal-Sentinel, "but they provide terrific drag on the engine and the transmission, especially when the bike is at highway speeds."

She added that the flag mounts that Zien used were not Harley products. "When you alter a motorcycle with non-compliant products, that does impact your ability to make a warranty claim," Blankenheim said. Zien currently has seven flags flying from his three-wheeler including full-sized Stars and Stripes, Don't Tread on Me, U.S. Marine Corps and Wisconsin flags and an NRA banner that proclaims "Stand and Fight", and he says all the flag mounts were installed at a Harley dealership.

The "Million Mile Motorcycle Man" is ready for a fight to defend the right of all to fly a flag on a motorcycle without voiding the warranty. "Ain't nobody gonna stop our flags, not even Harley-Davidson corporate," Zien told the paper.

MOTORCYCLE THEFTS CONTINUE DOWNWARD TREND: Motorcycle thefts continued to decline in 2013, a downward trend that began in 2008; and of five major brands only Harley-Davidson owners saw an uptick in the number of stolen bikes.

According to new data released by the National Crime Information Center, an electronic clearinghouse of nationwide crime data aggregated by the FBI, overall last year there were 45,367 reported motorcycle thefts nationwide, the equivalent of one every nine minutes, down 1.5%, even as bike sales increased.

Of those stolen, there were 3,907 Harley-Davidsons, up 4% from 2012, while the percentage of stolen Honda, Yamaha, Kawasaki and Suzuki motorcycles fell 2.1% (Kawasaki) to 9.1% (Suzuki). Honda was the bike stolen most often, followed by Yamaha, Suzuki, Kawasaki and Harley-Davidson.

The thefts were highest in California, followed by Florida, Texas, North Carolina and Indiana.

Thirty seven percent of the motorcycles reported stolen in the U.S. in 2013 were recovered, compared with about 50% of the stolen cars.

ELECTRIC CYCLES GAIN TRACTION: Despite America's love affair with Harley-Davidsons, electric motorcycles are revving up U.S. sales, according to a recent article in USA Today, and two-wheeled e-vehicles are gaining converts among urban commuters and law enforcement.

Sales of high-performance e-motorcycles will rise at least 30% per year through 2023 in North America, cites a report last month by Navigant Research, a market research firm. Co-author John Gartner sees several reasons: consumers looking for refuge from high gasoline prices, increases in city traffic and improved e-vehicles.

Zero, the largest U.S. manufacturer of e-motorcycles, has boosted production from fewer than 100 units in 2010 to more than 2,000 this year, notes Scott Harden, the company's vice president of marketing. Compared to gas-powered counterparts, he says Zeros are cheaper to operate -- about a penny per mile -- and don't make noise, fumes or vibrations.

E-motorcycles sell best in the San Francisco Bay area, southern California, Florida and Texas, says Adrian Stewart, director of marketing for Oregon-based Brammo, which rolled out its first model in 2009.

The U.S. market faces increased competition as BMW launches an e-scooter this year, and Yamaha plans an electric entry in 2016.

Also on the way are three-wheeled electric tuk-tuks, vehicles without sides that have canopies and are common in Asia. Netherlands-based Tuk Tuk Factory is partnering with eTuk USA, which is seeking road-use approval for three models from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

THOUSANDS OF ANGRY BIKERS CLOG FRENCH STREETS IN PROTEST: Once again, France was the scene of enormous demonstrations with thousands of motorcyclists gathering in every city across the nation on April 12th and protesting at the newly proposed speed limit of 80 km per hour (50 mph) on the national road network.

The angry bikers accuse the government of wanting to impose draconian measures in the sole attempt to cash in extra euros from road users who simply won't respect the proposed speed limits.

Paris alone saw more than 5,000 angry bikers blocking the city centre for hours and bringing it to a complete standstill. Other cities across France also saw massive protests with thousands of irate motorcyclists showing their opposition to the reduced speed limit. Lyon, the second largest French city, was also paralyzed with thousands of bikers blocking that city's centre in revolt against the new speed restrictions. Protests took place in 80 towns and cities across the country and were all organized by regional branches of the extremely respected and powerful Fédération Française des Motards en Colère (FFMC) also known in English as the French Federation of Angry Bikers.

The French government will further discuss the proposals and a decision will be made by the end of the year. The bikers are prepared to take up the streets again if need be to express their on-going ire.

WEIRD NEWS: TINY POOCH TAKES DOWN HOG: Police in Riverton, Wyoming were called to the scene of a motorcycle accident where a 45-year old man reported that a Chihuahua dog had chased him down the road on his Harley-Davidson, attempting to bite the front tire and causing it to crash.

