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Lobbyist's Legislative Report

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Diem pay of \$640 a week. Then, Governor Brown vetoed the first budget he received from them, saying it was highly questionable with too many gimmicks. With much griping, they were forced by the Governor to pass a slightly more legitimate Budget, which he then signed.

The new Reapportionment maps were adopted on August 15, by the voter-created Redistricting Commission. They will be the districts that all State elected officials will have to run in for the June 2012 Primary Election and runoffs in November.

The Republican Party is threatening to pass *another* initiative to undo the results of the same citizens' redistricting committee their previous initiative created because they don't like the results. **SOUR GRAPES?** Maybe.

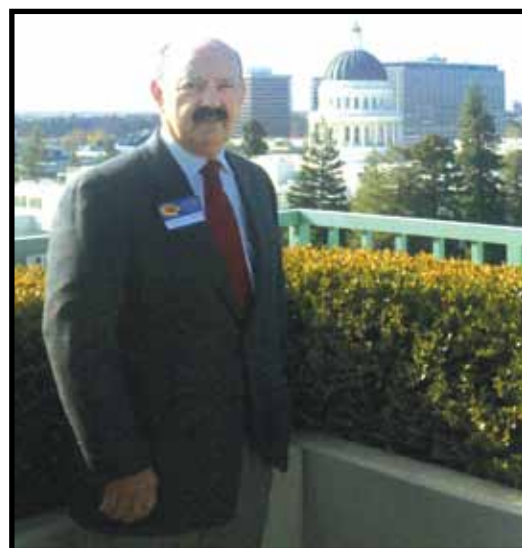
What does this all mean to ABATE, you ask? Well, everyone at every level of elected office will be running in newly-drawn districts. Plus, as a result of another recent proposition, the top two candidates for each office will run against each other, regardless of political party. In some districts (more than you might imagine), a Democrat will run against a Democrat, or a Republican may run against a Republican.

This will give us an unprecedented opportunity to help educate and elect helmet law repeal candidates because they are more likely, as contending candidates, to listen to our side of the issue, instead of simply mouthing a knee-jerk response supporting the helmet law.

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The California Legislature returned August 15, from their first summer recess/vacation in 6 years because for the last six years they have not passed a State Budget by the July 1 deadline! **WHAT WAS DIFFERENT THIS YEAR?**

The voters passed Prop 14 which stopped the Legislators from being paid for their **FAILURE** to pass a Budget on time, Oh, and by the way, they also they did not receive their **TAX FREE** Per

What is ABATE?

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

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

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ABATE Board Elections for 2012-2013

It is getting to be that time again! It's the Even Year Elections, so there are 6 seats to vote in for this term.

The purpose of the Board of Directors is to keep ABATE unified and strong as an effective membership organization that promotes safety and encourages and defends the rights of all motorcyclists.

The State Board has represented Local membership in fairly equal proportions. Similar to a business corporation, the Board relies on volunteers from the membership to provide the most qualified State Officers.

Any current Member may nominate another Member to be placed on the Election Ballot. The nomination must be seconded by another ABATE Member in good standing (current membership). These nominations should be made at any Local meeting during the two months preceding the cutoff date for the October Bailing Wire (September 15, 2011). All candidates are encouraged to submit a biography and picture of themselves to be published in the October issue.

This is YOUR organization and your time to have a say in who runs the ship. The deadline for candidates' names to be submitted to the Bailing.wire@abate.org is September 15, 2011, along with the candidate's statement and a picture of themselves.

The Qualifications to serve on the Board are:

1. A current member of ABATE Of California for a minimum of 1 year.
2. The dedication to promote motorcycle rights and help to build the organization.

The Board Members that ran for the last Even Year Election and are up for re-election, if they so choose are: Greg Covell, Tom Lubbers, Sarge Matthews, Sporty Milligan, Johnny O'Kane and Dave Walsh.

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That's why we need to be ready to **WORK IN SELECTED RACES** to ensure the election of helmet law *Freedom of Choice* candidates. From the initial declarations of candidates for many Assembly, Senate and Congressional races, some of our close friends and supporters will be running against each other, and some of our opponents are gone because their district changed so much.

On a final note — former Assemblyman Richard (Dick) Floyd passed way on August 10. His vindictive crusade against bikers' freedom contributed to the growth and sustainability of ABATE of California and all of the other state Freedom Fighters who fought against the establishment of the helmet law and have struggled, ever since, to repeal it.

It's a shame that Floyd's energy wasn't channeled toward driver awareness of riders and motorcyclist safety training; we'd all be better off now, but that wasn't Dick's confrontational way.

Don't forget it was because of a *previous reapportionment* that "Helmet Law" Floyd ended up running in a new Assembly District against another bad vote for motorcyclists, Assemblyman Dave Elder. I recommended that we support Inglewood City Councilwoman, Juanita McDonald, who was being backed by then-Speaker Willie Brown! The rest is history with Floyd turned out of office by the efforts of politically-motivated Bikers in *the same year* that he passed his helmet law!

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Mission Statement

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

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ABATE 2011 Events**ABATE Of California, Inc web site**www.abate.org/Events

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September 16, 17 & 18 – **ABATE State Run – Frandy Campground; Kernville; (Flyer and Pre-registration form in this issue & on our web site.) Run pins guaranteed to Pre-Registered.**

September 17 – ABATE Local 31Chico; - 70-32 Run; Sign-in 9:00am to 10:30am. Contact Larry James for details 530/893-4827.

October 1 – ABATE Local 3, Thousand Oaks – Third Annual Trivia Tour – (see flyer this issue for details.)

October 9 – ABATE Local 27, Riverside County - 3rd Annual Poker Run; Riverside; Sign-in 9am – 10:30 am. See Flyer this issue for details.

October 15 – ABATE Quarterly Meetings – Sacramento – Details TBA

October 22 – ABATE Local 29 Morongo Valley – 14th Annual Laughlin River Run. For Info/Pre-Reg contact Marty Rapp 760/367-1694 or Thomas Bruce 760/365-9009

October 29 – ABATE Locals 8 & 20 Orange County - 6th Annual Halloween Trick or Treat Run (See flyer this issue for details.)

November 19 – ABATE Local 38 Yuma & Imperial Counties – Annual Turkey Run (See flyer this issue for details.)

December 4 – ABATE Local 19 & Pomona Valley H-D Annual Toy Drive; Details TBA.

December 11 – ABATE Local 1 & Glendale H-D 24th Annual Skid Row Ride (See flyer this issue for details.)

January 9 – 2012 – State Capitol – South Steps (details TBA).

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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LOCAL NEWS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Hello all! Local 1 reporting. As usual the meeting comes after the Bailing Wire deadline to send in the monthly reports, columns etc. This report is to say that Local 1, hopefully, had a decent turnout at the meeting and that the attendees were treated to good information on the various issues of the day.

Local 1 will be manning a booth at the Love Ride (October 23), and will be selling merchandise and, hopefully, memberships as well.

We discussed the new requirements for Locals that are vital to help support the state office. Let's just say that Local 1, hopefully, will be in full swing and be the leader in motorcycle rights. Now that's a tall order, but we will survive. Regards, Sporty.

Local #02 Simi Valley



We have another Sweaty Buns Run behind us, and because Local 2's volunteer core were in full force, we had an excellent day! Thanks to all of the volunteers from Local 2. I know what it took to get this run successful; it was at least an eight month ordeal. From initial talks to this day meant plan, plan and plan some more! It was very evident and a very big thanks to all the officers and committee members.

