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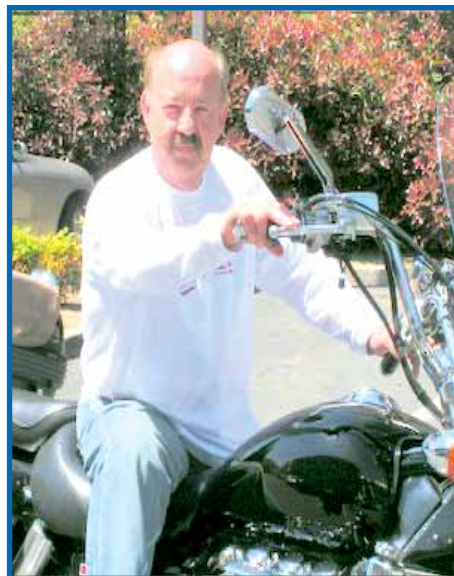
by James Lombardo, ABATE Lobbyist & Assistant Legislative Director

Well, wouldn't you know it, for the third year in a row Governor Schwarzenegger has called another Special Session to deal with our chronic, on-going Budget Crisis. Now that he's a lame duck Governor, the real numbers are out on how deep the California Budget hole is: **\$25 Billion!** He now hands this off to newly re-elected Jerry Brown. How this affects us as motorcyclists is **CHAOS** in the Capitol! Hearings will be set and routinely cancelled, bills pass that shouldn't, and bills we want passed don't always happen because of the chaos.

The Legislature returns on December 6. I have been invited to join the new Republican Leader, Connie Conway, and meet the newly-elected members of her caucus at the Hyatt Hotel (across the street from the Capitol) before session and then watch their swearing in ceremonies on a live TV feed from the Assembly Floor.

The other leaders of the Legislature are John Perez, re-elected Speaker of the Assembly, Darrell Steinberg, returning Presi-

dent pro-Tem of the Senate and Senator Robert Dutton, the new Senate Republican Leader.



As you can see below, we did quite well in the November Elections. At this time, the Attorney General's race between Kamala Harris (D) and Steve Cooley (R) is still undecided, as are two Congressional races.

ABATEPAC is pleased to announce that it's endorsed candidates (regardless of political affiliation since ABATE is a non-partisan organization) won a remarkable 64% of the General Election races. We endorse candidates from both parties based on their support of issues important to ABATE, not to which party they belong.

State Senate Winners: Doug LaMalfa (SD 4), Anthony Cannella (SD 12), Tom Berryhill (SD 14), Jean Fuller (SD 18), Lou Correa (SD 34), Joel Anderson (SD 36), and Mark Wyland (SD 38).

State Assembly Winners: Jim Nielsen (AD 2), Dan Logue (AD 3), Bill Berryhill (AD 26), Linda Halderman (AD 29), David Valadao (AD 30), Shannon Grove (AD 32), Connie Conway (AD 34), Steve Knight (AD 36), Cameron Smyth (AD 38), Mike Gatto (AD 43), Tim Donnelly (AD 59), Curt Haggman (AD 60), Mike Morrell (AD 63), Brian Nestande (AD 64), Paul Cook (AD 65), Kevin Jeffries (AD 66), Jim Silva (AD 67), Jose Solorio (AD 69), Don Wagner (AD 70), Jeff Miller (AD 71), Chris Norby (AD 72), Diane Harkey (AD 73), Martin Garrick (AD 74), Nathan Fletcher (AD 75), Toni Atkins (AD 76), and Brian Jones (AD 77).

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ABATE is a motorcyclists' rights organization (not a club) dedicated to preserving freedom of choice and freedom of the road, with emphasis on education and safety. Our members are active in programs for public awareness and motorcycle safety, and in supporting many types of charity events. Included with an ABATE membership are a sew-on patch, membership card, and our monthly newsletter THE BAILING WIRE. There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclists' rights and safety with payment of the appropriate fees.

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House of Representatives Winners: Wally Herger (CD 2), Dan Lungren (CD 3), Tom McClintock (CD 4), David Harmer (CD 11)*, Jeff Denham (CD 19), Devin Nunes (CD 21), Kevin McCarthy (CD 22), Elton Gallegly (CD 24), "Buck" McKeon (CD 25), David Dreier (CD 26), Ed Royce (CD 40), Jerry Lewis (CD 41), Gary Miller (CD 42), Joe Baca (CD 43), Ken Calvert (CD 44), Mary Bono Mack (CD 45), Dana Rohrabacher (CD 46), John Campbell (CD 48), Darrell Issa (CD 49), Brian Bilbray (CD 50), and Bob Filner (CD 51). * Still too close to call; recount expected.

Statewide Race Winners: Debra Bowen – Secretary of State, Bill Lockyer – Treasurer, and George Runner – District 2 Board of Equalization

The lessons to be learned are: (1) **Every Vote Counts!** (2) Congressional District 11 is still too close to call, and may be determined by a recount because only 1,500 votes separate ABATE-Endorsed candidate challenger, Republican David Harmer, and Democrat incumbent, Jerry McNerney, out of 172,995 votes cast.

Central Valley Congressman Jim Costa (D) is leading newcomer Jim Vidak (R) by only 1,100 votes!

The real recognition is deserved by the members of ABATE Locals 14, 15, 25 and 32 in Harmer's district that includes parts of Contra Costa, San Joaquin and Santa Clara Counties, who worked his campaign, keeping the winning margin to so few votes and almost pulling an upset. You **Freedom Fighters** know who you are! And don't think that your visible biker presence will be lost on McNerney either, even if he wins!

Our job is still not over! There will be a January run off. The Sacramento-area State Senate seat District 1, vacated by the death of ABATE-supporter Dave Cox will feature a race between Republican Ted Gaines(R) and opponent Ken Cooley (D). Assemblyman Gaines won the special primary election over ABATE-endorsed candidate Assemblyman Roger Niello when former Assemblywoman Barbara Alby (a long-time ABATE supporter) also entered the race and split the vote.

On January 1, when ABATE-endorsed Antelope Valley-area state Senator George Runner takes his seat on the state Board of Equalization, he will vacate his Senate seat, so there will be a race for local politicians to declare for his empty seat. That election will take place in the spring as will the one for Senate District 28's seat. Even though the regularly scheduled November election was held in that district despite the untimely passing away of incumbent Senator Jenny Oropeza, she received 51,000 votes more than her living, breathing, Republican rival. And you thought stories that dead people could get elected were just fairy tales!

See you at the next Board Meeting on January 15 in Southern California! I will be there to outline our legislative program for 2011. COME AND PARTICIPATE — BRING YOUR IDEAS FOR WHAT LAWS NEED CHANGING TO MAKE MOTORCYCLING SAFER AND MORE FUN!

Happy Holidays — Jim Lombardo, your ABATE Lobbyist

Donations...Another WOW

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Robert Boys, L1;

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ABATE Local's: 8, 14, 15, 19, 24, 27, 28, 44, and 52.

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A donation was also received from Southern California Harley

Riders Assoc. (SCHRA) with a very nice letter. (See Letter below).

Southern California Harley Riders Assoc. (SCHRA)

Encino, CA 91436

Gentleman,

As motorcycle enthusiasts we cherish our right to ride free, hopefully unencumbered by an ever increasing political presence which is attempting to impose very strict limits on our ability to enjoy our sport.

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Please accept this donation ... on behalf of all our members as a token of our appreciation in assisting you to continue in your efforts to do our job.

Signed by Mike Levison President, and Ron Lynn Treasurer, of SCHRA.

Thank you, to all of you who have sent in your donations for this past year to help support Your organization!!! TO those of you who haven't, Donations are welcome anytime — checks, PayPal online at www.abate.org, credit cards with your membership dues.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!! Ride Alert and be around for 2011!!!

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**by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan,
Membership Chairman**

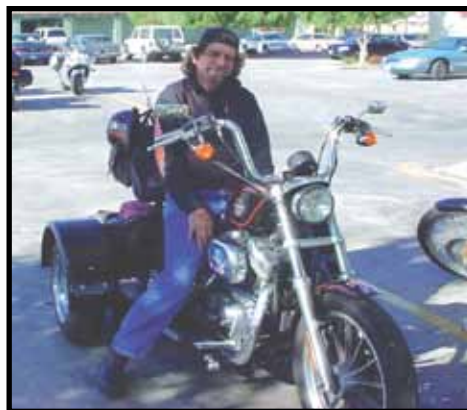
Once again it's time for the monthly membership report. To all that have taken the time to help sell the ideas of ABATE and have been rewarded with a new membership sign-up, I, as your Membership Chairman thank you. This effort on your part helps keep the ABATE machinery running. To put it in another context, memberships equal dollars which in turn equals money to run the organization. The more members we have, the better our financial stability is. So keep plugging away on getting new members.

OK, now you're going to get tired of me harping on this next subject but it is important: The Renewals. These are your current

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

members that go up for renewal year after year. The membership chairmen of your Locals try to get them to renew



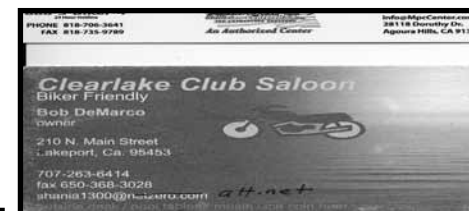
year after year. What do we have to do to keep them in the fold? The economy isn't making things easier and with only so much investment dollars to go around folks have to choose how to spend their renewal dollars. This is a tough question. One I know we can answer, let's just say this for now,

Mission Statement

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

tell them in a renewal letter, short but sweet, that ABATE values their membership and that their renewal goes a long way to helping the only organization in California that cares about what's right for motorcyclists and their continued support helps continue the fight for equality among motorists in California. Then you can further note, "I urge you to help us continue this fight with your renewal." Sign the letter, "Thank you" from your Local's Membership Chairman.