Answering the age old question, "What's he going to do with it when he catches it," the pooch fled the scene but was later apprehended and its owner cited for having a small dog at large.

FOUR CORNERS "COMING TOGETHER": The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) and Confederation of Clubs (COC) will host a "Coming Together" on Saturday, August 30, 2014 during Ignacio Bike Week, 1:30-4:30 pm at the Sun Ute Community Center, 290 Mouache in Ignacio, Colorado.

"An opportunity to meet patch holders from around the country," the agenda includes a COC Report by Richard M. Lester, Founder of AIM & NCOM, a seminar on the Defender Program & National Anti-profiling Legislation by Paul Landers, U.S. Defender Lt Commander and Liaison for COCs Texas, a seminar on Riders Rights and Liberties, and a seminar by Colorado Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) Attorney Wade Eldridge on Search and Seizure & Other Rights.

The Coming Together will continue with a Confederation of Clubs Meeting with reports from representatives of each Confederation present, and conclude with a Show of Unity.

For further information, contact NCOM at 800-ON-A-BIKE.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "You ought to be extremely cautious, watchful, jealous of your liberty; for instead of securing your rights, you may lose them forever..." ~ Patrick Henry (1788)

TEAMWORK WAS FUN FOR PROP 41

by Spike, Local #20

Bikers, veterans and politicians alike gathered at Original Mike's in Santa Ana for a pre-election rally in support of our homeless veterans. One of every four homeless people is a veteran. We have men and women who live in tents in the Middle East to serve us and when they return to California, many don't have a place to call home. The Hon. Jose Solorio, his political engine and that of the local biker community focused on this housing challenge by rallying in support of Prop 41.

In the cordial setting of Original Mike's, accompanied by good live music, fine food and a great crowd the host and organizer Jose Solorio welcomed the attendees. It was quite a gathering of MCs (Motorcycle Clubs) and independent bikers that quickly filled the parking lot with their bikes and the patio with their persons. There were many speakers introduced from the political, veteran and biker worlds.

Although different topics were addressed, the main focus was California Proposition 41. The California Veter-

ans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act (Assembly Bill 639), was on the June 3, 2014 ballot in California as a legislatively-referred bond act. The enthusiasm and teamwork shown at the rally was reflected in the results at the voting booths where the bill was approved by a 65.41% YES vote to a 34.59% NO vote. Mission accomplished!

To summarize: Prop 41 authorizes \$600 million in general obligation bonds for affordable multifamily supportive housing to relieve homelessness, affordable transitional housing, affordable rental housing, or related facilities for veterans and their families.

Another hot topic mentioned by speakers was that of a need for a veterans' cemetery in Orange County. Bill Cook, Chairman of the Orange County Veterans Memorial Park & Cemetery Committee, has worked to get a veterans' cemetery at the former El Toro Marine Corps Air Station since it was closed 15 years ago. He said with an estimated 14,000 veterans dying each year in Orange and L.A. counties, the closest burial option in a veterans' cemetery is in Riverside. Cook, an American Legion Chaplain, said if Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva's

legislation is successful, it would be at least a three year process before the first burial ceremony would be held at a new veterans' cemetery in Orange County.

Again with teamwork and a special legislative effort by Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva (District 65), she was able to announce, "As Chair of the California Assembly Committee on Veterans Affairs, I'm happy to inform you that legislation I authored allowing Orange County to work with the Department of Veterans Affairs to design and build a state-owned veterans' cemetery has passed through the Assembly. You may not be aware of this, but Orange County is the largest county in California without a veterans' cemetery, despite the fact that it is home to Army, Navy and Marine bases - and approximately 133,000 veterans".

It's good to see teamwork in play and results for effort. The biker community for a long time has been charitable to the needy and children, also supportive of patriotic veterans of which many are active members in our clubs. It is a blast of fresh air for local politicians to work with the biker community in social and legislative issues. Job well done! Cheers!

Assemblyman Tom Daley from Anaheim with Gill & Spike #20



MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY

These are the photos from the Motorcycle Awareness event held at the Humboldt County Supervisors meeting when they proclaimed May as Motorcycle Awareness month here in Humboldt County. Bikers from a number of local groups, as well as ABATE Local 50, participated in the event.



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Announcing the Winners of the Statewide Raffle

by Jim Schlachter

The drawing took place as advertised on June 1st at the Hot Rods & Harleys Ride-In Shows at the Iron Steed Harley-Davidson Dealership in Vacaville. And the Winners were:

Rachael Drunken took \$1,800 cash instead of dual bike trailer; ticket sold by Mike Todd L-17.

Buz Yochelson, L-1, took \$900 cash instead of 2-year service contract; ticket sold by Iceman L-1.

