

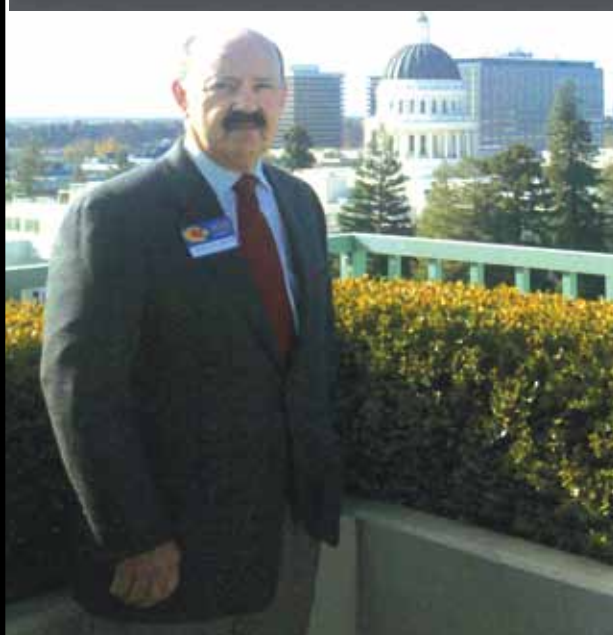
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by James Lombardo,
Lobbyist

WOW! What a month of April it was in the Capitol! First the final Draft of the proposed Lane Splitting guidelines!

As the designated ABATE voting member, I attended the April 12th CMSP Advisory Committee meeting at the CHP Training Academy in West Sacramento, along with the AMA, MMA, CMDA (my son, James Lombardo Jr., Designated Voting Member), OTS and Caltrans representatives. There were about 20 members from the public, ABATE Board Chairman and Local 17 President, Glenn Phillips, attended as well as ABATE members Bill & Paula McBride.

The rider groups unanimously supported 15 mph speed faster than traffic flow, and no lane splitting over 50 mph guidelines. The draft guidelines proposed by the CHP were 10/15 and 40/50 guidelines. The proposal now goes to Commissioner Farrow for his final decision. The best estimate for his decision is early May. Since May is Motorcycle Awareness Month, this is a good timeframe.

There will be an \$800,000 media promotion of the new guidelines and educating of the DRIVING PUBLIC on how to co-exist and share the

lanes with US RIDERS! The DMV offices will promote lane splitting with posters and brochures and questions on all drivers' written tests. None of this could be done until AB 51 by Assemblyman Quirk became law.

AB 1027 by Assemblyman Acosta will allow riders without a motorcycle license endorsement to take any of the CMSP/Total Control motorcycle safety classes and receive their DL 389 DMV waiver form. Thus, they will avoid taking the infamous DMV LOLLIPOP test to get their license. The bill will be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee soon, then to the floor for a vote. After that, it goes to the Senate for further action.

ABATE's Sponsored "May is Motorcycle Awareness Month" house resolutions will be heard on both floors in the month of May! One measure, is carried by our good friend, supporter, and rider Senator Anthony Canella (R-Ceres) the Vice Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee and the other by another good friend, rider, and supporter, Chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee, Jim Frazier (D-Oakley).

Two other bills are moving through the process. One is the extension of California's Off-Road Program. SB 249 by Senator Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica) is an awful bill for off-roaders, and all the off-road groups are opposing it. We are on the Stakeholder Committee meeting to try and iron out objections, but I am not expecting this will happen, since the bill's sponsors are very intent on demolishing the off-road riding program as it exists, and that we have all enjoyed. The other bill, which is supported by the off-road community at large, is AB 1077 by Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell (D-Long Beach). This bill will continue the existing off-road program, as is, and make it permanent. This is moving along, as well, and more discussion/amendments are being considered.

Stay tuned for more developments on all these Bills with an update on May 20th at the ABATE Board & Legislative meetings in Fresno.

Thank you to all those contributing to the Dedicated Lobbyist Fund!



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What is ABATE?

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

Included with an ABATE membership are a sew-on patch, membership card, and our monthly newsletter in the months that it is printed 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 of California now has their off road division up and running!