The list of thanks is very long, from Simi Harley, Ventura Moose Lodge, Ventura Harley, Micah McCloskey's, and all the run stops and all the vendors, thanks to the Live Riders MM for helping out with parking and security!

The weather in Ventura was awesome, the bands, The Original Gumball Factory and The 3 Rivers Band rocked the event till closing time, thanks guys for your awesome music!

Now back to the meeting at hand. This month seemed like vacation time at Local 2, with the great weather we are having, I'd be gone as well. We here at Local 2 hold our meeting on the second Tuesday of every month at VFW Post 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Ave in Simi Valley; meeting starts at 7:30 pm. We serve a great \$5.00 meal with all the fixin's at 6:45 pm. Thanks to the VFW for their hospitality! Thanks to the volunteer cooks Steve, Frank, and Jim, you guys rock!

Pres Ray got us going talking about our SBR, the ups, downs, left and rights, it was all positive and can't wait for next year. Special thanks to our Run Coordinator, Guy, for the great route for our poker run, and the monthly fun rides, I heard from a lot of riders that the route was excellent!

JP, our safety guy, talked about inspecting your bike thoroughly as you detail it, and I agree thoroughly! As an avid Harley rider, finding a loose bolt/nut is highly possible and the best time to go through your bike is when you detail it. Thanks JP! Speaking of JP he won our 50/50 drawing, now he can fill his gas tank! Our membership drawing (the big one) was won by Mickey and he gave it all back to Local 2! Thanks Mickey, you rock!

The one thing I know about our meetings is the camaraderie, especially during our BBQ, there is a lot of talk about life, riding and motorcycles, it's great that in one conversation its shop talk to how's life! To all of our missing members, you need to get into this; this is what ABATE is all about!

Ride safer than your last ride. PTL norm e. new.

Local #06 San Diego



It was a very good meeting at the beginning of August. Good weather and a good turnout. There were quite a few members there, and a goodly amount of visitors. We may have less of a turnout next month, as the meeting will be on Labor Day Weekend, but that could surprise us as well. We will be there.

We discussed red lights that would not turn green for your bike, and towns that were stopping their red-light camera programs. We mentioned how the Federal House and Senate had sent a bill to the President to eliminate motorbikes and

ORVs from CPSIA's Lead Law whose overly restrictive lead-content limits which has practically destroyed the sale of youth OHVs. We discussed the grants given by NHTSA to CA OTS, and then to local police departments. We discussed Allstate insurance's "Once is Never Enough" motorcycle safety program.

We had a batch of hand-out "LOOK" stickers and a bunch of Quick Throttle and Motorcycle Riders Foundation magazines, plus copies of the US Constitution. Also available were flyers from several different runs, and for ABATE's Golden State Rendezvous.

We are starting to move into the political season, and our PAC rep, Douglas Findlay, spoke about our need to volunteer for the politicians that will carry our messages to Sacramento. There is a one day seminar in September dealing with "how to be politically effective" and we need a volunteer to represent Local 6 there. Call John at 619/223-04210 if you are interested. Our Safety Officer discussed several different subjects. The CMSP Advisory Board meeting will happen in Sacramento at the end of this month, and will be attended by Lori Adams, Jean Hughes, and Frank Del Santo.

Our Recording Secretary read out a whole list of upcoming events. Have you checked out our website? Joe Tatro has done a dynamite job! <http://abatelocal6.org>.

The Local 6 meeting is held on the first Sunday of each month at Noon. C'mon Down!

Local #14 Alameda County



Hello everyone! For those who don't know already Local 14 has been going thru some changes. We still have been meeting at the Florence and still going about business as usual without much leadership. It's been hit or miss, and most of the time a miss. But thank you to everyone that continues to attend.

Dennis Stalter was not able to attend due to personal obligations. Last meeting Don Nickolas, Carl Smith, Jeff Powell, Kenny Schwab, Jessie Lane, President Houdini's son and I attended. Thank you all so much for your donations.

Well, not more to talk about. So until we meet again. Ride Safe! Franklin

LOCAL NEWS

Local #19 Pomona Valley

By the time you are reading this, September is here and the first eight months of this year are gone. It keeps going by faster and faster. A lot of folks were gone in July so our meeting was a small one. I was pleased to see that ten people still showed up on our regular date and time. We couldn't conduct any business, but we could still talk about things coming up.

August brought the loss of our very good friend Mark Simone. The past few years Mark has been very active with Local 19 and was always there to help when you needed him. He handled our Merchandise for a while, took pictures everywhere we went, printed cards for us, had banners and signs made, shall I go on? Mark was a very special person and will be missed by all of us.

Thunder In The House is just around the corner now. It will happen soon and help is still needed to put on this event. The money raised will go to Casa Colina Hospital where the care is incredible. Having been a patient there, I can speak from personal experience. I believe the people there are miracle workers. I have never seen a staff more dedicated to their patients. The event is September 10 and, even if you can't volunteer to help, please go to the event and spend a few dollars to help this organization.

Local 19 is also working away to be ready for our Toy Run this year. We do the Toy Run in conjunction with Pomona Valley HOG. We provide a group called Santa Claus, Inc. with toys, bicycles, money and other things in order for some less fortunate children to have a Christmas that would not be possible otherwise. Between the folks at HOG and ABATE, there are a bunch of kids, each year, that have more of a reason to smile at Christmas time. There are a lot of people involved in making this work, but there is a spot for you if you want to be involved. Raffle prizes are always needed and many businesses are willing to donate if you let them know the difference they can make for the kids.

We still have some hot riding weather left. I just bought a hydration vest and it works pretty good. In the past, I just kept a bottle of water close so I could pour some on me while heading down the road. It doesn't matter how you do it, but stay hydrated to be safe on these hot days. Until next time, keep the shiny side up! Ed

Local #20 Orange County



We had 20 in attendance with 2 guests, Joe and Don Puckett. The July 30 Board of Directors meeting was held in Yucaipa and it was a very small turnout. Spike said the biggest event of the year was going to the Capitol to meet with the politicians. MMA sent a large group of people to the Capitol to help us. This is your chance to walk the halls, introduce yourself and shake hands with the politicians that are working in our favor and trying to get other ones to see our points. The May Bailing Wire would have been perfect to hand out to Mr. Solorio and Mr. Norby but it wasn't printed. Gill took great pictures. The Bailing Wire is all about the good things that the Locals are doing. The Bailing Wire is very important to the politicians.

Spike spoke about the Unruh Act. In Texas, it's called the Equal Access Act and it is in force in Texas. Jeff Rabe from MMA is in charge of changing the language in the Unruh Act. All places that won't let you in, we need to hear about it. It will be added to our discrimination list. The more support we have, the louder our voices will be heard. If this happens in 2012, it will mean big changes for us. No more harassment!

The Irwindale Speedway gave the BWSP club free passes for them and their families to use at any time. IWPDP is the culprit that told Speedway that certain clubs, etc. wouldn't be allowed in. Three clubs are definitely not allowed in. The Hessians weren't mentioned. In Pauly's email from Bob Kline of Irwindale Speedway kind of left the letter opened ended when the email stated "etc." – is that for exceptions. Spike went there many years as a VIP with picture ID wearing his usual biker attire and was admitted with no problems. Locals 20 and 8 were just there 2 years ago with our ABATE banner/table and we had our different patch holders from different clubs and no problems then.