Angelo Porras took Hero3 Series Black Biker Camcorder with 32 gb card; ticket sold by Richard Haywood L-17.

Iceman, L-1, took \$300 cash instead of 50" HD TV; ticket sold by Iceman L-1.

Karen Del Real took i-Pad; ticket sold by Jim S L-17.

Carol Garrett took \$200 cash instead of Mini i-Pad; ticket sold by Jeff Bassler L-19.

Mark Pearman took \$150 cash instead of 40" HD TV; ticket sold by Jim S L-17.

Thank you to all those who purchased and sold the tickets. We saved some money because some winners took cash and we all helped ABATE with a profit. The final dollar amount will be announced at the Board of Directors meeting in Fresno on July 26th.

EVENTS FOR 2014

www.abate.org Events Calendar

July 4th – Independence Day – in commemoration of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

July 26th – 3rd Quarterly ABATE Meetings – Fresno – not just for ABATE Officers, Members are welcome too. Will be at the Piccadilly Airport Inn – 5115 E McKinley Ave; Fresno 93727; for room reservations – Call 559-375-7760 (room rates \$89.00/night -plus tax (rate includes a sit-down breakfast).

Tentative meetings times:

9:30a – Presidents/State Officers/Regional Representatives; 10:30a – PAC Meeting; noon – Lunch;

1:00 pm – ABATE Board Meeting. Also a time to start thinking of running for the next term for the ABATE Board of Directors - (odd numbered year – 5 Candidates to serve 2015 through 2016).

July 27 – ABATE Local 2 – 19th Annual Sweaty Buns Run (see flyer this issue).

September 12, 13 & 14 – Friday through Sunday – Annual Golden State Rendezvous aka ABATE State Run – Frandy Campground in Kernville; (See flyer in this issue; pre-reg and pre-order your shirt too)

September 15th – Bailing Wire deadline for the October issue – and ABATE Board Candidates will need their “statement of intent” submitted to Bailing.wire@abate.org

November 4 – State Election Day – VOTE and make sure YOUR mail-in ballot is received BEFORE the polls close!

November 9th – Annual Totally Kids fund raiser – (a.k.a. One more from the Heart).

November 11 – Veterans Day

December 7 – ABATE Local #19 & Pomona Valley H.O.G. Annual Toy Run

Even if you are not an ABATE Member, YOU are WELCOME to attend ABATE Events - Your attendance and support of these events helps ABATE to continue to represent YOU in our ongoing preservation of “Freedom of the Road”.

All event flyers that have been received are also on ABATE’s website Event Calendar – can be downloaded and printed in a PDF format –

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“Me glad be home, it jungle out there!”

TECH TIPS

by Craig Griswold

Coiled Up (Part II)

Last month we talked about the ignition coil, how to identify different types, and the applications to different model years. We can expand a little further with the model year discussion by identifying the coil's role in the different types of ignitions systems, stock and aftermarket.

Before we get on topic, a brief explanation of how ignition coils do what they do is in order. From the ignition switch, via some form of circuit protection (circuit breaker, fuse), 12 VDC (volts direct current) connects to one side of the coil's primary side. The other side is connected to the ignition component (points, ignition module). In the case of the breaker points system, current is passed through the contacts to ground. The current flow through the coil generates a magnetic field on the primary side until the points are opened via engine rotation. When the contacts open or "break" the ensuing collapse of the magnetic field induces a high voltage output through the coil's secondary (spark plug side). The amplifying effect is remarkable. The 12 VDC is boosted to tens of thousands of volts in early systems, and well north of 40 thousand volts in modern electronic versions. That is the energy required to jump a spark across the spark plug electrodes. Post 1979, electronic ignition replaced points. In lieu of mechanical contacts providing the switching function to ground, the ignition module provides the same via electronics. Very cool!

The first few years of HD electronic ignition systems were not good ones. The V-Fire was problematic and the aftermarket found a niche. While many folks were converting their bikes back to points, new products were coming to surface from the likes of Crane, Compufire, and others.

One other fun fact is that HD changed their systems from dual fire (both cylinders fire spark simultaneously, one is wasted) to single fire in 1999. Taking a nod from the aftermarket which introduced this technology many years prior, The Motor Company gave us a much improved ignition system. Dual fire coils will have two terminal primaries while single fire will have three. The '99 and later went to an enclosed weather proof plug.



Now we can discuss troubleshooting. We know that earlier ignition systems used breaker points to time the spark.