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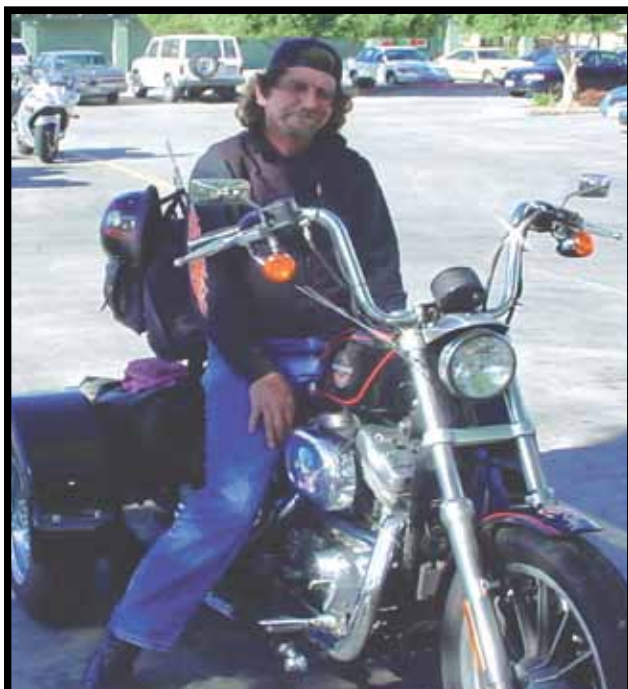
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Sporty's Rides
by Sporty Milligan

Ok folks here it comes, the moment you have been waiting for – Sporty's Rides.

I discussed at our April meeting the results of the Polar Bear run. I also went out on a lark and sold some of the left over run pins as 30th year anniversary run pins for \$5.00 each and so far we have sold about \$35 worth of them. By the way, email me at williammilligan285@yahoo.com if you would like your very own ABATE Local 1 30th anniversary pin.

On March 25th ABATE Local 11 was having their Local 11 & Moos riders fundraiser. Since it was on Saturday, I went to pay them a visit. It was the same day that Top Rocker HD had scheduled their 1 year anniversary party, which was canceled due to iffy weather and rescheduled for April 29th.

So I took the 2007 1200L because it has a clock on the speedo. I must say I had to wear a neoprene mask over my face as it was a bit chilly. However the run was really nice otherwise, no rain. I found the Moose Lodge and was greeted by ABATE Local 11 president Dan Buse. Also Mr Clark who use to be Local 11's president, and I saw Dogman.

So the Lodge was really set up well and eventually they had a band set up and play some fine music. Bought raffle tickets and won some nifty prizes. The food was very good tri-tip and potato salad – yummy! I also ran into Ed Aranda from Local 38. He had a booth set up selling \$5.00 tickets for the booze cooler they are raffling. I bought a ticket. Local 38

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is doing a run in El Centro on May 6th and, if things work out, I am probably going to attend that event.

The Local 11 & Mooserider's event came to a close. I said my farewells and proceeded to ride home. I enjoyed myself and the day.

April 1st I went to the Top Rocker HOG chapter meeting in Canoga Park. They have a good breakfast and then do a meeting where their chapter president Pete lets me say a few words about what is happening in the ABATE political scene. They usually go on a group ride and I usually go back to the dealership hang out. They have a barbecue from 11 am to 2 pm on Saturdays. \$2.00 gets you a hot dog, chips and a soda or water. So I had a lazy day at the dealership.

April 8th was an important day. I had volunteered to help out the Horses and Hero event. This is an event put on as a tribute to Sgt Don Martin. He was treasurer of ABATE Local 3/13 for at least 23 years. I would be in charge of the bike games. So I met them at the starting place, VFW Post 6685 off Sierra Hwy. I signed up for the run.

Don's brother, Wayne, and I had went round and round about what type of games we would do. We finally came up with the slow race and bag bomb games. But since no one actually signed up for the games, we did the slow race with five computers in the early afternoon.

I spent most of the day at the ABATE Local 3/13 booth. The end spot was at Route 66 Bar & Grill in Santa Clarita. Chuck Pedersen and the Local 3/13 crew were very happy that I was able to help out.

Don Martin was a good man and a great ABATE freedom fighter. He believed in what ABATE stood for. It was my honor to help out. I had a swell time, good food and good memories. Thanks for the nice day.


The last item on this month's agenda was ABATE Local 27's annual Bare Necessities run. I had asked those folks who were able to attend to meet the group at Peter Daniel's house in Glendale. However due to some lack of communications, no one showed up at Peter's house, so I went to the event on my own.

Not to be deterred by a bad start of no-shows, I pressed on and arrived at the event at Dexter Park. I like going to ABATE events and this was no exception. We had a day of hanging out with Local 27 members and the Geezer club. Oh! I should mention that I ran into Keith Johnston and his wife from Local 3/13. Some of us like to go other folk's events! I also ran into Diana Davis, Honda Ray and other members of Local 23 and Local 27.

