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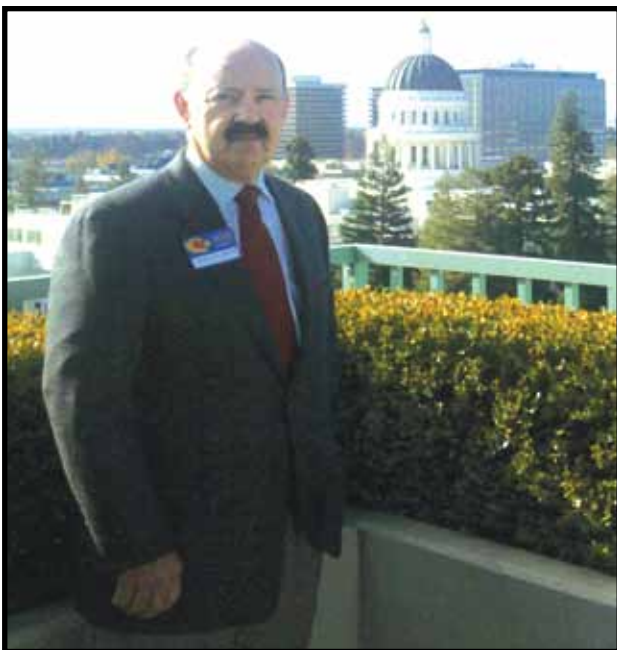
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Lobbyist's Report



by James, Lombardo, Lobbyist

May is Motorcycle Awareness month. A motorcycle safety message will be posted on the CMS (Changeable Message Signs), May 8th - 11th. A message will also appear on June 15th, which is "Ride your Motorcycle to Work Day".

It's crunch time for the state Legislature. *Why?* Because the deadline for bills moving through their first Policy Committee was over in April. This month (May) is when bills must try to escape the Appropriations Committee's Suspense file. Bills that cost more than \$150,000 are moved to the suspense file until after the state's budget is passed.

The Appropriations Committee then knows how much money is left over for allocation to fiscal/cost bills, before sending these bills to the full floor for votes!

The two bills we are working on are AB 51, the Lane Splitting Bill, introduced by Assemblymen Bill Quirk (D-Hayward) and Tom Lackey (R-Palmdale) and AB 334 (Ken Cooley, D- Rancho Cordova) that deals with motorcyclist profiling. Both bills are currently in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 51 was heard in the Assembly Transportation

Committee on April 6th On behalf of ABATE, I testified, along with the AMA's rep, and questioned the restrictive speed limits imposed by the bill when lane splitting. The Chairman, Jim Frasier, who rides a Harley, questioned Assemblyman Quirk and the proposed low speed limit when lane splitting, because of the wobbling effect that can occur at low speeds. He also questioned the **LOW maximum** speed in AB 51 and indicated that this might be too low, as well. Other members of the Committee had similar friendly-to-motorcyclist questions.

The bill was passed out to the Assembly Appropriations Committee on the condition that Assemblyman Quirk work out the differences with motorcyclists and their advocacy groups in the Appropriations Committee. I also proposed an amendment, that was approved by our Leg/PAC Committee, to his office prior to the hearing, which proposed **NO** speed restriction when lane splitting. This amendment was rejected by Assemblyman Quirk. **Stay tuned!** We may need a call to action on this bill if it does not meet with our approval.

The second bill is AB 334 by Assemblyman Cooley, which I testified in support of, along with the AMA and BRO, in the Public Safety Committee. The bill was amended and I am awaiting a review of the ABATE Leg/PAC Committee as to our continued support. Our position is support until, or if, the Leg/PAC Committee decides to take a different position.

The new President pro Tem of the Senate, Kevin De Leon (D-Los Angeles), has introduced SB 350 which is the latest bill to seriously deal with climate control and greenhouse gases. The bill is currently directed at fixed sources of pollution. However, the bill does allow the Air Resources Board (CARB) to re-evaluate its current air pollution regulations on autos, trucks and all types of motorcycles! We need to watch for provisions that would lower motorcycle engine emission standards, or other restrictions.

I look forward to seeing you at the ABATE Board and Leg/PAC meetings in Fresno on May 30th!

Thank you, as always, for contributing to the dedicated Lobbyist fund to keep me in the Capital fighting for your riding rights!

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What is ABATE?

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

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

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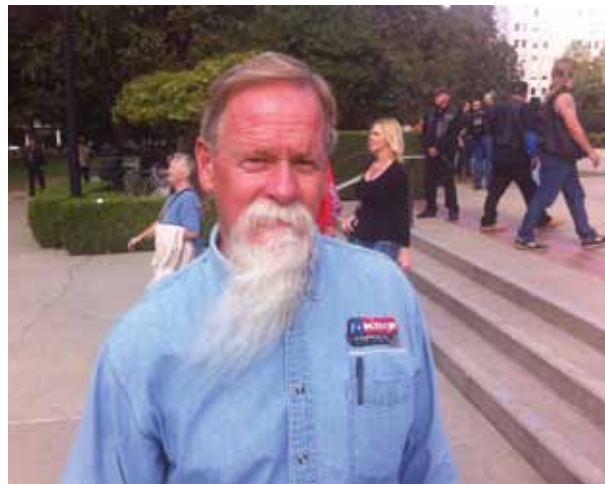
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Executive Director's Report



by Dave Hastings, Executive Director

Spring is here, our Local weekend riding events are picking up steam, and we are all looking forward to summer and some of the best motorcycle riding in the country right here in California.

May has been officially designated as "Motorcycle Awareness Month" in California. Many of the other states join us by kicking off the beginning of riding season with an awareness and safety reminder campaign aimed at both vehicle drivers and motorcycle riders.