My point to this is if we, as ABATE members, all work together, we can keep ABATE the leader of motorcyclists in California for biker's rights.



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Local #01 Los Angeles



Hello, Hello, Hello, (pause) Hello! Sporty here with the Ho-Ho-Ho, Happy, Happy, Joy, Joy month Local 1 report. Our meeting is on the 21st of the month so this is a preview of things to come. I will give the president's report and treasurer report. Mr. Peter Daniels will give the PAC report. Glen C gives the membership report and AMA insurance report. Jim Nickla will do the publicity report. Sarge, if he is at the meeting, will do the run report. We will make plans to do our toy run - the LA Toy run on December 12 starting at Glendale HD and ending at the Fred Jordan Mission on Towne Avenue at East 5th Street. Toys to be given out by 12:00 pm.

We also will discuss the 2011 Polar Bear run to be held February 27, 2011 at the usual starting location in Sun Valley (Big Jim's Restaurant, see flyer in this issue). We will pass the hat for the general fund and then have breakfast. Later, Sporty Milligan, Local 1 President & Treasurer.

Local #02 Simi Valley



Well here it is, November almost gone, so fast yet excellent riding weather, sunny awesome Southern Cal. My bro in Minnesota is surrounded by white stuff! Go figure. It is a privilege to still ride to our meetings, and enjoying our awesome \$5 meal! We were at Local 2 start serving dinner at 6:45 pm at VFW Post 10049, 4242 Los Angeles Avenue in Simi Valley. Our meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Thanks to our volunteer cooks Guy and Mike! Thanks again to our friends at Post 10049 for allowing us use of their facilities. I being a veteran and member of

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Post 10049, know what freedoms are and what's worth fighting for, even in our own Country, i.e. State! ABATE!

Pres Ray got us rolling; he talked about the Local 2 breakfast run by Guy and other important stuff - you need to be here to hear what he talks about. VP Scott and Guy talked about future runs, and another breakfast run? Guy stated that we should look at the Ride Line at LiveRide.org for local runs etc. Jane, our Secretary, read the minutes and discussed our end of year Christmas Party. Our Treasurer, Stephanie, says we still be good. Local 2 will donate to the Live Ride Church another Thanksgiving donation to help the needy. We are blessed to be able to bless, another ABATE accolade!

Veterans Day is amongst us as well as the Holidays, when given the opportunity to thank a veteran, please go out of your way to thank them, your freedoms are a result of their dedication! You ride what you ride because of them, you vote for whomever you want because of them and you get to celebrate the Holidays because of them! We are blessed because of them, if you ever been to a 3rd World country you'd know what I'm talking about! Personally I'd like to thank all my brothers and sisters for giving us the right to enjoy our freedoms as you gave us your life so we could enjoy all that we do, which I think is the most awesome thing a person can do!

What I know from our Local is that we extend ourselves to preserving our rights as motorcyclists. It's too bad that we have to expend our energy because some people have the right to complain, rag about us being too loud etc.; we want to educate the 4-wheelers, and create a great riding environment for everyone. All said and done is that with freedom comes responsibility, and I sure enjoy my freedom in a responsible way, somewhat shall we say, but.....PTL Norm e. New

Local #06 San Diego



What a great meeting we had on Sunday! Many people were in attendance and we had a lot of good conversation and questions. We received an answer from Cal Trans concerning the unsafe road reports we sent in. We discussed the elections just past, and political and legal issues that were coming up, including the fact that Governor Schwarzenegger has offered a \$51,000 reward for info leading to the arrest of person or persons responsible for the murder of Local 6 members Barry & Carol Sandberg in 2009.

We had inquiries from several clubs and organizations who want to become business members, and Jim Brown signed four new members last month! At the end of September, Local 6 was the second largest Local in the state. Now for the next goal: If all of the current members remember to renew, we're in!

American Legion Post 460 in San Diego where many of our members belong has just started an American Legion Riders chapter. They are building their membership, so if you are interested in becoming a Charter Member; check them out on your computer at www.al460riders.

Boozefighter MC "Wolf" won the 50/50, again and donated the money back to the Local 6 Treasury, again! Thanks, guy!

Check out our websites: www.abate.org for ABATE of CA, thanks to Webmaster Carol Cromwell, and www.abatelocal6.org for the Local 6 website, thanks to Rick "Animal" Henry.

Put Sunday, November 28, on your calendar for the annual San Diego Toy Run, Local 6 is a sponsor. Gathering at 9 am - 10:30 am at the Firefighters' Training Academy on Harbor Drive, west of the San Diego Airport. Bring a new, unwrapped toy. And on Sunday, December 12, the annual visit to the Veterans in the San Diego VA Hospital. Meet at Noon in the parking lot at the Hospital on La Jolla Village Drive. Need info on this? Call John at (619) 223-0421.

We meet the first Sunday of each month at Noon at Kate Sessions Park, in Pacific Beach, in San Diego. C'mon Down!

Quote for the day: The world is run by those who show up! John Del Santo

Local #08 Orange County



Hello All! October was a great month and I can't wait for the fun to keep coming. Pretty soon the Local ABATE elections will be coming up and I hope everyone is ready for it. It's always interesting to see the new changes in each Local. At our November meeting we collected Board of Directors ballots to mail in.

Pretty soon the Holidays will be here. I'm looking forward to our annual Local 8 Christmas party. We will have food, a gift exchange and, like always, a lot of fun.

On Saturday, October 30, Local 8 and 20 had our 5th Annual Trick or Treat run at Cook's Corner. When I woke up on that Saturday I thought it might rain, but the event was a go and on my way down to Cook's there wasn't a drop of rain. Shortly after getting set up people started showing up and the sun really started to shine. We had a great raffle - three tables piled high of raffle gifts. We drew new raffle numbers every 30 minutes and still had a few gifts left over at the end of the day.

We had a great live band, "Four Fingers". Nugget Chopper won the men's best tattoo trophy, Moonie won the best tattoo for female, a baby won best costume and Hessian Hat won a trophy for best bike. Also Tim Kuglin from MotoZania was at the run.

Once again ABATE would like to thank our run stops: Good Ol' Boys Saloon, Anaheim - Fullerton HD, Life Styles Cycles, Eye Candy, Cooks Corner and all the volunteers for their help to put this event on and we look forward to next year's run!

Bars up and rubber down, Daniel

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Local #09 South Orange County



Hi all, Red Fox here. Looks like this has become a habit with me. Board stands as is for now, since we did not have enough members present for nominations. Will have to see what happens in December after we send out emails again.

Hope everyone and their families had a Happy & Healthy Thanksgiving. Now it's time for toy runs. Ours is still Saturday, December 11, at the Swallows Inn, in San Juan Capistrano. We have a great band, and some nice raffle prizes. Hoping we have a good turn out this year; we have a lot of kids depending on us. Please see our flyer in this issue of the Bailing Wire.

Christmas will be upon us before you know it, and all of us at Local 09 wish the best to you and yours and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Warm fireplaces and don't forget warmer clothing riding now, weather's changing. Time to layer up, so you can peel down, if you get too warm. Anyway, see you next year and from all of us, to all of you, Shiny Side Up! Red Fox, President, Local #09

Local #13 Ventura County



Wow, this year is just about shot. This will be the last report you'll read from me this year. Breaks your heart, eh? We just finished off the Kids 2 Kids Toy run. Once

again we helped out by organizing and working the poker run part of this event that helps ensure that some of the less fortunate kids out there will get something for Christmas.

Our own Dennis DiIorio won the high hand, all while working the run riding sweep. It should be noted that he donated half of his winnings back to Kids 2 Kids. Under that gruff exterior, he's a teddy bear. In addition to Dennis, I'd like to thank Rich and Luci, Biker Bill, Doug, Vic and Linda, and Richard and Katherine for spending their day working the poker run. A special shout out to Marti Rae and Heather for collecting raffle prizes and donations for the kids, and Vic for organizing the cooking. Nor can we forget that our own Local 13 secretary, Michelle Deinstadt, pretty much ramrods the whole event.

At our October meeting, Joe Montelongo won the membership drawing, and he was present to collect! I believe he won in the neighborhood of \$180. Joe's been a member for a whole 6 months, so he probably thinks this is a good deal.

By the time you read this, our November meeting will be a distant memory. Our December meeting will be on the 30th, 7:30 pm at the VFW in Port Hueneme. In the past it usually gets moved up the week before Christmas and we have a little potluck dinner at the meeting. We're going to do the same thing, but it will be for New Years instead. So bring a dish or a side or something and we'll all chow down and say goodbye to 2010 together. Oh, and if anybody has decided to run for one of the officer's positions in Local 13, we'll have an election.

I'd like to remind our Local members to support our business members. Barnett Tool & Engineering, Custom Awards & Engraving, Gourley Insurance, and My Garage have been there for us for longer than I can remember in just about every case. Even if you're shopping for something else, check the business member listings at the ABATE website. Support those who support us.

In closing, I want to extend my thanks to everybody for all the hard work and help you've put into making ABATE in general, and Local 13 in particular, what it is today. The fight we put up fighting SB435 was pretty impressive. See you all soon. Dave Walsh, President, Local 13

Local #14 Alameda County



Hello everyone! Wow! It almost didn't happen, but I made it two months in a row! Thanks everyone who attended, except for Joe S lol. Thanks Dennis for stepping in. Thanks Dan from Local 32 and Greg from Local 15 for showing up to our meeting and sharing with us with some fresh ideas. I think it's great having members from other Locals to show up at our meetings.