By the way, I won some nice raffle prizes, like a nice pair of gloves, and ate a good burrito. Thank you Kenny and Mark for doing an event that helps the homeless and gives me a chance to catch up with my ABATE friends in the area - plus get a couple of nice prizes. You guys rock!

Well folks that about raps up this month's Sporty's Rides. Again attend ABATE runs and events. Answer the political call when asked to do so. And finally never let the idiots get you down.

Regards, your ABATE scribe, Sporty Milligan

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LOCAL REPORTS

Local #01 Los Angeles County



Hi All! This report is another one of those reports that comes before our actual meeting, which will be after the Bailing Wire deadline for reports.

I will just say that the Elks Lodge is going to be open for business on Easter so we will have a regular meeting. Because of it being Easter the turn out may be small, never-the-less, business as usual plus a nice country breakfast.

ABATE Local 1 is alive and kicking.
Sporty Milligan, president, reporting

Local #08 Orange County



Howdy All from Local 8! First and foremost, welcome to our newest members Cesar and Tammy. Monday night was Cesar's first Local 8 meeting (Tammy couldn't make it). Cesar was much more vocal and participative than most first-timers. We are really looking forward to working with him in the near future.

Thanks to Local 6 for the info they shared with us about setting up their account with the San Diego Blood Bank. Mishaps occur, so a blood bank account truly adds value to the ABATE Local membership. It is also a good practice that could be copied by many Locals.

Local 8 continues to plan its annual event at the SoCal Cycle Swap Meet on July 30th in Long Beach. We are looking for any and all type of motorcycle related donations to sell. If you have something you don't need or want anymore, please call Steve at 562-298-6236. We'll convert your discards into cash for the lobbyist fund.

We held our Local meeting Monday night. The biggest focus was on preparing for our booth at Lifestyle Cycles Bike Nite on April 21st

We voted to purchase a new banner rather than receive one from a sponsor. After some rather heated discussion we decided that it just wouldn't feel right to have anyone's logo other than our own on our "flag". How to pay for it? Cesar pledged the cash. Thank you, Cesar!

Speaking of donations, we also talked about the concept of "Found Money" as a source for donations; found money being either unexpected income, or unexpected savings. Some of our members recalled the electricity discount from Edison this month and donated a portion of this found money to the Local. In all, we took in \$221 in pledges and donations. Thanks to everyone!

Membership Raffle tickets were another topic. We sold a small block of tickets to members, but are saving most to sell at Bike Nites. We are hop-

ing to make some new friends and possibly win over some new members.

Mario won the opportunity draw, but was not present. Opportunity rolls to next month. Yes, we are breaking tradition and meeting in both May and September.

That's all for now, Ride Safe!
Steve

Local #11 North San Diego County



We had another nice day for our meeting. Dan Buse led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and we had the treasurer's report indicating funds from the Local 11 / Mooseriders event so we are able to continue contributing to the lobbyist fund.

Dick went over upcoming local events and COC happenings. Dogman talked about the reflective vests possibility and the CHP safety committee where ABATE has input regarding the lane splitting bill guidelines as well.

Also encouraged all to write to Assemblyman Chau to oppose AB342, the Automated Speed Enforcement bill, as just another money making scheme just like the red light cameras and not a safety issue at all.

After the meeting, I rode to ABATE Local 27's Bare Necessities Run to support them up in Riverside.

Dogman Mark Castellero

Local #20 Orange County



23 members and 5 guests were at the April meeting.

Welcome two new members, John Gaudot and Rob Pepperdine (picture above). The Crossroads MC will be joining as a new business member this month.

Frank Jankle missed out on the monthly drawing, which rolls back into the treasure chest.

Two handouts with the Capitol committee members' addresses and local addresses were passed out to everyone. Please write your letters so our voice can be heard.

Various topics were discussed and upcoming runs. Spike advised us of what has been happening in Waco and other parts of the country and of issues that are constantly coming up by traffic stops. We're fighting AB-342 because it should be unconstitutional.

MAY is MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH!

