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## *Executive Director's Report*



**by Dave Hastings,**  
**Executive Director**

August is here and our upcoming September 9th & 10th ABATE "get together" in Kernville will be here quickly. Have you made your reservation yet? Come on out and join in the fun before it passes you by again! Contact Frandy Campground at (888) 372- 6399 or [www.frandy.net](http://www.frandy.net) and confirm your spot for the weekend. Then get out of town and make some memories with your friends up on the Kern River!

I can't think of a better way to welcome the beginning of our fall season than to listen to the sound of water cascading down the river while we look for the first hint of yellow and gold in the leaves of the campground trees.

We will have our ABATE Board of Directors nominations open soon and elections will be held shortly thereafter to decide who will serve our organization in those capacities next year. Consider running for a statewide position for 2017 and encourage other members from your Local to do so, too.

All members in good standing are eligible for nomination and ABATE depends on our members for both guidance and ideas to keep our organization strong and functional. This is not a difficult job, just one that requires desire, common sense and some vision on your part. I like to think that all of our members possess these qualities and have the necessary skills to perform the duties required.

So don't be shy and don't be lazy. This is "YOUR" organization - take an active part in ensuring that ABATE performs not only like it should, but how YOU feel it should. Don't be an armchair quarterback, be an active player on the field of motorcycle rights.

We have scheduled our next Board of Directors meeting for September 17th in Fresno and that would be a great time to announce your intent to run for a 2017 position.

This is a nationwide election year, so get involved with our ABATE elections, also. Take some time to examine our positions up for election and then throw your energy and ambition into your organization. We will all benefit from your personal involvement in ABATE as a member of the Board of Directors.

I hope to see you in Kernville and I really want to see your name on our ballot for 2017. Until then, ride safe and ride often! Dave H.

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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.

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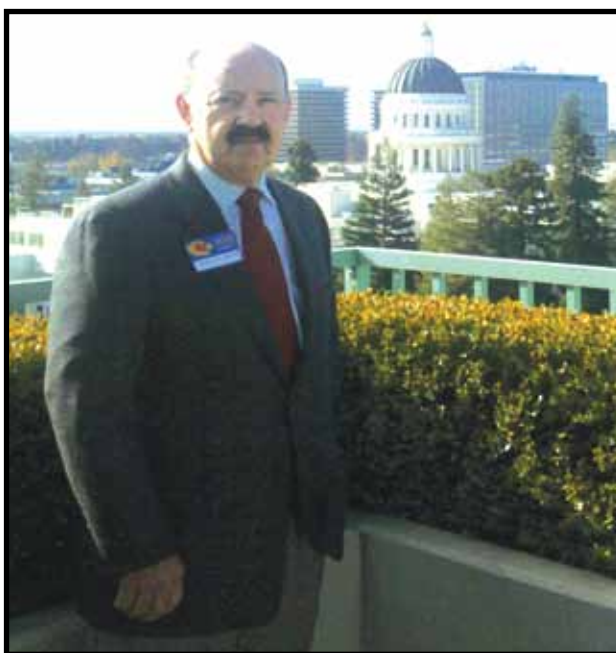
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## Lobbyist's Report



by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

The Legislature has returned from their Summer Recess to finish up on the Budget Trailer bills, as well as AB 51, the Lane Splitting bill by Assemblyman Quirk, and ABATE's bill, AB 1932 by Assemblyman Jay Obernolte, which will allow us the choice to take a Driver Ed Class with a Motorcycle Training Component, and eliminate a point on our DMV driving record, after getting a moving violation.

I'm watching the Budget Trailer bills

very closely this year, because the MIC, or Motorcycle Industry Council, is trying to shove a stealth amendment in one of them to authorize and fund the use of roadside noise measurement equipment for law enforcement to use against us ***Motorcycle Riders! STAY TUNED for FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS!***

I am doing follow up lobbying of members and staff in both houses to ensure passage of both these important motorcycle bills. I will ask for letters, phone calls, and e-mails to Governor Brown when the time is right for us to voice our ***SUPPORT*** for these two very beneficial motorcycle rider bills.

On a sad note: We lost a good friend, our Senator Sharon Runner at the young age of 62. She represented Hesperia as part of her Senate seat. She always welcomed me to her office at any time, while she was an Assembly Member and later as a state Senator. She served in the Legislature since 2002, and was supportive of all motorcyclist issues, including riding free!

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

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# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

## by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hi all! As promised, on July 9th the winning ticket for the membership drive was drawn at Local 44's meeting in Hesperia, California.

The winner of the drawing is Toni Felix. She is from Grass Valley. We have sent her a bank money order for \$250.00.

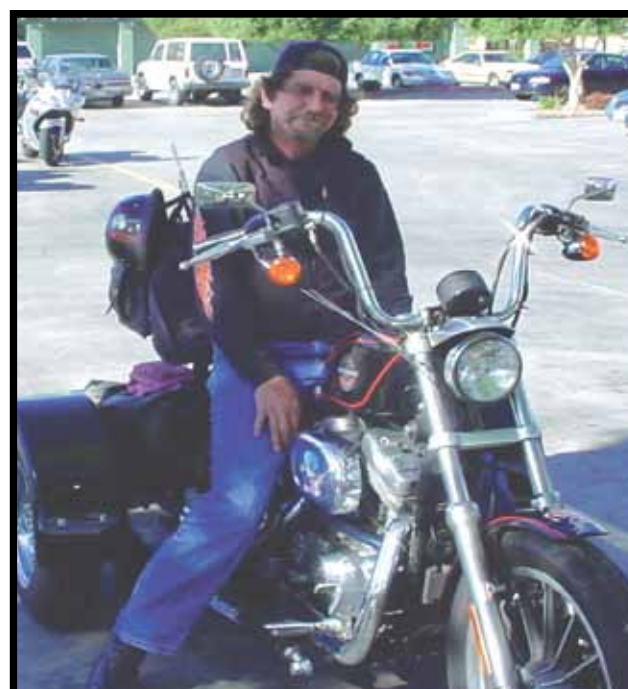
Thanks to all those who sold and bought the Special Raffle tickets! Your support is very much appreciated! Once again the Membership Drive is cost free!

So the winner of the Special Raffle ticket is paid, the printer of the tickets is paid, and now all that is left is for the first, second and third place winners to be paid. That happens at the first Board of Directors meeting in January 2017.