Gill made a motion to send \$50 to the Lobbyist fund. The motion was seconded by Pauly. Joe (guest) gave Gill an extra \$50 to match it so \$100 will be sent into the Lobbyist fund. Remember ABATE is a not for profit organization. Squirt is the new Treasurer. Charles Ash would've of been the lucky winner of \$265.

The Halloween Trick or Treat Run is Saturday, October 29 ending at Cook's Corner. We need raffle prizes. Squirt.

Local #21 Antelope Valley



I'm here to report that Glen called and told me that our meeting place was shut down and it was too late to rearrange for this month's meeting so next month we will meet at our old place, the Moose Lodge in Lancaster at 44545 Division Street at 7:00 pm.

One of the Antelope Valley's major characters, Gypsy, and owner of the tattoo shop died at the meeting place last month while she was doing a gig.

Since I won the membership \$250, I'll send some of it into all the funds to squeak by and keep our honor. Thanks to Sporty for pickin the ticket and to Carol for the great phone call (Hi, Tina!). After that call the day went very well.

Help our hospitalized Antelope Valley children! Happenin' HQ 15th Annual Toy run will be held the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 27; from 11 am (poker run starts at 10 am) to 5 pm at the Moose Lodge, 44545 Division Street, Lancaster, CA 93535.

ABATE Local 21 will have a Poker Run at 10 am. Bring an unwrapped new toy donation for Moose Charities and enjoy music, autos, cycles, BBQ, 50/50's, raffles, prizes, gifts and fun for the kids. Bring the family for a great time! For more info call, (661) 942-0104 or <mailto:hhtr@alleygl.org>.

So have a great summer and later Daryl the Plumber

Local #25 Sacramento



For several reasons I have resigned as president of Local 25. I am not quitting ABATE or the fight. AB 695 failed this year when heard in committee by an 8 to 4 vote with 2 not voting. The bill was granted reconsideration and will be heard again in January. When it is heard in committee there will be NO debate, testimony, or discussion. It will be vote ONLY. Unless EVERYBODY gets involved, it will fail again. In the analysis ABATE is the only organization listed in support. There's a list of bullshit associations in opposition.

MMA, BOLT, AIM, NCOM, COC, and COIR should be listed in support, as well as every club in California. The clubs can even break it down to every chapter. Every motorcyclist in California can also register as an individual in support.

LOCAL NEWS

Address support mail to: Chairperson of Assembly Transportation Committee. On LEGINFO.ca.gov you can find info on any bill or legislative member. Send hand written letters to YOUR Assembly person asking them for their support.

Local 25 started a letter writing campaign. The Local supplies pen, paper and envelopes and at each meeting everybody writes a letter and can't leave till they give it to me! I then hand deliver them.

Everything that's done for AB 695 can now be done for AB 1047, just change bill number. You have until November to do this. That's when they will put together Bill Analysis for the January hearing.

Wouldn't it be nice to have pages of support listed instead of just ABATE and (174 Individuals). Don't put this off. Gary Haller

Local #27 Riverside



Local 27 had our trailer and booth set up at the IMS (Inland Motor Speedway) in San Bernardino on August 12. What a blast! This is a location where no matter what you ride, dirt bikes to choppers, or don't even ride; everyone is there to have a noisy, stress free, pleasant evening.

The Board of Directors meeting was July 30. Decisions were made and the pizza was great. A.J. Barrile's treated us wonderfully. Those of you who couldn't make it - 7 southern Locals were not in attendance - no excuse - missed out, but we all have our priorities.

Don't know if we're doing right or not, but Local 27 is growing in size, recognition and influence. You can't grow crops if you don't get out into the field. Several other Locals have been in contact with Local 27 for ideas and help. We encourage every Local to fulfill their obligations to the State ABATE organization and to get out there and help ABATE grow. This takes effort and time. If you are not able or willing to put forth the effort then find someone who is and get out of their way.

Plans are in the works for our Poker Run on October 9. It should be entertaining. Flyers are out and it is on our website. Come and have some fun, pre-register and save \$\$\$.

The State Run is September 16, 17 & 18 and I hope to meet representatives there from every Local in California.

Want to know what's happening here locally? Check our website www.abatelocal27.org. Keep your Eyes Wide Open, Greg Covell, President Local 27, gmcvl@yahoo.com.

Local #29 Morongo Basin

Hi all from ABATE Local 29! We here at Local 29 want to welcome another new member to our group! A great big welcome goes out to Matt Carpenter!

If you missed our last Poker Run, I am really very sorry! You missed a great time! But guess



what? You have another chance at having a great time with Local 29 members and others! There is still time to get into our Poker run at Laughlin at the Aquarius. October 22 is run day! Why not treat yourself and your spouse to a great time and get to meet wonderful people sharing the same interest as you? Come on over and join us! The day is bound to be a great deal of fun for all! We have poker games, a bike run, a bike show and prizes galore!

The Aquarius has even given Local 29 a special room rate per night for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights! Stay one night or more, whatever you want! How much fun can you handle?

See our flyer for details on room rates, codes and early sign ups! Don't have flyer information? Call Marty, president of ABATE Local 29 at 760-367-1694.

So come on down to Laughlin to the Aquarius for the October 22 ABATE Local 29 Poker Run, 20th Anniversary Celebration and all that Laughlin has to offer!

We at Local 29 are still accepting Sponsorships for the bike show at a rate of \$25.00 each and donations for raffle prizes, so please, if you're are interested in either please call Marty at 760-367-1694.

As usual, a word on safety! Please do NOT forget to checkout that bike from one end to the other before getting on it to ride! Tire pressure is a must and please stay hydrated! Carry water with you! Ride carefully! The life you save may be your own! See you next month at the Laughlin Run! Miss Lou.

Local #33 Yuba City

Sure hope y'all are getting ready to fight for our bills in the coming months! Do not wait till the hearing day, January 9, we need to be flooding the phone lines, sending letters and e-mails to our Assembly Members as well as to the Transportation Committee Members; Bonnie Lowenthal is the Chairperson. You can find all the latest information you need at www.leginfo.ca.gov on AB 1047 and AB 695. If you want your freedoms back, you need to take the time and effort to fight for them!

Local 33 will be having a joint meeting with MMA Division 1 on Tuesday, October 4, at the American Legion Post #807, 5477 Feather River Blvd in Olivehurst (95961) at 7 pm. Please join us to hear our guest speakers. It should be a lively and informative meeting. We will have letters available to sign and send to your Assembly Members encouraging them to support our bills.

It's obvious the economy is still bad by the lack of participation at the recent events. Several

major events are diminished or gone altogether. Many MRO runs have been poorly attended. The M/C's are trying hard to support one another, but the loss of income, homes and bikes puts a huge damper on the party attitude. Hopefully, we will work together as Americans to raise each other up rather than tear each other down. Just do your best to support what you can and remember those MROs, like ABATE, that work without pay to fight for our Biker Rights.

Alright, I'm gonna get off my soapbox. Hope to see more of you on the road. Take care of your Sisters and Brothers. With respect, Grumbles.

Local #52 Grass Valley

It's been a while since we have aired our Local in the Bailing Wire, but yeah Local 52 is still here! Membership is down, volunteerism is down; consequently we had to cancel our annual Mystery Run this year, but we are still having fun, and trying to contribute to the cause.