I think we should reciprocate and attend other Local's meetings, because I think it would assist us in knowing what the others are doing. Thanks again you guy's!

Thank you Animal for renewing your membership and Carl Smith for your generous donation to our general account. Speaking of our general account, it's getting pretty weak. So if anyone has any ideas to promote revenue, please share.

Thank you Carl for informing up about the last Board meeting in Sacramento. Well that's it for now. Weather is starting to get wet, so if you must ride, RIDE SAFE! Franklin

Local #17 Solano & Napa Counties



Local 17's annual Christmas Party is on December 4 at the Moose Lodge in Vacaville. Then the following morning, December 5, we will have our annual toy run, leaving

from the Moose Lodge after breakfast. This year we will be returning to the Dixon Police Department to donate toys to the local children. Both events are always a huge turn out.

This month is our Local officer elections and our state Board elections. We urge you to attend and make your vote count for our next year's officers and Board members.

We invite everyone to attend our monthly meetings held at Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon in Vacaville on Midway the third Sunday of each month at 10:00 am. We would like to welcome Local 12 out of Sonoma to attend our meetings. Michele

Local #19 Pomona Valley

The last couple of months the meetings had fewer people than normal. It's that busy time of year with weather that isn't as warm as it was. The year is running out quickly and we all run to catch up. Come to the meetings though and support your group. Its election time and I hope some of you considered taking a position with Local 19. By the time you read this, you'll probably know who your new officers are. Please support these folks. They will need the help of the membership to keep Local 19 strong.

It's almost time for the Toy run on December 5 and we are trying to get everything ready. There's also a group leaving for One More From The Heart ride by Local 27. This event for Totally Kids will touch your heart. Our meeting place is Baseline and the I-15 with kickstands up at 9:00 am. I hope you can make this one.

Robert talked about SB435 being signed and the CHP stopping the motorcycle "safety" checkpoints because of the budget not being signed. He also let us know about money going to some of the candidates as a result of the PAC meeting in Sacramento. Steve brought ballots for the State Board and the Freedom Fighter of the Year. Will commented on the Voter's Guide on the ABATE website.

There's been some rain lately and the weather is much colder than we were having. Take time to check out your bike. Tires, brakes and lights are just the start. There's a lot to these motorcycles and that means there's a lot to keep track of. These are things you can usually control to help keep you safe. The hard part is often the people you share the road with. This time of year

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Other drivers seem to be more distracted than usual. It could be that they are thinking about the holidays or they may just be getting adjusted to the time change. Try to maintain the defensive driving attitude. Dress to keep warm and dry so you don't have that distraction.

Local 19 always meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month at B's on Benson and Holt. Come and join us. Please be safe on the roads. I look forward to seeing you out there. In the meantime, keep the shiny side UP! Ed

Local #20 Orange County



We had 31 members for our November meeting. We had six new members and Motorcycle Transport is a new business member. We voted for the ABATE Board members.

Thea Simpa and the CA School Association have been collecting money for the Totally Kids One More From The Heart run. Gill gave \$110 to add to the monies already collected so far. Papa Joseph, Thea and the CSA have been working very hard. The Buena Park School District has contributed also. The TK run is a very special one to Local 20. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the hard work on the new floor, monies and donations to TK.

Mary Jane McIntosh is running for a council seat in the City of Norwalk. She is a biker friendly and a new ABATE member! She wants to make a difference in the city. Let's help by stepping up to the plate in volunteering, telephone calls, etc.

Spike discussed the discrimination of bikers in Lancaster. They don't like patch holders and are stopping them by checking for safety issues, helmets, etc. This is to be discussed at the next COC meeting on November 16. A law was changed where the cops don't have to read your Miranda

Rights. If you're stopped and impounding the bike, other property, make the statement that you want an attorney present and if only one cop, ask for the supervisor to be present. Any tickets, etc., you receive make a copy and give to Spike or Gill.

The combined efforts of Locals 8 and 20 for our Halloween Trick or Treat Run netted each \$417. Great teamwork!

JR of the Humpers MC is having their first bike night at Hooter's in Costa Mesa on December 8. They are donating half of the 50/50 and raffle winnings to Totally Kids. Hooter's is located off the 405 freeway and Harbor Blvd.

Wayne McVeigh (Grumpy42) of the Vietnam Vets MC would have been the lucky winner of the \$166. Where were you? It rolls over into December. Squirt

Local #22 South Bay



We knew our meeting was falling on election night and we voted to go ahead and meet anyway. It was a small group, but pretty lively. We wanted to watch the election results, but the meeting place had other ideas. Oh, well! It was a casual meeting and we had good conversation and debates, one hot and heavy on whether Prop 19 was going to pass or not.

I announced that we had to do our voting for the BOD as responsible ABATE members, and would send out an email asking that the ballots be returned to me so I could print them out and send them to the ABATE office. Those without email could vote and send in to Carol directly. We plan on doing our part.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season everyone! Suz

Local #23 San Bernardino



At the time of this writing it has only been an hour or so since our return home from another very successful "One More From the Heart" run. The local biker community once again showed its generosity and compassion for the children of the Totally Kids Specialty Health Care Center with an outpour of much needed donations that aid in providing a better quality of life for these very special children. Members of L23 arrived early to provide road guard duties and also lead the post event Mystery Ride. Kevin and Ratchet Ron guided us all safely to the Mystery Destination with about a dozen or so bikes in tow plus another couple of dozen that got a jump on us when the Mystery location was leaked. It was a picture perfect day for giving and sharing some road time with our fellow riders.

The nominations have been made, votes have been taken and the 2011 L23 leadership has been chosen. Returning to guide the L23 flock another year is Kevin, yours truly (Russ) will lend support as L23's VP, Greg will be L23's PAC voice and Liz will continue with her roll as L23's Secretary and Treasurer. Ray was also selected as L23's Road Capitan for 2011. On behalf of the L23 2011 leadership, we thank you all for putting your trust in us to help guide L23 through the coming year. Also a big L23 thank you goes out to Ray and Little Ray for making that new L23 Banner. It came out great and will be displayed proudly at coming events and gatherings.

Some new fund raising ideas were tossed around, at the last meeting, and a couple of bulls were taken by the horns by some members. Hopefully, we will be able to ink a couple of these events very soon and start getting them organized. But keep in mind, it takes people power to support any event, big or small, so plan on getting involved. Even better, bring along a new member and get them involved as well.

Following our December 5 meeting we are planning on riding over to L19's annual toy run, so be prepared and let's have a good turn out.

That's all the news that is news from the land of Local 23 and with that, we wish you all a Safe and Happy Holiday Season and much Prosperity in the New Year! Russ

Local #27 Riverside



We have relocated our meeting place to The American Legion Post #79 at 2979 Dexter Drive in Fairmont Park, Riverside. Meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

October through November we have been attending many runs and events just to show a presence and get word out that ABATE is Every Motorcyclists Political Voice. A great and booming thanks to all members who have volunteered to go to these events to set up a table or to pass out Bailing Wires and fliers to spread the word. It is amazing to me that so many riders don't know what ABATE is, have never heard of ABATE, or think of ABATE as a club. If ABATE is to grow in strength, we need to reach ALL motorcyclists with the truth of who we are and what we can do with their help and support. This means ALL Motorcyclists regardless of what they ride and where they ride. The idea of being individuals, clubs, groups, associations, or social organizations is not the problem. The problem is understanding that if we don't ALL UNITE to fight for our rights as a Unified Political Force we will all lose those rights. We as Locals of ABATE need to work together, share our ideas and support not just other Locals, but other events and runs in surrounding communities to make sure that we are recognized, understood and appreciated as representatives for all those who wish to preserve their rights as riders of motorcycles.

LOCAL NEWS

Enough preaching. Elections of officers for Local 27 will be December 7. On December 11 we host our yearly Renegade Classics Christmas food drive where we hope to provide 200 plus turkeys and fixings to the Salvation Army. Please join us.

Our web site is continually being updated and modified. It is a learning experience as we try to reach a balance of content and up-to-date information for all visitors. Check it out at www.abatelocal27.com. We look forward to next year as we reach out to other Locals for ideas suggestions and collaboration to support the progress of ABATE of California. G.M. Covel

Local #28 Lake County



Well greetings from Lake County. Land of the most beautiful lake in California and hills that roll on as far as the eye can see. Seasons are changing and the leaves are turning and there is a definite chill in the air. For the winter, Local 28 will be meeting at Round Table Pizza, 821 11th Street in Lakeport. Contact Lori Adams [707] 245-8036.

Local 28 is still growing in memberships with our new board and enthusiasm with our members I believe we are on the uptake. Melissa Fulton and her husband, John, have stepped down as officers. We want to thank them both for keeping this Local afloat for the last two years. Jeannie Bertolino is our new Secretary/Treasurer, Ellen Cole is Vice President, Jimmy V is our Sergeant at Arms, and I'm President.

We had to postpone our Texas Hold Em tournament due to the mistake of the State Attorney's office, but the new date is going to be February 26, 2011. If you're close to the area or want to take a great ride come on up!

I met a member from Fullerton, Pops, who's a life member and will be coming to our next meeting. On Decem-

ber 5 our Local will be participating in the lighted Christmas parade. Of course there's the toy run around the lake as well. Okay enough about us for now. Lori Adams

Local #33 Yuba City

Well folks, it's been an interesting couple of months! I think most of us are still in shock from Arnold's stab in the back to bikers by signing SB 435. Kinda frightening to think of the "what ifs" had our Lobbyist Jim not ripped the guts outta SB 435. I know there were a lot of us who were upset by the decision to make concessions on SB 435; however, now it's time to regroup and jump back into the fray!