Take the time to give your bike a quick seasonal safety inspection and do any necessary maintenance or repairs needed, brush up on your riding skills, and most importantly use your observation skills to anticipate and alleviate any possible scenarios that may lead to being involved in an accident. Usually, no matter who is at fault in an accident, it's the bike rider who is the biggest loser. We are here to protect your "right to ride" but ultimately it is up to YOU to protect yourself from the inherent risks associated with riding a motorcycle.

ABATE has fought for years and years to protect your right to use our roads and to ensure your safe return home from your rides. We are constantly monitoring any legislation that may affect motorcycles in California and ABATE is continuously striving to improve motorcycle

awareness and safety for our fellow riders. These acts require us to find ways to educate the general public, and often times, our motorcycle community too.

As yet another long California riding season begins, make a promise to yourself, your loved ones, and your fellow riders, to take advantage of ABATE's hard work on your behalf. We want you to ride often and always return home safely. Unfortunately, rider education, motorcycle awareness, and all the law's in the world, mean nothing if you choose to ignore them, if you ride while under the influence, or if you simply do not listen to your own common sense. Make this and every summer a safe and enjoyable experience for you and your fellow riding partners.

Join ABATE today and you will be helping every rider in California benefit from your experience, dedication to our motorcycle lifestyle, and the immeasurable exhilaration and daily pleasures that only a rider and his/her partners can share. Our motorcycles are often described as an outward extension of our souls and they offer us a unique opportunity to observe and participate at a different level in our everyday travels. Make ABATE your partner on those journeys, too. Allow us to help protect you and your motorcycle lifestyle while traveling down our California roads this summer.

We've been here for you for years, quietly and diligently working on a daily basis, to protect you. Now it's your turn to give something back to your motorcycle lifestyle and your fellow riders. Join us in our mutual quest for rider safety and motorcycle rights, and help us ensure your "freedom of the road". Become an ABATE member today!

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

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**by Dave Hastings, PAC Treasurer**

As usual we are seeing amendments and the corresponding rider confusion and concerns as the motorcycle bills we are monitoring in Sacramento move through the legislative process. Sometimes I wonder if amendments are purposely written to try to confuse the "Average Joe" on the street and keep all of us "off-guard" while a bill makes its way through the process of becoming state law. Fortunately we have a full time Lobbyist, Legislative Director, and well educated riders in ABATE that analyze and scrutinize every piece of motorcycle legislation that is introduced in Sacramento.

At this time our PAC is still in full support of AB 334 (even with the amended language) and we are still opposed to AB 51 because of

Pac/Treasurer's Report

the speed limitations written into that bill's language. If our PAC becomes aware of any significant changes to either bill our members will be notified immediately and, if needed, a new PAC vote will be taken to see where we will stand on each bill.

Again, we are still in a monitoring mode on Both AB 334 and AB 51, and our PAC positions have not changed on either bill at the time of this article. If you are not receiving our email information, please contact Carol Cromwell at our ABATE State Office and update your personal contact information so we can keep you current with these bills, any issues that may arise or necessary actions needed from our members as the bills make their way through the legislature.

I want to close out this month's article with a huge "Thank You" to everyone that has responded to our Annual Appeal Letter. We will list you in a separate section of our Bailing Wire dedicated to your contributions, but I also wanted to personally thank everyone who has sent in a contribution. We are truly a membership run and funded organization and every year our members confirm their dedication and determination to our mission statement by opening their wallets to support and sustain our ABATE of California.

If you haven't yet made a contribution to ABATE, please try to do so and for those that have, a very sincere "THANK YOU"! Dave H.

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Local #01 Los Angeles



Flash! Once again the Local 1 report for April is a future report as the Bailing Wire report is due before our meeting. So again bear with me on this.

We start every meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, I will do the presidents' report and the PAC report updates on AB 334 and AB 51. I will also do the treasury report and the run report.

Glen C will do the membership report, Jim N, VP, will talk about the Local 1 t-shirts.

During the meeting comments and questions will be brought up by the members. There will be discussions on various matters.

With that said, we will close the meeting and members can enjoy the breakfast, if they so desire.

Regards, Sporty, President Local 1

Local #02 Simi Valley



I was lured into our meeting by the good smell of the BBQ. When I got to the table inside the patio there they were, Deep Fried Pickles! Another culinary delight side dish, one part of the great fixin's we serve as well as our BBQ Burgers & Hotdogs! Our great \$5.00 Meal is a Deal and we start serving at 6:45. A great "Thank you" to President Guy and Ken for cooking and serving the hungry Local 2. And a great "Thank you" to VFW Post 10049 for being a gracious host, again! Our meeting starts promptly at 7:30 and we meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Street in Simi Valley. Did I mention that we have a great beverage area within 5 feet of our BBQ zone!

President Guy got our meeting going with the Pledge of Allegiance. Then talked about our Sweaty Buns Run in depth. It's getting closer to the date, July 26th. We are getting into the serious part about this once a year run we do, and we need everyone's help to make this as successful as ALL the previous years. Contact President Guy or Secretary Jane for more info. Better yet, show up to our next meeting and get involved. You'll be glad you did; besides, these meetings are fun and educational as well.

President Guy also talked about May being Motorcycle Awareness month. We're meeting at City Hall to receive a plaque and then going to dinner afterwards.

Our VP Jim talked about updates on the bills, Jane our secretary read the minutes, Pat our treasurer gave a good report, PR Norm talked about reading the Bailing Wire, and gave a quick class on Goodsearch and the benefits it gives to ABATE as well.

Our membership guy, Frank, was absent and Jane filled in for him and gave us his report on membership. President Guy also talked about membership and what it does for our organization. Bob our Run coordinator talked about last month's Local 2 ride

and up-coming rides for this month as well as future rides. Our merchandise coordinator Scott talked about our stock and is bringing our items to the next meeting to sell; so bring your money for some really great deals!

