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Lobbyist's Legislative Report

**by James Lombardo, Sr.,
Legislative Director & Lobbyist**

ABATE of California's web site has a new, great look providing us with an excellent tool for our Legislative efforts this year! Please sign up for our Legislative Alerts - WE WILL ONLY USE THIS FOR UPDATES ON HOT BILLS AFFECTING US AND OUR FREEDOM TO RIDE - and we have a lot of them, this year!

During the last four days before the bill introduction deadline, 1,321 bills were filed. That was 330 per day, 13.8 per hour or one every 5 minutes! Many of these are "spot bills" with just a code section reference. They can be changed to do just about anything. I will be keeping a close watch to see how they are amended, and if they will affect us. That said; I will be discussing the changed bills at our Legislative Committee meeting in Vacaville on April 11, so please send at least one representative from your Local to discuss them and vote for an official position on the bills.

I was called by Assemblyman Sandre Swanson's Chief of Staff and he asked for ABATE's support of AB 1664 to remove the restriction for motorcycles towing a trailer to stay in the slow lane, and to be able to ride at the posted speed limit for autos. His staffer is a fellow rider. We voted to support this bill at our meeting in Camarillo in January, so I will be testifying this week in support of AB 1664.



Senator Wiggins has introduced a spot bill, SB 1134, to ensure that children are safe riding on a motorcycle. Her staff says it may be changed, but they haven't given any indi-

cation of the language. We'll be watching this one closely.

Assemblyman Garrick has authored AB 1848, a bill extending the prohibitions of using certain tools to steal motor vehicles to motorcycles. We will discuss this bill, as well, at our Vacaville meeting.

I am working on getting our *May Is Motorcycle Awareness Month* resolution passed and having the Caltrans "Share the Road with Motorcycles" amber alert signs go active again in May. One unexpected downside to this recent sign campaign, however, was that the CHP received many negative calls on the sign messages, saying that the cager callers claimed that riders were not being respectful to them, especially when we "lane share."

Please bring your petitions opposing Senator Pavley's SB 435 to Vacaville or mail them to Carol, at the state office, so I can keep them near me to be submitted to the Assembly Transporta-

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

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

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tion Committee when the bill is set for a hearing. Thanks to all of you for the 12,000 signatures you have gathered, so far, in opposition to SB 435. I hope this has helped you sign up new ABATE members, as well.

We voted to try and have a Democrat help and carry our helmet law repeal bill, this year. Due to the \$20 billion budget shortfall that has still not been dealt with, and it being an election year, the Senate & Assembly members we approached felt that next year would be a better year and would seriously consider it next session. We also did this the last election cycle to allow us to focus on anti-motorcyclist bills to protect the riding rights that we still have left. It will take a lot of our resources to **KILL SB 435** this year! Plus, the Primary Election is June 8. Please volunteer one or two days to work in a campaign in order to help elect some more friends to help us in Sacramento!

We are having our Freedom Rally on the south side of the Capitol on Monday, April 12. It will be over by noon, so you can get back home at a decent hour. We will also have a lobby packet for those who wish to stay and lobby against SB 435, and any other bill that may need our serious attention by that time.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR PIPES QUIET! The Assembly Transportation Committee office is directly across the street from where you park. **Loud Pipes May Save Lives**, but they can attract enough of the wrong kind of attention and help SB 435 pass out of Committee if it turns into stepped-up motorcycle noise enforcement legislation.

See you at the Board/PAC/Legislative meeting in Vacaville on Sunday, April 11, or our Rights Rally on Monday, April 12!

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Executive Director's Report

by Tony Jaime, Executive Director

Greetings Brothers, Sisters, and Friends! Well, here we are almost through the month of March 2010 and there is a lot of action starting to occur in ABATE Locals throughout California. There are a lot of ABATE events getting ready to take place in the near future and we would like to see as many of you as possible attending and supporting the different Local and state events.



The weather is starting to warm up and will soon be providing us with full time riding conditions, bikes will be coming out in full force, and people will be taking advantage of the great California climate to travel on their motorcycles. Remember to check the tire pressure, oil level, and make sure all your equipment is in good, serviceable condition. Since many of you have likely had your bikes garaged, this is the time for you to make sure everything is in good working order, and make any necessary repairs, changes, or desired upgrades to insure you have the best possible opportunity to enjoy a safe and pleasurable riding season.

The same concept holds true with ABATE as the organizational entity primarily responsible for looking out for motorcyclist's rights in this state. Just like your

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motorcycle, ABATE needs a little attention and maintenance every now and again, as does any corporate organization, even a grassroots organization such as ours. As we move through the year, the Board of Directors along with myself, are going to be looking at ways to more efficiently operate, find alternative methods of fundraising, and help bring ABATE to a more prominent position as the leading MRO in California. From our perspective, we are already in the early stages of increasing the level of communication and efficiency in the routine and everyday workplace tasks that occur daily throughout the organization. We are also in the process of rebuilding some areas. Leadership by example is one of the best methods I know for instilling the necessary work ethics and organizational responsibility throughout the membership. Any organization is no better than the level of dedication and involvement displayed by its members and officers.

For many years we have labored long and hard to raise funding to influence and make a significant impression upon our elected officials in Sacramento that reflect the best interests of the entire motorcycling community in California. We now need to also look to keeping the ABATE apparatus in top running condition. We have kept it running, but I believe that now is the time for us to look at ways to re-organize or revamp many of our current or outdated practices. We have been in existence going on thirty years without much corporate makeover, and we are long overdue for some alterations and improvements that will allow us to be more financially independent. The time has come for us to exhibit a little vision, as we look towards what the future holds for us as an MRO in California.

One of the things I am asking Local Presidents to begin doing is to take inventory of their personnel and other assets that

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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.

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Executive Director's Report

may be available to them in their Local. We must identify all those individuals throughout the organization with special skills that can benefit ABATE, whether they are position paper writers, grant writers, financial advisors, event planners, local government officials, or just some shrewd and astute bikers with too much time on their hands. Additionally, any useful contacts in the media, service organizations, private enterprise, local city, county, or state government that any Local has developed should also be identified. Even though California is a very large state and our membership is spread out through a large, diverse geographical area, it is still necessary to have a central data base where we can look at all the pieces we have on the game board.

Another region of exploration that offers a lot of promise to ABATE in terms of improving the financial outlook for the organization is in the area of corporate diversification. While we have operated for many years as a 501 C-7 tax exempt corporation, in my opinion, the time has come when we need to re-evaluate different areas of ABATE as we currently operate as a legal corporation and investigate the possibilities of operating different parts of

ABATE under different tax structures, with all of those individual pieces assembled together under the general umbrella of ABATE of California. Many of the major benevolent service organizations such as the Elks operate this way, with different tax structures in place for different operational divisions but all coming together under the overall umbrella of the Elks. For instance, my initial research into the different tax-exempt structures established by the IRS indicate that if the Bailing Wire and state-level organized events were reorganized under the 501 C-3 tax exempt category and thus classified as a private foundation or charity, then we would be eligible for the bulk mailing rate, saving ABATE quite a bit in mailing costs. Also, donations made under this structure would then be deductible as a charitable contribution. While this is a simplified concept of the benefits that could be realized from restructuring ABATE into different divisions under one overall corporate umbrella, I think you can begin to see how such diversification could improve our financial outlook.

While I doubt that ABATE will ever grow into a corporate behemoth, nor would I like to see us become that which many of us abhor, I believe the time has come to look at growing the organization through the application of sound and time tested business procedures and practices that will

allow some grow room and more financial advantages. It is my contention that we can become a much more efficient, productive, and profitable organization headed toward financial stability. There is a lot of research and work that will be needed to make this happen, but it is certainly within our capabilities to effect such changes to the benefit of ABATE and its membership. All we need is the vision, expertise, and determination to make it happen.

There are no easy fixes to ABATE's housekeeping issues or to any of the other great problems occurring throughout the state and nation, but it is time that we exercise a little initiative and ingenuity, take a stand on the issue of corporate restructuring and diversification, and give this great organization the corporate makeover it needs to survive, prosper, and flourish in the 21st Century.

I hope to see many of you in Vacaville, on Sunday, April 11, where we will be holding the 2010 year's second set of quarterly BOD, PAC, & Presidents' meetings. In addition there will be a training seminar on Saturday for Local officers. And don't forget the Freedom Rally on the Capital Steps on Monday, April 12!

Ride hard, ride safe, ride free! Fraternally Yours, Anthony E. Jaime, Executive Director, ABATE of California

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LOCAL NEWS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! Sporty here! We had a good Polar Bear run. Thanks to all who came, and to all that did not you missed out on a good time. OK there is always next year to make it up.

Our meeting falls right after our report is due so – Bam! - it went like this: Sporty's president remarks, Sporty's treasurer report, PAC report by Peter D, membership report by Glen C, publicity report from Jim Nickla, run report by Sarge (or myself if he can't make it due to work commitments) and the progress report on Steve B's helmet ticket.

Plus the group will enjoy a hearty breakfast provided by the Elks Lodge. So there you have it in a quick nut shell. Regards, Sporty.

Local #02 Simi Valley



Dinner and a meeting, that's what Local 2 is about. On the second Tuesday of the month dinner starts at 6:45 pm; we serve a great \$5.00 meal with all the fixin's! We are located at VFW Post 4242 East Los Angeles Ave in Simi Valley. The meeting starts at 7:30 and thank you Post 10049, we have access to their beverages. Thanks to our volunteer cooks Denny Mortensen and Jim Kibbe!