Ok fellow ABATE members, get real busy and round-up some new members. Presidents, encourage your Local's members to renew their memberships!

You all know the drill and since it is summer there are lots of place where bikers are going to be - bike nights, weekend hot spots such as Cooks Corner in Orange county, the Rock store in Malibu, and the Harley shops Old Road in Santa Clarita, Glendale HD, and Bartels HD, plus the newly renamed Top Rocker in Canoga Park.

However I am sure there are many other spots up and down this great state of California for you to go where the bikers gather and you can get them to sign up.



Again, do your best to spread the word about our issues, AB-51 Lane Sharing and AB-1932 Advance Riders course as an alternative way of getting rid of a traffic ticket for motorcyclists.

I have made the monthly pitch for you to help ABATE thrive. Now do your part. There is unity and strength in numbers of members.

Regards, Membership Chair Sporty Milligan.

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# LOCAL REPORTS

## Local #01 Los Angeles



Local 1 will have their meeting on Sunday, July 17th. We'll start with the Pledge of Allegiance. President Sporty will speak on stuff. There will be the treasurer's report. Then the membership report by Glen Cheslock.

VP Jim Nickla will report on the Dog Guide Donation run on July 30. We will discuss the ABATE Local 2's Sweaty Buns run on July 24. Plus the Shaggers' campout in August.

I will entertain questions from the members at the meeting and then close the meeting. Those who are hungry can buy breakfast.

Sporty Milligan reporting.

## Local #02 Simi Valley



Yep it's July! I arrived to our monthly shindig a little late, but before the meeting. I could smell the BBQ from the street and in the patio everyone was eating, NICE! Thanks to our volunteer cooks, Frank the burger master, and Hotlinks Ken. Great job of getting the job done really good.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at VFW Post 10049 at 4242 East Los Angeles Ave. We start serving our fantastic meal at 6:45 until 7:20 then our meeting starts at 7:30 promptly. We serve a great \$5 meal and the bar is open. It's great to get there early to eat with your friends and get caught up prior to the meeting - the camaraderie is good!

Our VP Jim got us going with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pres Guy opened the meeting. Pres Guy talked about where we are at with our Sweaty Buns Run this month as well as other agenda. VP Jim talked about AB 51 and where it's at right now. VP Pattibock talked about BAD and Red's BBQ deal on September 28th with a percent of the proceeds going to BAD. I love Red's!

We had guests from Local 3/13 here for their rides, a zombie ride on October 16th and their biker trivia ride. Secretary Jane read the minutes, our treasurer Pat gave us our financial report, PR Norm talked about the big monthly swap meet in Long Beach and said it's packed with thousands of bikers and vendors up the cazoozee! He said what a great place for an ABATE booth for a membership drive, hmmm....

Frank, our membership coordinator, gave us this report and run coordinator Bob said we don't have a ride this month due to the fact we have

our own Sweaty Buns Ride on July 24th, yeah! He also is trying to put together another ride in the first week of August prior to going to Sturgis.

Hey! Judy won our 50/50 drawing and Pres Guy got lucky again with the membership drawing. The big news of the month is this: **We will not be having a meeting in August!!!** No officers meeting or general meeting in the month of August! It's all good; most of the officers will be on vacation at Sturgis or somewhere else, but the good news is that **there will be a non-meeting get together at the VFW post.** This will be a biker movie night instead of a meeting, popcorn, drinks and whatever. Contact Pres Guy or Secretary Jane for more specifics.

Have a safe and fun month and ride with a great attitude. PTL norm e.

## Local #08 Orange County



August 28th – Save the date! We just received the great news that a pair of spaces has been donated for us at the So-Cal Cycle Swap Meet on Sunday, August 28, 2016. This is Local 8's annual fund raiser, and this year we have goals of \$1000 in sales and five new members. Pretty tough, but we think we are up to the challenge. We are in the market for donated goods, so if you are in the LA/OC area and have some motorcycle related stuff in the garage that you just don't want any more, give me a call at 562-298-6236, and we'll see what we can arrange.

Of course, we will need folks to come by, visit, and purchase some of our fine motorcycle merchandise as well. The So-Cal Cycle Swap Meet is held in the parking lot of Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St., Long Beach, CA 90808. The hours are 7:00 in the morning to 1:00 in the afternoon. Don't forget, August 28th we will be there – you are invited too!

Enough with the sales pitch- Local 8 had a very good meeting this week with a surprise guest, Boomer, from Local 20 and also from the ABATE Board of Directors. We discussed AB 51, fund raising, and communication with our Local 8 members. There was a report on the June Board of Directors meeting.

There was indeed shock and awe at the recent work done on the ABATE of Cal website. Local 8 expresses a huge thanks to Mark Loudermilk and anyone else involved! What an improvement!

As icing on the cake, we have our opportunity draw at the end of each meeting. Bryan Powell's name was pulled from the hat, and not only that, he was present too! Bryan donated his entire winnings to the Local 8 treasury and turned in his membership renewal, too! Thanks to Bryan and thanks to all the folks who make it a pleasure to serve as president of ABATE Local 8!

STEVE

## Local #11 North San Diego

Hi All! We were blessed with another beautiful day for our meeting. President Dan Buse started us off with the Pledge of Allegiance. Followed



by Dick Beckton asking for a moment of silence.

We talked about getting us all to the Local 6 meeting in August. Dan gave the PAC report, sent to him by Mark Castillero. Lane splitting etc. was talked about. Dick gave us updates on events coming up, so "get out and ride". Tim Clark gave us the treasurer's report.

Lydia Perez gave us an update on things happening at the Moose Lodge where we have our meetings. Join the Moose - great benefits! She also took away two raffle prizes! She brought a friend, Keith, and he won the 50/50!

Eddie and his lovely wife from Local 38 were here and said they are looking for sponsors for the annual turkey run they do.

So, in closing, we still have our party basket raffle going on – tickets \$1 each - and the winner will be picked at August meeting. Support ABATE!

Cheers! Robin Buse

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



It has been a couple of really busy months, folks. I have had meetings with Assemblymen Quirk and Lackey, and also Assemblyman Frazier, getting the low down on AB 51 Lane splitting. The bill is set to be head in the Senate and Assembly in August and is expected to pass. It was on the consent calendar and costs were not to be over 50K which would have slowed things down. Go to [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov) for the current bill info.