We had a good amount of prizes for our opportunity drawings and our membership drawing rolled over because the winner was not present. We missed all who couldn't make the last meeting and hope to see you at the next meeting. Our time is critical - big plans are in the making for our Sweaty Buns Run! PTL norm e.

Local #06 San Diego



WHAT A CREW!!! Say hello to most of ABATE Local 6 newly and re-elected officers for 2015!! We'd like to report that we've been signing up at least one new member per month so far this year!! And plan to keep that going. This was "Happy Bunny Day", April 5th, a little windy but a perfect day for some of us to go on a ride after our meeting.

Our Shrimp Dinner fundraiser, held at the American Legion Post 460 in March, went really well!! We had some folks ride in from AZ, and followers of our band "Big Tooth Comb" hung out with us for dinner and the evening!! We sold some merchandise, had a healthy 50/50 and got a new member!

We truly appreciate all the support. Our "Thanks" go out to the ones who donated homemade desserts, they were YUMMY!! And extra "Thanks" go out to the Cook and his helpers!!!

Any questions about us, any time, you can contact Snowman: Email: snowman1946@aol.com or text his cell (619) 855-9981. Friend us on Facebook at ABATE of California, Local 6 and now Twitter, too.

Join us at any of our meetings, 1st Sunday of the month, Kate Sessions Park at High Noon in sunny San Diego!!! Hope to see you!! If it rains, we meet at Post 460, but you know it never rains in SoCal!

Moe Giacalone, Local 6

Local #08 Orange County



Local 8 is happy to say that the month of March has brought us 4 new members - Welcome Aboard!

We were excited to host a booth at the Southern California Motorcycles' 15th annual open house. We had a blast and are grateful to Tom Hicks, the owner of the store, for the gracious invite. Local 8 also gave a membership to the raffle that day and we are happy to welcome David Kessell of Fullerton to Local 8 as the winner.

This month Steve challenged us to know our Assemblyperson. "Do you know yours?" If not, it's time to take a moment and find out. This link will give you your Legislator: http://www.legislature.ca.gov/legislators_and_districts/legislators_and_districts.html and this one will give you the name of your As-

semblyperson. <http://assembly.ca.gov/assemblymembers> These are the people that will help us lobby for upcoming bills. What bills? To know the bills simply open this link <http://www.legislature.ca.gov/port-bill-info.html> and type in the bill number in the appropriate box and get an update as to where that bill stands. I found a place there to "subscribe" to the bill; you add your email address and they will gladly email you updates as they happen. Pretty handy.

With summer coming up and hot weather on the rise remember: 1) Watch very carefully for signs of Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke. 2) Bring more water than you think you'll need. 3) Include stops on your route where you can cool off. 4) Dress properly, keep your skin covered and use lots of sunscreen.

"You do not need a therapist if you own a motorcycle, any kind of motorcycle!" ~ Dan Aykroyd.

See you all in Victorville! Local 8's very own Hawgete

Local #11 North San Diego County



Greetings from North San Diego County! Prez Dan Buse led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then introduced our officers. He also informed us about the upcoming political party meetings and dinners.

VP Dick Beckton discussed the other upcoming events and the COC meeting. Tim Clark gave us the treasurers' report (see fund raiser below!) and we discussed the various bills we have going on at the capitol and their status.

VP Dick also discussed the need for more vendors for the upcoming Local 11 fundraiser - spaces for vendors are free. We will need raffle prizes as well. The Moose Lodge will be handling the food and drinks so this fund raiser will also benefit our hosts. Please come out and support Local 11 and the Lodge.

Info: **When:** Sunday May 17th **Where:** Escondido Moose Lodge 1874, 25721 Jesmond Dene Road in Escondido, Ca. 92026 **Time:** 11:00 am **Cost:** \$10.00. **Food** Available by the Moose Lodge. **Camping Available.**

Vendor inquiries: Contact VP Dick Beckton (760) 743-0032

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



ABATE (American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education) Local 17 is gearing up for its 18th annual American Hot Rod and 21st annual Ride In Bike Show from 11 am to 5 pm on Sunday, June 7, in conjunction with Iron Steed Harley-Davidson, located at 100 Auto Center Drive in Vacaville.

The show is a must for those who have a passion for custom motorcycles and also for those who love tricked-out and souped-up cars or trucks. Admission is free; the event features live music, 30 to 40 food and merchandise vendors, and is a family friendly day. Nearly 3,000 people enjoy this event annually, which gives us a great opportunity to promote ABATE to the general public.

With judging for the car/truck and motorcycle entries

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spectators and attendees can also participate by picking the Peoples' Choice awards. For those interested, vendors and car/truck and motorcycle applications can be obtained by visiting the Iron Steed Harley Davidson website at www.ironsteedhd.com. Entry fee is \$20 prior to May 31 and \$25 after May 31.

Proceeds from the annual event help support ABATE Local 17, local charities such as Mission Solano, Opportunity House, Vaca Fish, Yountville Wreath Program and Sarah Renee Phillips Memorial Scholarship, as well as supporting our cause to keep our freedom of choice while enjoying our right to ride.

Visit www.abatel7.org or www.abate.org to find out more.

Local #20 Orange County



We had 28 people at our meeting, which included 5 guests and special guest speaker attorney Dave Shapiro. He talked about how important it is to carry as much insurance as possible in the case of an accident. On that note, Gill had a new video recorder that works very well; it is compact and only cost around \$40 at Fry's. In the case of an accident or police harassment your best defense is having everything on video.

Gill brought handouts listing the members of the Appropriations Committee and encouraged all of us to email, call and send letters to the members regarding AB 334.

Spike said that MMA, ABATE and the COC are now working. He also noted that there are already laws on the books against other forms of discrimination so adding laws against biker discrimination would not incur any additional costs.

Rusty Coons' name was pulled for the dollar draw but wasn't at the meeting so we have \$70.00 for next month's draw. The non-politically incorrect Gill.