The coils that provided the energy for that spark were a 5 ohm coil. When The Motor Company introduced electronic ignition (1980), the coil's primary resistance was reduced to 4 ohms. In 1985, higher energy systems utilized a 3 ohm coil. The lower resistances of the coils allowed for increased current flow with a resulting increase in output. Furthermore, 1999 Twin Cams and 2004 and later Sportys use coils with less than an ohm on the primary.

How do you know when a coil is bad? The two basic rules of troubleshooting are the presence of spark and fuel. When you ground your plugs and roll the engine and there's no spark, keep in mind that more times than not it's a bad connection. When we roll around on a paint shaker on two wheels we have to expect connection issues! Check everything around the coil first. The good book calls for resistance checks on the primary and secondary sides of the coil. The results of this test can be deceiving. The primary side should read as discussed previously. Depending on the application, a few tenths of an ohm (late models) to five ohms (early systems) will do. The secondary side will read in the tens of thousands of ohms (check your service manual for specific parameters). The trick to resistance readings is that a bad reading (open circuit or resistance that is way out of spec) will be indicative of a faulty coil, but good readings are not necessarily proof positive that the coil is good. If your resistance readings are good, conduct a dynamic test of the coil using a grounding tool. HD service literature describes how to put one of these together and the procedure to use it. It's basically a ground wire with a capacitor connected in parallel.



This allows you to observe the function of the coil as if the bike was running. After all of this testing, and all proves positive, there is still the possibility that the coil malfunctions only under certain conditions. For example, we had a bike come in the shop that would misfire at the 3500 RPM range. Above or below that engine speed, it ran great. If we were to test the coil by any means previously described, all would seem good. What we discovered was that particular RPM developed a resonance that would cause the coil to shut down. We could postulate that there was a break in the coil of wire that would remain intact under most conditions to pass the requisite amount of current to function as designed, but once the vibration reached a certain level, the connection would break and down she goes!

Hopefully this gives you a better understanding of how coils work and a bit of troubleshooting knowledge that will save you some time and money. The logical flow of diagnostics can keep you from buying expensive parts to replace something that may not be faulty. Modern service literature from Harley-Davidson is well written. Use the flow charts and be patient! Cheers!

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HR 4745 Walberg Amendment Passes

On June 9th the United States House of Representatives agreed on the Walberg Amendment to the 2015 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill by voice vote on the House floor, reports the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

The Amendment offered by Congressman Tim Walberg (R-MI) along with Mr. Sensenbrenner (R-WI) and Mr. Ribble (R-WI), eliminates a provision in the 2015 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations act that would have allowed the Secretary of Transportation to discuss motorcycle safety initiatives with state legislators.

In 1998 Congress passed a law that made it illegal for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to lobby state legislatures. Prior to 1998, according to the Government Accountability Office, NHTSA had spent tens of thousands of dollars traveling to states whenever a state debated changing their own state helmet law. Seeing this as a waste of taxpayer money, the congress prohibited anyone from NHTSA to lobby states uninvited.

Mr. Walberg had this to say “This money should go to fund eliminating distracted driving, motorcycle rider education, and motorist-motorcycle awareness campaigns.”

“Put simply this is a states rights issue”, said Jeff Hennie Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs for the Motorcycle Rider Foundation. He added “With such limited, precious funds they need to be used in areas of safety that are proven, not for bureaucratic waste.”

The amendment was opposed on the floor by Ed Pastor (D-AZ).

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) thanks everyone who made calls on this important issue, your participation was key in getting this amendment to pass.

The full bill was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives the evening of June 10th with the Walberg amendment enacted.