Our ABATE State Board Meeting was on June 25, with the best Local turnout I have seen in years! Thanks to all that made the trip to Fresno.

Our Hot Rods and Harleys 22nd Annual Ride-In Bike show and 19th Annual Hot Rod show was a success! Thanks again to the great support from the Iron Steed Event Staff and our many volunteers from ABATE Local 17 - especially those who stayed all day! Even with the parking challenge we had to deal with, everyone had a great time and The Terry Sheets Band was great. We will try to get them back next year. There were lots of really happy trophy winners - check out [ABATE17.org](http://ABATE17.org) and check out our newsletter for pics and all our current info. We're looking forward to June 4th next year for the 2017 Hot Rods and Harley's event.

Hope to see everyone at Sarah's 17th Annual Memorial Scholarship Run on August 27.

Please try to attend our monthly meetings as we are gaining members and support. With the



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current bills and upcoming bills, it is important to stay informed and involved to keep our freedoms alive.

Ride respectfully and safely, and I will see ya around the next corner. Glenn

## Local #20 Orange County



Local 20 conducted their meeting on Tuesday, 07/12/2016, at the American Legion in Cypress. 36 individuals were in attendance. Various topics were discussed such as the status of the lane sharing bill (AB 51), the California anti-profiling bill (currently inactive in the senate), and the possibility that ABATE may support revisions to the California Unruh Civil Rights Act at the state and federal level.

Doreen Matsumoto (host of a local bike night) announced that the September bike night proceeds will be donated to ABATE and the Bikers for Christ Downed Biker fund.

A Local 20 guest, Pastor Joseph (a previous Muslim and friend of Bikers for Christ), briefly talked about our rights in America and the colonization of Muslims in our country.

A dollar raffle took place and Russ Clark's name was drawn, but he was not present to win \$40. The money will roll forward to the next meeting. The next Local 20 meeting will be on Tuesday, August 9th.

Any questions regarding the content of these minutes or Local 20 meetings can be directed to Non Politically Correct Gill 949/632-9787.

## Local #23 San Bernardino



Due to the Independence Day Holiday we had our monthly meeting a week later than usual and our monthly Dinner ride was cancelled for the same reason.

At our meeting, which takes place at Vicky's Restaurant in San Bernardino at 9:00 am, we had two long time members who have not been around in a while show up, namely Ida and Jerry.

Bosco talked about pending legislation and ABATE meetings. We discussed our events and plans for upcoming events.

We decided we are not doing our bike nights anymore and are making plans to do a more social function on a monthly basis. More details on that will be put up on our Facebook group page [ABATE of California Local 23](#).

Until next time, Donald Kline, Local 23 San Bernardino.

## Local # 38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE members and friends! Well is it hot enough for you? We did our annual Run for the Hills, or at least Steve, Fred and Gloria did. I was in Alpine and met them at Descanso Junction. It's a little hole in the wall restaurant with great food and good size portions. If you are ever in the area stop on in - it is very biker friendly.

Fred traded in his Suzuki for a Harley. He said Sweetwater Harley made him an offer he couldn't pass up!

Mark your calendars for the 19th annual Turkey Run - it's on November 19th, and the 25th annual Los Niño's Toy Run is December 17th. We are having shirts printed up for both runs this year and will need sponsors for both.

I would like to build on the success of meeting our goal from last year's Turkey Run. Get involved, attend meetings, volunteer, the people of the valley are counting on us. These events will be here before we know it. I will be meeting with Wal-Mart to secure our start point, we already have our end location reserved.

That's all for now. Ride safe and try to stay cool. Eddie Aranda, Prez Local 38

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## NCOM Biker Newsbytes

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### NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish,

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**CONGRESS TO CONSIDER ANTI-MOTORCYCLE PROFILING RESOLUTION:** House Resolution 831 was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives on July 13, 2016 to "Promote awareness of motorcycle profiling and encourage collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling."

The non-binding resolution defines motorcycle profiling as "the arbitrary practice of law enforcement using the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the United States Constitution," and cites complaints surrounding motorcycle profiling in all 50 states.

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) is working with other state and national motorcycle organizations to address profiling legislatively, and with Washington enacting the first anti-profiling law in 2011, followed recently by Maryland, a national motorcycle anti-profiling measure would advance the efforts in every state.

H.Res.831 specifies that the House of Representatives:

(1) promotes increased public awareness on the issue of motorcycle profiling;

(2) encourages collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end motorcycle profiling; and

(3) urges State law enforcement officials to include statements condemning motorcycle profiling in written policies and training materials.

H.Res.831, introduced by Congressmen Reid Ribble (R-WI) and Tim Walberg (R-MI), has been referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary, and concerned motorcyclists are encouraged to contact their federal representatives to support the bill.

**MARINE CORPS PROHIBITS "GANG COLORS OR SYMBOLS" ON CAMP PENDLETON:** "Open and visible association with supremacist, extremist, or criminal gangs, to include outlaw motorcycle gangs, by individuals aboard Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton (Calif.) poses a criminal and security threat; inhibits the mission of MCB CamPen; interferes with the loyalty, morale, good order, and discipline of MCB CamPen personnel; and discredits the reputation of the installation and the United States Marine Corps," states MCIWEST-MCB CAMPEN ORDER 5530.2 dated 30 June 2016, and orders that "...the wearing or displaying of supremacist, extremist or criminal gang colors



and symbols by any person aboard MCB CamPen is hereby prohibited."

Effective upon the date of signature, the order from Brigadier General Edward Banta, commanding general of Camp Pendleton, is pursuant to an earlier directive in which "the Secretary of Defense was directed to prescribe regulations prohibiting active participation by members of the Armed Forces in a criminal street gang."

In compiling their "list of 'outlaw' motorcycle clubs/gangs whose conduct is prohibited," among the twenty enumerated clubs named are the Legacy/Vietnam Vets, Boozefighters and Iron Order, and "Therefore, wearing identifying gang symbols or colors of clothing (to include motorcycle vests) associated with these organizations is prohibited."

**YELP CENSORS CHRISTIAN BIKERS:** In a July 18th e-mail feedback from internet business review giant Yelp, the Yelp Support Team in San Francisco informed the elder of a Christian motorcycle group that his review of a coffee shop had been removed after it "was brought to our attention by the Yelp community, and we found that it fell outside our Content Guidelines..." which were attached.