President Ray got the meeting going and talked about the 16th Southern Regional Rally on May 7 - 9th and the Freedom & Motorcycle Awareness Rally in the State Capitol on April 12. VP Scott talked about Local 1's Polar Bear run he and others went on and he talked about runs coming up.

Linda, our PAC representative, talked about petition SB 435 and all the other good stuff that she works hard for us to know, thanks again for your dedication to ABATE!

We had a special guest, Hessian Spike. He gave a great report on what he does and talked about local laws and the COC (Confederation of Clubs) - check him out on you tube. Thanks Spike for trekking out here!

Okay I'm spilling the beans a little, I don't mean to be overstepping or telling anyone or what ever about how to run things, but this in a nut shell is what Local 2 is doing for ABATE of California, here goes: We start out with our dinner before the meeting for one, to raise money for ABATE and its great eating good food with your buds you most likely haven't seen for a month, and two, the camaraderie! Every month we get a boatload of donated items from our brethren for raffle prizes at the end of the meeting with the proceeds going to ABATE. This is fun and sometimes entertaining! We also have a 50/50 drawing and a membership drawing as well. The meetings are usually about an hour and very informative and educational. We miss all that cannot come for some reason.

I've been thinking about all those who volunteer their precious time for ABATE, whether local or statewide and all I can say is a big "Thank you"! Your tireless efforts pursuing and protecting our rights does not go unnoticed. When I ride, I enjoy my freedoms and know what I'm apart of. All I can say is, How about them Saint's – "the ABATE volunteers", that is!!! PTL Norm e. New

Local #09 South Orange County



January: Our guest speaker was Jack Riggs, who is the director of California Motorcyclist Program at Saddleback College. He had a wealth of knowledge to share and

helpful tips that contribute to motorcyclists' safety. Even if you're an experienced rider, you would be surprised at what you don't know or take for granted. Police statistics indicate that one third of bike riders do not have their M1 license endorsement. Hope to have Jack back soon. Thanks to Sporty Milligan for long distant travel. He rode 88 miles from Malibu to give us the update.

February: Our speaker was Tim Kuglin, CEO of TKTV and MotoZania "The Motorcycle Social Network" at www.motozania.com. He had a very informative presentation regarding how to use social media to promote your motorcycle business and charitable events. Go to the home page of Motozania for tips and tutorials.

Thanks to Louie Hernandez, our membership chairman for his personal efforts that contributed to a tremendous attendance at our March meeting. No speaker is scheduled for April yet.

Please remember that the month of May is designated as the Motorcyclist Awareness Month. Our May 4 speaker is scheduled to be CHP officer Chris Goodwin, who will be available to interact and discuss safety matters and legal issues. Til then, BAD BONES

Local #11 San Diego County (North)

The March turnout was 30+ members again and we welcomed another new member, Randy. Tim was acting as treasurer for the day. Tim also covered phone tree ops and our treasury holds steady with donations to both the General Fund and Lobbyists Fund sent in last month. There are still plenty of the \$10 raffle tickets for a new HD Super Glide to be given away at the State Rally in September.

The Board of Directors meeting will be at the Fairmont Inn in Vacaville on Sunday, April 11. The Freedom Rally on the Capital steps in Sacramento will be Monday, April 12. There has been no movement on SB435 yet, however, remember ALL motorcycles will be affected if this now anti-noise/anti-tampering bill gets out of the Assembly Transportation Committee. Also, nothing yet but look out for a bill to outlaw lane sharing ("splitting").

Voting for Local 11 officers for 2010 resulted in the following being elected: President - Tim Clark; Vice President - Dave Caldwell; Recorder/Scribe - Jim Fillo; Treasurer - Frank Fowler. Our PAC rep is Dan Buse and C of C Rep is Dick Beckton.

Tim reviewed John Del Santo's safety article covering the falling/fallen rock issues that typically become a hazard with the spring rains.

Upcoming runs - Yuma Prison Run April 16 - 18; So Cal Regional Rally May 7-9, and Boozefighters annual Father's Day weekend run.

In the 50/50 raffle, Gary won \$65.00 and donated \$30.00 back to the treasury. Thanks, Gary. Ride Safe, Dave

Local #14 Alameda County



Hello! Thanks everyone who attended the March meeting. Prez Joe was not able make the meeting because of his mother's health and was in Pennsylvania. Thank you Dennis for leading the meeting. Although it wasn't well attended, it was still a great meeting. Thank you Dragon from Road Dogs for attending. Thank you Jesse "Night Train" Lane for renewing your membership and thank you Animal, Carl Smith, Randy Brunzlick and Jesse for your generous donations.

We all voted to send (2) shares to the state to help pay for the parking meters in Sacramento for the Freedom Rally. I also volunteered to pay a visit to H & K Cycles in Livermore to see what happened to them and Bear (aka Local 62). I will report back at the next meeting.

The weather hasn't been very nice. So if you must ride, Ride Safe. So until we meet again, keep the shiny side up. Franklin

LOCAL NEWS

Local # 17 Solano & Napa Counties



Our Freeze Your Ass Off run was a huge success! We had over 400 people attend and join us for a great day of riding, food and music.

Once again Miss Darla's put on a yummy breakfast for us to start our day off just right, with nice scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits, gravy, hot sauce and donuts.

With the weather gods on our side each stop was relaxing with people catching up and visiting with the locals. The route was just perfect. Mike Southward, our run coordinator, did a fantastic job organizing everything and he is even on crutches.

LOL Danny McInnis and Roddy Blizard manned the Bar-B-Que and the tri-tip was glorious. Barbara Dallas was in charge of the kitchen crew and made sure everyone had something to do. Linda Hines was once again in charge of the raffle, she got over 100 raffle prizes and donations from our members! When the numbers went up Linda had 400+ friends wanting her attention. And she still kept her cool and remained organized. Great Job Linda!

Thank you to all the people - too many to name - who helped with the run! You made it a success! We have a great group of volunteers!!!!

Kim Waltzs from Auburn won the \$300 high hand, and \$200 was paid for the low hand, Michele McInnis won the \$385 50/50.

Our next event is the Spring Bingo Fun Run on Sunday, May 2. 5 stops, 5 games, \$5 donation/card, no limits, pay-outs at each stop. Sign in 9-9:30 am at Miss Darla's, 110 Peabody Road in Vacaville. We always have a great time, come join us. Michele

Local #19 Pomona Valley

Have you registered for the Southern Regional Rally yet? I just sent in my form with the check for Bonnie and I. May is just around the corner and will be here before you know it. There will be three days of fun and activities that even a Mother can enjoy. Being Mother's Day weekend, we can only hope. I know I am looking forward to working the front gate with Carol again this year. Canyon RV Park Campground looks like an excellent place to have the event this year. With everything from a pool, mini store and showers to full hook-ups, fire pits and a laundry, how can you go wrong? Don't forget all the normal activities that will be going on. Anaheim isn't far to go for a fun weekend.

At Local 19 activities continue for several of us toward the Thunder In The House event for Casa Colina Hospital in June. Dr. Loverso dropped off the check for the Street Glide we are going to raffle off at the event. We are selling tickets for \$10 each and only 5000 will be sold. That makes for some pretty good odds at winning a \$20K motorcycle for only \$10. Pomona Valley Harley-Davidson gave them an excellent deal on the bike and all proceeds (over the cost) go directly to the hospital. Anybody need a raffle ticket?

We have also started working on the Toy Run for this year. Several Local 19 members have stepped up and are working key positions to make this event happen. It's a lot of work, but all the efforts go toward making Christmas possible for kids that would otherwise have almost nothing. The Toy Run is a joint effort between Local 19 and the Pomona Valley HOG chapter. This will be the 22nd year these two groups have worked together for the kids.

The weather is getting nicer and it's possible to get out and ride more now. If your bike has been sitting, be sure to check it out good before taking off on it. Whether it is off-road or on the streets, make sure everything is working properly. Check those tires, brakes, lights, engine, nuts and bolts. That's the best way to make sure you and your bike return in one piece. Be sure you are ready as well. Prepare for your next two-wheel adventure by planning ahead and being well rested. The best bike in the world is only as good as its rider. Be safe, have fun and as always, keep the shiny side up! Ed

Local #21 Antelope Valley



Had four show up and sent \$90 bucks to the state office. Thanks to Mark for leaving the lobby obligation in the same spot. Hope to see you at the run.

So now that you feel sorry for this little tiny Local, you all should show up to our mid-year Palms to Pines Poker run. We have a band and it's gonna be up in the mountains - not too far up there. There are two lakes and two bars and it's a nice ride.

It's 10 am till 3 pm on Saturday, June 19. \$15 sign-up 10 am at High Desert Cycle, (661) 272-5998, 190 Sierra Court in Palmdale.

Check-in by 2 pm at Crossroads Tavern (661) 724-0911, 43840 Lake Hughes Rd, Lake Hughes. Grub 'n' Grog, BBQ, Live Music, 50/50 Raffle Prizes.

RSVP: Glenn (661) 947.3734 or Daryl (661) 948.1170. Online: WWW.ALLEYGL.ORG / <mailto:ABTRN@ALLEYGL.ORG>.

This event is sponsored by Daryl's Plumbing and ALLEYGL.ORG. Any questions call Glen, the brains of our Local who is also the Event Coordinator (Glenn <mailto:abate21@alleygl.org>). Scott, if you read this, mark the date; raffles are hell without you! DA

Local #22 South Bay



Here it is: Local 22 met this month at Walker's Cafe in San Pedro and enjoyed the

fantastic hospitality and history that this local biker establishment has offered for many years. If you haven't been there, make it a point to visit soon.