Local #23 San Bernardino



Our first Bike Nite at Tam's Burgers was a big success! We had a lot of our Local participate and the new location gave us great visibility from the street. We had some new visitors and a few local riders as well. We also got 1 new membership - Welcome Dirk! We had two vendors on hand to help draw some attention. We have plans of growing and this location has plenty of room.

We will be having our traditional **Chili Cook-off on May 16th**. This has always been a fun event. Trophies are given for 1st and 2nd place. We also have a Salsa contest and a Dessert contest. So come on out and put your chili where your mouth is!! The address is 990 N. Millard Ave, Rialto, CA 92376. You can call Tammy at (951) 970-0176 for directions. Winners will be posted on our Facebook page.

Our regular membership meeting was held on April 12th and we had a large attendance - 21 people! We got a new couple membership and 1 that joined online. Welcome to Tim Knollhoff, Deanne Waters, and John Bender!

After our meeting we went on a nice ride before heading over to Local 27's Bare Necessities Run. We were not the biggest group to attend - but pretty close! It was a beautiful day here in Southern California, picture perfect.

Ride safe everyone, and hope you can come out and support our events.

Tammy Odell

Local #25 Sacramento



Ruby called our meeting to order at 6:40 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The ABATE PAC committee voted to support AB 8. There will be a hearing on this bill Monday at the Capitol. There will be a hearing on AB 334 on Tuesday. Assemblymen Bill Quirk (D-Hayward) is working with the CHP on the lane splitting bill, AB 51.

May 30 is the 2nd quarterly state Board of Directors, Presidents & PAC meetings in Fresno. The Southern Regional Rally is Mother's Day weekend in Victorville; Kaye sent a text that she will attend.

Ruby gave the safety report. She has seen videos about rear ending motorcycles - if you don't filter, then move to the side.

Lil' David is selling membership drive raffle tickets. This pays for the prizes given to the winners of the membership drive contest.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07. David Smart

Local #27 Riverside



Bare Necessities XIII - well it's over and I would like to report that the event was a grand success!! Turn out attendance was as good as or better than expected, and the most important fact is that we received at the gate over 150 packs of underwear, which filled 5 trash bags mostly full. This, coupled with the 18 trash bags (around \$1,300.00 worth in donations) purchased by The Geezers previously, and around 150 pairs of "flip flops" donated by friends of The Geezers, will be delivered to The Salvation Army. The Salvation Army Captain Keith Butljen and Veronica Dominguez, of family services, dropped by and were totally thrilled.

Special kudos go out to the "groups" that attended. A plaque was awarded to the Largest Participating Group, which turned out to be The Midnight Riders with 13 in attendance, followed closely by ABATE Local 23 with 12, Christian Motorcycle Association with 9, and IE HOG with 5. It should come as no surprise that The Geezers would have won, had they not been exempt from the award due to their involvement with the event. A tattoo contest was one of the highlights of the day with 7 categories and a "best of show".

The Vendors included Ereksen Enterprises, Diamond Bros Detailing, Eagle Sky Silver, Suicide Shifters, Sports Goodies and Crafts and Ludikrs Kuztomz powder coating.

ABATE Local 27 would like to thank all of you that supported this event. Geezers M/C - we couldn't have pulled it off without you folks! The American Legion Post 79 for their continued support letting us use their facility for whatever we need. The Ladies cooking tacos/burritos did a dynamite job, as always.

On another note we are looking forward to the Southern Regional Rally coming up May 8-10th, C-Ya There!

Kenny, President ABATE Local 27

Local 8 at Southern California Motorcycles Open House April 11, 2015 photo by Donald Kline Photography member Local 23 San Bernardino.



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by Lee "Sporty" Milligan,
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You also have the ability to sell your membership funding raffle tickets that your Local presidents have by now. Remember the membership raffle tickets cost only a dollar each. Perhaps you can use them as renewal trinkets. Yes, it is trinket time. Along with getting new members it's important to keep your renewals.

Just a reminder, you need to sell your raffle tickets by the end of June and get the stubs to the

state office by July 1st.

It is also important to do something special for your long time members. So hopefully you're doing your part to make your members feel welcome and a part of your Local.

Once again, please help increase our membership by getting new members and retaining your renewals.

Till next time, Regards, Sporty

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Motorcycle Safety Report

by Norm e. Newiger, Safety Officer

Good Times Ahead

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. For drivers that means being reminded to be aware of motorcycles. For bike riders it can also mean being aware of your bikes. How clean is your bike? Does your chrome sparkle? Did you spend hours cleaning your spokes? Is your paint job waxed out and so slippery that dusts rolls off? Sometimes my bike looks as fantastic at 2 feet as well as 15 feet away! Just by looking at it makes me think, NICE!!! But, how safe is it? Being roadworthy is what is most important to me rather than how nice it looks. The good looks are secondary, it's the nuts and guts which rank number one with me. I've always said that, when you detail your bike (not the quick run thru) have your tools with you as well. It's a great time to be intimate with your bike especially this time of the year.

As our weather begs us to ride we must insure to ourselves that our bike is so safe that we can only blame forces out of our control, i.e. accidents, no matter who's at fault! There is the mechanical failure possibility though, but the odds are in our favor, here's why: As a rider of the V-Twin my main responsibility is making sure that it's in top condition to the best of my ability. I cannot afford to have a mechanic to go thru my bike periodically to make sure it's in tip-top shape. I have them work on what I cannot do or don't want to do, therefore, I know my limitations. The most important things are the little ones that matter, visual inspection is as important as tightening loose nuts and bolts.