The offending post? "Removed Content: The Bikers for Christ Motorcycle Ministry is a Christian clean and sober group. We meet there (The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf) because they just serve great coffee with a great group of baristas, and a clean and neat facility and no political agenda like Starbucks. Pastor Tom, BFC M/M"

State Elder"

**REGISTERING "AUTOCYCLES" AS MOTORCYCLES IN NEW JERSEY; VETO S-1155:** Despite lobbying efforts launched by ABATE of the Garden State, the New Jersey state Senate and Assembly disregarded input from motorcyclists and approved a bill that will register so-called "Autocycles" (typically a 3-wheeled vehicle with a steering wheel and cockpit) as motorcycles. As states across the country legislatively define Autocycles as a separate class of vehicle, and similar federal regulations loom, Trenton bucks the trend.

"Both Houses have approved a version that will register Autocycles as Motorcycles," writes ABATE of the Garden State in an e-mail request for legislative action, further disseminated through the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) to NCOM Member Groups; "The only

hope is to convince the Governor that this is an inappropriate action so that he vetoes the bill."

Please address your concerns to New Jersey Governor Chris Christie at [constituent.relations@nj.gov](mailto:constituent.relations@nj.gov), and ask that he veto S-1155 (Regulates autocycles as motorcycles), because "Autocycles bear no resemblance to motorcycles and have more in common operationally with two-seater sports cars," and in addition "NHTSA is currently in the process of issuing a nationwide regulation that would mandate a completely new class of vehicle called 'Autocycle,'" so "if S-1155 is enacted it will have to be repealed to comply with the new federal regulation."

ABATE further explains; "This will cost the taxpayers of New Jersey a lot of unnecessary expenditures, and allow the misclassified Autocycles to avoid vehicle safety regulation in the interim."

**MICHIGAN CITY MAKES IT EASIER TO TICKET LOUD MOTORCYCLES:** Royal Oak, Michigan is making it easier for police to ticket revving motorcycles, noisy cars and loud music. City Commissioners recently approved a new ordinance making it a civil infraction with a fine of up to \$100 for vehicles to emit music, vibrations or noise that can be heard from 50 feet away or more.

The Police Chief requested the ordinance amendment under the city's disorderly conduct code that covers disturbing the peace and noise. Previously, such violations were a criminal misdemeanor, which have a higher burden of proof for police.

The new measure adopted July 13, 2016 makes the noise violations a civil infraction with no criminal penalties and a lesser burden of proof to make violations stand up in court. With noise tickets being handled as criminal misdemeanors and requiring proof beyond a reasonable doubt, police have had a challenge stopping violators.

"It's above a seat belt violation but below a moving violation," said the Chief of the civil infraction penalty, adding that the new local law will help police address public noise problems from motorcycles and other vehicles with after-market upgrades and louder mufflers.

Officers writing tickets for noise violations before the new change in the ordinance had to carry devices to measure decibel levels at the time the violations happened. Under the new measure, the City Attorney said it would be sufficient for officers to use the patrol vehicle cameras and outside microphones when issuing noise violations.

**SOUTH CAROLINA LAW RESTRICTS OPERATORS WITH BEGINNER'S PERMITS:** A person with a beginner's permit in South Carolina is only allowed to operate a motorcycle solo between the hours of 6 am and 6 pm, and under the new traffic code changes "A permittee may not operate a motorcycle at any other time unless accompanied by a licensed motorcycle operator twenty-one years of age or older who has at least one year of driving experience."

S689, signed into law on June 7, 2106 by South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, a staunch sup-

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porter of motorcyclists' rights and safety, further requires that the supervising driver must "be within a safe viewing distance of the permittee when the permittee is operating a motorcycle or a three-wheeled vehicle."

**FLASHING BRAKE LIGHTS NOW ALLOWED ON BIKES IN DELAWARE:** As promoted in the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles Motorcycle Operator Manual, it is recommended to motorcycle operators that they temporarily flash brake lights when stopping in order to increase visibility to other motorists. There are aftermarket products available that will automatically flash the brake lights up to five times, but such strobes have been illegal in the Delaware Code under the prohibition on flashing lights.

House Bill No. 114, signed into law by Governor Jack Markell on June 9, 2016, amends the traffic code to now allow bikes to be equipped with this safety equipment "when included in a motorcycle, Moped, or Motorized Scooter brake light system in which the brake lamp pulses rapidly for no more than five (5) seconds when the brake is applied, and then converts to a continuous light as a normal brake lamp until the time that the brake is released."

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**BIKERS ARE MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN DRIVERS:** The results of a new research study in England finally validate what we all know to be true: motorcycle riders are more attractive than car drivers.

The study, by U.K. insurance specialists Carole Nash, asked over 1000 adults to rate the looks of the opposite sex when dressed in normal attire and riding kit. The aim of the experiment was to try and change perceptions of motorcyclists and overturn any negative stereotypes.

In five out of six cases, members of the public dressed as motorcyclists were voted as more desirable than when dressed as drivers. It's not just levels of attractiveness which came out in the bikers' favor, because riders are also seen to have more positive personality traits - people who own a motorcycle are viewed as adventurous by a third of the opposite sex (34%), closely followed by daring (28%) and fun (26%).

The research also revealed that "one in four blokes would pretend they owned a motorbike to impress a woman and almost a third (31%) said they'd go the whole way and learn to ride one if they knew it would impress a potential partner."

**GOLDWING AIRBAG RECALL:** Recall, after recall, after recall, one thing has remained constant in the Takata airbag quagmire: The disaster has been confined to the four-wheeled realm. Not any longer, as the Honda Goldwing, the first and so far the only motorcycle equipped with an airbag from the factory, has now been recalled.

The gist of the recall is the same, two wheels or four -- Takata's airbag inflators can rupture, potentially propelling shards of metal shrapnel at the vehicle's occupants. Or in this case, the motorcycle riders.

A total of 2,701 motorcycles are involved in this recall, spanning the 2006 through 2010 model years, and only in certain regions. Only Goldwings sold or operated in areas with high humidity or frequent temperature cycling are being recalled at this time.

**LONDON SET TO SURCHARGE OLDER MOTORCYCLES:** Another European capital city has committed to hitting riders of older motorcycles with a fee in an attempt to improve EU air quality.