July saw Pres Steve and wife, Wendy, at the Grandfather's annual swap meet and bikini bike wash in Colfax. We set up a booth full of take-off parts donated by local shops and members. Special thanks to Two Gunners, R&H Motorsports and 49er Auto Repair for their innumerable parts. Well we sat there for 7 hours talking to folks, watching the girls and stuff, and oh yeah; selling parts. A contingent of Sisters of Scotsa darn near wiped us out of 'Cooldanas.' We ended up making \$380.00 net for our efforts, all of which we sent to the State.

We'll be doing another swap meet in October hosted by The Renegade in Grass Valley. We will keep you informed so you too can get cool stuff for your ride.

Wendy and I took a ride to Beaver, Utah with a contingent of the Holcomb Brothers Band over the July 4th weekend. Hwy 50 through Nevada was beautiful and the weather was very kind to us. No wind, moderate temps and only one thunderstorm to ride through. Partied real hard for several days in S. Utah, the highlight of which was Wendy, Jen and Debbie being ejected from the only bar in Beaver just before they did bodily harm to some construction workers. I am so proud of my girl!

Two new members have joined us in the fight for our rights, Tim Sullivan and Mark Nagafuchi. We welcome them both. Steve Shoemaker, President, Local 52.

Local #60 Colfax

Hi all,

Local 60, The Colfax Crew, had a great time at our meeting on 8/11/11. We invite any and all to attend future meetings on the second Thursday of each month at the Grand Fathers M/C Club house in Colfax. We thank the Grand Fathers for being our host and their continued support.

We proposed an A.B.A.T.E. booth to be set up for the first annual Rocking Rollins bike and car show to promote public awareness and enlist new members. So come out and see us enjoy a Grand Father world famous steak taco for just a buck and let's have some fun protecting our freedoms. Larry

Pac/Lobbyist Report

by Dave Hastings, Treasurer

September is here and we should all be enjoying the colors, textures, and beauty of California's gentle transition into what we call winter here on the west coast. Granted, some areas are harsher than others, but most of California allows us the opportunity to ride year round. With that said, ABATE needs your support year round also. We protect your "right to ride" on a daily basis and you should be riding with us. Don't put your motorcycle or ABATE in storage this year - treasure the solitude and beauty of unexplored roads and enjoy a lifetime of memories with your ABATE of California friends.

Our Regional Rally is back on track and staged a very successful event this year. We had a new location, our members and guests had a great time, and even in these tough financial times, they managed to turn a larger profit. "Thank You" for the donation to both our Lobbyist and General funds! As I said last month, we are scrupulously utilizing every penny we receive and the Regional Rally Committee's donation will help immensely.

And lest I forget, "Thank You" to every individual member and Local who made either a direct contribution to one of our funds or contributed to the success of one of our ABATE events. We all benefit from your individual contributions and hard work. You really are phenomenal; now please help us make the upcoming State Run in Kernville just as successful!

Did you take the time to go "political



fishing" last month? If you haven't a clue what I'm talking about, go to our web site and read my August column again. With reapportionment we probably have the best shot in years to influence the outcome of some of our upcoming elections. Please take the time to get involved and make a difference in California.

Our Lobbyist, Jim Lombardo, will be giving us a "call to action" soon and ABATE will need your help in some of the upcoming election races. Be prepared and be ready, the fun will start soon and ABATE is your fishing license, so grab your tackle box and head to your local political lake and reel one in for us. Remember, every political friend we have benefits our cause and strengthens our political clout. It doesn't matter if you live in "Smallville" or Sacramento, ABATE needs your help and influence with your local politicians and their office staff. Make those contacts now and our job will be much easier down the road when it really counts.

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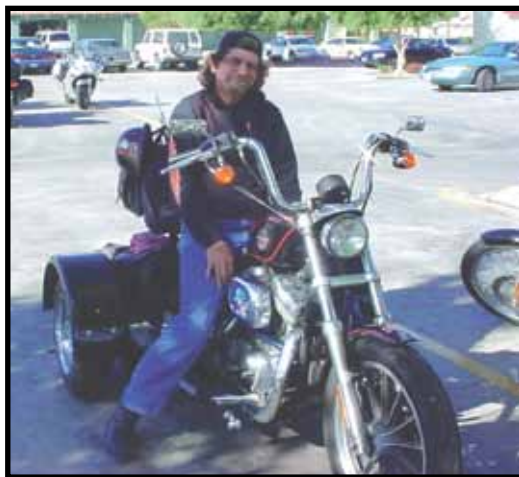
by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan

Hi all! Sporty here with the latest in toilet seat reading. I have been told that some of you have been late to work because you could not put my article down! I am authorizing a pull-out tardy excuse to give to your bosses. Just bring the Bailing Wire to work and show them my column and - BAM! - you will be excused. (The preceding was a paid advertisement for "Get out of being late excuses" by yours truly, Sporty Milligan.)

Now back to the important stuff. July 26 was the date for the Sweaty Bun's run put on by ABATE Local 2 of Simi Valley. Our portion of the run started from McCloskey's off Sherman Way in Canoga Park. I had emailed the Local 1 membership and it was determined that those who were going to ride would meet at Henry's restaurant, a block from the starting point, McCloskey's.

The following crew showed up at Henry's: Steve B, Glen C, Bob Warren and his faithful pal Ode aka Dale Ferrens. The starting place, McCloskey's, was closed but the sign-in booth was in front of the shop. There was another run which Micah elected to sponsor, too bad. Ok, we left and proceeded to go to check point two, Simi Valley HD, where we got a treat - a one day discount on merchandise or parts! Sweet! I bought a mirror for my 2002 883 that I was riding that day.

Again I had the tank bag with the map thingy so I am leading the motley crew. Fun stuff. Let's just say the that we got slightly off track and did not make it to the Hat bar check point, but made it to the final destination, an Elks Lodge in Ventura where we were treated to a hot dog or hamburger lunch. Not bad. They had bike games and my favorite was the helmet toss into a garbage can. Good stuff. I won a few rounds in the slow race, but did not win a trophy; had fun, never the less. They had raffle prizes, but you did not know what they were because they were hidden in brown bags.



My crew had fun and is looking forward to another one next year. Thank's to the wonderful bunch of folks at Local 2 for putting on a fun event. Now if they can just find a venue to host a Board meeting that would be swell. Only time will tell on that score.

The next week was spent on preparing on getting ready for the third quarterly Board meeting in Yucaipa. OK, the ride to the motel in Redlands was not that bad and the 2007 1200 L Sporty is still doing the job nicely. Board members spent the night at the Good Night Inn in Redlands because we had a pre-Board meeting to be sure we had our collective stuff together for the meetings the following day in Yucaipa. I will not bore you with the meeting per se, except to say we're making changes to improve the quality of ABATE life at the home office. So be prepared for that.

We had the first phase of the membership Drive, the drawing for the \$250.00 winner of the raffle. We do this to fund the whole membership drive cost free. Carol informs me that we have

all the money to cover our membership drive expenses cost free, so for that I thank you. The winner was Daryl the plumber from Local 21! Congrats to Daryl. Surprise! The meetings did not last as long as I thought it would, so we went out early.

Note: I am up for election again and I am running again. I think I have earned your right to put up with me for another 2 years.