ABATE Local 33 is donating \$100 to the original Yuba/Sutter Toy Run. This is the 27th year for the toy run which benefits the Salvation Army, Harmony Health, Hands 4 Hope, Riverside Church, Browns Valley School, and the American Legion Post #807 gift basket program. Last year we had an amazing turnout! Please join us at 10 am, December 4, at the Colusa Casino to be a part of the parade through Yuba City and Marysville ending at the Legion Hall, 5477 Feather River Blvd in Olivehurst. There will be fun, food, drinks and biker games to en-

joy. Help us give a happy Christmas experience to the under privileged children in the Yuba/Sutter/Butte Counties.

I want to give a big thank-you to the West Coast OG Riderz MC Yuba/Sutter Chapter for putting together an annual Thanksgiving turkey drive. These gentlemen are fantastic with all they do for our community! But they couldn't do what they do with out the help from everyone. Thanks to The Americans, Boozefighters, Devils Horsemen, Jus Brothers, Ministries In Christ, and the Sisters Of Scotsa Motorcycle Clubs along with ABATE, MMA, and UBNC and all the independent riders who helped to make Thanksgiving worth giving thanks for!

Keep yer knees in da breeze! Grumbles

Local # 47 Barstow



Howdy All! Ok, so things have been slow, but we have been having fun attending ABATE Runs. This is the time of year toy runs are everywhere. Just got back from One More From The Heart run for Totally Kids. WOW!

Anyway, get on line at ABATE.ORG and find time to volunteer. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, ride safe and see ya next year. Yermoeddy

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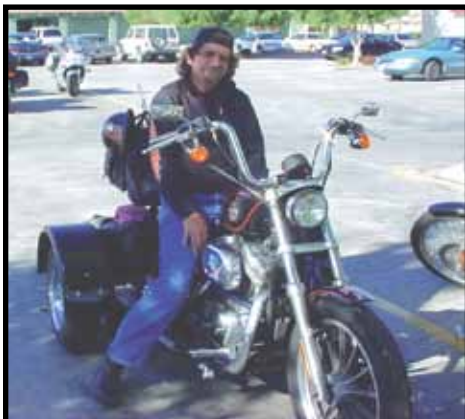
Sporty's Rides

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan

The time has come once again for you all to relive the fantasy that is Sporty's Rides. I will start with the final Board meeting trip to Sacramento on October 15. We had to be in Sacramento by seven o'clock to be ready for the pre Board meeting. This is done so we take care of any business that might come up. A kind of cock and bull session so the meeting the next day goes smoothly. Ok, things were progressing smooth. I was however running a little behind schedule. Did my usual stop in Castaic to do my final check before going up the Grapevine. Riding along I hit a road gator that stretched across the roadway, this was near the 138 and 5 portion of the freeway. It caused the bike to hop a bit. Soon after another rider road next to me in the next lane and shouted "something is hanging from your bike". Ok, panic was starting to set in, so I changed lanes and moved to the road shoulder. S%\$t! It was the smog canister cracked and hanging by a thread from the two vacuum hoses. So I took off the canister and rode on. I stopped at Bakersfield Harley Davidson. I explained what had transpired and they said it would be OK to ride the bike as long as I did not plug the tubes up.

Rest of the day uneventful and made Sacramento by 6 pm. Got my room and was ready for a meeting. Let's just say we had the meet and greet, the presidents meeting and the PAC meeting and were done by 3 pm. Nothing special about Saturday evening and the ride home was nothing special, a little rainy at times but nothing that I could not

handle. So the trip was OK, meetings were a little on the sparse side. Gotta do something to improve this.



Ok, I had been working the campaigns and going to do phone banking for Dennis De Young (sad note: he lost to incumbent Bob Blumfield), I never in my wildest dreams thought I would be doing a phone bank. Yes I did it, not that hard because they give you a script. I must have done about 75 calls that morning and afternoon; mostly left messages on their answering machines. The point here folks is that campaigning is not that hard. We benefit from the positive results by having candidates that are motorcycle friendly on board. Note to all freedom fighting ABATE members: When the elections come around again be prepared to help the motorcycle friendly candidates in your area. Election night I attended Dennis's watch the election results in Northridge at a place called Hot Callenta. 90% of the food there is not on my food list but, oh well, I splurged. Well that is enough of the politi-

cal stuff we will wait and see how goofy the results actually were on the political front. I will just say this that our two state senators are no friends to the biking community. This is especially true when it comes to helmet modification bills because we believe that the adult riders should have the freedom to choose to wear or not wear helmets, where as these two senators believe only in freedom of choice from the neck down.

I got a nice surprise when I found out that Local 3 in Thousand Oaks was doing their second annual Learn and Historical Trivia Tour. This was a bitchen run. I got to go to several places on the route that were always out in the areas I travel on occasion but never stopped at. I went on the run with a gentleman from Local 13 and since I knew the area better then he did, led the two of us through the route. First stop was Paramount Ranch in the Malibu area off Cornell Road. Since my co-rider does not walk too well; off I went to get the answers to the questions at each stop. The next stop was a park at the end of Calabasas Road. This was a trail stop dated a long time ago but they made it into a nature park. From there we traveled to the Santa Susanna train depot. This was nice because I got a chance to ride Box Canyon Road, which I haven't traveled in years. At each stop you get to check the areas and by checking each area you get clues to the trivia questions. The final stop was the Regan Library. This is an emotional stop for me because of my fond affection for Ronald Regan. Once there the other guy I was with decided to go straight through to

the end spot. He had all ready gone to the Library tour. So I bid him adio and off I went on my merry way excited to be at a place of greatness. My heroes have always been conservatives such as Barry Goldwater senior and Ronald Regan. What a trip this was especially by the Air Force One exhibit where they had a bunch of really neat motorcycles.

When I got back to the Elks Lodge I had a half chicken and water which was really good. Since Easyrider magazine is one of Local 3's sponsors there were a lot of their merchandise that was given out as raffle prizes. I got some really nice stuff. I also won the trivia contest! \$50! I donated back \$30 to the Local. Thank you Chuck and the Local 3 crew; you might promo this run earlier next year as it is well worth the ride. Wonderful idea and concept.

The last item on this month's agenda is the ride I took to Antelope Valley for the annual Shaggers and High Desert Trikers Christmas Poker Toy run. As usual I am highly regarded as a good guy. They do a poker route that is interesting and fun then wind up at a park in the town of Pearblossom (one of those Hee-Haw towns). I always enjoy myself immensely at these gatherings. Iceman and Buz, two Shaggers buddies who are also Local 1 members, I had a swell time, thanks guys. Busy day as usual.

When you do your toy runs, be sure to put out a plug to join ABATE. We can always use more members, as you must know because I keep harping on it! Till next time. Regards, Sporty.

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Pac/Lobbyist Report

by Dave Hastings, Treasurer



I think 2011 will be better and here's why. ABATE of California is positioned to have a large number of political friends in our cities, counties, and our state capitol because of the dedication and plain old "hard work" of our members in the 2010 elections. Remember most of our friends in low places usually want to climb higher up that electoral ladder and we, ABATE, helped them get their foot in the door. We will always be welcome and appreciated in their office and we will always have the opportunity to address our issues face to face with their staff and them personally if a need arises. Money may buy time, but work buys respect, and friendship and trust are usually based on mutual respect. You guys and gals worked extremely hard this year and we've made a lot of new friends statewide and it should pay us huge dividends in the years ahead.

Next year we need to tighten up our business operations and prepare for the next cycle. I've asked for your ideas and input to improve our financial outlook in 2011 and hope that you will respond to either my e-mail or phone number that is included in this article. This is your ABATE and we need "buy -in" and "accountability" from our members and their Locals to ensure we can take advantage of the hard work that we have put forth in the last year. Contribute your thoughts and I will convey them to the Board of Directors and try my best to implement the ones that will benefit our

organization. I'm not going to comment or criticize, I'm just going to collect, collate, and present all of the ideas received to our Board of Directors for evaluation and hopefully, implementation.

Be a part of the energizing of ABATE of California in 2011. This is your chance to make a difference in the day to day operation of our organization and ultimately make us a better functioning, and more responsive and caring business. Because we are a business, ABATE has some very tough financial and operational decisions to make next year and I'm seeking your help and guidance in the process before it begins. Step up and ensure the success of our ABATE. If you choose to do nothing, you will only be part of the problem - whether you stay or move on down the road.

Now is the time to join hands and help pull the load for the benefit of all of the riders in our state and especially your ABATE brothers and sisters. Be part of the solution and help shape our future. Your own ride may depend on it! Dave - (760) 947-4700 or davesautorpair@aol.com.

Thanks To All That Do, And For Those That Don't, Please Try To!

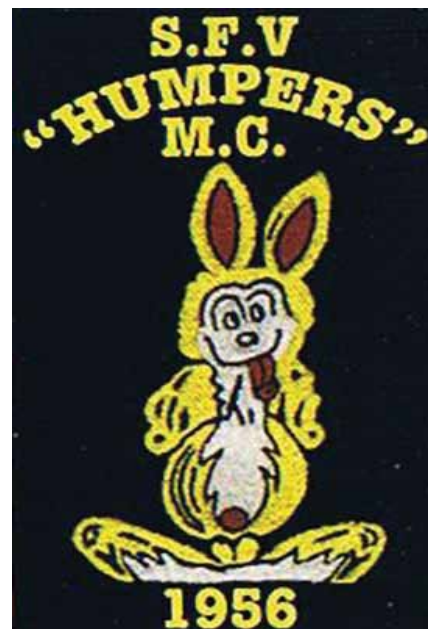
Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year! Here's wishing a prosperous and healthy year 2011 for all of our ABATE family members in California and throughout this great nation of ours! Where did 2010 go? Man, does time fly as fast for you as it does for me? What a year we've had - some happy, some sad, some good, some bad! I'm talking about our members, our friends, our family, all of us have been on the same old roller coaster ride this year and most of us are hoping 2011 will be better and not just more of the "Same - O, Same - O" that we've endured for the last twelve months.