Recently, Paris announced a ban on motorcycles made before 1999 from certain parts of the city during the day. Violators of the ban face a €35 (US \$40) fine. The French capital has some of the worst air pollution in the world, and the thinking behind the new law is that older motorcycles will not have been built to meet Euro emissions standards and are therefore inclined to pollute disproportionately.

London, too, is desperate to reduce its pollution levels, which are consistently in violation of EU regulations. Within the first week of 2016, London exceeded its pollution limit for the entire year.

The British capital has long had a daily congestion charge -- currently set at £11.50 (US \$17) -- to discourage cars from entering the heart of the city. Motorcycles and scooters have hitherto been exempt from the charge, but plans are in the works to start charging two-wheeled vehicles made before 2007, when Euro 3 emissions standards were first applied to motorcycles.

London motorcyclists have known about this and were expecting to see the charge applied when London introduces its new Ultra Low Emission Zone in 2020, but it is now being reported that the charge could be implemented as soon as next year, and concerned riders have expressed anger at the possibility of a sped-up schedule.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "Posterity! You will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom! I hope you will make good use of it! If you do not, I shall repent it in Heaven that I ever took half the pains to preserve it!" ~ John Adams - April 26, 1777

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# Pac/Treasurer's Report

by Dave Hastings, Treasurer

The legislature has been out on recess recently and not much has been happening in Sacramento. Sometimes no action is a good thing because it gives us a chance to evaluate and decide our course of action. This is also a good time to remind all of our Locals to continue to support our Lobbyist Fund. Try to put on a fundraiser for your ABATE or simply "pass the hat" at every meeting and send in a donation to either our ABATE General Fund or our Lobbyist Fund.

Chuck, Nick, and Jim will get us back to "full steam ahead" on our legislative issues and get out our Voter's Guide recommendations soon. Also we will be asking for your help with specific candidate races



statewide; so be prepared to move quickly on these items when the "call for action" is issued.

November will be here before we know it and the short time we have left before the upcoming election always seems to be filled with too many tasks to accomplish. But, with your volunteer help and dedica-

tion, we always seem to get the job done and we continue to be very successful in the political arena.

I just want to say "Thanks" to every member who steps up and donates their time, energy, and funds to our ABATE organization. You are the strength, stamina, and driving force behind ABATE of California and our secret formula for political success. I'm proud of what you do day in and day out, and I know in my heart that our ABATE success is because of your hard work, much of it never celebrated or even acknowledged. So "Thank You" again from myself and every other ABATE Officer statewide. We all owe you, our "unsung membership", for every ABATE success story and task accomplishment! Dave H.

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**Donations from ABATE Locals to the General Fund:** 2, 11, 17, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27, 31, 40 & 52.

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**Donations to the PAC Fund from:** D-Man, Local 8; Local 21; Local 24; and Local 25.

A little extra recognition - Thank you to the Southern Regional Rally Committee, Victorville Harley-Davidson, and Local 17 Texas Hold-'em for their extra donations, hard work and making it possible to contribute more than the usual. It benefits the whole organization and WE THANK YOU!!

Thank YOU for your contributions in helping to preserve "Freedom of the Road" by supporting ABATE's paid Lobbyist and the General Fund!!! Thank you to our Members that renew their Memberships and those that join us – that too helps in preserving and fighting for Motorcyclist's Rights!! And Of Course the Locals that contribute to the funds regularly and when they do events. THANK YOU!! It's a team effort, so thank you for being a part of the Team!



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## 2016 ABATE Events

### ABATE Events for 2016

You can also go to our website [www.abate.org](http://www.abate.org) and Events  
Calendar to download available flyers.

**August 27** – Sarah Renee Phillips 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Run –  
Proceeds Benefit Sarah Renee Phillips Memorial Scholarship. See  
paid flyer in this issue for details.

**September 9 -11** –NOT the ABATE State Run – But you can still  
go to meet your friends there! Contact Frandy Campground direct  
888/372-6399 or [www.frandy.net](http://www.frandy.net) for your reservation. Please read  
The Executive Director's article in the July Bailing Wire for the  
details.

**September 17** – ABATE of CA – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Meetings –  
Fresno - Piccadilly Inn Airport; 5115 E. McKinley Ave; 93727. For  
Room Reservations Call 559-375-7760.

Room rates: \$84.00 + tax/night and includes Breakfast .

We had a respectable amount of Presidents/Members attend our  
June BOD meeting and we hope to see the same or even more at-  
tend our scheduled September 17<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting. The Horsemen  
MC volunteered to cover our conference room cost for our June  
meeting, and we sincerely appreciate their contribution! However,  
we cannot always count on a group or Local doing this for every  
meeting, so to help pay for the conference room "PLEASE" **bring  
raffle prizes** and then buy tickets and participate in the raffle so  
we can lower the overall meeting expense/cost to our State General  
Fund. Thank You, ABATE of California, Board of Directors.

#### Tentative Quarterly Meeting Schedule:

Presidents & State Officers Meeting 9:00 a to 10:00a;

PAC Meeting 10:15 a to 11:45 a.

Lunch – Noon

ABATE Board Meeting – 1:00 pm to conclusion of business

**October 8<sup>TH</sup>** – ABATE Local 17 - Fall Bingo Fun Run (See flyer  
this issue for details).

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** – ABATE LOCAL 52 – 1<sup>ST</sup> Annual "Ride In for  
Cheeseburgers" (See flyer this issue for details).

**October 23** – ABATE Local 3/13 –Trivia Run & Tribute to Don  
Martin (See flyer this issue for details).

**November 19** – ABATE Local 38 – 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Run (De-  
tails TBA).

**December 17** – ABATE Local 38 – 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Los Niño's Toy  
Run (Details TBA).

#### BIKE NITES:

**ABATE LOCAL 3/13** – 1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH  
(SEE flyer in this issue for details)

If you have a date for your event, and no details you may still  
submit your dates so others can pencil it in on their social  
calendar. Then submit your flyer in time for the Bailing Wire and  
to be posted on ABATE's website.

ALL ABATE Events must have event insurance – contact the  
ABATE State Office for information.