Non Politically Correct Gill
Secretary, Squirt

Local #38 Imperial Valley

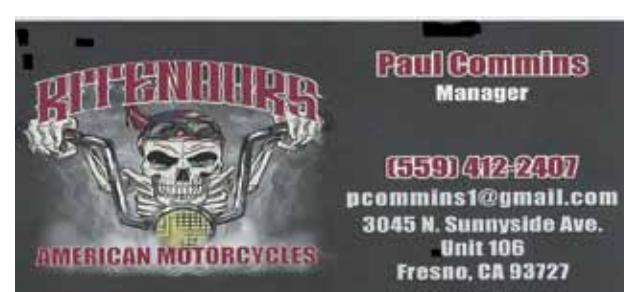
Hello ABATE Members! By the time this report comes out we should know who won our Ice Chest Raffle and the Vegas trip, donated by Hot Rods & Beer out of Holtville.

Our run starts at Coyne Powersports, then it goes to Fat Daddy's Cycle, both of them in El Centro. Then to the big city of Westmoreland to Salazar's Cycle's. After that we head to the outskirts of Brawley to the Alamorio Store, our final destination on the Hot Rods and Beer run (really cold beers and food specials).

The results will be in next month's Bailing Wire. Stay Tuned. Hopefully we'll have a Fun Time.

I hate to end on a sad note: Our only Life member passed away, Jon Willis. He transferred from an ABATE Local in Orange County. He was a Turkey Run Sponsor and supported our runs. May He Rest in Peace.

Ed Aranda, President ABATE Local #38



Refresher Training Sites and Training Dates:

Saddleback Rider Training - Mission Viejo
May 7 – AM Session - 7:30 am to 12:00 noon
May 7 – PM Session - 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm
May 21 – AM Session – 7:30 am to 12:00 noon
May 21 – PM Session – 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Ride Rite – Van Nuys
May 13 & May 27

Ride Rite – Lake Elsinore
May 13 & May 27

Westside Motorcycle Academy – Long Beach
May 5– 10 am to 2 pm
May 20 – 8 am to 12 pm
May 20 – 1 pm to 5 pm
Enroll at westsidemotorcycleacademy.com and click the links for Refresher Training under the private page.

Learn to Ride VC – Camarillo
May 13 & May 27

Pacific Safety Center – San Diego
May 5, May 12, May 19, & May 26

SoCal Motorcycle Training – San Bernardino
May 13 & May 27

SoCal Motorcycle Training – Palm Springs
May 14 & May 28

Sacramento Harley-Davidson Riding Academy – Sacramento
May 12 – 7 am to 11 am
May 12 – 1 pm to 5 pm
May 19 – 7 am to 11 am
May 19 – 1 pm to 5 pm
May 26 – 7 am to 11 am
May 26 – 1 pm to 5 pm

Antelope Valley HD Riding Academy – Lancaster
May 13 – 1:00 to 5:00 pm
May 27 – 1:00 to 5:00 pm

Bay Area Motorcycle Training – Vallejo
May 7, May 8, May 21, & May 22

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May 7, May 8, May 21, & May 22

Riverside Harley-Davidson Riding Academy – Riverside
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May 6 – 12 noon to 4 pm
May 7 – 7 am to 11 am
May 7 – 12 noon to 4 pm
Register at <https://www.riversideharley.com/riding-academy/> under the “Skilled Rider Course” tab.

Academy of Motorcycle Operation – Altadena
May 6, May 7, May 27, & May 28

Northern CA Motorcycle Training – Pleasant Hill (Diablo College)
May 13 & May 14
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Motorcycle Training Services – Hesperia
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May 20 – 7:30 am to 11:30 am
May 21 – 7:30 am to 11:30 am
Register at hi-desertmotorschool.com under Refresher Training

California Riders: Improve Your Skills with Refresher Training from James Lombardo, Lobbyist

Learn the secrets the U.S. military has used to reduce motorcycle fatalities around the world

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These same life-saving skills can also keep you from becoming a statistic. Come out to your local California Motorcyclist Safety Program (CMSP) training site and take a “Total Control Refresher Training” course during the month of May. This is a four-hour riding class for experienced riders with a current motorcycle license. You will ride your own street-legal motorcycle that is in good condition, registered and insured. The class is taught by CMSP-certified Instructors and only costs \$95. Check out the CMSP website today - <http://cmsp.msi5.com> - to see the requirements and to register at the location nearest you.

Protective Gear Requirements:

DOT approved helmet - full-face and/or three-quarter recommended

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HISTORY OF ABATE OF CALIFORNIA

Easyriders magazine editor, Lou Kimsey, made a plea in issue #3, October 1971, for bikers to come together to fight impending restrictions by joining a new national organization called the National Custom Cycle Association, but because of a conflict with the acronym the name was changed in February, 1972, to a Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments (ABATE). Easyriders began granting state charters around 1974, and Keith Ball was the original national coordinator (Keith is now, and has been for many years, the editor of Easyriders).