I cannot count how many nuts, bolts, hex heads, Phillip heads, etc. that's on my bike. Let's just say it's never ending! When I go thru my bike I use the term zones, i.e. tires, handle bars, right side, left side, frame, engine and drive chain. I go thru the zones so as to not miss anything. It's my checklist, my way of doing it and at my age I need to re-assure myself that all things are really done. In my way of thinking, this is where Safety is First! Have you ever had one of your mirrors start flapping or cart wheeling while you're riding? How about a turn signal knocking on your knee cap? These little things can distract you as well as piss you off. I even had my gear shifting knob disappear once and that really sucks! I then wished that I would have checked these things out before I rode.

I'm not saying to go thru your bike thoroughly every time. Sometimes a quick visual inspection can prevent things from happening. As I was detailing my bike, wiping down my clutch cable, I noticed wear at the middle section where the fork lock is, it was rubbing against the cable and was ready to sever the line. Having a broken clutch cable while riding truly sucks! After many years of servicing my bike as I detail it, I kind of know what nuts, bolts pretty much hold their own and which need occasional at-



tention. It's usually the cosmetic things we add that need the most attention, but then again, anything on a V-twin can and will loosen up at any given time!

Let's go back to the broken clutch cable thing, this happens! The best thing to do is not go into a panic mode no matter how fast you are going. Then the next thing to do is maintain control, you can still downshift or up shift, it might require a little extra umph, but it can be done. If you're riding and doing - let's say 50 mph - and your cable breaks, you need to look for a safe place to pull over, not necessarily an emergency type of scenario in which you need to stop immediately, but you can gradually downshift and brake to a stop. The worst thing to do is panic and lock your brakes. You can up shift to neutral as you are stopping, just remember if you're in 3rd or 4th gear and come to a stop (with no clutch) your bike could be like riding a bull, jerking you as you are stopping and this could be difficult on a full dresser.

When I was a dirt bike freak, I only used my clutch when idling, slow riding or getting ready to pop a wheelie; speed shifting meant no clutch, up or down! I still do brag somewhat about my dirt bike riding experience, it really translated to street riding as far as having the confidence and discipline to react to whatever riding on the street would bring forth.

Visual inspection is important, it could lead you into getting your hands dirty. How often do you check your tires? Do you roll your bike to inspect the tires 360 degrees? Or are you satisfied with what you see when it's parked? Do you look for improper wear or fatigue? How old are your tires? If you ride 3 to 6 thousand miles a year, the treads might look good, but are your tires hard or dried out and showing signs of cracking? Tire pressure! After all is said and done proper tire pressure can save your life, period! Don't be lazy or think it's okay just because your tires look good, just do it. A flat tire on the side of the road is just as bad as a broken clutch cable.

You can easily inspect your disc brakes for even wear. That's just too easy to do, but really important. Remember them old brake drums? You had to do some major work before you could inspect them visually and now days it's right there in front of you

with easy access.

As I wrote this article, I had turned on my bike several times and let it idle to see and feel the vibrations on my '95 Softail. In my mind I see vibrations as a point of release for energy, therefore loosening points of contact of metal on metal. To me it's like an earthquake at 4.2 on the Richter scale, smoothing out as the RPMs increase, and that's a beautiful thing about the V-twin. Therefore preventative maintenance is a safety issue, because what you want to do is eliminate liabilities that could happen. Have you ever ridden with your buds and all of a sudden you see a chrome flash? Have you and or your bike been tagged by chrome flying objects? I have a friend who caught a passenger foot peg with his teeth; I thought he was a hockey player! True story. We have been littering the highways with our aftermarket chrome parts for years. I honestly got tired of replacing the missing parts and what chrome is left on my bike is all the chrome that's left. By-the-way if anyone sees a rear chrome axle cover (westbound) on the 118 fwy between Granada Hills and Moorpark, it's mine, contact me!

One item on my safety checklist is the welds, a good visual inspection is fast and easy. A good welding job on your frame can last a lifetime, but sometimes things get old and the repetitive vibrations can cause failure. It could be very tiny at first and progress over the years or bam! It could be broke all of a sudden. My friend's Wide Glide with a rubber mounted engine had broken weld issues, the way his engine bounces when idling darn near hypnotized me. If it weren't for the fact that I removed his seat and gas tank while doing some work on his bike, I would never have seen the cracks.

The last and biggest thing I do once a year is this: I remove my seat and gas tank and inspect the gas lines and wiring that I cannot see or feel without removing said such items. It does take some time to do this, but because of the way my bike is built there is contact and vibration going on under these items. I usually replace the gas lines because it's easy at that point. I look for wear and tear on the exposed wiring, it's definitely tight in those areas, but I look for possible bare wires and burnt spots. I don't want to have electrical issues while riding, instant power loss is not good, especially if you're cruising on a freeway! I look for indentations on the wires to make sure that I don't find a break in the wire (everyone's nightmare!) or one that will break soon, making sure all wires are tucked in and properly installed. You also have great access at this time to inspect welds, the top of your engine and any nuts or bolts etc. that you wouldn't ordinarily see.

Why is Preventative Maintenance a part of my safety program? I want to have good time while riding, I want everyone to have a good time riding. When you know your bike is up to your standards of being safe to ride you will have a good time riding. We all know stuff happens, but was it preventable? That's on you. We have a great season of riding ahead of us, let's all enjoy it and ride safer than last time.

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June 7 – ABATE Local 17 – 18TH Annual AMERICAN HOT RODS & 21ST ANNUAL RIDE-IN MOTORCYCLE SHOW (See flyer this issue for details.)

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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES
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NCOM CONVENTION HONORS FALLEN RIDERS; INVITES NAMES FOR TRIBUTE

With the 30th Annual NCOM Convention in Denver just weeks away, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MROs, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and supporters who have died since May 2014, so that we may honor their memories during the traditional "Ringing of the Bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies. Dedications can be hand-delivered at the Convention to "Doc" Reichenbach, NCOM Chairman of the Board, or e-mailed in advance to Bill Bish at NCOMBish@aol.com.