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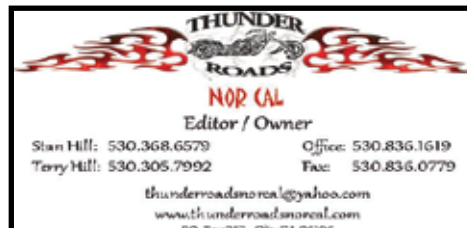


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Executive Director's Report



**by Anthony Jaime,
Executive Director**

Greetings Brothers, Sisters, Supporters, & Friends: First, let me wish everyone a Merry Christmas! By the time you are reading this, we will already have celebrated Thanksgiving, but it is still the season for remembering our blessings and I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving Day dinner with your families and friends.

Furthermore, let's look forward to the New Year, 2011, and allow ourselves to hope that America can find herself again. Let us hope that America can find her way out of these troubling economic times and return to the standard of prosperity and way of life that was once norm. Too many people are suffering the stifling effects of unemployment in this economic downturn, with many just barely keeping their heads above water. And lastly let us hope for a return to accountability in our government and an adherence to the fundamental principles upon which this great nation was founded.

2010! It has been quite a ride this year for ABATE of California. Of course, the big-ticket item was SB-435, but from my perspective, we were extremely effective in defeating a mandatory smog

check bill. That was an excellent result! Unfortunately, the bill survived after agreeing to drop smog check language, and proceeded to morph into a noise issue. In our second round with an amended SB-435 I can state with certainty that ABATE of California was successful in achieving considerable concessions that significantly altered the impact and scope of the bill. Many, many, many of you all helped with this effort, gathering signatures, calling, writing, and faxing your legislators, so please accept my heartfelt thanks! In the final analysis, ABATE of California made an immense difference in the final version of SB-435, and given the scope of the agreed upon concessions, it was a success any way you score it.

We have also had three successful State level fundraising events, and the bike raffle was also a great success, with a last minute down-to-the-wire effort to sell those tickets right up to the final minutes just before the winning ticket was pulled. Congratulations to June Farrar, of Thousand Oaks, who was the lucky winner! And to all those who have helped make all of our ABATE events this year a success, also please accept my heartfelt thanks for your efforts!

We also have a great Board of Directors that are committed to working toward the betterment of the organization and also a great group of supporting officers and individuals that are constantly striving to improve ABATE of California. So, that is the good news. Unfortunately, there is always the other side of things to remind us that even with the successes we have enjoyed this year we are also facing some problems as well. Declining revenue and membership, along with apathy are mirroring the conditions in this nation. ABATE of California is not the only organization who

is experiencing problems of this nature. As I previously commented, there are a great many people throughout America who are experiencing rough economic times as a result of the recession.

The challenges facing ABATE are numerous, but I feel that we are capable of surmounting those obstacles if we put the proper focus and attention on solving those problems now. A lot of time and energy have gone into the legislative hurdles and challenges we have faced the past couple of years. And before that, when times were good, the financial challenges ABATE faced were not as problematic. However, given the economic conditions Americans everywhere are facing, it is time to put the proper focus on the problems we are challenged with and to put them on a higher level of priority than we ever have in the past. It is time to examine the manner in which we not only have been doing business but also to examine the basic philosophy under which we have been doing business.

As times change, so do the methods of operating and doing business. All successful businesses periodically examine their methods and either incorporate new methods or undergo restructuring that allows them to take advantage of changes in methods, technology, and business practices that offer more favorable returns and a larger degree of profitability. That is the challenge now. What changes do we need to make? What changes will allow us to grow the organization and insure that ABATE of California is still here and functioning in another 20 years. It is going to take some hard work and lot of thought, but I am confident that the Board of Directors will be able to rise to the challenges which we are currently facing and develop solutions and answers that will

provide the foundation that we need to set in place to insure our future success and longevity.

Regardless of all the contradictory naysayers who would like to detract from ABATE of California's accomplishments; the one true voice in the state legislature for California's motorcyclists over the past quarter of a century has been ABATE. Moreover, there are a lot of folks who constantly complain about the status quo and the current state of affairs in America but very few actually get involved enough to do something about it. Those of you who are ABATE members at least have the satisfaction of knowing that your involvement has a pay-off and that your participation and investment into this organization allowed you to reap the benefit and satisfaction of seeing a bad bill such as SB-435 modified and revised through our input into a bill whose final form was far different than it was when first introduced. We had a say in our governance, and to me that is worth every penny we have sunk into ABATE of California.

Make no doubt, we are experiencing some lean times right now, but so is the rest of America. The challenge is for us to step up and meet the obstacles and problems facing us. To do that it will take each and every one of us contributing in whatever fashion we can, whether it be time, donations, or even a helpful suggestion. It is with that thought in mind that I am asking each and every one of you to look deep down inside and ask yourself what you can do to help further the cause of ABATE. With that final thought, I will bid you farewell until next year. May all of you have a joyous Christmas Holiday and Happy New Year's Day celebration. Ride safe, ride hard, & ride free!

COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish

DIRTY POLITICS BACKFIRES: In an historic mid-term election that saw the GOP sweep into control of the House and narrowly miss winning a Senate majority, as well as Republican gains in gubernatorial posts and statewide races, most of the electorate is simply happy to see an end to negative campaign ads and mudslinging by candidates.

One such attack ad could easily be confused with a commercial for Sons of Anarchy, with a Florida congressional hopeful being accused of being a member of “a biker gang linked to meth running” and acts of criminal violence.

The TV spot kicks off with a rumbling Harley motor and a gritty-voiced narrator growling, “Guns. Prostitution. Murder. That’s who Allen West rides with.” Paid for and produced by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, the smear piece ends with, “We don’t need a politician who rides with gangs.” The Palm Beach Post reported that the Florida Democratic Party said a West supporter was wearing a South Florida Confederation of Clubs patch, and that confederation “has ties to the Outlaws organized crime syndicate.”

West (R) is indeed an active motorcyclist who writes a regular political column for a local South Florida biker magazine “Wheels on the Road” that supported his bid, and the Tea Party favorite did have members of the Outlaws Motorcycle Club providing security during his campaign, but the mudslinging appears to be the desperate last-gasp tactics of incumbent Rep. Ron Klein (D) to hold on to his House seat.

The Miami New Times called it the “Scariest Ad Of the Year”, but according to one of West’s fellow biker rag columnists, Chuck Lehmann, “This smear tactic by Klein backfired big time as the voters overwhelmingly gave, the underdog, Allen West, a resounding 10 point victory over the pathetic Ron Klein, who went down to defeat in disgrace. My WOTR colleague/columnist, Lt. Col. Allen West, can now be called Congressman-elect Allen West, C.D. 22 Representative in Congress.”

VOTERS SEE RED: Fueled by discontent, record voter turnout nationwide not only gave the Republican Party the nod in local and national races, but they also saw red at the ballot box as Red Light Camera initiatives lost big on Election Day.

According to TheNewspaper.com, “Regardless of who you voted for, November 2 represented a major win for everyone who opposes the use of red light cameras. In a handful of pockets across the nation, voters decided they were sick of the automated machines and by voting against the use of these devices, sent a message to law enforcement, as well as the companies that manufacture red light cameras.”

These cameras are often viewed as a revenue-generating scheme rather than safety devices, and many citizens feel that red light cameras even represent a violation of our constitutional rights. On Election Day cities and districts across the nation decided to ban the use of these cameras, adding to a growing list of towns that have already voted to do so.

“The outcome of the voting is a major blow for American Traffic Solutions, the company that manufactures a large number of the cameras,” reported Autoblog.com. “ATS tried hard to block these measures from even appearing on the ballot, but it was denied. The company was then forced to spend millions of dollars to attempt to sway the public to vote in favor of the cameras, to no avail.”

In Houston, Texas, which happens to be one of ATS’s most important accounts, a campaign was run against the camera company by brothers Paul and Randy Kubosh through their Citizens Against Red Light Cameras organization. ATS reportedly spent over \$1.7 million, ten times more than the Kubosh brothers, yet ATS still lost the fight in Houston. Following Houston’s lead, red light cameras are now banned in Mukilteo, Washington; Anaheim, California; and Baytown, Texas.

NEW YORK RIDERS FIGHT DISCRIMINATION: In addition to the unprecedented harassment on highways by police manning motorcycle-only checkpoints, which is the subject of ongoing litigation by Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) Attorney Mitch Proner, Big Apple riders are now

faced with elimination of legal bike-only parking spaces.

As if it weren’t difficult enough for New York City motorcyclists, over the past decade bikers contend the city has turned up the heat on regulatory and legislative fronts, leading to growing complaints of harassment and accusations of discrimination.

There are only about 37,000 motorcyclists in a city of over 8 million people so they are a tiny minority, but the motorcycle community has begun to organize and fight back with a group known as “The New York Motorcycle & Scooter Task Force” (NYMSTF), working to ease some of these problems. Most large cities in the US provide biker-only parking for good reason: Bikes and scooters take up less room and are more environmentally-friendly than passenger vehicles.



OSHA TELLS OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT TO BAN MOTORCYCLE TRAVEL: Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division officials have recommended that school employees be prohibited from using motorcycles as transportation to work-related activities after Principal Tiffany O’Donnell was seriously injured Sept. 13 in a motorcycle accident en route between two rural schools.