With that, our meeting started out with a discussion about SB435 and while it looks like there will be no bi-annual smog checks for motorcycles, there is wording that will make fines higher for emission control violators. Write your local representatives and let them know that this is UNACCEPTABLE and that you won't take this sitting down.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month and we are working towards getting the cities in our area to make an official proclamation for us. It's easy to do and you can go to the ABATE website for a form letter to take to your city council.

We also talked about the Amber Alert signs that we all saw this month as we rode the freeways all over California. Hats off to John Del Santo and everyone who made this happen. We may have saved someone's life.

The State Board Meeting is Sunday, April 11, and the rally at the State capital will be held on Monday, April 12. A strong showing will let our government know we are a force to be reckoned with!

Daniel Cobb wasn't present, so our pot rolls over to next month. Come out to Walkers Cafe in San Pedro on the first Tuesday of every month and join us in the fight to save our freedom! Hugh.

Local #23 San Bernardino



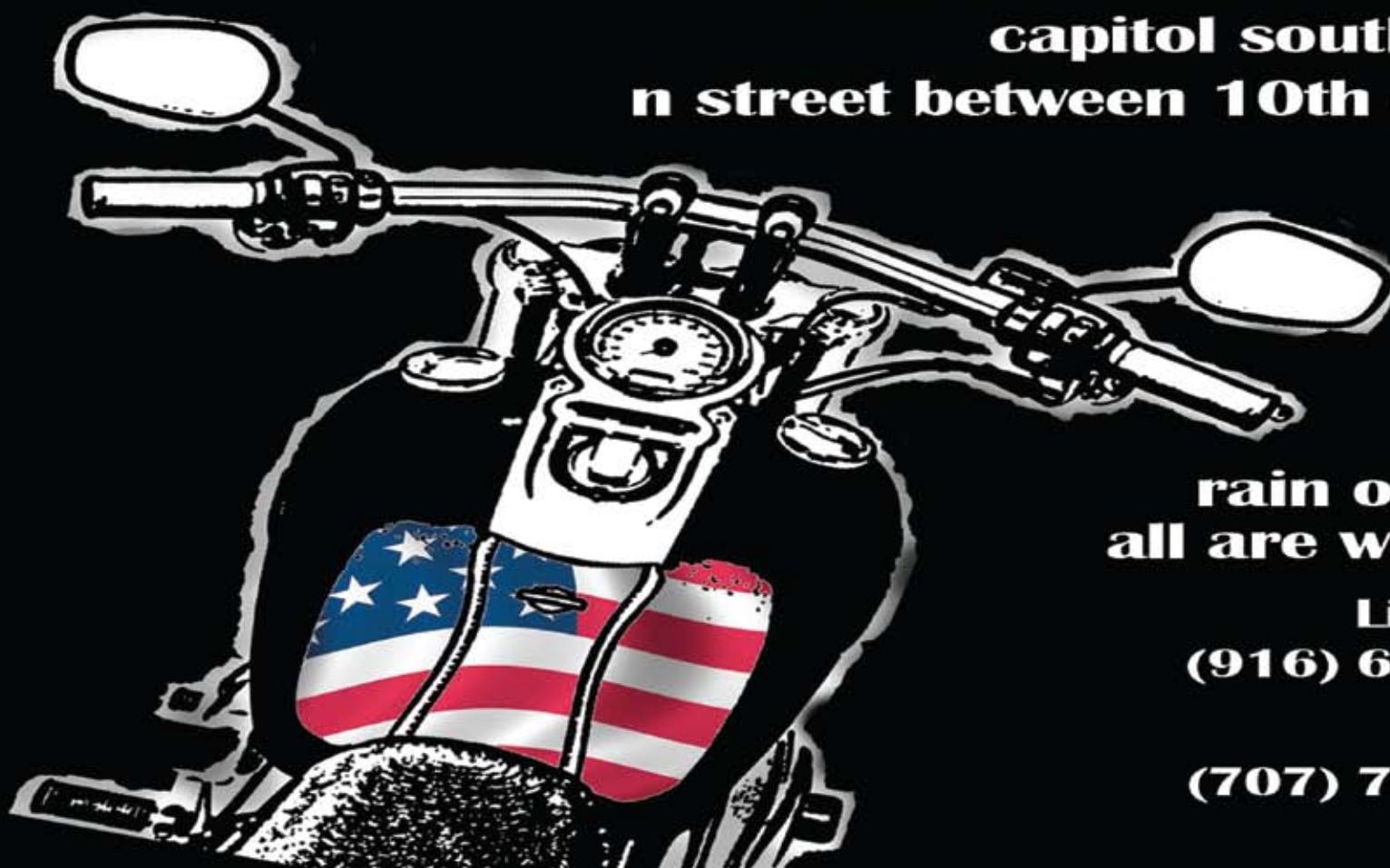
Once again, on behalf of Local 23, I wish to extend a warm welcome to all of our fellow ABATE members and anyone else that might have stumbled across this month's Bailing Wire! The word of the day, for Local 23, is "MEMBERSHIP". That's right folks, we need to increase the membership of Local 23 if we wish to continue to be successful, both as an ABATE Local and

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with the fight to protect our rights as motorcyclists. I don't know if it is a result of the bad economy or if people are just starting to loose interest in protecting our freedoms of the road, it really doesn't matter, what matters is that without members to support ABATE, both financially and in physical resources, we will loose the fight for sure. Let's each of us, do our part and bring a new member to the next meeting and then the next and then the one after that. We all know people that ride and value their freedoms, so let's get them involved.

Local 23 is hosting its 1st Annual Backyard Chili Cook-Off on April 3. I know this might be short notice for some, but please come on out and support your ABATE, if you can, and have a little fun in the process. The location is Kevin & Bea's backyard, 1626 Orange Street in Redlands. \$10 to enter your chili, \$5 to be a taster. Please bring your own beverage and we'll do the rest. The event starts at 3:00 pm and tasting will start around 4:30 pm. For questions or more details please contact Kevin by email (sorellks@verizon.net).

BREAKING LOCAL 23 NEWS! We are so glad to report that, after a couple of years in hiatus, Big Art has re-joined the ranks of his fellow Freedom Fighters and is again a proud member of Local 23. Welcome back Art!

I think that about wraps it up for this month, so until we meet again, ride safe and keep fighting to protect our Freedoms of the Road. Oh, and don't forget to bring a new member to the next meeting! Russ

Local #27 Riverside



Greetings from the I.E! Spring is sprunging all over and the hills across the valley from me are such a shade of green! Crap! If only my scooter was running. Soon, very soon.

Well we had our second meeting at the new spot, Flo's Farmhouse Cafe, and all seems to be going smooth. Our run committee is running on all cylinders greasing up

the ways for our Bare Necessities Run (flyer in BW). All seem very excited about the new venue and anticipate a fine production and just announced that Jay Gordon and the Penetrators will be the band in residence for the event. Darn good rockers, they play it my way! Now you ABATE Local 27'ers need to volunteer to work the event. Come on and help yourselves by helping out. It is not hard work, actually it's fun, unless, you're the only one doing it.

West Coast Thunder is coming up and VP, Duckchaney, is arranging for us to have a table there. We could use some volunteers and we are back on the Bike Night circuit. Currently we are maintaining a presence at three of them. We could use some help folks. Participation! Do not let the tired, used up, aged, old timers drop dead carrying all the water around here, come on step up and help out. I am going to start e-mailing a reminder for the meetings on the Thursday before the meeting to see if we can't get some more of you to show up.

Motorcycle Awareness Month (MAM) is coming soon in May and we are working to get the Riverside Board of Supervisors to cut us a Proclamation for the same. I'll keep you posted.

Well, I want to remind Frank Escalante, Roger Ridley, Todd Rubin, Jerry Taylor, and Harry & Patricia Whitehead, that you need to renew this month. We cannot lose you, don't lose us! If you noticed the Amber Alert sign with the Motorcycle Awareness message, that is what keeping your membership up produces. Without YOUR support our volunteers cannot continue.

Jack Howell won the membership drawing of \$4,100.00 and donated it back to the Local, WHAT A GUY!! Now we start all over, so show up, you might just win a big ole pile'o dough. C'ya, HR

Local #28, Lake County



Spring and summer are going to be terrific in Lake County. Our lake, which was pretty low last year, is filling fast and what a year it will be up here in Northern Cal! Local 28 meeting attendance has been minimal, but us diehards are sticking with it. Runs have taken place in the county even with the rainy weather and with April on the horizon, many more are being planned.

Local 28 will be represented in April at the Board meeting by more than our faithful past president, Lori Adams. I'm looking forward to getting out of Dodge and hearing all that goes on in person. Local 28 is donating funds to cover 3 of the parking meters at the Capitol on April 12.

Looking ahead, we are rounding up all the usual suspects to put on the July Northern California Regional Rally at Kelly's Kamp on July 16-17. Lori is busy rounding up other Locals to help out. There will be more activities this year and Sporty may have an issue getting from the sunny side of camp to the shady side as he did last year, when that front tire went too deep in the (no) water crossing. That crossing will actually have water this year Sporty, so bring your water wings!

Plans have been put in place so Local 28 can host the October Board Meeting on October 10 up here in Lake County. Hope to see a lot of folks in April at the Board meeting and on the Capital steps! Melissa Fulton, President, Local 28

Local #33 Yuba City

ABATE Local 33 is back and we've got the throttle cracked wide open! Our meetings are the third Sunday, at noon, at American Legion Hall #807, 5477 Feather River Blvd, Olivehurst, CA 95961. Please join us at the Hall before the meeting and enjoy a hot breakfast. The proceeds go to the Original Yuba/Sutter Toy Run.