ABATEs which came into existence around this same time were chartered in Kansas, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and New York; and also the MMA of California, the MMA of Massachusetts, the New Hampshire Motorcycle Rights Organization, Rhode Island Motorcycle Association, Connecticut Motorcycle Rights Association, and the Wisconsin Better Bikers Association. Easyriders published some telephone numbers and the network began to grow.

Around this time, biker author, Bob Bitchin, was granted the original charter for ABATE of California. Ron Roloff, and others, had already founded the Modified Motorcycle Association (MMA) of California. It's interesting to note that Easyriders' original name for their rights group was similar to the MMA's because the bigger threat, aside from the original federal helmet mandates, was that the U.S. DOT was investigating ways to restrict modified or customized "choppers" which they deemed unsafe, especially extended forks. The 60's fad of ridiculously high sissy bars came about because the government started requiring "grab bars" for passenger safety, so the bikers of those days flaunted the law, by building them as long, and garish, as they could get by with.

As in most states, before bikers became politically organized, the clubs were the first to fight helmet laws and other restrictions. For the previous decade, before the MMA or ABATE came into existence, the Hells Angels M/C and Ralph "Sonny" Barger, in particular, had succeeded in keeping California helmet-law-free, even though Congress had passed legislation in 1966, requiring every state to pass a helmet law or lose 10% of their federal highway funds (sound familiar?). Rumors still circulate around Sacramento about 1,000 Hells Angels on the Capitol lawn (well, at least it

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seemed like a thousand), and HAs camped out on the doorsteps of legislative opponents. But the old intimidation tactics were beginning to wear thin, and club leaders realized that they needed to legitimize their efforts by creating a more sophisticated political lobbying arm, in this case, the MMA of California.

Motorcycle helmet use bills were introduced in the California legislature, in the early '70s, and the only individual who appeared in committee to oppose them was Ron Roloff, who soon became the MMA's Business Manager and lobbyist. These bills never made it out of committee, because of Roloff's persistence, and the clubs' opposition. About this time, the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) began to recognize the motorcyclist rights movement, and through the efforts of AMA News Editor, Ed Youngblood, now AMA President, they established the AMA Government Relations Department.

As the rights movement grew, Don Pittsley, a member of the Huns M/C, in Connecticut, convinced his Congressman, Rep. Stewart McKinney, to introduce H.R.3869, to end the federal authority to withhold highway funds from states without helmet laws. In July of 1975, Rob Rasor of the AMA, Ron Roloff of the MMA, and Ed Armstrong of ABATE of Chicago presented the House Sub-committee of Surface Transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the mandates. Later that year, with California being sued by the DOT because Governor Ronald Reagan refused to comply with the federal mandate, Roloff helped convince California U.S. Senator Alan Cranston to offer the language of the mandate repeal bill as an amendment to the 1975 federal Highway Act, which passed with overwhelming support from the California Congressional delegation, because of the impending lawsuit, and was signed by President Gerald Ford on May 5, 1975. Not bad for a rag-tag bunch of bikers with little or no previous political ambitions.

Back in California, the MMA grew under Roloff's leadership, but one of his top Division Managers, "Deacon" Dave Phillips, became disenchanted with the internal structure and envisioned a more democratic organization, which was more responsive to the membership by being run from the members up instead of from the leadership down. As their personality conflict grew, Deacon broke away, and in 1981, was elected by the existing Board of ABATE of California to take over the foundering charter from Bob Bitchin, who at the time was doing little to promote it. According to Deacon, the whole organization was contained in a green 3" x 5" cardboard file box full of receipts, and a list of a few dozen members.

He also inherited several debts incurred by the original ABATE, so he closed down the organization. Then using a \$500 loan from a young attorney named Richard Lester, he re-incorporated as ABATE in California and the membership voted to change the acronym to American Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education. (Later, after the bills were paid off, the name was changed back to ABATE of California.) Ron Roloff joined as one of the first ABATE members, though he and Deacon never resolved their personal differences, and the chasm between ABATE and the MMA grew deeper.

Deacon was the first State Coordinator and, in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, received an annual salary of \$1.00 (one dollar) per year, which is still our Executive Director's salary. Deacon also published the first ABATE newsletters, which he claims were the sole purpose for ABATE's early existence-"to act as an information source for the bikers," and disseminate relevant news from around the state and country. It wasn't until the children's helmet law came into existence in 1985 that ABATE of



California had a helmet law to fight, and thus became politically active.