O’Donnell, principal of both Elk Trail Elementary School and Shady Cove School, was seriously injured while riding her Suzuki motorcycle between campuses when she was struck by a Nissan pickup

truck that was making an illegal U-turn, police said.

State OSHA officials said the school district has not violated any regulations, and no citations have been issued, but cautioned that allowing employees to drive motorcycles for work activities presents a hazard to employees, as well as a liability to the school district. The school board is mulling over the recommendation, which is not mandatory.

School administrators are expected to drive their personal vehicle for work purposes, but it hadn’t occurred to district officials to dictate what kind of vehicle they drive, said Eagle Point schools Superintendent Cynda Rickert, adding that “We don’t know if the board will move forward on a policy not allowing you to drive a motorcycle if you are doing school business.”

OMG: Distracted driving apparently causes fatal crashes affecting bikers and drivers of light trucks more than any other group on the road, according to 2009 statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Though the statistics don’t break down which operator was distracted, only that “distracted driving” affected one or more drivers in fatal crashes, you can be sure there aren’t too many bikers distracted by talking or texting on a cell phone while riding their bikes.

It’s estimated that approximately 959,000 traffic incidents last year were caused by distracted driving and 4,898 of those resulted in at least one death. As a result, Massachusetts recently joined 29 other states in passing a texting ban; almost all of those same states (28) have also banned cell phone use in some form.

However, a new insurance industry study says that such bans have not reduced automobile accidents. The report does not dispute the danger of texting while driving, but rather it suggests that banning the practice does not automatically produce safer roads.

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"If we're counting on texting bans to reduce crashes from distracted driving, they're not doing that," said Adrian Lund, president of the Highway Loss Data Institute in presenting the group's findings in Kansas City during the annual meeting of the Governors Highway Safety Association.

The new study is not the first time the research institute has suggested that legislative efforts to combat distracted driving are not affecting crash rates. In January, the institute found virtually no change in crash frequency for states that had enacted bans on handheld phone use.

Lund suggested multiple explanations, pointing to prior studies that found many drivers are not heeding the texting ban, and may be lowering their hands and taking their eyes off the road to text more discreetly.

US Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, who has championed awareness of the dangers of cell phone use and other distractions, immediately condemned the study as "completely misleading."

HIGH COURT RULES AGAINST SOUTH AUSTRALIA GANG LAW: Six of seven High Court judges have ruled that aspects of anti-"bikie" laws,

which prevent members of "declared" motorcycle gangs from associating with each other, were unconstitutional as applied in South Australia.

Under SA laws passed last year to disband outlawed motorcycle clubs, the state attorney-general can "declare" an organization to be an illegal gang if satisfied that its members associate for serious criminal purposes and represent a risk to public safety and order.

This is the second resounding legal defeat of this calculating and reactionary piece of legislation, according to the United Motorcycle Council of New South Wales, a coalition of motorcycle clubs organized to fight such discriminatory gang laws. "This decision is an important milestone not just in terms of the fight against the South Australian legislation, but also against similar hastily adopted legislation of other states," said Ferret, UMC Chairman.

Other Australian states, including NSW and Queensland, have enacted similar legislation but officials there believe that their legislation differs in key respects.

To celebrate the Supreme Court decision, members of rival clubs came together for a drink to toast a win against the very laws aimed at stopping them from associating.

But South Australian Premier Mike Rann said the ruling was only a setback in his self-declared war on bikies, saying he would "keep coming" at members of motorcycle clubs with new legislative measures.

SCOTTISH BIKERS PROTEST FUEL HIKES: Hundreds of Scottish bike riders formed a rolling roadblock into Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, on Saturday, Sept 25, to protest skyrocketing petrol prices and increase public awareness of a proposed 1p increase in fuel duty.

Members of Fife Bikers blocked sections of the M90 as around 600 bikers slowly rolled into the capital, and organizers say they are prepared to do so again. Member Jim Seymour told the Courier newspaper that he thought the bikers had

received a "fantastic" response from the public who lined the streets and overpassed to watch the demonstration.

Petitions handed out that day and signed by members of the public are still being gathered, and will be handed in to MSPs in Parliament who will be asked to take legislative action.

WEIRD NEWS: ACTOR FATAL- LY SHOT FILMING MOTORCYCLE GETAWAY SCENE:

Actor Kirk Abella was masked and filming a getaway scene for the British film "Going Somewhere" when a watchman mistook the performer for a real bandit and fatally shot him.

The New York Daily News reports that when the director shouted, "Action," Abella ran to his waiting motorcycle (and masked stunt driver) to make his film getaway -- only to be grabbed by his shirt and shot in the back at close range by volunteer village guard, Eddie Cuizon, in front of dozens of spectators.

Police told the media that when the crowd heard Cuizon fire the gun they believed it was just part of the film -- not realizing they were witnessing the actor's murder.

The shooting took place in the Parian district of Cebu in the Philippine Islands, where criminals often use motorcycles to escape law enforcement.

However, the shooting was no simple mistake. Firearms are illegal in the Philippines, and before the incident the guard borrowed a friend's .357 handgun and went to the police station -- where he was informed that the filming was taking place. The watchman, accompanied by a police officer, then made his way to the film set to help secure the area. Police Chief Alexis Relado said, "I don't know why he still accosted them."

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Totally Kids Run Report

Pics by Gill Mellen

Dawn Sunday, November 14, cracked clear and golden, a perfect day for a ride and possibly "A nice thing to do" along the way. Well many did! For the umpteenth year I've had the honor and privilege to perpetuate this useful endeavor benefiting the Totally Kids Specialty Care center. The "One More from the Heart Run" continues and YOU the guilty know who you are and what you did! And I'm tellin' I actually witnessed people just pile'n "Stuff" up in the day room without concern and visiting the rooms of the resident children unable to come to the day room with seeming impunity. With my own eyes I saw hand after hand put dollar after check after dollar in the donation jar. I just could not believe what I was seeing!

Hordes of riders rode off with many of the lovely Staff (all were promptly returned after a satisfying ride). I want to tell you benevolent people one thing, THANKS, THANKS A LOT and I really mean it! I have one word to describe you all and your behavior, you all are genuinely big hearted, bounteous, charitable, high-minded, lavish, lofty, magnanimous, munificent, noble, soft-boiled(?), ungrudging, unrepentant, unselfish and genuinely NICE, but I won't tell anybody.

All told the pre-Run collections for the TV/DVD fund matured at \$2,503.25 which the Corona Best Buy's Jorge Avalos magically turned into six 19" TV's and DVD players to match, one 46" big screen TV w/DVD player, and a high-def video camera with accessories. Carelessly left in the donation jar was \$6,298.64, but that was a temporary total. On Monday morning I got a call from a gentleman, who said his MC woke up late or something, but – oooops - somehow missed the Run but would they mind if they sent a \$1,000.00 check? YA SEE! WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE I'M DEALING WITH HERE? Geeeeeeese!

If was not for some folks like the Duck, Diane Davis, Robert Cuthbertson, the Gill Mellen, Doreen Matsumoto and my dear

friend Joseph Valona the TV/DVD fund would have been naught. Paul'n Jan Thomas of PR Printing/Party Time DJ printed a bazillion fliers and then came and played records for us for just for the joy of doing it, aren't they special!

Back at the Chopper Place, where this whole thing got started so long ago, Grant Godron had the shop prepared for any and all contingencies. As one couple arrived to join us their rear tire had acquired an extra nail but Grant got it up on the rack and by the time we were to leave they were almost ready.

Pastor Jose of Paid in Full Ministries gave a prayer and unleashed his "Road Guards" who helped open the doors all the way out to TK. The POBOB M/C, traditional host M/C, led the way as I brought up the rear in my van, AGAIN!!! (Sob, the last time I swear!)



I saw NO burning wrecks or even minor Boo Boo's along the way, Pastor Jose's prayers work. I've been told that a very large group arrived and then departed before we got out there so whoever ya are, THANKS and I hope to meet you all some day, maybe you could stay long enough for the event to start before dashing off, but thanks for coming.



Totally Kids Run Report

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A few folks made some speeches of thanks and told all how much their help means to the facility. A mother of one of the residents gave a moving, tearful account of just what YOUR generosity means to her and her child. I was told more than a few had to put their sun glasses back on after that. Spike, of the Hessians M/C, gave a talk



about the unity of it all with the different patches coming together - yup he's a regular attendee.

All told, once again, ya all did good! After all was said and done, and the nurses were returned, Kevin and the lovely Bea of ABATE Local 23 led the remnants off to the Buckhorn Lodge in the Mt. Baldy village for food and beverages. By the time I got there

and got my adult beverage most had left or were ready to go. So there I sat with the owners watching all ride off to other adventures. Some day I'm gonna figure out how to attend this thing with everybody else!

Thank you all very, very much. This one event means so much to this facility that it is almost impossible to comprehend. There is much these wards would not have or have done if not for you folks and your persistent attendance. We are all working our way out of hell.

C'ya next year? Hope so! C'ya, HR.



2010 ABATE Events

December 5 - ABATE Local 19 & Pomona Valley HOG – Annual Toy Drive (flyer this issue).

December 11 – ABATE Local 9 – San Juan Capistrano – 14th Annual Toy Drive (flyer this issue)

December 12 – ABATE Local 1 & Glendale Harley-Davidson – Annual Skid Row Toy Run (Flyer this issue)

December 18 – ABATE Local 38 –Imperial Valley – Christmas Toy Run (sorry, no flyer, contact Ed at 760/337-8372 or Steve at 760/996-2093 for more information.)

Next Bailing Wire deadline is January 15, 2011

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all of you!!!