Our officers for 2010 are as follows: President - Steve Katen; Vice President - Gary Wright; Secretary - Dayna "Grumbles" Davidson; Treasurer - Ken Trexler; PAC Representative - Bob Lantzy; and Sgt At Arms - Henry "Caveman" Dose.

The Original Yuba/Sutter Toy Run is a joint effort of ABATE, MMA, Yuba City HOG, and independent riders. Over \$20,000 and hundreds of toys were donated to provide Christmas joy to needy children in the Yuba/Sutter area! Members of these organizations

spent countless hours, sacrificing personal and "family time" to make this happen.

As we all know, May is Motorcycle Awareness Month! ABATE Local 33 will join with MMA, local M/Cs and several independent groups to celebrate at Washington Square Park on 10th and E Street in Marysville on Sunday, May 2. Big Dawg Custom Cycles, 221 Garden Hwy, Yuba City will be the starting point for the FREE poker run. Sign in from 9-11 am for a chance at cash prizes and bragging rights. Please join us and enjoy FREE food, booths, entertainment, and all kinds of rowdy fun!

A Facebook page has been created under ABATE Local 33. You will find details on all our events as well as photos and stories about our Local here in the Yuba/Sutter area. We hope to see our ABATE Family up here in the City by the Buttes! Ride safe and free! Grumbles

Local #40 Bakersfield



Thank you all who support ABATE! Unfortunately we had no elections again this month! Thank you all who attended this meeting and thank you to those of you who brought signed petitions opposing SB 435!

Local 40 will continue to have meetings on the first Monday of every month! The only issue is where to hold our meetings! Some suggested a different Rusty's Pizza location, others suggested Magoo's and others suggested Cataldo's. I will put it up to a vote and hope to have a place with a little more privacy for April's meeting!

My apologies to those of you still waiting on your membership and renewals. We hope to have this matter handled ASAP! Local 40 members are important to ABATE and our continued fight for our Freedoms! Omar.

Local #44 High Desert



Local 44 held its annual Saint Patrick's Day party after our regularly scheduled meeting in March and were rewarded with not only a beautiful day for a ride but also a great turnout for both our meeting and our party. "THANK YOU" to everyone that worked, participated, and played for this event.

We have scheduled an ABATE DAY with Victorville Harley Davidson on March 20 to promote ABATE and our 2010 Harley Davidson Super Glide Custom raffle. Hopefully we will pick up some new members and sell some tickets to benefit both our Local and our State coffers. New friends and a new bike - what a great combination! Thanks again to Victorville Harley and their staff for their help and support in both of these endeavors!

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Our summer run date has been officially set for June 26, so please set the date aside, offer to help in any way you can, and get ready for another great Local 44 event. Nobody can legally have as much fun as we do, so plan on being a part of it!

So, with spring and daylight savings time finally upon us, attend an ABATE event somewhere, sell a lot of bike raffle tickets, bring a new friend/member to our next meeting, and get out and ride, ride, ride! Dave H.

Local #47 Barstow



Howdy all! Hope everyone is making plans to be in Sacramento on Monday, April 12. We need all bikers to be on the Capitol steps.

Now, if you are going to the River by way of I-40, stop at the Newberry Springs exit and go to The Barn for good food and fun. Local 47 will be ready to rescue anyone having motorcycle problems on the way to

Needles or just stop and say "Hi" and get your Bike Raffle ticket.

Hope every Local is planning on Motorcycle Awareness in May. Local 47 will once again go to our local rest stops and hand out pamphlets and stickers. It's so much fun! I hope you can join us on Saturday, May 15, and on Sunday, May 23. Ok, now get out there and sell those tickets. Yermoeddy

Local #52 Grass Valley



As of this writing, the weather has taken a tremendous turn for the fans of spring. In the "where did the time go" department, I was looking back a few months and I think we had a helluva Christmas party - many thanks to the good folks at the Willo. The Nevada County Toy Run produced an impressive turn out in spite of Mother Nature's nasty disposition. The weather did much better for the Mardi Gras Parade. President Shoe took the lead on a borrowed Road King. Word on the street is that his 89 FLHT is in an undisclosed location receiving a large bump in the horsepower/torque area.

See ya next month, Gunner

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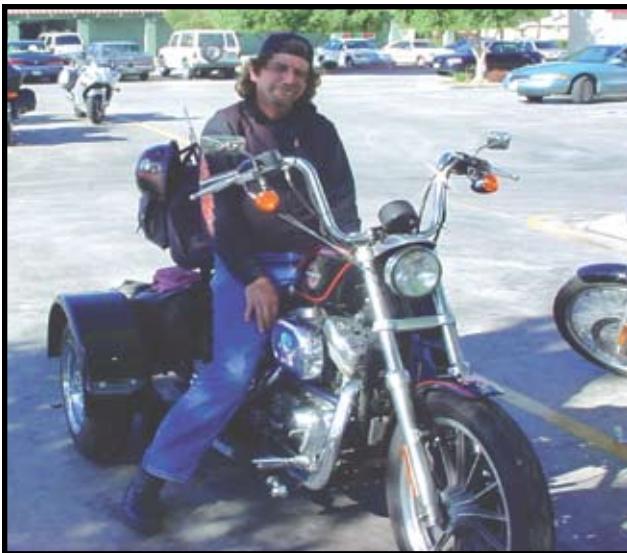
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Sporty's Rides

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan



Hi all! Here's your monthly trek into the mind and doings of the incomparable Mr Sporty. I will start with my visit to Local 19's meeting on February 24. Due to the diceyness of the weather, I took the little truck that could. As always, I never announce that I will be visiting a particular Local, I just show up and - Bam! - there I am! Their meeting is at B's Sports Bar and Grill. As always I got the "glad you are here" stuff.

Not only do I go to these meetings to push the Polar Bear run, but I go to see how the Locals are doing. It is important that we, as Board members, stay in touch with the Local presidents so we can keep the Locals going strong. Ok, Sporty, back to the story line.

I got a chance to speak and invited the group to our 23rd annual Polar Bear run and also invited them to our annual Southern Regional Rally on Mother's Day weekend. Anyway, they had a fair turn out and they committed to my run, so it was a successful visit.

The next night I visited the Local 13 meeting in Camarillo. I rode the bike to the meeting as the rain had let-up it was dry for the day. They were surprised to see me there. So I announce that they should be at the Polar Bear run and also made my plug for the Southern Regional Rally in May. The ride home was OK, a bit cold, but I have my trusty electric vest to keep the chill off my body. OK, so I am a wimp when it comes to riding these days.

Another day to prepare for the Polar Bear run was

Saturday when I went out in the little truck that could to check out the route. Yaks! It was flooded in spots, but all week the weather person kept saying it would not rain on our parade. On Sunday, Polar Bear day, it was beautiful, sunny, a little chilly, but clear. On this note I want to thank all the folks that showed up to do the 23rd annual Polar Bear ride. I hope you had an enjoyable time and the ride and music at the end were to your liking.

Thank you to Buffy and the ladies who worked the sign-in table at the start. They made the sign-in table work smoothly. A special debt of thanks to Lana O'Brien who, although not at the run because she has been recovering from knee surgery, has given me insight into the proper way to address the raffle prize situation. Also special thanks go to Linda Kerr for selling 7 bike raffle tickets. Sweet Deal (BTW, are you selling the bike raffle tickets? I hope so.)

Well we gave out some nice prizes, a \$100 50/50, heard some nice tunes, and the Big Oaks Lodge was the benefactor of 106 hungry sign-ins. They provide an excellent finishing location as always. Thanks to Mr. Milligan and the Big Oaks Lodge staff. Additional mention goes to the staff at Big Jim's Family Restaurant for the starting point location. Thanks to the Valley chapter of the Boozefighters MC for the donation they gave us at the Big Oaks Lodge.

And finally, thanks Sporty for being the spearhead of the run and for your visits to the Locals to promote this run. The fan fair has died down as I move onto the next chapter of this month's column.

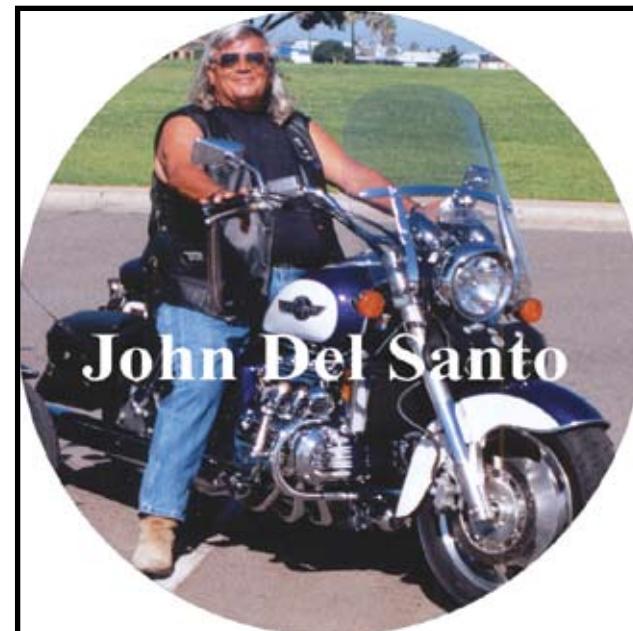
We've been preparing for the Southern Regional Rally. I took the little truck that could to Ida Snyder's house in Fontana. This is where we have our committee meetings and Ida usually has a healthy lunch prepared for us. Thank you, Ida, for always having heart healthy stuff for me. The progress for the Regional is going along smoothly and we're getting the necessary preparations ready for the run. REMEMBER - IT'S AT A BETTER VENUE! So mark your calendars and plan to attend the SOUTHERN REGIONAL RALLY on MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND.