While Deacon paved our way, other leaders came forward, like Rider John, in Kern County, another MMA Division Manager from Orange County named Harry Roach, Dan and Rebecca Boyd, Wheelchair Mike, Dresser Bill Drury, Billy Bob Bruce, Russ Brown, and later John "Milky" Loudermilk, James Gregory, Nancy Nemecek, Bob Mannah, Bill Bish, and a host of others who helped the fledgling organization grow. With a few successes under our belt, and spurred by some successful protest rallies, ABATE attracted others like John Paliwoda, Paul Lax, and Mike Osborn, who along with many other activists helped build and nurture ABATE into the political powerhouse it is today. And, while it took years to mend many of the fences with the MMA, we now enjoy a very cooperative relationship.

So, here you have it. The roots of ABATE run deep in the hearts of us who have accepted, and in turn, passed on the torch of Freedom of the Road. To all those who came before, we salute you.

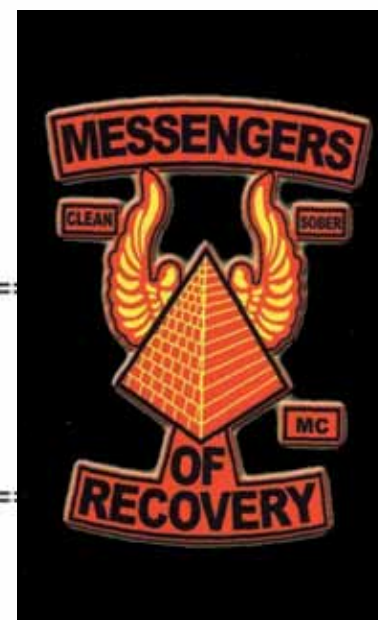
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- > Trash: The policy and procedures manual(Now being updated) had a
- > history of ABATE in it . Bill Bish did an exceptional job of gleaning
- > out the garbage and stuck to the facts. In Book one (Hero and other
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- > that are not in the book, as well as a couple of non biker stories I'd
- > be glad to E a few to you. Let me know if you're interested. Meanwhile,
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Even though motorcycles account for less than 5% of registered vehicles in the US, they are traveling some 21 million miles each year. NHTSA reports that per vehicle traveled, motorcyclists were more than 26 times more likely than passenger car occupants to die in a traffic crash. That is an astounding number.

Certainly there are patterns to be found in the crash data for motorcycle incidents. Motorcycle collisions are more likely with fixed objects than other vehicles; however, about 75% of two-vehicle crashes involving motorcycles were motorcyclists colliding with vehicles in front of them. They are more likely to crash with other vehicles turning left, while the motorcycles were going straight, passing, or overtaking passenger vehicles.

How do we, as motorists, improve motorcycle safety awareness? Most of the time, it is haste that is our shortcoming. Vehicles changing lanes into the motorcycle path or cutting them off, often lead to the motorcycle having to abruptly slow, stop, or swerve. Similarly, vehicles tend to turn into the path of oncoming motorcycles when turning left, because they misread how much response time there is. Some 33% of motorcycle crashes are intersection related. David Pabst, director of the WisDOT Bureau of Transportation Safety, offers the following advice: "Drivers can easily misjudge the speed and distance of an approaching motorcycle because of its smaller dimensions. To prevent crashes, drivers should check the position of a motorcycle at least two or three times before they proceed through an intersection or make a turn."

[NHTSA](#) offers several tips for drivers on how to "Share the Road" with motorcycles:

- A motorcycle has the same rights and privileges as any other vehicle on the roadway.
- Allow the motorcyclist a full lane width. Although it may seem there is enough room in the traffic lane for an automobile and a motorcycle, remember the motorcycle needs the room to maneuver safely. Do not share the lane.
- Motorcycles are small and may be difficult to see. A motorcycle has a much smaller profile than a vehicle, which can make it more difficult to judge the speed and distance of an approaching motorcycle.