Attendees are also encouraged to bring an item on behalf of their organization for the Freedom Fund Auction, with proceeds benefiting the motorcyclists' rights movement nationwide through Getting Our People Elected donations, NCOM Speaker Program, lobbying activities and other pro-motorcycling projects as determined by the NCOM Board of Directors.

The 30th annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 7-10, 2015 at the Denver Marriott Tech Center, 4900 S. Syracuse St. in Denver, Colorado. This annual gathering will draw bikers' rights activists from across the country to discuss topics of concern to all riders, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$99 by calling (303) 779-1100.

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$80 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$45 for the Convention only. All motorcyclists are welcome and encouraged to attend. Meetings, seminars and group discussions will focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to benefit our right to ride and Freedom of the Road.

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

AIM & NCOM FOUNDER RICHARD M. LESTER INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) and affiliated & supported groups and organizations, extend Congratulations to founder Richard M. Lester on his recent induction into the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame.

The Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame has announced their 2015 inductees into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum Hall of Fame and one into the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame. Lester, a California attorney who founded AIM & NCOM three decades ago and numerous subsequent motorcycle outreach groups, is the first national bikers' rights attorney to be inducted.

"The Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame is designed to recognize individuals or groups who have made a long term positive impact on the motorcycle community," said museum Executive Director Christine Paige Diers. "The Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame recognizes the commitment and sacrifices individuals across the nation, and worldwide, have made to protect the rights of motorcyclists, and who have made a significant impact through their work in grassroots rights efforts."

Richard became an attorney at the ripe age of 45. While in law school he realized that motorcycle riders were an unrepresented group who didn't have a voice. His love for the sport prompted him to focus on the need of a voice in the motorcycling community. In 1982 after passing the bar, his work for motorcycling began. It took him a couple of years to organize a team of attorneys who rode motorcycles, and who also had an understanding of what was needed in the motorcycle community and how to go about finding the voice that was needed.

Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) was founded in 1984, and is a legal protection program that is free for all motorcycle riders, providing free medical information and emergency contact of next-of-kin. To date, over 2 million cards have been distributed nationwide, with A.I.M. attorneys in every state providing legal services for riders and doing pro-bono (free) work within the motorcycle community.

The following year, in 1985 Richard Lester founded the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) to provide a much-needed voice for the motorcycling community. Today NCOM is a national organization with over 2,400 motorcycle groups and organizations that have joined together as a whole to tackle the legal and legislative aspect of motorcycle riding.

Today, more than 30 years later, Richard is still working hard for the motorcycling community. He has attorneys in every state, and has also founded three (3) additional organizations so that every motorcycle rider has a voice. One program is the Confederation of Clubs, which is comprised of motorcycle clubs, from 1%ers to family



clubs. The Christian ministry sector came together in 2005 to form Christian Unity to improve networking with both secular and Christian bike groups. And the newest addition is the National Sports Bike Association, the sport bike division of NCOM to have a clear and unadulterated voice directly from the Sport Bike Community on issues that directly affect them.

"Richard has dedicated his life to the lifestyle of motorcycling and has contributed so much of his time and effort, not to mention the financial investment he has donated to the cause," reads his nomination for the Freedom Fighter Hall of Fame. "He is the only attorney who has always, and continues, to give back to the motorcycling community by creating five (5) FREE and useful national programs, and by hosting many conventions and seminars to educate and inform all motorcyclists of their right to ride."

Individuals chosen for induction into the Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame and the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame will be honored at the annual induction breakfast ceremony on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at The Lodge at Deadwood during the 75th anniversary of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. This event is open to the public and tickets are available at www.sturgismuseum.com/hall-of-fame/freedom-fighters, or by calling (605) 347-2001.

SOUTH DAKOTA RAISES SPEED LIMITS IN TIME FOR STURGIS

South Dakota became the latest state to kick up the speed limit, as an amendment to Senate Bill 1 passed on March 24, 2015 changing the speed limit on the state's two interstate highways. The new law took effect on April 1 (no joke), so you'll legally be able to travel at 80 mph on the I-90 and I-29, meaning that motorists and bikers going to the 75th Anniversary Sturgis Rally will arrive a little bit faster.

States across the country have been raising their speed limits as lawmakers argue that roads and cars are safer. Idaho, Wyoming and Utah have already raised their limits to 80 mph; on one toll road in Texas, it's 85.

CONGRESSIONAL MEASURE WOULD CREATE "AUTOCYCLE" VEHICLE CLASS

With a growing number of 3-wheeled vehicles hitting the marketplace, Congress seeks to create a new classification of vehicles to be designated as "Autocycles". Previously, these types of vehicles have been classified as motorcycles, so Senator David Vitter (R-LA) has introduced the Autocycle Safety Act, S. 685, to create their own new category and require the new class of three-wheeled enclosed vehicles to meet both motorcycle safety standards as well as certain passenger vehicle standards.

3-wheelers are currently exempt from many state and federal rules that dictate safety and emissions standards that apply to cars, but the new category created under S.685 would impose many rules on manufacturers by the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA): including automotive standards for seating systems, seat belts, child restraints, air bags, roof crush resistance, and flame-resistant interiors; as well as motorcycle standards covering brakes, lights, rims and tires, controls and displays, and glazing materials.

NEW JERSEY BANS MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS

On March 23, 2015 New Jersey Governor Christie signed into law a piece of legislation (A-2316/S-1614) prohibiting law enforcement agencies from conducting roadside checkpoints or systematic inspections that focus only on motorcycles. It will not prevent any other type of road block or checkpoint that is for a valid law enforcement purpose, but it must include vehicles of all types, not just motorcycles-only. This law goes into effect immediately.

ABATE of the Garden State, worked with the legisla-

tors from District 1 (Cape May) and was successful in getting the bill introduced in February of 2014. In February 2015 it passed both houses of the legislature with unanimous votes from both chambers.