ABATE 2011 Events

January 15 – ABATE Quarterly Meetings – Hosted by ABATE Local 19; B's Sports Bar & Grill; 1542 W Holt Blvd (corner of Holt & Benson St.); Ontario 91762. Meet & Greet 9a to 9:30 a – please see our web site for complete schedule www.abate.org

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February 27 - ABATE Local 1, 24th Annual Polar Bear Run (See flyer this issue).

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



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ABATE has been a driving force in promoting "May as Motorcycle Awareness Month" not only at the State Level but also in Local cities and Communities.

AB 1581 – Fuller - ABATE lobbied aggressively to repeal Section 2140.5 V.C. (Traffic-actuated, signals for bicycles & motorcycles). Approved by Governor Schwarzenegger October 8, 2007, Chapter 337

SB 1021 – Bowen - ABATE lobbied aggressively to increase the penalties on Right-of-Way (ROW) violations that result in Bodily Injuries/fatalities to a motorcyclist. Approved by Governor Schwarzenegger September 30, 2006. Chapter 898

ABATE helped to open High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes to motorcycles.

ABATE helped defeat two separate bills to outlaw "lane-sharing".

February 2010 – Changeable Message Boards posted on Freeways throughout the State of CA. to alert drivers to "Share The Road Look Twice for Motorcyclists".

AB 2844- La Suer - ABATE was instrumental in the passage of the motorcycle standard Handlebar height. Vehicle Code 27801

Section 1 (a), (b). Chapter 280. Approved by Governor Schwarzenegger August 23, 2004

ABATE successfully challenged the San Diego Police Department over enforcement of the helmet law in federal court. (Case # 93-0807-J (CM) Filed May 25, 1995)

ABATE was the driving force that prevented helmet law violations from being assessed against the driver's license as a moving violation.

AB 1205 – Logue – A 2009 Assembly Bill sponsored by ABATE of California, the latest of 14 ABATE bills, since 1993, to repeal or modify California's Mandatory Motorcycle Helmet Law.

ABATE was instrumental in getting approval for Purple Heart motorcycle plates.

AB 1515 – Margett & SB 2084 - Polanco (Concurrent Bills) ABATE worked on the passage of Veteran's License Plates for Motorcycles. Both Bills approved by Governor Gray Davis in 2000. AB1515 - Chapter 859, SB2084 – Chapter 861

ABATE Locals are involved with collecting money for charities and those in need. Tons of food and truckloads of toys are also donated each year at Thanksgiving and Christmas, working in partnership with community charity organizations.

ABATE assisted in the defeat of a proposed federal ban on sport bikes.

ABATE joined other MRO's (Motorcycle Rights Organizations) to lobby the insurance industry, putting an end to their "Superbike Blacklist" of high-performance bikes that they refused to insure.

ABATE supported the passage of H.R. 3103 in 1996, which prohibits discrimination against motorcyclists in health care availability and affordability.

ABATE worked alongside virtually every national and state motorcycle rights organization and lobbied Congress aggressively to successfully repeal federal highway funding penalties against states without helmet laws.

SMOG Bill to a NOISE BILL - SB 435 Pavley – ABATE was instrumental in completely defeating the original motorcycle smog check provisions in the California Senate in 2009, generating over 36,000 petition signatures in Opposition. ABATE then worked to weaken later amendments to increase penalties for modified motorcycle exhaust systems. Signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on September 28, 2010. (Takes effect January 2013).

ABATE worked on this original bill constantly to get it changed to the final outcome and what was ultimately signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on September 28, 2010. (Takes effect January 2013)

AB 1848 Garrick – Motorcycle theft – ABATE supported, to close loopholes in the

law. Amending section 466.65 Penal Code. Signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger July 19, 2010.

ABATE's political action arm, **ABATE PAC**, has trained and organized campaign volunteers to assist in the campaigns of candidates supportive of motorcyclists' rights, which has raised the visibility and credibility of California motorcyclists with local, state and federal politicians.

ABATE Of California is a motorcyclists' rights organization dedicated to preserving individual freedom and promoting safety. We fully support rider training, safety and educational programs.

ABATE is non-partisan and welcomes all riders. We give those with a strong interest in motorcycling an opportunity to unite and become part of one of California's strongest motorcycle organizations.

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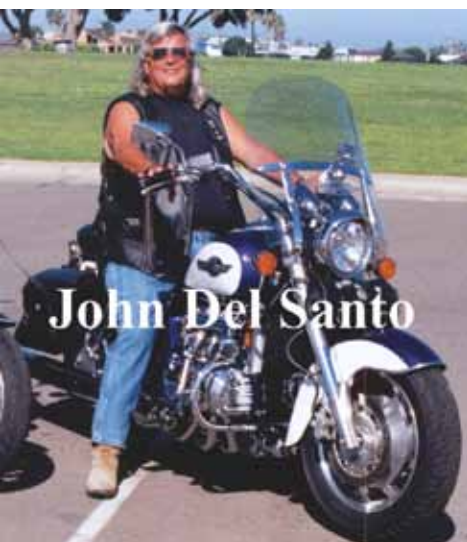
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"Get Ready - Get Set - Go!"

by John Del Santo

There was a woman who had been riding for about a year telling a story the other day. She had done one of the beginner riding courses and then her husband bought her a nice motorcycle that weighed about seven times as much as she did. Hubby then told her that he would teach her the way that she should ride. She has been involved in three crashes this year.



For someone learning how to ride taking a beginner's riding course is the best choice they could make. It makes you less likely to end up being carried by six of your best

friends - the statistics show this. Choosing the right bike for you might take some time; you need to find one that fits your style and size. Visit a bunch of dealers, sit on bikes, feel them. Check the internet for "Tips on buying a new or used bike", and take test rides. A thirty-year rider that I know says that you don't choose a bike, the bike chooses you. "Well this bike is ok, I guess, if it were a little shorter, or a little lighter, or a little...." If there is anything about the bike that does not make you feel comfortable - don't buy it! Your 'starter' bike is for you. Be patient, your bike is out there.

A basic rider's course gives you just that, the basics. That course is just the very basic knowledge that you need to get you started with your life-long riding experience. Sometimes it is not a great idea to get influence and advice from a "Significant Other". There could be all kinds of communication problems mixed in there, like domination, intimidation, defensiveness, and other hassles that will hinder you from becoming a good rider. Keep your eyes and ears open, you will meet a rider who will be able to mentor you and bring you along. Another way to do this is to take another course, like the MSF's (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) Experienced Rider's Course, the BRC-2, this is also titled the Advanced Riding Course. This course is offered to military personnel under a slightly different title. There are helpful books and DVDs out there, like

"Proficient Motorcycling", "Twist of the Wrist", and "Ride like a Pro".

The next step in your life-long learning process is to ride, ride, ride, and to be a little better each day. At the end of a ride, think about what went right and what didn't, what happened that you may want to correct and what happened that worked right. Ride alone or ride with others, but remember the saying "Ride your own Ride". If there are others in your group who want you to take more chances and be more gutsy and keep up with them no matter what they do - **Don't!** Ride your own Ride. Once you get a couple of thousand miles under your belt you can take another step upwards by checking out a course like the Streetmasters Motorcycle Workshop. Because so many motorcycle collisions happen when cornering or turning, the Streetmasters course focuses on upgrading these skills. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) has some other good courses available. There are other courses like this listed on the internet, but these are the ones that friends of mine have used.

Any training or skill, of any kind, starts to slip away after a while. Motorcycling is a perishable skill. If you don't use your bike for a month or so because of weather or your schedule, you will need to re-acclimate yourself to bring yourself back up to par. Many riders take an Experienced Rider's Course every three or four years just to stay tuned up. Take a day and take a brush-up course with some of your friends, bring lunch and enjoy! Knowledge is power.

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The Bigger They Are, The Harder They Hit

by John Del Santo



Here's some news: Numbers of motorcycle registrations have been rising steadily, more than ever before. Now here's some good news: The number of motorcycle accidents has been falling steadily, less crashes, less injuries, and less property damage-only crashes. And now for some bad news: Up until 2009 motorcycle fatalities have been on the rise. The numbers don't seem to go together! What's up?

In reading a Special Report by Wendy Moon published in Motorcycle Consumer News, (copyrighted) shows that the rise in numbers in motorcyclist fatalities is in direct relationship to the rise in sales of Light Truck Vehicles (which includes Sport

Utility Vehicles). The sale of LTVs/SUVs started to rise dramatically in 1998, which was the year the motorcyclist fatalities began to increase. In 2002 there were three average autos to each one Light Truck Vehicle (or SUV), and yet the number of motorcyclist fatalities are almost equal in number during collisions with LTVs/SUVs or automobiles. A motorcyclist is 2.4 times more likely to die in a collision with an LTV.

The amount of physical damage done to a motorcyclist is greater in a collision with a Light Truck Vehicle for several reasons; instead of the (average) auto bumper colliding mostly against a motorcyclists body below the belt, breaking hips and legs, an LTV/SUV's bumper is much higher - high enough to make the initial strike to a motorcyclist into the area of the thigh, waist and torso, creating a much more likely chance of internal injuries. In years gone by, people would describe a collision that happened when a bike ran into the side of a car as: "yeah, the biker flew right over the car." If we run into the side of a much taller SUV, we'll probably just smash dead-on into the side of the vehicle. The Light Truck Vehicle or Sports Utility Vehicle weighs more than an average auto, creating more foot-pounds of force when striking something, and most vehicles that are considered an LTV or SUV have a rigid-steel frame-rail

delivering a much more solid hit than the Uni-Body crumple-design of modern autos.