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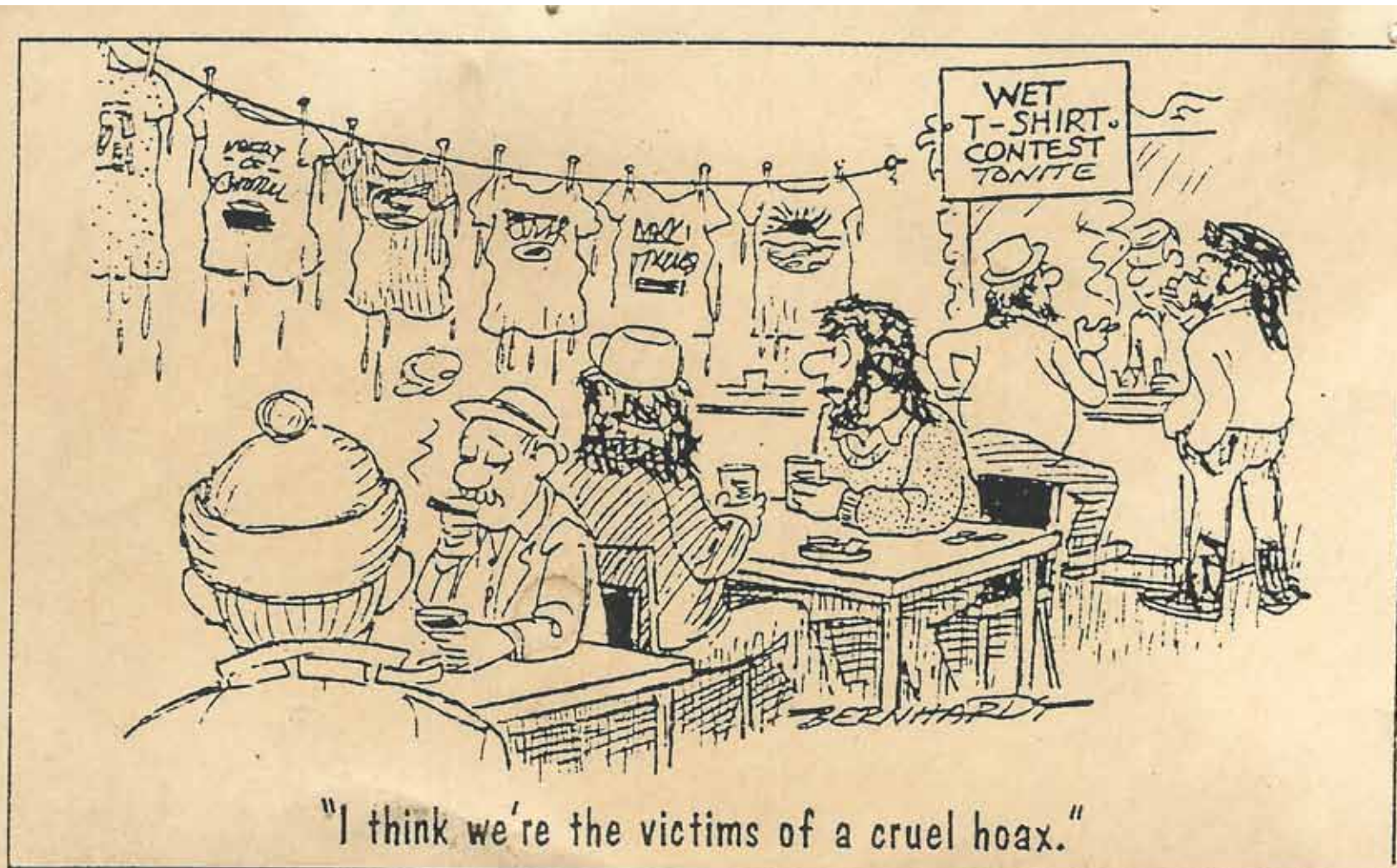