Many NJ motorcycle riders wrote, called and emailed their legislators to ask for their support on this important legislation. "This new law will prohibit the unlawful practice of profiling a whole class of motorists simply because of their chosen, and legal mode of transportation", says Jim Parker, Legislative Coordinator for ABATE of the Garden State.

RED LIGHT LAW PASSED IN KENTUCKY

Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear signed HB 370 on April 2nd that allows a motorcycle to proceed through a red light if it fails to operate after 2 minutes or 2 cycles of the light with no other oncoming traffic.

The Kentucky Motorcycle Association pushed for the legislation, which it says is needed because the lower weight of motorcycles sometimes means that traffic light sensors embedded in roads don't detect them, meaning lights do not change.

House Bill 370, sponsored by Rep. Johnny Bell (D-Glasgow) and Rep. Wilson Stone (D-Scottsville) creates an affirmative defense against a traffic violation for entering or crossing an intersection against a steady red light for a person operating a motorcycle.

An affirmative defense is "a defense in which the defendant introduces evidence, which, if found to be credible, will negate criminal or civil liability, even if it is proven that the defendant committed the alleged acts," which in this case applies if a motorcycle is brought to a complete stop, the traffic control signal shows a steady red light for two minutes or if the traffic control signal completes two lighting cycles and if the traffic control signal appears to be malfunctioning or doesn't detect the arrival of a motorcycle. Another condition of the defense is that no person or motor vehicle is approaching the intersection or that any approaching person or motor vehicle is so far from the intersection that it does not constitute an immediate hazard.

Jay Huber, president of the Kentucky Motorcycle Association, said the longer motorcyclists remain at a light, the longer they are a target for inattentive drivers. "It becomes an issue of safety," he said.

BILL WOULD REQUIRE MOTORCYCLE LICENSE IN ALABAMA

Legislators in Alabama, the only State in the Union that doesn't require a motorcycle license or endorsement, are considering legislation to end that distinction. An oversight in the 1990s led to a gap in the law that allows anyone 16 and older with a regular driver's license to also operate a motorcycle in the state.

If enacted, the new law would require operators to pass a knowledge test to obtain a Class M endorsement, and the bill also authorizes police officers to write a ticket if you are riding a motorcycle without a license. 40 states require a skills test for a motorcycle license, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, but that's not likely to happen anytime soon in Alabama.

Political insiders indicate the bill is likely to reach Governor Bentley's desk, who is expected to sign it into law.

TEXAS BIKE BILL REQUIRES 3-FOOT CLEARANCE FROM DRIVERS

A new bill could mean new rules for Texas drivers. House Bill 2459 states that drivers would have to give pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcyclists three feet when passing or turning. HB 2459 was heard in the Texas House Transportation Committee for "unprotected road users," and if passed a violation would be a Class B Misdemeanor.

"At this point, I'm excited with three feet, anything is better than zero feet. We're just waiting to see whether or not Governor Greg Abbott ratifies that bill," cyclist Les Akins told Newschannel 6, adding that he hopes HB 2459 will raise awareness.

CALIFORNIA HIT-AND-RUN BILL PASSES COMMITTEE

A "Hit & Run" bill supported by ABATE of California has passed out of the Assembly Transportation Committee. The measure would authorize the use of the existing Emergency Alert System communication equipment to notify and alert law enforcement and the general public when a serious hit and run traffic event has occurred. Prompt public distribution of this important information could help prevent further incidents and accelerate apprehension of involved parties.

AB 8 sponsor Assemblyman Mike Gatto (D-Glendale) "Personally thanked US for our support," said ABATE Lobbyist Jim Lombardo who testified in support of the measure. "Nice Victory, and good for us/ABATE to testify in committee on behalf of a safety measure."

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Liberty is always dangerous, but it is the safest thing we have."

Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), American pastor

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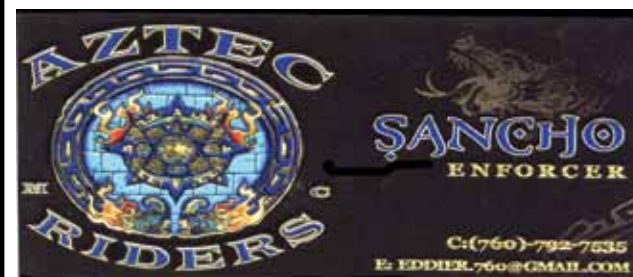
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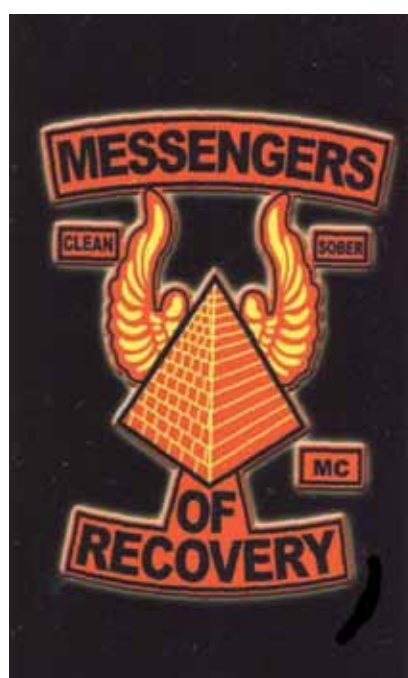
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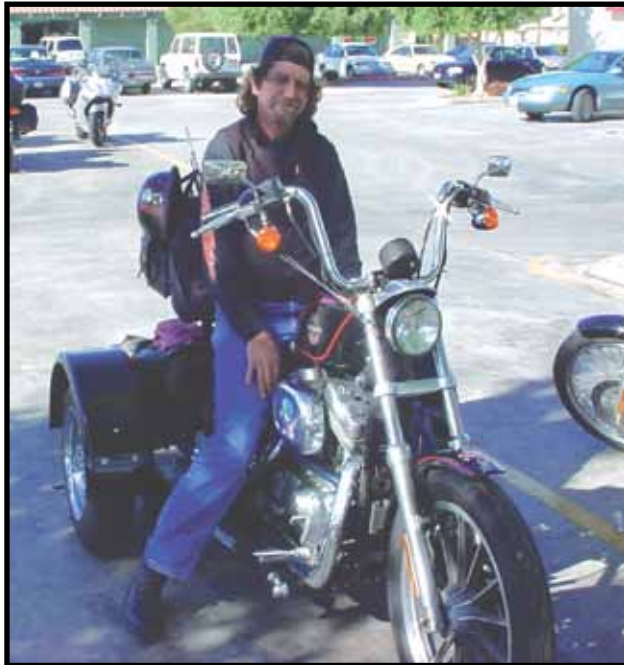
Sporty's Rides