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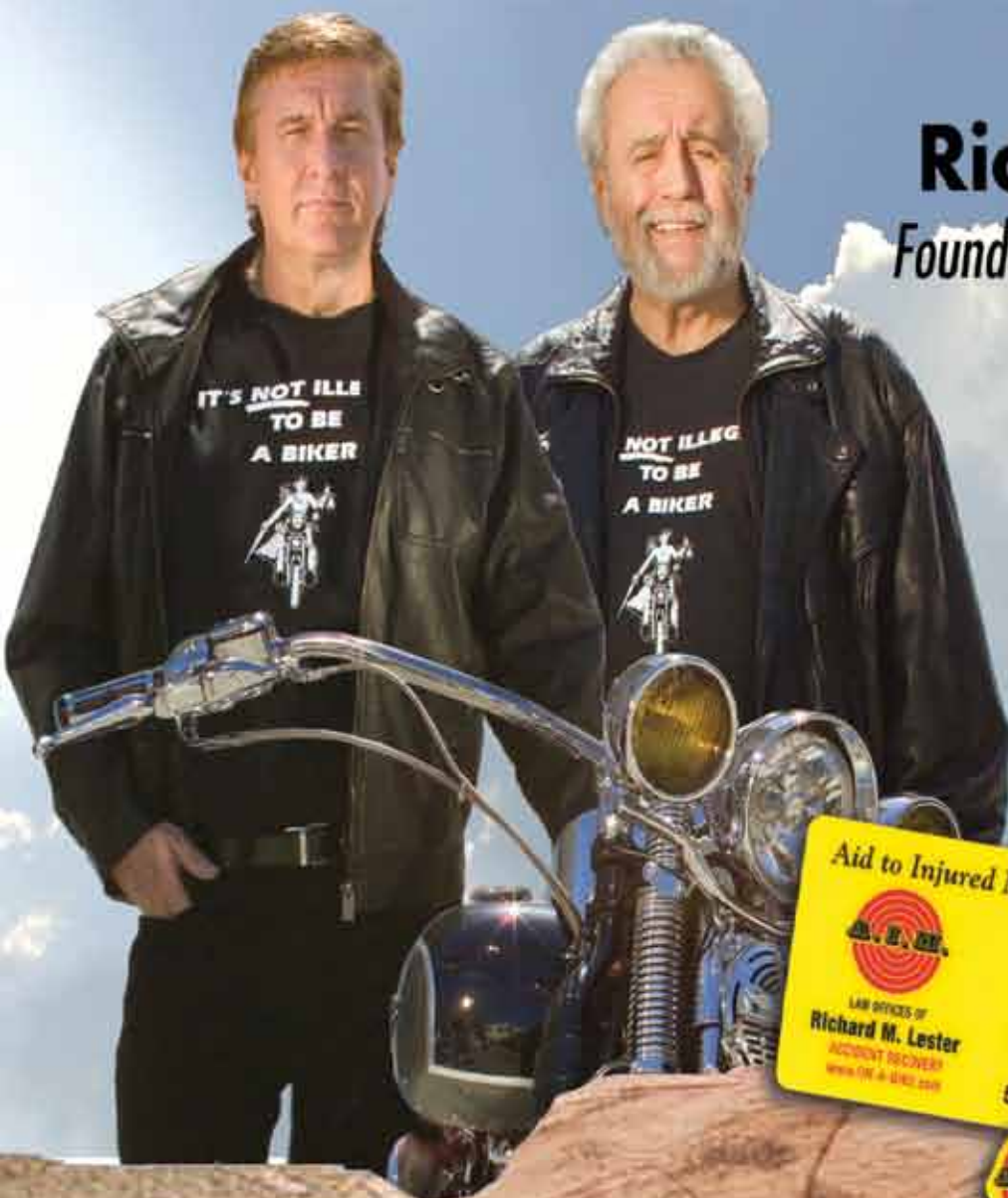
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www.abatelocal24.org Shaw & Blackstone, Fresno

Sacramento - Local#25-Reg#2

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

Riverside - Local#27-Reg#9

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

Morongo Basin - Local#29-Reg#13

Marty Rapp 2nd - Thurs - 6:30 PM
P.O. Box 2334 Odd # Months
29 Palms CA 92277 Call Marty for Location
760/367-1694

North Valley - Local #31-Reg#2

Larry James 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
Last Call Lounge
530/893-4827 876 East Ave. Chico

Yuba City - Local #33-Reg#2

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

Imperial Valley - Local#38-Reg#12

Ed Aranda Last Thurs - 7:00 PM
760/337-8372 La Fonda Bar & Grill
220 Wake Ave.
El Centro, CA 92243

Bakersfield - Local#40-Reg#6

Godfather 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM
P.O. Box9311 Rusty's Pizza
Bakersfield 93389 5430 Olive Dr
661/301-5403 Bakersfield 93308
661/323-9819

High Desert - Local#44-Reg#13

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

Barstow - Local #47-Reg#13

Yermo Eddy Meet with L#44
PO Box 521
Yermo CA 92398
760/953-7353

Grass Valley - Local#52-Reg#2

Craig Griswold 3rd Wed - 6:30 PM
21183 State Hwy 20 Alta Sierra
Penn Valley Pizza & Grill'
530/263-8071 15690 Johnson Place
Grass Valley

Ridgecrest - Local #58-Reg#13

Dave Cornelius Meet with Local#44
760/447-4342

Venice Beach/Santa Monica Local # 63-Reg#7

Kimko 310/907-6174 1st Monday 7:00pm
On the Water Front Cafe'
205 Ocean Front Walk
Venice Beach 90291
mindbodyalignment@verizon.net

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Region 8: Regional Representative Tom Lubbers 18&19.
Region 9: Regional Representative Mark Loudermilk 23, & 27
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