## ABATE L#3-13 Bike Night







## Tech Tips

by Craig Griswold

### Carburetors (Part V)

In the first four parts of this series we talked about carburetor basics and covered a few of the modern Harley O.E.M. and aftermarket carbs. We also discussed the tuning components of these carburetors. This month we'll highlight some common tuning procedures that are germane to most fuel mixers. During the tuning process, the tuner must ascertain whether the air fuel mixture is appropriate for a given circuit, or overly rich/lean. There are several ways to determine this. Be advised that a lean condition can be caused by vacuum leaks as well, so you'll want to diagnose that symptom before proceeding. Intake seals get brittle with age and that is a very common problem area.

Let's start with the pilot circuit. Most carburetors use an air/fuel mixture screw in conjunction with a jet for this circuit. For most carbs the default setting is somewhere between 1¼ - 2½ turns out from fully seated. We said this before, it warrants repetition! Lightly seated can't be overstated. Over-tightening will almost always ruin the seat which is integral to the carburetor body and therefore renders the carb un-repairable. The ideal setting will achieve highest RPM as you go back and forth in direction. Remember that some carbs use an air screw, some use a fuel screw. In addition to the a/f screw setting, another indication that the jetting is too rich will be the lack of enricher needed to cold start the bike. Black smoke from the exhaust is also a sign.

Aside from using a dyno (the most accurate method for sure), one method of tuning the intermediate and main circuits is acceleration. If you have the means to time runs in a measured distance that would be preferred, otherwise seat of the pants "feel" is your other option. Too lean will cause the bike to break up/cough through the intake. Too rich will cause a stumble or miss. In most cases, the jet just large enough to eliminate the former symptom will get you on target. Most carburetor manufacturers provide guidelines for jetting. You can use this as a baseline. Remember that when changing jetting, go two sizes at a time. This will usually produce enough of a change that will be noticeable and will make tuning easier.

Using the above acceleration characteristics can be combined with spark plug readings which will provide even more accuracy. Spark plug readings, also known as "plug chop" readings can be difficult and even dangerous depending on road conditions and traffic density. If possible, use a closed course.

Warm the bike to full operating temperature. Run it in the RPM band that you are tuning. For the intermediate circuit, cruising between 2000 and 3500 RPM with less than 50% throttle will be about right (don't forget to disable your accelerator pump to avoid false readings). After several minutes and when it's safe to do so, pull in the clutch, chop the throttle, and kill the motor. Coast to a safe location and pull the plugs. The condition will illustrate the state of tune for that circuit. Black sooty plugs indicate a rich condition, white and/or blistering appearances indicate too lean. A tan to rusty brown powdery deposit is indicative of ideal combustion.



The same procedure can be used for the main. RPM should be above 3500 with greater than 50% throttle all the way to wide open. Specific RPM ranges and throttle positions for each circuit will be given in the manufacturer's service literature.

If you're in doubt, a dyno tune is definitely the most accurate procedure of all. While applying a load to the rear wheel, the dyno is also measuring the exhaust output much like an O2 sensor in a closed loop EFI system. It also reads ignition timing. With these inputs the tuner can see air/fuel mixtures at any given RPM and make adjustments in timing and fuel delivery to optimize performance from idle all the way to red line.



Our dyno guy will probably scold me for grossly oversimplifying this, so a column on dyno tuning will be coming soon. Finally, since it can be a bit expensive, it pays to shop around. Although labor rates may be comparable, *how* the hours are charged can vary greatly!

Next month we'll finish this series with a look at some of the vintage carburetors used during the early days of Harley-Davidson.

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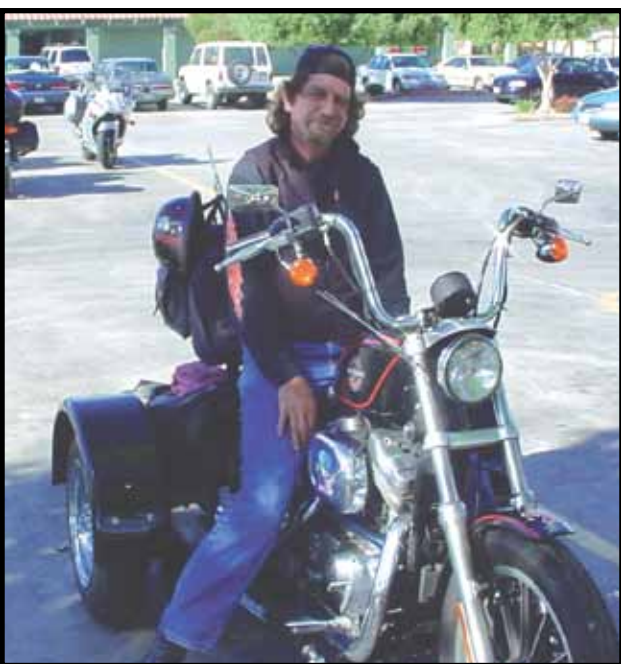
## Board Meeting



## Local# 11 Pics







## by Sporty Milligan

Hi all! Here we go another journey into the madcap adventures of Sporty Milligan. First comes the medical report.

I had a bladder/kidney issue which caused me to have a burning sensation when I pee. So my wife Renee called Kaiser and got an appointment with a doctor. He was a Middle Eastern doctor from India, Doctor Ruddy. My regular doctor, Doctor Nitahara was unavailable. I then get sent in a wheel chair to the emergency room. I get put into a bed that is in the hallway as no rooms were open. Waited for approximately 2 hours for an opening. Finally get one and the bed was ok, but the TV selection sucks. Before the dinner hour I get put in their version of an executive suite. The TV was not as worn out looking as the TV in the first room I was in. I stayed the balance of the night and until mid-morning the next day. They have me on some antibiotics that, of course, have side effects. This one's range from having pinging effects to sun burning easier. Run- D.M.C. So peeing is like an Ike and Tina Turner Burner review. Or like that

campaign slogan, "Feel the Burn". Hopefully this will pass.

As you may or not know I officially retired on June 15th of this year. I did 35 years with LA County Agricultural Commissioner Office Weed Abatement. I was a senior weed abatement worker. Last place I worked was out of the Malibu/Topanga office, Zone 1 it was called. It consisted of hard physical work as well as inspecting properties to insure that the vacant declared lots near homes had proper fire clearance. I also helped maintain the county District 29 water works tank sites pump stations and regulators. I also made sure that they were free from weeds, brush, trash and leaves. I left the department with no regrets knowing that I had done a good job.