by Lee "Sporty" Milligan

Hi again! It's time for another medical report. I am making progress and will be returning to work April 15th. However it's been a battle or extreme process to get my new check socket. The week before April 8th was the date I was to have my new check socket with the t-shirt silk screened on to the check socket. Wrong! They would now make the check socket and they had trouble finding my t-shirt. They promised the new socket with the ABATE t-shirt silk screened on it by April 13th. You see April 13th is the two year anniversary of my accident. The shop, as you may recall is in Palmdale, which is 50 miles away from my house in San Fernando. My appointment is 11 am so I got there early. Waited in the waiting room as they took the plastic check socket off and put the new one on. The new check socket looks really nice with one exception, it is too big. What they did was goof up making the mold. If I wear this one it will be too loose. So they promised to have the check socket made correctly the next day, April 14th, with another ABATE t-shirt silk screened on to the check socket. Film at eleven regarding whether this is going to be successful. Never the less on April 15th I am going back to work. I will keep you all posted on that progress. Let's just say my returning to work may get me to be more organized regarding ABATE activities and work.

April 4th I road to the monthly meeting of the Westside Chapter HOG. Their meetings are on the first Saturday of the month and are located at the Canoga Park Elks Lodge #20925 on Osborne Street. Their dealership is Barger Harley Davidson. It was a pretty good breakfast and was not that expensive. The nice part was I was given some time to discuss the various bills we have going on at the state capital, AB 334 and AB 51. My thanks to the current chapter Director, Richard Magdaleno, for the time allotted to make my brief presentation.

The chapter went for a ride after the meeting, but Jim Nickla and I went to Barger HD so Jim could get a battery for his Road Glide. Since he was riding his duce I put the battery in my rack box. At Barger's I got some HD coffee and talked up the importance of the bills we have going in the Capital. From Barger's we went to Jim's house in Van Nuys, AKA Lake Balboa. He put the battery in the Road Glide and we



were off to Glendale HD. Again I talked up the importance of the bills pending in the state Capital.

Monday was to be the hearing in the Assembly Transportation committee. I wanted to be part of this and since I was going to be starting work again, I might not have a chance to be at the hearings further down the road. Easter Sunday, with my wife's blessing, I had breakfast at my AA hall and by 11 o'clock I was off to Capital land in the little truck that could, the '89 Toyota. Since I was leaving later than I normally do I wound up going up the 14 fwy to route 58 then cutting across to hwy 99. I had a good time driving up as I recently had a major tune up on the truck and it ran great. I arrived at the La Quinta Inn about 6:30 pm. I chose them because they have decent amenities. They had a handicap room so I took it. Got a discount for being an Auto Club member so that was good.

The next day, armed with information, I motored over to the capital garage. At the Capital I went to the basement and visited with Gary Haller. He is like the eyes and ears of the capital. It was kind of slow as the capital café near his shop has been in a state of repair for food violations - bugs and things. Yaks! While I was there Ruby Weber showed up. She is one fine Lady and has a knack for keeping things cool, meaning she has earned a lot of respect over the years. Shortly after I met Bobby T and his friend.

Around 1 pm we went to the hearing room 4422.

There was a crowd at the hearing (AB51). Jim Lombardo, our ABATE Lobbyist, and the Western Rep for the AMA, Nick Harris, were to testify against the bill in its present amended form. The authors, Assemblymen Bill Quirk (D-Hayward) and Tom Lackey (R-Palmdale), made the Transportation committee members see that once we get the report on speed differential, due out by the end of the month, that we would need to amend the bill. Anyway the bill passed out of committee 13-1. Those who attended got to voice our objections to the bill as amended in its present form. I got to finally meet Nick Harris and that was nice. Since there was no need to stay any longer, I said my good-byes and left to drive home. Drive was ok and I got home about 9:30 pm; tired but happy to have been able to do my part for ABATE PAC.

I had asked at the last Local 1 meeting if anyone would like to join me for a group ride to the 13th annual Bare Necessities run at Local 27's meeting spot in Riverside. I received several "Yes it would be swell to do that." I arranged to have everyone meet at Peter Daniel's house in Glendale. Arriving at the Seven/Eleven below the street where Peter lives, the only Local 1 member that showed up was Odie. So at 9 am we took off and rode to the American Legion Post #79 in Fairmount Park in Riverside. I saw folks I have not seen in quite some time. It was nice to see Lee from Vacaville as we both have known each other since the Tulare run days and were both long time ABATE members. Odie did not stay long because I looked for him and - bam - he had left. I bought raffle tickets and, yes, won three prizes. The ride was good, I saw folks I had not seen in a while and made it home safely. Thanks ABATE Local 27 and the Geezers MC for a fun day.

Ok that's it for this month's Sporty's Rides. Be safe out on the road. Get new members and if you're due for renewal, please renew. Regards, Your Scribe, Sporty.



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