Ok, that is it for this month's column. As your membership chairman I remind you to please let me know what's up with your Local. If you are having troubles, I can offer you fatherly, 'Sporty' advice to help you out.

Regards, Sporty.

That Old Time Rock and Roll by John Del Santo

The temperature is warming and rocks are falling onto the roads from the mountain face above. Depending on the state where you are riding, you may see signs that read *Falling Rock*, or *Fallen Rock*. I would guess that if we ride along looking up to watch for *falling rock*, we might miss seeing any number of things in the roadway, such as curves, deer and *fallen rock*. And of course, there will be plenty of places where there are no warning signs.



Curvy mountain roads seem to have just been made for motorcycles! Ya gotta love 'em! The Angeles Crest Highway, Rim of the World, Route 89-A through Sedona, The Tail of the Dragon at Deals Gap, Wow! What a Rush!

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Pac/Lobbyist Report

By Dave Hastings, Treasurer

Just a short note this month regarding my transition into the PAC Treasurer position. Peter Daniels has done his best to make this a smooth and painless move for me, but a monkey wrench has been thrown into the gears by our banking institution. Nothing unusual, nothing critical, just the usual post 9/11 tedious details that have to be taken care of to remove Peter's name and add mine to the PAC account so I can assume control of the account and the myriad paperwork required to keep us both legal and legitimate with the various agencies that oversee and



enforce the rules ABATE PAC must follow. Hopefully all of this will be accomplished quickly and Peter will finally have some much deserved and critically needed time on his hands to spend with his family and friends.

"Thank You" Peter for your quiet and unselfish help with "everything ABATE" for what must have seemed at times to be an eternity. We will never forget the time and dedication you have given ABATE and I will paraphrase your last words in each month's column as long as I hold this position.

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COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

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HALF A BILLION E-CYCLES TO HIT THE ROAD: Worldwide sales of electric powered two-wheel vehicles are set to explode over the next six years. According to a recently released study by U.S. based firm, Pike Research, 466 million e-bikes, e-motorcycles and e-scooters will be on the road by 2016.

“Demographics and economics are aligning to create a strong market opportunity for two-wheel electric vehicles,” Pike’s industry analyst Dave Hurst told Cycle Canada. “In some countries, these vehicles will be engines of economic growth, while in others they will be signals of broader consumer behavioral shifts.”

Not surprisingly, Hurst claims that China will dominate the global electric two-wheel vehicle market, representing more than 95% of sales during the next six years. E-bikes will hold a 56% share of the market, predicts Hurst, followed by e-motorcycles at 43% and e-scooters in distant third with less than 1%.

HOUSE COMMITTEE APPROVES LANE SPLITTING IN ARIZONA: A bill to allow “Lane Splitting” in Arizona has been unanimously approved by legislative committee.

Also known as white lining, or “filtering” as it is commonly referred to in Europe, motorcycles are allowed to weave between lines of cars in heavy traffic. Such practice is legal in the United States only in California and Washington, D.C., but HB2475 would allow lane splitting through stopped traffic in Maricopa County only to begin with for a one-year trial starting next year.

“The biggest factor on this bill is SAFETY and to try and reduce the number of rear end accidents,” said Mick Degan, lobbyist for the Modified Motorcycle Association (MMA) of Arizona. “DPS is behind and support of this bill along with AAA.”

Also advocating for the measure is former California cop Ted Storck who wrote to the Arizona Republic newspaper; “As an ex-Los Angeles police officer, I support House Bill 2475, which would allow Arizona motorcyclists to split lanes. It is allowed in California and has proven to be safe. I never once investigated an accident where a motor-

cyclist had an accident due to passing other vehicles in the same lane when the freeways were slow or stopped. However, it did result in more and more people riding motorcycles, cutting down on traffic congestion. Even the head of the California Highway Patrol agrees that this California law should remain in effect. He agrees it cuts traffic congestion and has not resulted in any extra risk to motorcyclists or other vehicles.”

The lane splitting bill, sponsored by Republican Rep. Jerry Weiers of Glendale, AZ, has already cleared two committees in the House and faces a floor vote soon before it can be considered in the Senate.



OHIO MEASURE WOULD MAKE MOTORCYCLE PARKING SAFER: Buckeye bikers will be able to back their motorcycles into angled parking spaces, under legislation unanimously approved by the Ohio House on March 10. Substitute House Bill 204, sponsored by Rep. Tom Letson, D-Hubbard, passed 96-0 and now heads to the Ohio Senate.

Under existing state law, motor vehicles parked on public streets and highways cannot face into traffic. That poses a problem for people who drive motorcycles, which don’t go in reverse, Letson told reporter Marc Kovac, Dix Newspapers Statehouse Bureau chief. For angled parking spaces, motorcyclists have to physically push their bikes into traffic, creating a dangerous situation.

Letson’s bill would allow cycles to be backed into angled spaces, instead. “Many

of you are probably asking why this is necessary or what this even means,” Letson said. “...The purpose for this legislation is to increase safety on Ohio’s roadways and to ease the unnecessary burden on Ohio motorcycle drivers.”

HIGHWAY SIGNS DELIVER A MESSAGE: Some of the best riding roads are in California, and a new campaign aims to make the roadways safer for motorcyclists by lighting up over 700 changeable freeway message signs saying “Share the road, look twice for motorcyclist.”

Following years of lobbying and letter-writing, ABATE of California is now working with state officials to utilize Amber Alert electronic message boards, when not in official use, to display the motorcycle awareness alert to millions of commuters daily.

ABATE Executive Director Anthony Jaime says the joint effort with CalTrans, the California Highway Patrol and the California Motorcycle Safety Program “highlights the impact that grassroots organizations like ABATE can have on their government when they actively become part of the process of governance rather than just sitting back and being governed.”

The signs displayed the messages statewide for a one-week period during peak drive times, and serves as an example that other states can easily follow since it doesn’t cost anything extra to do.

Similarly, HB2351 would require the Iowa DOT to use electronic message boards on Hawkeye highways to flash “Watch for Motorcycles” during May for Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.

MORE NOISE ABOUT NOISE: Across the country, more and more communities are exploring efforts to silence noisy motorcycles, but in Maine a bill that began as a broad measure to cut back on loud pipes has evolved into a proposal to force motorcycle riders to display vehicle inspection stickers on their bikes.

During hearings, the House Transportation Committee connected the noise problem to reports that nearly 40% of Maine motorcycles aren’t inspected. Faulty and noisy mufflers would fail motorcycles in annual inspections, so the measure was amended to require an inspection sticker be visibly

affixed to the rear of the bike either on a mounting plate or on a rear fender or frame.

The bill, which also calls for a study of motorcycle noise, has received initial House approval but still needs to be approved by the full House and Senate.

A Racine, Wisconsin city panel has voted 4-0 recommending a newly written ordinance that would create a \$100 fine plus court costs for “disorderly conduct with a motor vehicle.” It would outlaw, in a motorized vehicle, “violent, dangerous, abusive, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly conduct.” That would include: squealing tires; revving an engine; unnecessarily blowing a horn; sudden veering or acceleration; and popping wheelies on a motorcycle.

The Culpeper Town Council Ordinance Committee has recommended that the Virginia municipality repeal its existing noise ordinance because it is legally unenforceable in light of recent court decisions. “The ordinance can’t be enforced the way it is written,” Mayor Pranas Rimeikis said of town noise regulations that rely on “a reasonable person” finding a sound too noisy.

The town’s movement to repeal its ordinance, and possibly replace it with a decibel-based measurement, is based on a Virginia Supreme Court ruling from last April that found a similar ordinance in Virginia Beach was unconstitutionally vague. In January, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the state court’s decision, denying a review of it as requested by the city.

PATCH HOLDERS DENIED ENTRY TO FLORIDA FAIR: About 50 bikers from an array of clubs rolled into the Florida State Fair looking for a good time, but because of the patches on their vests, they were refused entry and turned away. Fair rules, enforced by the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office, ban gang colors or signs.

But a lawyer representing the bikers says their First Amendment rights have been violated. “They’re trying to stifle people’s rights by using a blanket policy,” said Florida Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Jerry Theophilopoulos. “It’s suppressing their right to associate in public.”

The banned bikers belong to a wide variety of clubs, from the Outlaws MC to Christian clubs such as the Spirit Riders,

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May 2 – ABATE Local 27 – 8th Annual Bare Necessities Run at the American Legion Post #79 Fairmont Park in Riverside, CA. (see flyer this issue for details).

May 2 - ABATE Local 17's Spring Bingo Fun Run
Join us for Biker Bingo on Sunday, May 2, 2010. 5 stops, 5 games, \$5 donation/card, no limits, pay-outs at each stop. Sign in 9-9:30 a.m. at Miss Darla's, 110 Peabody Rd., Vacaville. Smitty: 707.448.6614, harleygal707@mac.com, www.abate17.org or ABATE's web site www.abate.org

May 2 – ABATE Local 33 & MMA – Motorcycle Awareness Annual Rendezvous – Free Poker Run – sign-in at Big Dawg Custom Cycles – 221 Garden HWY; Yuba City 95991; 9a – 11am.
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May 7, 8 & 9 - Southern Regional Rally – Flyer this issue – Pre-Reg and be in the drawing for \$200.00 Need not be present to Win!

May 9 – ABATE Local 15 – 6th Annual Motorcycle Awareness Run (see flyer this issue for details).

June 13 – ABATE Local 13 – Annual Callous Cheeks Poker Run (details TBA).

June 19 - ABATE Local 19 & Casa Colina – Thunder In the House – Flyer this issue

June 19 – ABATE Local 21, Palms

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June 26 – ABATE Local 44 – Summer Fun Run (Details TBA).