Ok, one other political note: Be prepared to help us in the lobbying efforts. Go see the Assembly Transportation committee members, the ones in your area, to determine their feelings on AB 695 and AB 1047 because the bill will be heard possibly on January 9, 2012.

Well after saying my bye-byes, I headed back home. Stopped at Quaid HD and dropped off State run flyers, then stopped at Laidlaws HD and dropped off more flyers and finally stopped at Glendale HD to drop off State run flyers as well. Sure hope you folks can be at the State run on September 16, 17 & 18 in Kernville at the Frandy Camp grounds. Of course I will be there.

One final note: August 13 we had a memorial tribute to our departed Local 1 member, Lana O'Brien. Her daughter, Laurie, arranged the memorial to be held at Tim & Lana's home in Studio City. It was a very nice tribute to one fine Lady, Lana. Attending from Local 1 was Jim Nickla, Steve B and, a lady friend and me, Sporty. Attending from Local 20 were Linda and Dan. Lana was the best person to help with our Local 1 events. She will be missed and loved by all who knew her. God Bless her.

Well that's it till next time. Support ABATE events before all others. Regards, Sporty.

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COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

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PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNS REPEAL OF KIDS' MOTORCYCLE BAN: President Barack Obama signed a bipartisan consumer safety bill on August 12 that exempts youth-sized motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) from the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) of 2008 that bans children's products that contain lead.

H.R. 2715, introduced by U.S. Representatives Mary Bono Mack (R-CA) and G.K. Butterfield (D-NC), passed near-unanimously in the House 421-2 on Aug. 1 and was approved by unanimous consent by the Senate later that day. The measure excludes kids' off-road vehicles from the overly-broad CPSIA lead certification rules, which previously prohibited their sale due to lead content of components such as batteries and brakes.

"This law is a win-win for American consumers and the American economy," said Congresswoman Bono Mack, "and I thank the President for signing this critically important bill into law."

Be sure to contact your federal legislators and thank them for rectifying the onerous "Lead Law" bike ban, and for supporting the rights of millions of off-road enthusiasts and future motorcyclists.

ABATE OF MICHIGAN REQUESTS YOUR IMMEDIATE ACTION: This urgent Call To Action is on behalf of ABATE of Michigan, requesting the help of all motorcyclists in their fight for freedom.

"Senate Bill 291 passed the Michigan Senate in late June," writes ABATE President Vince Consiglio. "We are asking all rights activists to send a post card to Michigan's Governor, Rick Snyder, urging him to support motorcycle helmet choice for adults."

Consiglio further advises that; "A postcard from a 'FREE' state may help him realize that Michigan loses motorcycle money every day of the summer with a mandatory helmet law. Governor Snyder prides himself on being all about business and helping business. Please urge Governor Snyder to support adult choice." MAIL to: Governor Rick Snyder, State Capital, P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, MI 48909 or call (517) 373-3400 or e-mail Rick.Snyder@michigan.gov.

Michigan is one of 20 states with a mandatory helmet law for all riders, but before the state legislature broke for the summer the Senate voted 24-14 on June 28th to repeal their 40-year old helmet requirement for motorcyclists 21 or older, who have been riding for at least two years or passes a safety test, and have \$100,000 in personal injury insurance. A sunset provision would cause the ban on helmetless riding to resume in five years, unless the legislature acts again. The heavily-amended measure now moves to the House of Representatives for further action.



NHTSA (AGAIN) PUSHES HELMET LAWS: NHTSA Administrator David Strickland has testified once again before a Congressional committee urging federal action to get motorcyclists to wear helmets. On July 27, during a reauthorization hearing on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Strickland told a subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation that "the most important step we can take to reduce the deaths of motorcyclists on our roads and highways is to assure that all riders wear a DOT compliant helmet."

He further stated that, "A grant program emphasizing the use of motorcycle helmets would be effective in reducing fatalities."

Last year, in response to Congressional testimony from Strickland that increased helmet use is the core component of NHTSA's motorcycle safety plan, U.S. Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) introduced a resolution urging NHTSA to concentrate on motorcycle crash prevention and rider education instead of lobbying for helmet laws.

U.S. MOTORCYCLE MARKET RESEARCH: Research and Markets, a worldwide marketing research resource, has announced the addition of the "Motorcycle Dealers" report to their offering of over 718,000 global marketing research reports, which covers nearly 4,300 motorcycle-related stores in the United States with combined annual revenue of \$18 billion.

According to their industry research, no major companies dominate; most companies have a single retail outlet, "The industry is highly fragmented: the 50 largest companies generate just 10 percent of industry sales," states the report.

Under the "Competitive Landscape" heading, the R&M report says: "Discretionary personal income and interest rates drive demand, since mo-

torcycles are high-ticket purchases and often financed. The profitability of individual companies depends on volume and sales of higher-margin goods like heavyweight motorcycles. Large dealers have advantages in broad inventory selections and negotiating power with manufacturers. Small dealers can compete effectively by providing superior customer service or offering unique services, like bike customization."

The report further observes that, "Major competitors include private market sellers, other recreational vehicle dealers, service center chains, and independent service shops."

Other key topics include: Industry Overview, Business Challenges & Trends, Industry Forecast & Opportunities, and Products, Operations & Technology:

For those in the motorcycle industry or starting a motorcycle business, or interested in better understanding the two-wheel marketplace, check them out at www.researchandmarkets.com.

R&M has also conducted numerous other motorcycle-oriented marketing reports, including a Global Industry Guide and a Global Motorcycle Report, which examines market conditions across Western Europe, North America as well as key emerging countries such as China and India.

NEW REPORT REVEALS THAT 1 IN 7 DRIVERS ARE UNINSURED: Summer is the time for road trips, long motorcycle rides and making those daily back-and-forth trips to run household errands. Chances are drivers will not be involved in a vehicle accident during these travels, but everyone likely will be involved in at least one motor vehicle accident in his or her lifetime.

Across the United States, chances are roughly one in seven that a driver is uninsured, according to estimates released in April from the Insurance Research Council. The economic downturn is thought to be a major factor in the increase of uninsured motorists, with approximately 13.8% of U.S. drivers being uninsured in 2009 despite laws in most states requiring drivers to maintain minimum coverage.

In a new study, "Uninsured Motorists, 2011 edition," the IRC estimates the percentage of uninsured drivers countrywide and in individual states for 2008 and 2009 based on the number of uninsured motorist insurance claims versus the number of bodily injury claims.

In 2009, the five states with the highest uninsured driver estimates were Mississippi, 28%; New Mexico, 26%; Tennessee, 24%; Oklahoma, 24%; and Florida, 24%.

The five states with the lowest uninsured driver estimates were Massachusetts, 4.5%; Maine, 4.5%; New York, 5%; Pennsylvania, 7%; and Vermont, 7%.

The moral? Protect yourself by making sure you're fully covered, with Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist coverage included in your insurance policy!

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SAFEST STATES TO RIDE: According to a statistical analysis from TheStreet.com financial website, the safest state to ride in is North Dakota, with a fatality rate nearly a third the national average, low levels of congestion and high quality road surfaces.

In an article "The Safest States for Motorcycles" in the August 1st Business Section, writer Greg Emerson points out that, "The truth is that motorcycle riding is up. Way up. Between 1996 and 2005, motorcycle registrations increased 61% while vehicle miles traveled of motorcycles grew only 8.6%, according to the Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration. That means a lot of new riders, riding not very far or not very often."