Now, we're not sitting here talking about terrible-horrible dangerous vehicles which should be banned, because most bikers that I know could drive one of these vehicles forever and never run over anybody. The problems occur when someone who has been driving a small auto for most of their lives, now gets into one of these big, popular, status symbols and doesn't realize that along with taller and higher and wider comes a GREAT increase in blind spots!! And a GREAT increase in their responsibility to other motorists. They can't see us approaching as well, and totally lose sight of things when they get close, as shown by the records in 2002 when 58 children were run over and killed by their own parents with the family SUV. They can make vehicles as big as they want, I don't care if they drive Earth Movers down the street, but it would certainly be a nice thought if the people who bought the Light Truck Vehicles were informed of their dangers, and knew enough and learned how to drive them properly and safely.

So, these big vehicles are here to stay, until they are made extinct by rising gasoline prices or the whims of fashion. Therefore it is our

responsibility to ourselves to recognize the blind spots all around these LTV/SUVs and not spend any longer than necessary around them and be ready to let them know with our lights or horn that we are there, and be ready to move OUT of a blind spot on a half-second notice if the driver seems not to see you, or if the vehicle seems ready to move towards you. The right-rear wheel area of an SUV is an especially high target area and, when stopping in a line of traffic, it's not a bad idea to stop off to one side of the lane where you are not quite as much of a target, and where you can scoot out of the way if you see someone in the mirror who seems not to be slowing.

Goliath didn't kill David, whales don't go around killing many sharks in the sea, and moose aren't the cause of many dead wolves in the wild, and we can protect ourselves as much as possible against damage by the drivers of these big Light Trucks and SUVs. Be Alert, Be Aware, and Drive Safe!!!!

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Two-Up or Two-Down

by John Del Santo

If I want to go a million miles an hour, play Rocky Racer in the mountains and take chances on wiping out in a curve, well that's my choice. Once I put a passenger on the back of my bike though, my responsibility increases a thousand-fold and it becomes my main job to get that passenger home in one piece.

If you take a passenger who has not been on your bike before, don't assume that they know what to do. Lay out the ground rules: They should not do any leaning on their own, just stay level with you; their feet stay on the pegs until you tell them otherwise; no shifting their weight around, especially in curves and at low speed; and tell them that you will say "stopping" if you need to make an unexpected quick stop, so it doesn't take them by surprise and you end up shoved up onto your gas tank. You can assign them the important job of waving at other bikes.



With a passenger the center of gravity of the motorcycle is now more towards the rear, and maybe higher depending on the design of the pillion, or passenger seat, and there is more work for the back brakes to do. On downhill grades there is less traction on the back wheel so cornering is different, and on uphill starts it is easier to do an unexpected wheelie. Your stopping distance is increased, so you will need more

following distance and earlier slowing when approaching curves and stops. Have you checked your tire-pressure recently? Overload causes hot tires, hot tires cause blow-outs and blow-outs cause improper dismounts.

If someone doesn't have years of experience riding a bike, they should not consider carrying a passenger, but a lot of people bum rides for a big run. If you are riding in a crowd, and don't know the experience of the rider and passenger on the bike next to you, don't stay near them.

Check your passenger's clothing; you are not allowed to toss them overboard if they melt their new plastic designer boots into your new chrome tailpipe! Long coats, scarves, and other floppy things shouldn't be allowed near the back wheel. A drunk passenger can cause a fatality just as quick as a drinking rider - tell 'em to take a taxi.

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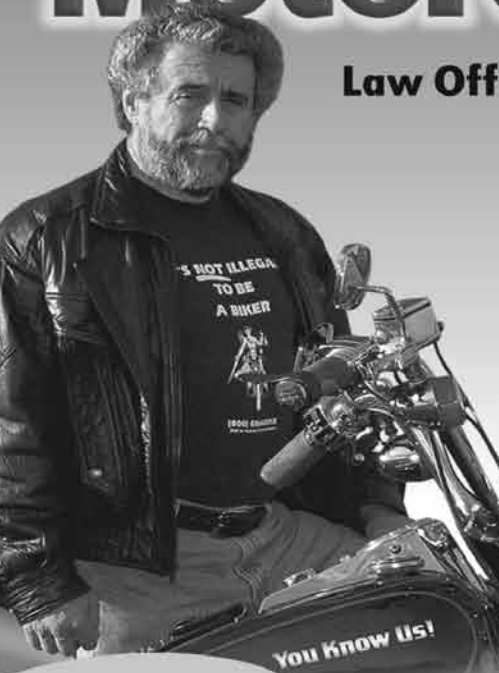
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by John Del Santo

The forecasters are predicting thunderstorms in different parts of the state this season and so there are a few things to think about while we are riding. Lightning has a tendency to strike the tallest thing around. When we are riding down the middle of the road, we are probably the tallest thing around and your rubber tires will not insulate you from being electrocuted.

If the sound of the thunder and the flash of lightning are one-second apart, the lightning is about one mile away from you. This is WAY too close for you to be outside. In a building is the best place to be. Hiding under a big tree to stay dry will keep me out of the rain, but I am now standing under the tallest thing around and have become part of the perfect lightning target - "KABOOM"! It would seem that under a concrete highway overpass would be pretty safe from lightning. The only hazard I have heard of about hiding out under overpasses is the threat of cars not seeing you and

running into you. One rider noted that you would probably be more visible near the far end of the overpass where you are back-lit from the outside.



Here is the best info I have seen to date concerning riding motorcycles and thunderstorms. (Thanks to the author who is unknown.). DO NOT ride into a lightning storm. If you absolutely cannot get to a safe building, here are some last resort

choices. If you wait out the storm below an overpass, do not touch steel girders. Move away from your bike and remain on dry surfaces if possible. Overpasses are engineered structures and are likely to be properly grounded. Although an overpass is probably higher than the surrounding landscape, if it is struck by lightning the electrical current should be channeled into the ground. Stay away from water, stay away from any metal surfaces and if you are sheltering under a bridge; be alert for any rising water. If High Voltage electrical tension wires cross a road, you may want to seek shelter directly under these wires; the lightning will seek them out instead of you. Do not get too close to the large metal towers that hold these wires up, stay at least 50 feet away. Electric companies design these high tension wires for lightning strikes, if lightning should strike the wires or towers, the current is designed to safely go deep into the ground.

If you are caught in the open and lightning is occurring within 5 miles, (that's five seconds between thunder sound and

lightning), stop, move fifty feet away from your bike, (you know, that big metal target), and try to find a ditch or low spot to sit in and wait out the storm. You are not safe in these areas, just marginally safer than in the open. Lightning often strikes outside the area of heavy rain, and may occur as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall. You are in danger from lightning if you can hear thunder. Many strong thunderstorms produce hail. If you can't get inside, or if you feel your hair stand on end, which means lightning is about to strike, hurry to a low, open space immediately. If there are no reinforced buildings in sight, and you can take shelter in a car, do so. Keep car windows closed and avoid convertibles. Rubber soled shoes and rubber tires provide no protection from lightning. However the steel frame of a hard-topped vehicle provides increased protection if you are not touching metal.

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7750 Palm Ave, Highland

Fresno - Local #24-Reg#6

Ed Rogers
559/264-2891

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

Sacramento - Local#25-Reg#2

Gary Haller
916/726-6703

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

Riverside - Local#27-Reg#9

Greg Covell
P.O. Box 7070
Riverside CA 92313
951/522-3434
www.abatelocal27.org

1st Tues - 7:00 PM
American Legion
2979 Dexter Dr, (in Fairmont Park)
Riverside, CA

Lake County - Local#28-Reg#1

Lori Adams
707/245-8036

2nd Thurs - 7:00 PM
Round Table Pizza
821 11th St.
Lakeport 95453

Morongo Basin - Local#29-Reg#10

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

2nd - Thurs - 6:30 PM
Rattlesnake Jakes
51572 29 Palms Hwy
Morongo Valley 92256

North Valley - Local #31-Reg#2

Larry James
530/893-4827

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

Santa Clara Valley - Local #32-Reg#4

Dan Scott
950 Meridan Ave#19
San Jose 95126
408/903-7623

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

Yuba City - Local #33-Reg#2

Steve Katen
530/749-1003

3rd Thurs. - 7:PM
American Legion
5477 Feather River Blvd. Olivehurst

Hanford - Local #34-Reg#6

Meets with Local#24

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

Monterey Bay - Local #35-Reg#4

Call for info 760/956-1669

Palm Springs - Local #36-Reg#10

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

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

Imperial Valley - Local#38-Reg#12

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

Last Thurs - 7:00 PM
SOBE's
1151 S 4th St.
El Centro

Bakersfield - Local#40-Reg#6

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

1st Monday 7:00PM
Mago's Pizza
5700 Stine Rd
Bakersfield

High Desert - Local#44-Reg#13

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

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

Banning - Local #45-Reg#10

Trine Howell
760/323-9860

Call for Meeting Info
67387 Mission Dr.
Cathedral City 92234

Modesto - Local #46-Reg#5

Call for info 760/956-1669

Barstow - Local #47-Reg#13

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

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

Hemet - Local #48-Reg#9

Meet with Local#27

Humboldt County - Local #50-Reg#1

Barbara Kennedy
707/946-2248

4th Wed
Call for meeting place & time

Calaveras County - Local #51-Reg#5

Call for info 760/9561669

Grass Valley - Local#52-Reg#2

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

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

Owens Valley - Local#53-Reg#13

Meet with Local#58

West San Fernando - Local#54-Reg#8

Meet with Local #1

Visalia - Local #57 - Reg#6

Meet with L#24

Ridgecrest - Local #58-Reg#13

Tony Jaime
760/608-1975

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

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

Meet with Local 40 or Local 58

Colfax - Local #60-Reg#2

Larry Burch
530/613-0912

2nd Thurs 7:00 PM
Grand Father's Club house
301 Railroad St., Colfax

Local #61 Shasta County-Redding

Call for info 760-956-1669