July 16 – 18 - Northern Regional Rally – Kelly's Campground, Lake County

July 24 – ABATE Of California, Inc., Quarterly Meetings – Hosted by ABATE Local 19 – Ontario, CA.

July 25 – ABATE Local 2 – Annual Sweaty Buns Poker Run – Simi Valley, CA.

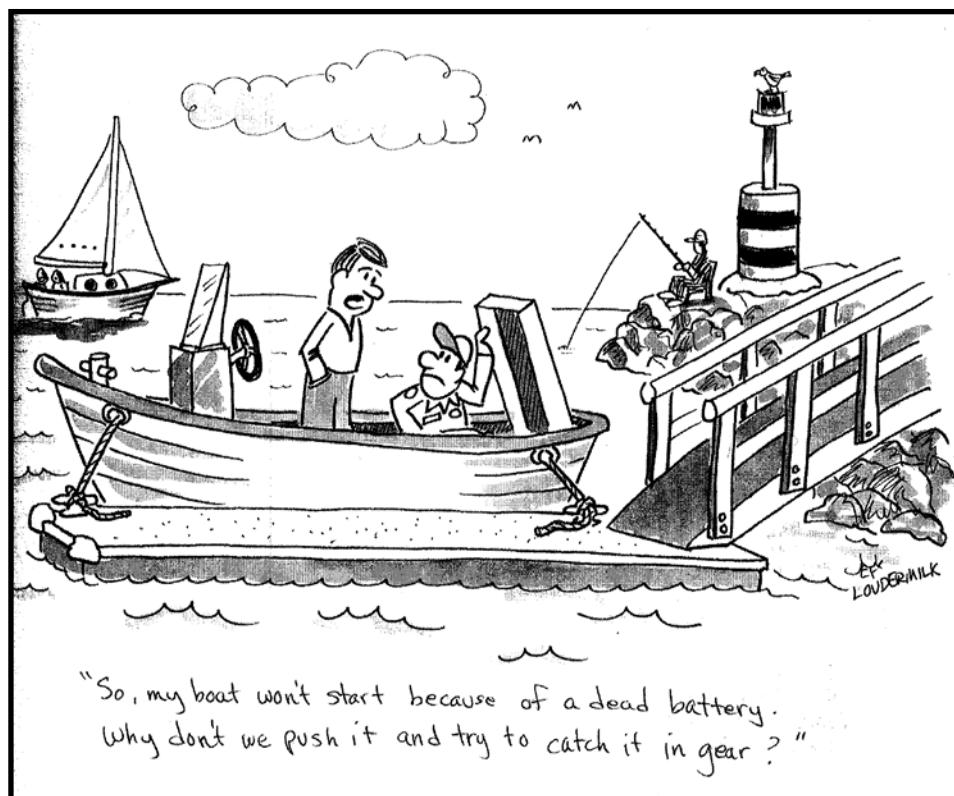
September 17, 18 & 19 ABATE State Run - Kernville

September 18 – ABATE Bike Raffle Drawing - Frandy Campground

October 9 - ABATE Of California, Inc. Quarterly Meetings – ABATE Local 28 Hosting – Lake County

October 16 – ABATE Local 29 – Annual Laughlin Run

Please email your ABATE Event information (in Microsoft word document) and Flyers (in a JPG file) to bailing.wire@abate.org by the 15th of the month to be listed in the next issue. Your flyers MUST be in a jpg file to be used in the Bailing Wire.



Donations...Another WOW

ABATE's annual Donation Request letter has been sent out, and some of you folks are REALLY Fast in answering the Request!!! **THANK YOU!!**

Thank you to the following for the **General Fund** contributions:

Steve Martin, L47;
Fred & Susie Bechtold, L44;
Edwin Begin, L5;
James Brown, L5;
Big Art, L23;
James Hilton, L27;

And our ABATE Locals: 2, 11, 14, 19, 21, 23, 24 & 27.

We had also sent out a Request to help sponsor the "Free **Parking Meters**" for the **April 12 Rally** at the **State Capitol**, and the following have sent in their "Help", **Thank YOU** to the following for their help to defray the cost:

Ironworker's #433 MC;
Hank & Kris Hallmark, Local 44;
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Sally Broce, L33;
Ron & Lisa Gamble, MMA;
Law Offices of Richard M Lester, and
ABATE Locals: 2, 6, 9, 14, 15, 21, 33, 44 & 47.

Please attend the Rally – South Capitol Steps at 11 am, when you leave look for your "sponsored" sign and you can take it with you if you like. And **PLEASE DO NOT RAP YOUR PIPES on Arrival or Leaving the Capitol** – it's for our own good!!! (Read the Legislative report for those details.)

I receive reminders once in awhile to put in the information of where to send money: so here it is – and thanks for the reminder: Make checks payable and mail to: ABATE of CA; 10240 7th Ave; Hesperia, CA 92345. If you want to contribute to the Lobbyist – mark in the memo – Lobbyist.

If you want to contribute to the ABATE PAC, make your check payable to ABATEPAC and mail to the address above. And **THANK YOU!!!!**

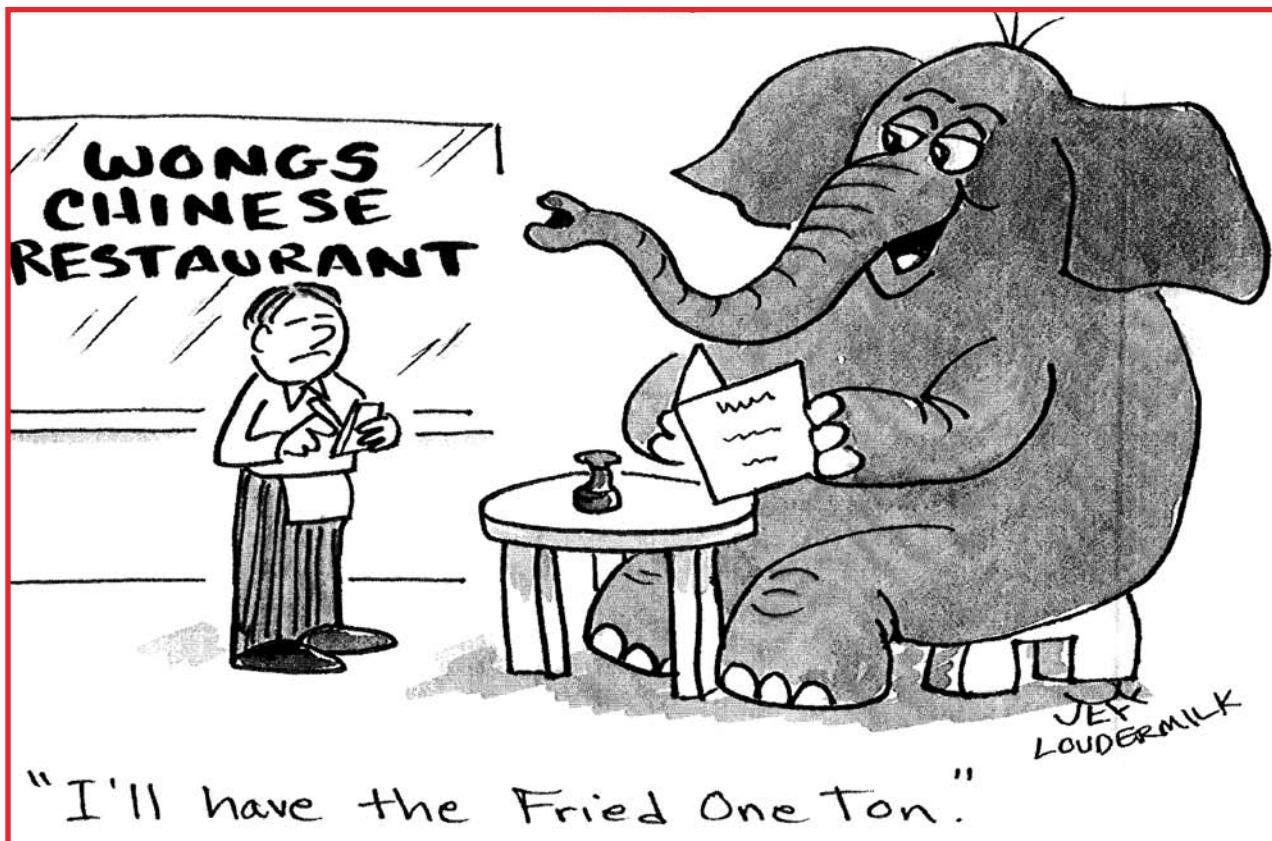
Membership Report by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hello all! This month's membership report will hopefully inspire you to attempt to attract new members. How can you accomplish this momentous task? First you have to approach the prospective member in a positive manner. You might start by asking if they have heard about ABATE. This will then determine your next course of action. Find out if you have common interests regarding views on motorcycling. You might offer to bring them to your Local meeting to see how ABATE works on the Local level. Once they see how ABATE works and get to know other fellow members they will join. However don't get discouraged if they are not interested; just give them an application card and move on to the next one.

Folks, we need to begin to work extra hard at keeping our renewals. Presidents and Local membership chairmen, one way to accomplish this is to include all the members when you have a monthly meeting reminder. You can do this by several ways: via the telephone, the e mail or the ever popular self stamped post card. 50 post cards cost \$15.50. What this does is let the members that don't show up to your meetings, but still renew, know that you still care about them. When the person renews you need to, on the Local level, show that you care by giving them a thank you trinket. Trinkets can be something from the ABATE merchandise like the ABATE key chains or ABATE flags. Stuff a couple of them in an envelope with a thank you note saying that you're glad they renewed with the Local and ABATE of California. With the bike raffle going on you might give long time renewal members chances to win the bike. However, be creative and selective.