In an effort to "help keep all those weekend warriors looking to get on a bike and go riding from losing their heads, we looked at the most recent fatality data -- from 2009 -- to determine which states were the safest for the aspiring Evel Knievels among us. We ranked all 50 states and the District of Columbia to see which ones had the smallest proportion of motorcycle deaths as a proportion of total traffic deaths."

Half of the states fall below the national average of 15.4%, and half above. Here are the 10 states with the lowest ratio of rider fatalities:

Tenth-safest: Vermont - Motorcyclist fatalities: 68; Proportion of total vehicle deaths: 11.8%

Eighth-safest (tie): Virginia - Motorcyclist fatalities: 671; Proportion of total vehicle deaths: 11.5%

Eighth-safest (tie): Kentucky - Motorcyclist fatalities: 745; Proportion of total vehicle deaths: 11.5%

Seventh-safest: Missouri - Motorcyclist fatalities: 806; Proportion of total vehicle deaths: 10.8%

Sixth-safest: Wyoming - Motorcyclist fatalities: 129; Proportion of total vehicle deaths: 10.1%

Fifth-safest: Alabama - Motorcyclist fatalities: 776; Proportion of total vehicle deaths: 9.8%

Fourth-safest: West Virginia - Motorcyclist fatalities: 334; Proportion of total vehicle deaths: 7.5%

Third-safest: Mississippi - Motorcyclist fatalities: 632; Proportion of total vehicle deaths: 7.4%

Second-safest: Nebraska - Motorcyclist fatalities: 211; Proportion of total vehicle deaths: 7.1%

Safest: North Dakota - Motorcyclist fatalities: 135; Proportion of total vehicle deaths: 5.2%

HELMET AND ACOUSTICS RESEARCH COULD QUIET THE RIDE: After accelerating, most of the sound that a rider can hear isn't from the bike engine or other vehicles on the road, but from the air rushing over and around their helmet. Noise levels inside a helmet can reach rock-concert levels when traveling at highway speeds, and a group of engineers and psychologists from two U.K. universities have gathered to study how to minimize helmet noise to protect riders from hearing damage and reduce the potential distraction that noise poses to riders.

Their research paper, which has been accepted for publication by The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America, says that riders experience noise from multiple sources. First is the engine noise, which is a relatively insignificant factor once riders accelerate to highway speeds. Audible wind noise can reach volumes as high as 115 decibels or more, roughly equivalent to what power saw operators without ear protection would hear. OSHA recommends limiting such exposure to 15 minutes or less per day. Turbulent air buffeting off the motorcycle windshield is another source of noise, as is air rushing around the chin bar of the helmet.

There's another type of sound experienced by riders, called body conducted sound. Aboard a motorcycle, this process transmits engine vibrations and the percussive force of the wind through the flesh and bone to the ear. Earplugs don't stop it, and it can be significant.

Another topic under investigation by the Bath group is how sound impacts attention, and one experiment measured how different volumes of sound impaired a test subject's peripheral vision.

While riders and others recognize that noise can be a serious health issue, many U.S. jurisdictions prohibit the use of earplugs or other noise-reducing devices. One long road trip could take a rider through numerous changes in local laws.

NIGERIA BANS MOTORCYCLES IN TERROR-STRUCK CITY: Officials in Maiduguri, Nigeria's seventh largest city and capital of north-eastern Borno State, has banned motorbikes in a bid to curb militant activities borne on the backs of these ubiquitous vehicles.

Motorcycles and Okada (motorcycle taxis) are the predominant mode of transportation in the mostly impoverished city, and members of the Motorcycle Transport Union have protested the ban on their livelihood, but the Borno State government is desperate to crack down on Boko Haram, an extremely orthodox Islamist sect that is seeking to overthrow the secular government in favor of a Muslim state. The terrorist group has become known for brazen public attacks conducted while riding motorbikes, and has killed at least 40 people including police officers and politicians in drive-by motorbike attacks.

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Membership

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan,
Membership Chairman

Greetings all! This is your membership report for the month. Hope you're getting me some new members, keeping up with the renewals and trying to get new business members!

We're at a crossroads where we are not keeping up the membership and I am at a loss as to how to break this trend. I am asking the Presidents of the Locals to help me out by getting your Local Membership chair to help me out with suggestions on how they go about retaining their memberships - THE RENEWALS. Our Board member, Gill Mellen, emailed an article to the Local Presidents about retaining members, even in challenging times. It talks about how to keep your members with perks (trinkets), how to recruit new members and talks about giving business an option - which we do with our various programs for our business members.

How you treat the members of your Local will ultimately determine if they are going to be yearly renewals. Do your best to see that each member's concerns are met with a good spirit of cooperation. This will go a long way in retaining your renewals.

As always, please support the mother ship, our state office, by making sure your Treasurer does the quarterly reports. There are other simple things that all the Locals must do to insure they remain active and keep their membership going.

If you have questions, please e mail me at my new email address sportymilligan@yahoo.com.

Regards, Sporty, your Membership chair.

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"Thank You" to everyone who has dug into their pockets and responded to our "Annual Appeal" for funding. We are going to do our best to list all of our donors and if we leave you off of our list please contact Carol at our State Office or Dave Hastings and we will get your name on next month's list.

Because all of the donations are sent directly to the ABATE State Office first, and then segregated to the designated fund, Dave Hastings & I decided to combine the names of all the Members that have sent in donations regardless of which fund they ultimately went to. So, if you donated to the PAC, the Lobbyist or the General fund, the donation went to that account.

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The Southern Regional Rally!!; Local 27 & Local 29 events. Thank YOU!!

Every year we mail the "appeal" letter asking for money from our Members, and every year the response we receive has been very heart warming. The words "thank you" just seems so trivial, but until some other words can convey our gratefulness for your donations, it will have to do.

So "Thank You" to one and all! And please, if you haven't donated yet, save that letter and please try to! If you missed the letter you can also mail your donation to: ABATE of CA; 10240 7th Ave; Hesperia, CA 92345-2631. Write in the memo which fund you would like to donate to.

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Johnny O'Kane (Local 22);
Bart & Wendy Perry, (Local 6);
David "Deacon" Phillips, (Founder of ABATE of CA.)

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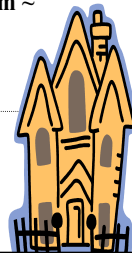
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LOCAL OBLIGATIONS and RESPONSIBILITIES

There are certain obligations and responsibilities that each Local must fulfill so the State Office and Board of Directors may work for ABATE as a whole, and still complete the functions and maintain the records required for our organization in a timely manner. We currently have 57 Locals statewide and of those 24 Locals have been on an "inactive" status for quite some time. We, the Board of Directors, have made the decision to close all "inactive" Locals statewide. This will leave us with 33 "active" Locals in California. Currently we have "compliance" issues with 17 of those 33 "active" Locals.

Please take a moment to read the following letter being sent to each individual member of a Local that will be placed in a "closed" status. In addition, a "non-compliance" letter will be sent to the President of each Local with a "compliance" issue. This policy was discussed at our July, 2011 Board Meeting, and was approved by the Presidents in attendance, the individual Local members present, and your ABATE Board of Directors. If you as an individual member or your Local needs any other information or help with these items please contact any member of your Board of Directors or our State Office for assistance.