I had my 1200L Sporty in the shop at Top Rocker. It's still not ready, but they assure me that replacing the starter will be the trick as the cost is \$400. Yikes! When I finally get the bike back, I hope they got all their ducks in a row, which means it has been properly setup by the computer. Meanwhile I am riding my 2002 883, which has 106,499 miles on the speedo as of this column write up. That bike is a trip to ride.

July 2nd I met up with the Clean and Sober Shaggers at the 76 station in Acton. I finally got my new old school Shaggers patch to replace the current one I was wearing. Sweet! Getting that was emotional. We rode in a group to where the Shaggers were having their monthly meeting. Great bunch of guys! Meeting went well as the discussion pertained to preparations for their 2nd annual Tehachapi Mountain Run on August 12th, 13th & 14th.

I plan on being at this event. Meeting ended, I bid adio and went home.

The final thing on this month's extravaganza was the ride to Local 44's meeting. The ride there was a pleasant surprise - no wind to speak of. I was the guest at the meeting. It is nice to get a perspective on how other Locals do their meetings. They have a 50/50 split bingo which was done after all the important stuff had been accomplished.

My reason for being there was to draw the winning ticket in the Special Raffle Membership drawing. So picture this: An imaginary Drum Roll and The Winner is Toni Felix! She is from Local 52 Grass Valley and she will be sent a bank money order for \$250.00.

Once again the Membership Drive is cost free! Thanks to those who sold and bought the Special Raffle tickets! Your support is very much appreciated.

The ride home from Local 44's meeting was good, no wind and not that hot.

On August 10 I'm going to the Hollywood Bowl for the concert "50 years with Jeff Beck" with special guests, Buddy Guy and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Lucky me!

OK that's it for this month's column. Be good. Regards, Sporty's Rides scribe

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# Motorcycle Safety Report

by **Norm e. Newiger, Safety Officer**

## What The Heck

I'm trying real hard to figure this out. It's been a serious problem for years and it's been aimed at the wrong generation. Understandably it's a very serious mutual problem and it doesn't matter, by that I mean we are being hypocrites! We are in such denial that we don't look at the plank in our own eye. It doesn't have anything to do with money, status or anything you can think of. It's illegal because of the facts. The consequences are really bad and this happens every day, 24/7 and then some. This problem is innocent, it's something that we are drawn to because of its accessibility and ease of operation and the availability is for anyone and it's a worldwide problem. But let's talk about isolating it to the state of California. Yes, it's the dreaded cell phone!

The fine for cell phone usage while driving starts at \$76.00 and a second offense is \$190.00. This does not include any additional assessments or court fees. It is put on your driving record as well, but does not add a point against you. You cannot even put in information for your GPS app on your cell phone while you are driving. It's called a ban of cell phone use and you have to be parked to use your cell phone, period! This does not apply to hands free devices unless you are under the age of 18.

So I'm talking about this because I'm still seeing wide range usage every frikken time I drive or ride, and it's not just the kids, whether you're talking or texting or shall we say exploring, it hasn't stopped at all. Is it because the fines are inexpensive? Is it because of the no points on your record? Is it because people are not getting stopped for it? Whatever the reasons, it's still not working.

When I ride I'm such an easy target because of this. I look for eye contact all the time while riding in the city or jam packed freeways etc. and I always look for drifters, especially on two or more lanes on the streets. They do not think that just a little bump can send us flying -, and like I have said before, I'm allergic to flying.

What can we do when we know that a person driving is on the cell phone? The first thing to do is not panic and get aggressive with that person - it's not our job to chase them down. Stay clear of them by either slowing down or safely pass them (piping them is your option). Do not ride by their side and jaw at them (engaging in heated conversation), you never know how people will re-act. If you can and want to, at a stop light let them know how unsafe they are, maybe they'll just flip you off nicely! We are at an unsafe advantage when it comes to road rage and it happens all the time.

Here are some really sad statistics for cell phone users as current as I could find. 11 teens die every day as a result of texting while driving. A recent poll (AAA) stated that 94% of teen drivers acknowledge the dangers of texting while driving and of those 35% admit they still do it. 21% of teen drivers are involved in fatal accidents because of cell phone use.

The NHTSA states that distracted drivers (from cell phone use, eating, talking etc.) cause 38% of all fatal accidents. Adults lead this statistic with these numbers, a staggering 49% of adults admit to texting while driving and 98% know that this is illegal.

There are over 2.5 million accidents each year that are reported, of these, 1.6 million have a cell phone involved in them. Every year over 421,000 people are injured in crashes that have involved a driver who was distracted in some way. Every year there are over 330,000 accidents caused by texting while driving that lead to severe injuries. 1 out of 4 cars accidents are caused by texting and driving.

The real kicker to me is that texting while driving is 6 times more dangerous than drunk driving and I don't like drunk drivers. Just think about that last statistic! It's downright scary because it involves all



peoples and all ages and when it's compounded by drunk driving or driving while high on drugs what more do we need?

In the poll that I read, teenagers stated that they text and drive because they see adults doing it. I think that that's a poor excuse albeit it may be true, but here is where education has to be a standard and not excuses blaming other people. Texting or cell phone use has gotten to be the big problem on the roads these days. I know continuous education has to be in the front of all things. This is an epidemic that needs immediate action!

I could not find any true statistics for accidents from texting involving motorcycles, but we all know there are some, this includes bicyclists and pedestrians.

These are the new dangers that have been added to us bikers and they think lane sharing is dangerous. What The Heck! While we ride we have enough to think about, let alone trying to enjoy ourselves while riding. Excluding the distracted drivers, we have to be on guard for the unpredictable things that happen every day on any or all the roads we travel. We all set out for the day thinking about good things and having a good time, but in that crucial split second anything can turn your world upside down and sometimes you don't even have the time to react let alone know what happened.

You have to state these facts (the cell phone mayhem) when you hear some people complaining about lane sharing! It's like a person complaining about a scratch more than a stab wound! Speaking of statistics and such, how's your tire pressure? Just because it looks ok doesn't mean it is, just remember it's easy and fast to do and it's very important.

Staying focused to me is the most important safety minded thing you can do while riding. It's about a 99% good thing for you as a rider, because there are things that can happen that you will have no choice and it could be a life or death situation, but having total control of your surroundings are in your favor.

I knew a rider who was killed last month because a car had a blowout on the freeway while traveling at a high rate of speed and he was killed because the driver lost control of his car and swerved into his lane. This is that 1% that happens. Could he have avoided the accident? We will never know.