OK, I hope that I have inspired you to get out and get me members and to REALLY try and KEEP your renewals. Shortly you will be receiving those special raffle membership funding tickets. Sales of these tickets help fund the membership drive from start to finish (such as the printing costs, the \$250 raffle drawn at the July Board meeting, to the first, second and third place winners drawn at the end of the drive.)

Till next time, remember there is unity and strength in numbers of members. Now try to get members and retain your renewals. Regards, Sporty.



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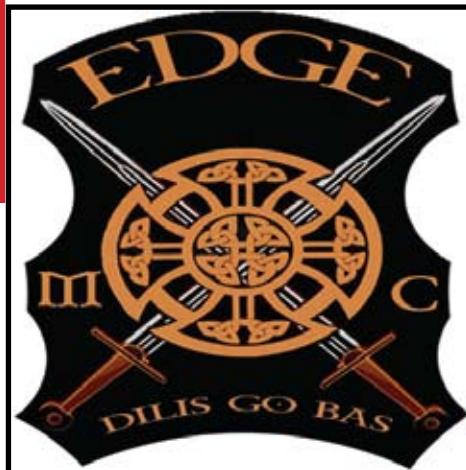
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Designated Driver (the shuttle). Dinner Available, music, Karaoke and they have a smoking room.

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- ❖ Lunch at Noon catered by

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YOU could also make an appointment to see your Legislator either before or after the rally. According to Jim, Legislators like to see their constituents in Sacramento too.

Need more information?

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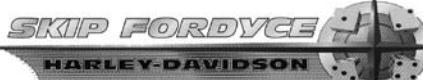
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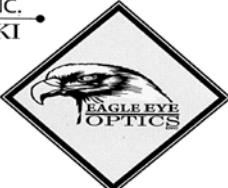
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Living in a Nowhere Land

by John Del Santo

"Honest, Officer, he came out of NO-WHERE!" That phrase is heard so often at accident scenes and shows that a lot of drivers out there have no idea that there are blind spots all around them that don't show in any mirror. Maybe they've heard about blind spots, but they certainly don't check before they make a move! It's up to us to avoid getting caught in their mistakes.

Now, you will be in someone's blind spot about a thousand times a day. The trick is to stay there as short a time as possible. Be aware; watch for head motion, watch for their tires to start moving towards the white line, keep an escape route open, and be ready with your horn, brakes or gas; if they start to move towards you. Eye contact is good, but how many times has someone looked right at you and then pulled out in front of you! You know that many drivers have unconsciously programmed themselves to look for cars and they just don't see motorcycles.

You're driving through town on a multi-lane road, and a van or truck going in your direction is waiting to make a left turn at an intersection, while you are passing them by in the right lane you are in a



major blind spot of the car coming from the opposite direction that is also making a left turn. Be Ready! Bushes, fences, a stopped bus or a parked van, all create blind spots at any intersection or driveway. You know

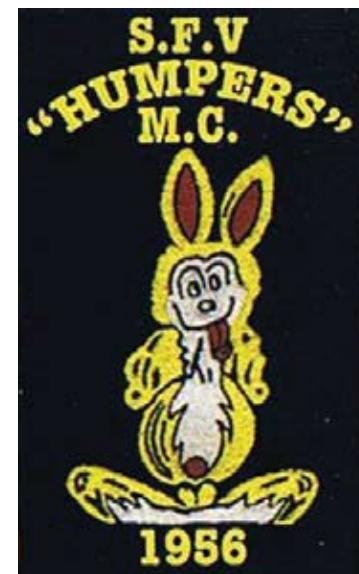
about the huge blind area behind a big truck, but there is also a big blind spot just off their right-front fender.

Car drivers who have decorations, parking placards, or big smelly deodorizers hanging from their rear-view mirror have created a blind spot out in front of them, off to the right side, that will hide a motorcycle or pedestrian until they are almost on them. People who turn their sun-visor sideways to keep the sun out of their side window may not see traffic coming from the left side until it is almost too late. Pickup trucks with caps and big family vans have major blind spots. When you are passing through their blind spots, remember that tailgaters are also lane jumpers!

Keep a special watch on them and the dopes that appear to be yacking on a car phone or texting. When the sun is low on the horizon and the glare is everywhere, everybody is in someone's blind spot.

It would be a bit extreme to think we need to shoot flares off in front of us as we're tooling down the road, but if you assume that all the drivers never check their blind spots, are not

concentrating on their driving, and may do just about anything at any moment, then you are taking good defensive steps towards keeping out of harm's way. Stay visible and RIDE SAFE!



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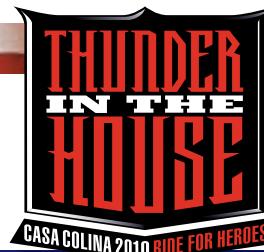
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As we ride along, we will want to keep our attention open for rocks lying in the roadway. But keep in mind the biker rule 'Where you LOOK is where you will GO'. So saying, "Hey! Wow! Look at that BIG rock in the road!" would NOT be a good observation to make.

We can program our speed coming into the curves to account for braking visibility. If I come into a right-curve at 40 MPH, I will be traveling at about 60 feet per second. If I spot something in the road, it will take me about 100 feet to come to a full STOP! If I cannot see 100 feet around that curve, then I will not have enough room to come to a stop. Fortunately for us, we can usually swerve around something quicker than we could stop for it. Let's practice that at an Experienced Riders Course or in a parking lot before we need it up in the canyons.

And, just around that next bend in the road, we should anticipate oncoming cars moving into our lane as they swerve around fallen rocks in their lane. The drivers we share the road with tend to overreact to hazards.

The same weather conditions that create falling rocks also causes sand and gravel to spill out onto the roadway. A proper approach to a curve would include making a wide entry so that we have an early view of what is around the curve, and we're watching for the fuzzy look of gravel in the corner. At this point we could say 'good-bye traction' and 'hello ditch' unless we can make proper speed and direction adjustments before we reach the sand or gravel. Slow - Look - Press - Roll - Whew!

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Tech Tips by Craig Griswold

Carburetors (Part III)

In Part II we discussed the tuning procedure for the S&S Super E/G carburetors. This month, we'll cover the tuning of the Mikuni HSR series carburetors. Since the procedure in its entirety is quite lengthy, we'll edit as needed to save space while still covering all the bases. A complete copy of the tuning manual, including illustrations and parts listing can be downloaded from the Mikuni website, or shoot me a note and I'll attach a copy.

Different manufacturers use different terminology and procedures. While S&S uses engine RPM for reference, Mikuni uses throttle position. To start, stick masking tape to the throttle grip and housing for "witness marks." Mark positions on the tape in 1/4 throttle increments from idle to full open.

The Mikuni has four independent circuits: Choke, idle, main, and accelerator pump. The choke is not a tunable circuit, and its name is somewhat of a misnomer. A choke, found on older carbs, actually restricts air flow and as a result, increases fuel delivery (rich air/fuel ratio). The choke on the Mikuni and other modern carburetors is actually an enriching device. It has its own circuit and delivers a metered flow of air/fuel mixture without restricting air flow. It probably goes without explanation that this device is used for cold starts. To what extent can vary depending on how the carb is tuned and other variables.

The second circuit is idle. This one can be tuned and covers the throttle position from idle to 1/8. There are two tunable components; the pilot air screw and the pilot jet. Back when we discussed tuning the S&S carb I mentioned that some carbs use an *air screw* rather than a fuel screw. The Mikuni is one of them. The default setting for the air screw is two turns out. If best idle is achieved with less than one turn out, the pilot jet is too small (lean). If more than two and a half turns out, the jet is too large (rich).

Next is the main circuit. Hang in there, this one's a doozy. The first component is the jet needle. This alone affects two different throttle positions. The straight portion of the needle controls just off idle to 1/4 throttle, the tapered portion 1/4 - 3/4. If adjustment is required in the former, the needle must be changed. Mikuni jet kits contain different size needles to accommodate these changes. They can also be purchased from your local shop and other parts sources. If adjustment is needed from 1/4 - 3/4 throttle, the needle can be raised and lowered accordingly. To lean the mixture, lower the needle, to go richer, raise the needle. A clip holds the needle in position.

The last component of the main circuit is the main jet. It affects throttle from 3/4 to WFO. This is relatively cut and dried. A simple jet change up or down handles this area. I do like to make changes no less than two sizes. One size at a time sometimes makes the performance change less remarkable and harder to detect.

The final circuit of the Mik is the accelerator pump. Unlike most carbs that use one

and duration are set for the pump. The horizontal screw determines activation. To bring it in sooner, turn the screw out. Later, turn it in. The vertical screw controls when the pump stops. Adjust this so pump duration ends somewhere between 2/3 and 3/4 throttle. In the end, you want the least amount of accelerator pump that will allow a quick snap of the throttle without the engine cutting out or coughing. Any more than that and you're wasting fuel (indicative of a puff of black smoke when you whack the throttle).

That's the basics for the Mikuni carburetor. This info is all good but how do we know when the tuning is too lean or too rich? Next time we'll highlight the tuning diagnostics and procedures so you can tell. After that, we'll dive into some of the other carburetors.