Sincerely,
Board of Directors
ABATE of California

who wish to retain all of their membership rights and privileges, but did not want to be assigned to a single, or particular, Local.

Local #00 members are some of our most devoted members and are free to attend meetings wherever they choose in California. If you are already attending meetings with another Local you can transfer your membership to that specific Local by contacting our State Office and requesting the transfer.

Either way, the ABATE Board of Directors would like to commend you for staying current with your membership and continuing to support our cause, even after "your" Local closed. You are a true "Freedom Fighter" in every sense of the word and the fact that you have continued your support, albeit alone, is remarkable. If you are interested and have enough members to return your Local to an "active" status we will be more than happy to assist you. In addition, the State Office will keep your Local # available for future reactivation.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact any member of your ABATE Board of Directors or your State Office. Again, "Thank You" for your loyalty and continued membership while dealing with the extenuating circumstances you have endured. We are confident that you now have some viable options to become active again with ABATE of California and are looking forward to your continuing support.

Sincerely,
Board of Directors
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LOCAL CLOSURE

ABATE of California appreciates you and the individual members of your Local and would like to say "Thank You" for your dedication and hard work benefiting our motorcycle rights issues in California. However, there are certain obligations and responsibilities that each Local must fulfill so the State Office and Board of Directors may work for ABATE as a whole, and still complete the functions and maintain the records required for our organization in a timely manner. The Local you belong to is inactive and for accounting and insurance liability reasons the ABATE Board of Directors has voted to close all inactive Locals statewide. We appreciate your loyalty to ABATE and sincerely need your continued support. We will be moving your membership to Local #00 which was set up for individual ABATE members

these obligations and responsibilities are as follows:

(1) **Officers.** After every Local election, a list of all Local Officers must be sent to the State Office.

(2) **Local Information.** The Local President must provide the current Local address, contact information, and meeting time and location.

(3) **Memberships.** Memberships must be processed in a timely manner by forwarding membership applications and dues to the State Office as quickly as possible.

(4) **Treasury.** A treasury report must be completed and forwarded to the State Office on a Quarterly basis.

(5) **Financial support of ABATE of California funding accounts.** Every Local is expected to do their best to support the very organization they petitioned to become part of.

(6) In addition there may be other obligations and responsibilities that every Local may be required to perform to ensure that ABATE of California operates as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

Currently your Local is "Out of Compliance" with the State Office because of:

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You have 90 days to comply with this request. If you fail to comply your Local will be placed on a "Probationary Status" and face possible closure for "Non-Compliance" after a performance and participation review has been completed by the ABATE Board of Directors.

If your Local needs help complying with this issue please contact the State Office ASAP and we will be happy to assist you in any way possible. We realize that this organization is run by dedicated volunteers and sometimes items are forgotten, misplaced, or inadvertently, that a volunteer never received training for their specific job duties and responsibilities. ABATE needs your help with this matter and we are willing to provide your Local with any help that may be needed. Again, please contact the State Office if you need assistance in any way, shape, or form, and we will do our best to resolve this issue as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,
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NON-COMPLIANCE

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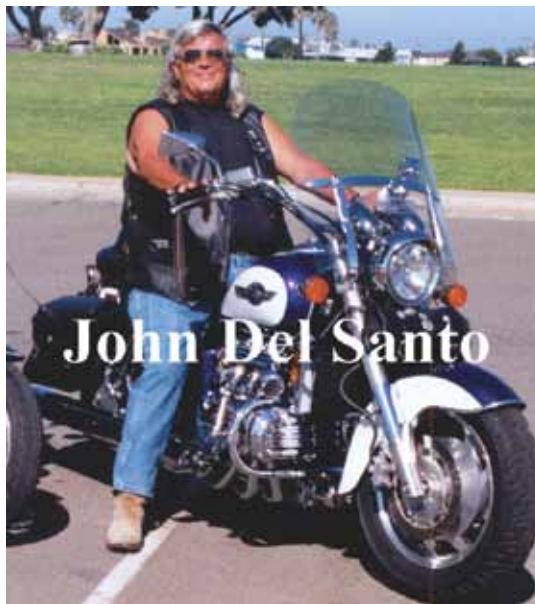
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A Near Miss or a Near Hit?

by John Del Santo

"That guy ran the red light and almost killed me! My light was green I had the right of way!" I didn't? That driver was supposed to yield the right of way to me, but if he doesn't, then I don't HAVE the right of way! The National Safety Council describes 'Defensive Driving' as "driving to save lives, time and money despite the conditions around you, and the actions of others." Another favorite of the National Safety Council describes an 'accident' as "when a tornado hits town and carries off your garage. Whereas a 'collision' is what happens when a motor vehicle hits something."

Whose fault is the collision? 'Fault' or 'blame' are words used by lawyers, not by safety professionals. That's because investigation reports show that most traffic crashes have driver error as their number one cause. Instead, we will become better riders if we think about preventability. The National Safety Council describes a 'Preventable Collision' as "one in which the driver(s) failed to do everything reasonable to prevent it." If I am involved in a collision and if there was ANYTHING I might have done differently to change the outcome of the collision: Was I checking left-right-left as I approached each side-street? Was I maintaining a full following distance, expecting the worst from the drivers around me and maintaining my escape



routes? If there was ANYTHING I could have done differently and did not, then I am partially responsible for that collision. The insurance companies call that 'contributory negligence'. In other words, if the other guy came through a stop sign and hit me, BUT there was plenty of visibility, why didn't I notice that this car was not slowing down as he approached the stop sign? And the insurance company might 'charge' the other car with 90% of the collision, and me with 10%. Or at an uncontrolled intersection, the chargeability might depend on which vehicle hit which vehicle, and where did they hit them, front,


middle or rear.

The reason insurance companies use this gobbledygook terminology, is so they can try to find a way to bail out, and avoid responsibility for their client's actions, so they can avoid paying for the collision. By the same token, if we go around trying to duck any responsibility after we are involved in a collision or close call i.e. "That idiot pulled right out without looking", "It's that dummy's fault he looked right AT me and didn't SEE me", then we are trying to lay the blame totally on someone else, and we are doomed to repeat our involvement in the next collision. You have heard that type of person talking, "Yes, I've had 13 accidents, but only one of them was my fault." Whereas someone who rides defensively would consider, "Was I being observant enough? Should I have expected that driver to make that move? Traffic was getting a bit heavy, could I have used a bit more following distance? I have a cold; will I need more reaction time than usual? Was I in that guy's blind spot? Even though that driver messed up BIG TIME .was there anything reasonable that I could have done to prevent the collision?" THEN we are using the situation as a learning experience!

"What doesn't kill me should make me a smarter rider."

Thanks to the National Safety Council for the use of their terminology in this non-profit article.

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NEEDED - Freedom Fighter nominees for 2011!!!!

This one is a tough one because Most Locals if not all, have at least one outstanding person in their midst that deserves to receive the state-wide recognition of what they have been doing all year long to promote and protect the rights of motorcycling in California.

So what we need by the 15th of September is your nominees name, a brief reason (400 words or less) describing why they deserve the Freedom Fighter for the year 2011 Award, and a picture of the nominee is helpful too, (oftentimes, Members have facial recognition and not names).

Send this information to Bailing.wire@abate.org — in a word document and the picture in a jpg file. Again it MUST BE IN by the 15th of September.

Board Meeting Pics Pics by Gill Mellen



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Last time we talked a bit about the quality of modern oils and diffused some of the misinformation on the synthetic versus fossil oil debate. Now we can dive into some of the technical aspects.