But it got me thinking about prevention because you have to assess your situation constantly. Staying really focused while the traffic is heavy but flowing good is a must. You all know the crazies out there. Having good peripheral vision is a must, but you cannot be lazy about it or think it's all good, and looking over your shoulder only confirms your peripheral vision.

I personally stay clear of vehicles as much as possible, or I try to have as much space as I need so I can react safely. I stay out of blind spots constantly because the speed of traffic is never the same and I always move to the other side of my lane if a vehicle is side by side (remember eye contact) with me. That will not last long because I prefer to be in front of traffic or behind traffic whenever it's possible.

I do think about scenarios while riding, it helps me think about what to do just in case. It's an automatic thing I learned from day one and it helps me to stay focused. You cannot take for granted that people will see you, or hear you or even think anyone is there. And if they are busy doing something they shouldn't be doing (distracted!) then you have to react to the best of your abilities and avoid them. You don't want to be laying on the ground saying what the heck! Where did you come from!

We are a speed freak nation. No matter how fast we go, someone wants to go faster. And that's another problem with us riders of the pavement, because watching your six is as important as your twelve. I'm getting tired of people forcing their way into our space between vehicles to get ahead of you because they need to go faster than traffic allows. Those are the ones I definitely stay behind of and they could come in packs.

The world of car technology has caught up to us and passed us faster than we know. The newer generation of kids are introduced to this at a very young age and are masters of technology faster than the older generation ever could think of and they are so immersed in it that when they get to a certain age (driving) they just gotta pay someone to teach them how to drive in 4 or less weeks! And because they don't have the access of drivers training in high school like most of us older generation did, they get thrust onto the roads of life and have to learn as they drive legally.

With the introduction to all these new safety devises for cars, the drivers don't have to pay attention or stay as focused as they used to. You see it on the car commercials all the time. It's as if you are distracted by something, we got you covered! This has become my biggest new worry of the road nowadays.

What happened to education? What happened to driving responsibly? All our lives matters on these roads and when you compound laws for this or that with no serious repercussions, it just keeps on happening and it's getting worse as the days go.

I think that we need more education, not laws But then again, the local and state run governments don't make money on education, but violations is a big money solution in their minds - you know fine \$\$\$ (except for cell phone use!!!).

You could say what the heck or what the whatever you want, but the bottom line is driving or especially riding is a way of our life and we need to be educated, responsible and enjoy life without looking for blame. We all need to be positive and enjoy our freedom while we have it, be a part of something good and share it the ABATE way!

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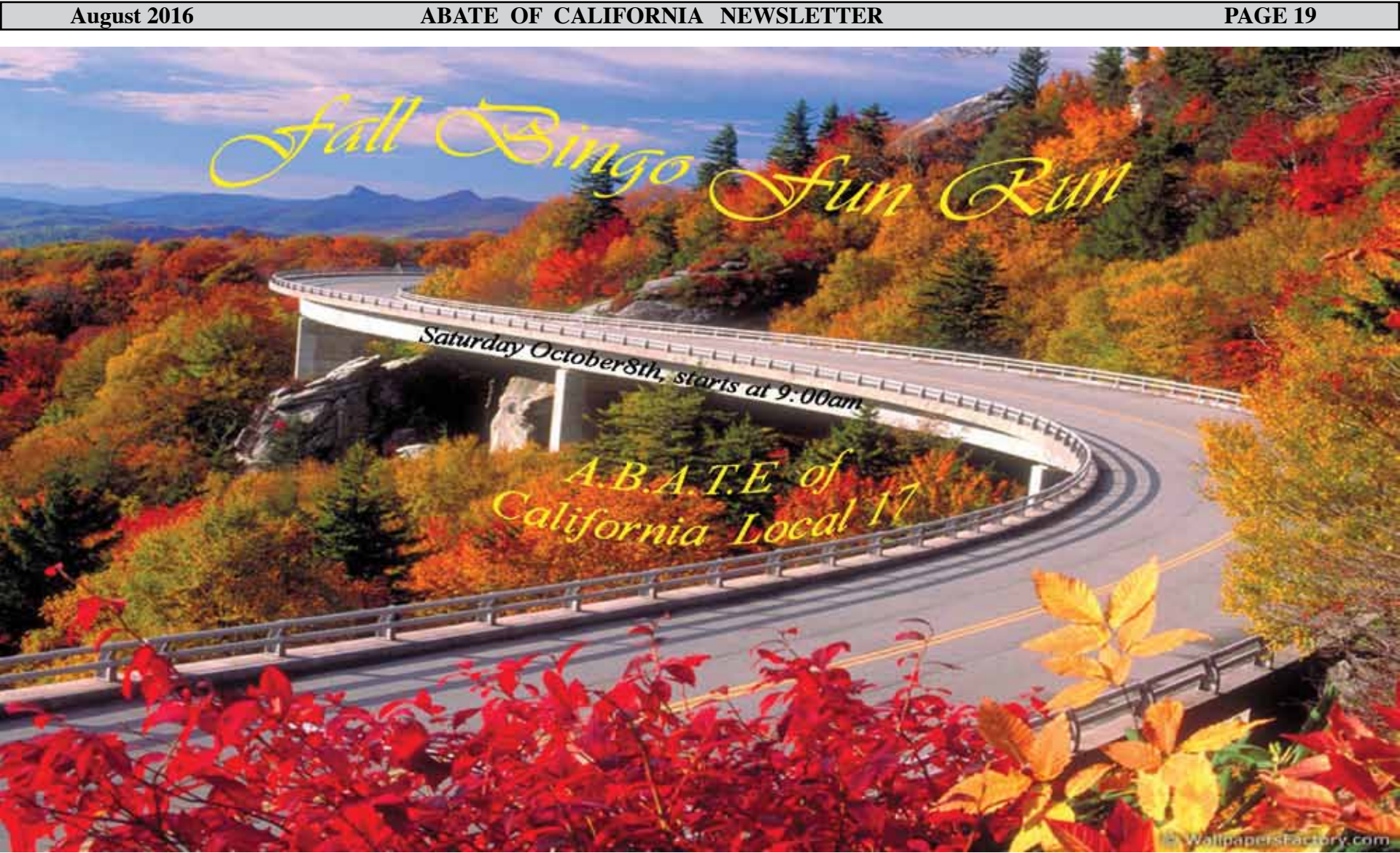
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