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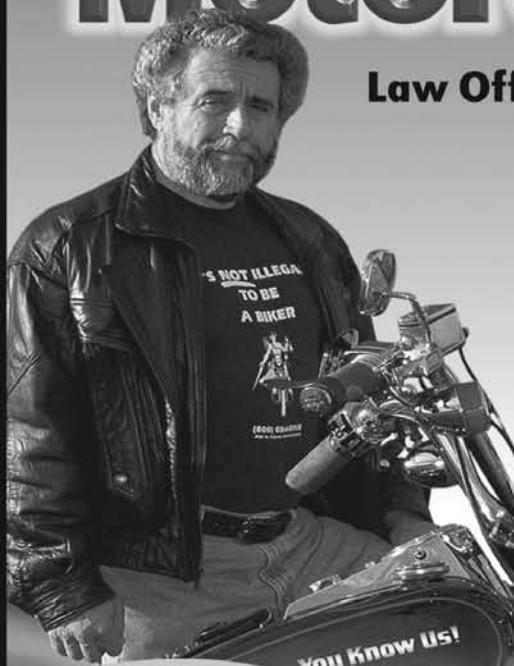
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and the New Attitudes, a group of who have had their livelihoods clean and sober riders. "The clubs impacted by the lead provisions of that were with us, none of them the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA). have ever gotten into fights at the fair," Theophilopoulos told the St. Petersburg Times. "They're not street gangs, and they are being lumped together." The bikers' lawyer said he called the Sheriff's Office Saturday to tell the agency the bikers were coming, and he was told that if they wore their colors, they wouldn't be let in. They tried to go, anyway. "Sometimes you have to make a statement, to stand up for what you believe in," said Jerry T, who also serves as legal counsel for the local Confederation of Clubs.

MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY ASKS CONGRESS TO AMEND LEAD RULES: The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) has delivered nearly 4,000 letters to Congress signed by motorcycle industry professionals

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"We believe these letters along with the other communications will help add to the momentum encouraging Congress to amend the CPSIA's lead content provisions to exclude youth vehicles," said MIC chairman Larry Little.

The CPSC recently requested flexibility to grant exclusions from the lead content limit to address certain products including youth vehicles in a January 15 report to Congress.

The MIC stressed three key reasons why youth ATVs and motorcycles should be excluded from the CPSIA's lead content provisions: 1. The lead content poses no risk to kids. Experts estimate that the lead intake from kids' interaction with metal parts is less than the lead intake from drink-

ing a glass of water. 2. The key to keeping youths safe is having them ride the right size vehicle. Kids are now at risk because the availability of youth ATVs and motorcycles is limited due to the lead ban. 3. The lead ban hurts the economy for no good reason when everyone is trying to grow the economy and create jobs. MIC estimates that a complete ban on youth model vehicles would result in about \$1 billion in lost economic value in the retail marketplace every year.

WEIRD NEWS: HOG VS. HORSE ACCIDENTS: In a landmark 1985 study, Dr. J.L. Firth estimated that while "a serious incident can be expected at the rate of 1 per 7,000 hours of motorcycle riding, serious injury rates exceeding one per 350 horse riding hours have been described, making horseback riding 20 times more dangerous than motorcycling." As far as injuries go, horseback riding

leads to more spills on average than motorcycling.

According to www.bookofodds.com, the odds a person will visit an emergency department due to a horseback riding accident in a year are 1 in 3,837. Most of these accidents are caused when a horse bucks or bolts, throwing the rider, and female injury rates are typically higher.

The odds a motorcyclist will be injured in an accident in a year are 1 in 82.55. The odds a motorcyclist will be killed in an accident in a year are 1 in 1,488, about the same odds a person will be diagnosed with breast cancer in a year (1 in 1,506). And the odds a rider killed in a motorcycle accident in a year was not wearing a helmet are 1 in 2.39.

POLICE IN ENGLAND IS-SUE RIDERS HI-VIS VESTS: Thousands of British motorcyclists are being stopped by police for not wearing high-visibility clothing.

Beginning in March, riders will be stopped and given lectures on "being seen" as well as reflective vests to put on over their jackets or leathers.

The Motorcycle Action Group says the tactics are a step towards compulsory hi-vis clothing or reduced insurance pay-outs for riders in dark kit. "We're advising all riders stopped without obvious cause in order to deliver these lectures to make a stand by lodging formal complaints. If police time is tied up too much they may soon drop this tactic."

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "We may never have tyrants... but if we should have them, they will seek to accomplish the downfall of free government, not by directly over-riding the Constitution, but by using the forms of law to strangle and subvert its spirit." Charles S. May (1875)

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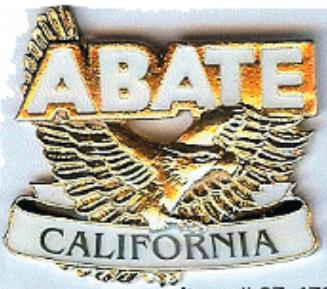

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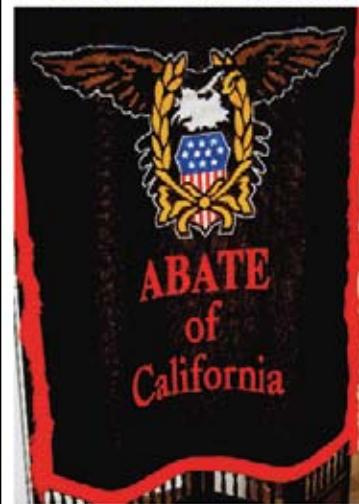
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559/264-2891

1st Wed. 7:00 PM
Cedar Lanes
3131 N. Cedar, Fresno

Sacramento - Local#25-Reg#2

Gary Haller
916/726-6703

3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
Denny's
3520 Auburn Blvd.
Sacramento 95821

Riverside - Local#27-Reg#9

Honda Ray
P.O. Box 7070
Riverside CA 92313
951/279-4370
www.abatelocal27.org

1st Tues - 7:30 PM
Flo's Farmhouse Cafe
5620 Van Buren Blvd.
Riverside

Lake County - Local#28-Reg#1

Melissa Fulton
707/263-1845

1st Thurs - 7:00 PM
TJ's
370 S. Main St.
Lakeport

Morongo Basin - Local#29-Reg#10

Marty Rapp
P.O. Box 2334
29 Palms CA 92277
760/367-1694

2nd - Thurs - 6:30 PM
La Casita Restaurant
57154 29 Palms Hwy
Yucca Valley

North Valley - Local #31-Reg#2

Larry James
530/893-4827

2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
Last Call Lounge
876 East Ave. Chico

Santa Clara Valley - Local #32-Reg#4

Dan Scott
950 Meridian Ave#19
San Jose 95126
408/603-8968

Last Sun. 9:30 AM
Sherwood Inn
2988 Almaden Expy
San Jose

Yuba City - Local #33-Reg#2

Steve Katen
530/749-1003

3rd Sun. - Noon
American Legion
5477 Feather River Blvd. Olivehurst

Hanford - Local #34-Reg#6

Meets with Local#24

1st Wed - 7:00 PM
Cedar Lanes
3131 N. Cedar, Fresno

Monterey Bay - Local #35-Reg#4

Call for info 760/956-1669

Palm Springs - Local #36-Reg#10

John "Grumpy" Grubb
P.O. Box 460
Rancho Mirage 92270
760/564-4336
jgrubb123@aol.com

4th Sunday - 8:30 AM
American Legion
400 N Belardo Rd.
Palm Springs

Imperial Valley - Local#38-Reg#12

Steve Mitosinka
660 W State St
El Centro CA
760/996-2093

Last Thurs - 7:00 PM
La Fonda Restaurant
548 Broadway
El Centro

Bakersfield - Local#40-Reg#6

Omar Macias
661/832-5240
661/900-8690

1st Monday 7:00PM
Rusty's Pizza 1751 White Lane
Bakersfield

High Desert - Local#44-Reg#13

Cindy Demel
P.O. Box 3094
Victorville CA 92392
760/868-5042

2nd Sat - 9:00 AM
Eagles Fraternal Order
16195 Main St.
Hesperia

Banning - Local #45-Reg#10

Trine Howell
760/323-9860

Call for Meeting Info
67387 Mission Dr.
Cathedral City 92234

Modesto - Local #46-Reg#5

Call for info 760/956-1669

Barstow - Local #47-Reg#13

Yermo Eddy
PO Box 521
Yermo CA 92398
760/254-3833 or 760/953-7353

2nd Sat-9:00 AM Meet with L#44
Eagles Fraternal Order
16195 Main St.
Hesperia

Hemet - Local #48-Reg#9

Meet with Local#27

Humboldt County - Local #50-Reg#1

Barbara Kennedy
707/946-2248

4th Wed
Call for meeting place & time

Calaveras County - Local #51-Reg#5

Jerry Yates
Box 549
Mountain Ranch, 209/754-5778

2nd Wed 6:30 PM
Call for meeting place

Grass Valley - Local#52-Reg#2

Steve Shoemaker
P.O. Box 356
Chicago Park 95712
530/798-0001

3rd Wed - 6:30 PM
Larry & Lena's Pizza & Grill
15690 Johnson Place
Hwy#49 Grass Valley

Owens Valley - Local#53-Reg#13

Meet with Local#58

West San Fernando - Local#54-Reg#8

Meet with Local #1

Visalia - Local #57 - Reg#6

Dave Olsen
559/936-5909

1st Wed 7:00PM
Meet with L#24

Ridgecrest - Local #58-Reg#13

Tony Jaime
760/371-5136

3rd Sat 10:00 AM
Mickey's Pub
1661 W. Triangle Dr.
Ridgecrest

Kern River Valley Lake (KRV Lake) Local#59-Reg#13

Meet with Local 40 or Local 58

Colfax - Local #60-Reg#2

Chuck James
707/972-8180

2nd Thurs 7:00 PM
Grand Father Station
247 Railroad St., Colfax

Local #61 Shasta County-Redding

Call for info 760-9561669