At the risk of stating the obvious, different oils are formulated for different applications. In the realm of motor oils, there is a significant difference between automotive and motorcycle products. Even more so between air cooled and water cooled engines. The most significant difference is in the additive package. These are chemicals, minerals, and other products that tailor the oil to the application. Air cooled engines have much greater operating temperature fluctuations

than their water cooled counterparts. Higher levels of zinc, phosphorus, and molybdenum ensure film barrier protection even when the temperatures threaten the oil's performance.



Moving on to temperatures, how hot is too hot? In a water cooled vehicle, when the coolant reaches its boiling point, we can easily conclude that the temperature is too hot. What's the "red flag" in an air cooled bike? Modern V-Twins run extremely hot due to stringent EPA requirements, which dictate very lean air/fuel mixtures. Oil temperatures in older engines (in the HD world, Evolution and older models) hovered in the 180-200 degree area. It's not uncommon for the Twin Cams to run in the 210-230 degree region. That's pretty hot, but not overheating per se. Fossil oils begin breaking down almost immediately in what is considered normal operating temperatures, but at 260 degrees rapid break down begins. At this point it's time to shut down and let things cool off. Going back to our discussion on the fossil oil

versus synthetic, breakdown occurs much later with synthetic.

At this point, a quick snap shot explanation on multi-grade oils is in order. An oil formulated as 10w-40 is no thicker than 10 weight oil under winter (10w) conditions, meaning below freezing. The 40 means it is no thinner than 40 weight oil at 212° Fahrenheit. So, the first number tells us the performance of the oil at or below the temperature of freezing water, and the second number tells us the performance at the temperature of boiling water. The chemicals added to the oil to accomplish this are called Viscosity Index Improvers (VIIs). Expanding on this anymore would be like watching grass grow, or paint dry. You get the point!

Lastly, follow your bike manufacturer's recommendation for type and viscosity. Fossil oils for Harley-Davidson Big Twins are all different for the engine, transmission, and primary. There are a few synthetic oils that are formulated to run in all three systems in Harley-Davidson Big Twins. They are wet clutch compatible (suitable for primary fluid), resist shear (transmission), and of course can be run in the engine. Remember that the venerable Sportster shares its transmission and primary fluid, so there are fluids designed specifically for that application (Sporttrans, etc.).

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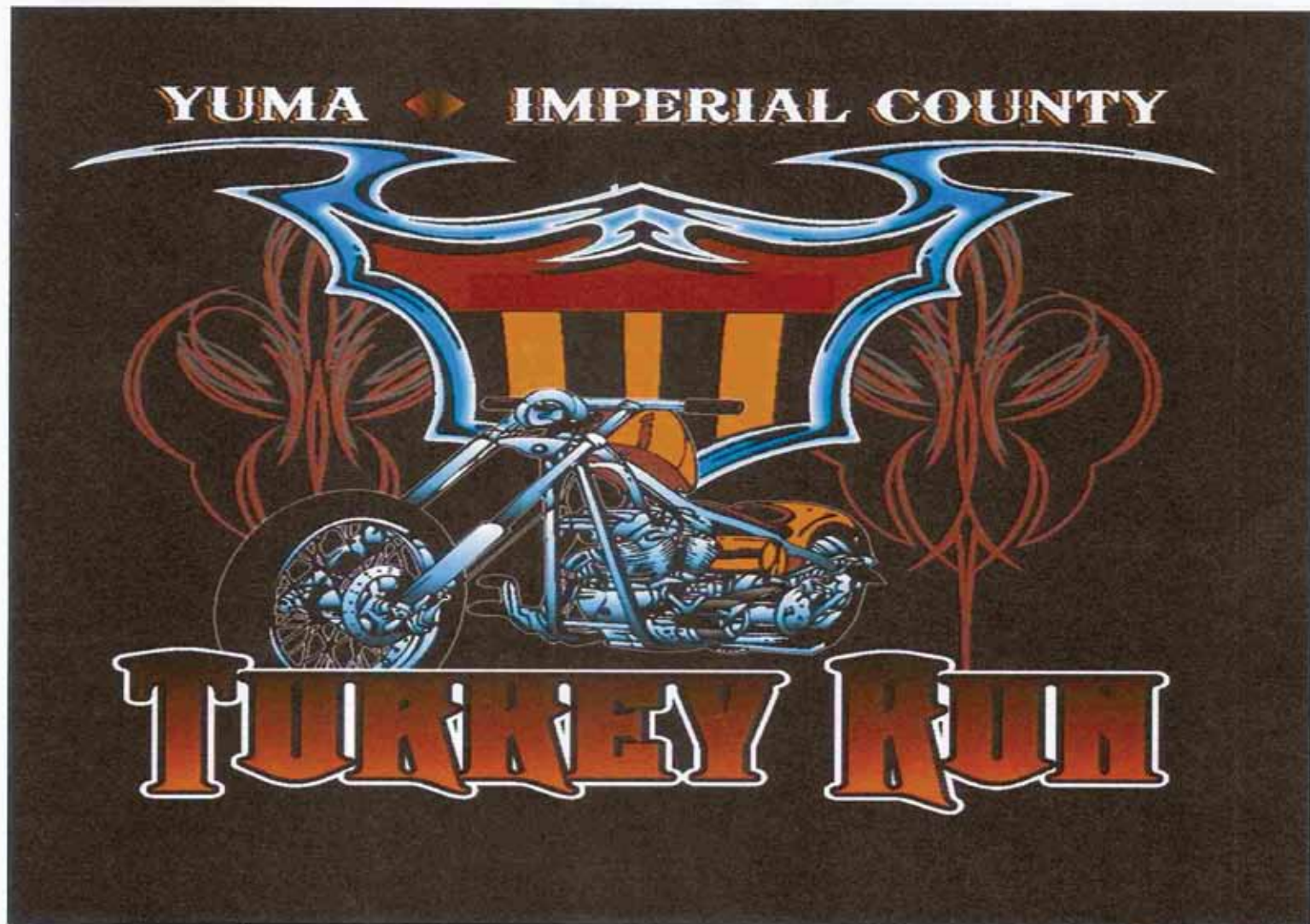
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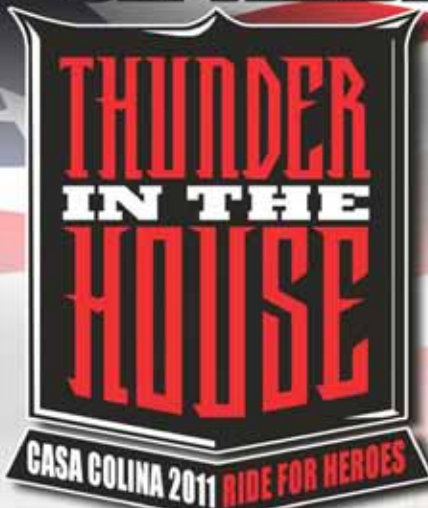
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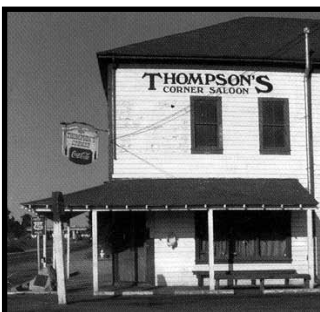
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