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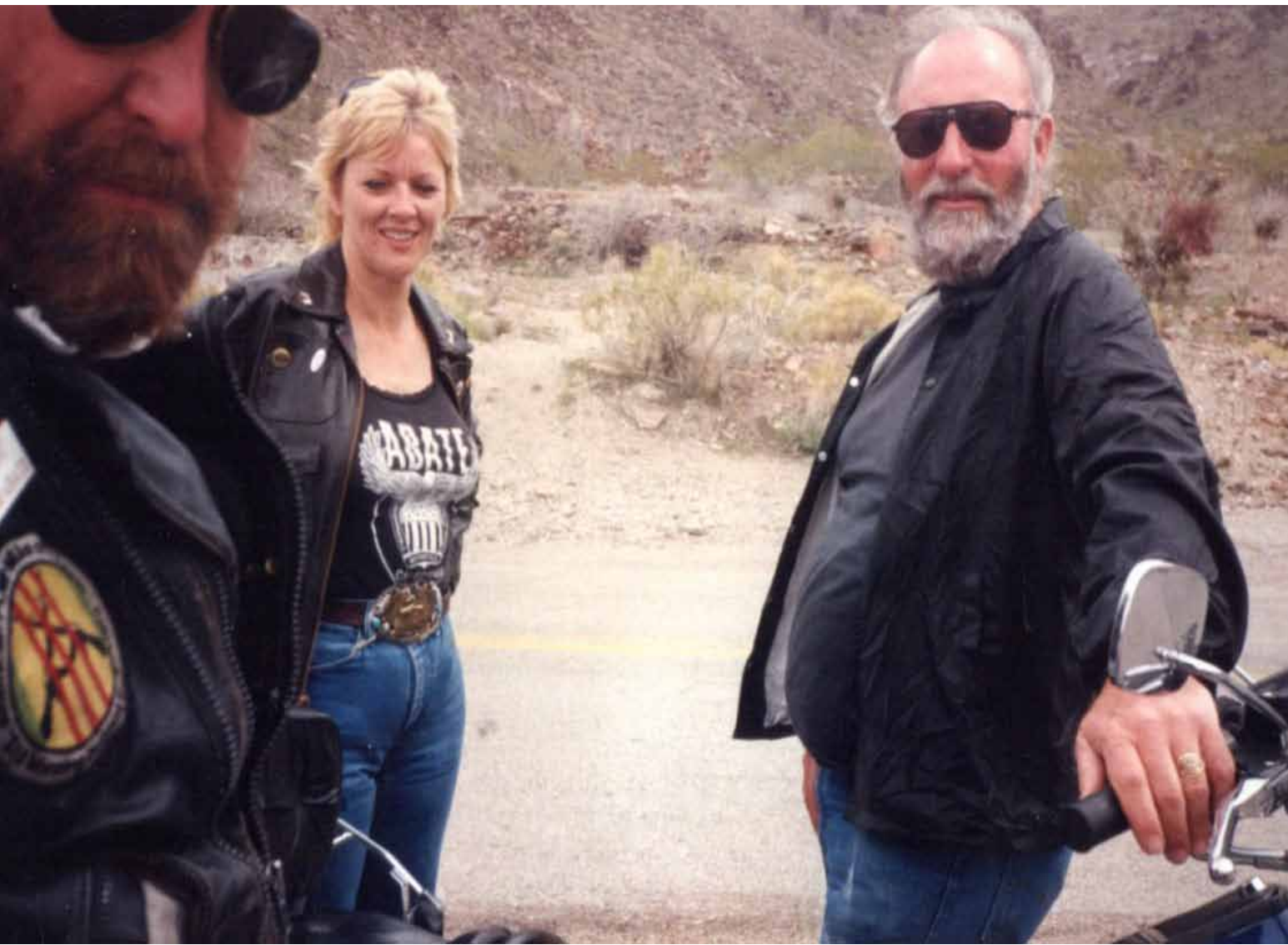
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2017 ABATE Events

ABATE Events for 2017

You can also go to our website www.abate.org and Events Calendar to download available flyers.

April 21 – ABATE Local 8 – Lifestyle Cycles Bike Nite

April 22 – ABATE Local 17 – Spring Bingo DTBA

April 23 – ABATE Local 3/13 – Leather Weather Run (see flyer this issue for details)

May 6 – ABATE Local 38 – 5th Annual Party on Wheels Raffle and Ride

May 6 – ABATE Local 17 – 6th Annual Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament (see flyer this issue for details)

May 20 – ABATE of CA. 2nd Quarterly

Meetings – Fresno – Piccadilly Inn Airport

June 4 – ABATE Local 17 – 23rd Annual Ride in Bike Show/20th Annual Hot Rod & Harleys (see flyer this issue for details)

July 15 – ABATE of CA 3rd Quarterly

Meetings – Cypress – American Legion

July 22 – ABATE Local 17 – Summer Bingo DTBA

July 30 – ABATE Local 08 – Swap Meet at the So Cal Cycle Swap Meet

October 1 – ABATE Local 17 – Memorial DTBA

October 7 – ABATE Local 17 – Fall Bingo DTBA

October 21 – ABATE of CA. 4th Quarterly Meetings – Fresno – Piccadilly Inn Airport

November 18 – ABATE Local 38 – Turkey Run

December 2 – ABATE Local 17 – Christmas Party

December 3 – ABATE Local 17 – 30th Annual Toy Run DTBA

Bike Nites:

ABATE Local 3/13 – 1st Thursday of the month (See flyer in this issue for details.)

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

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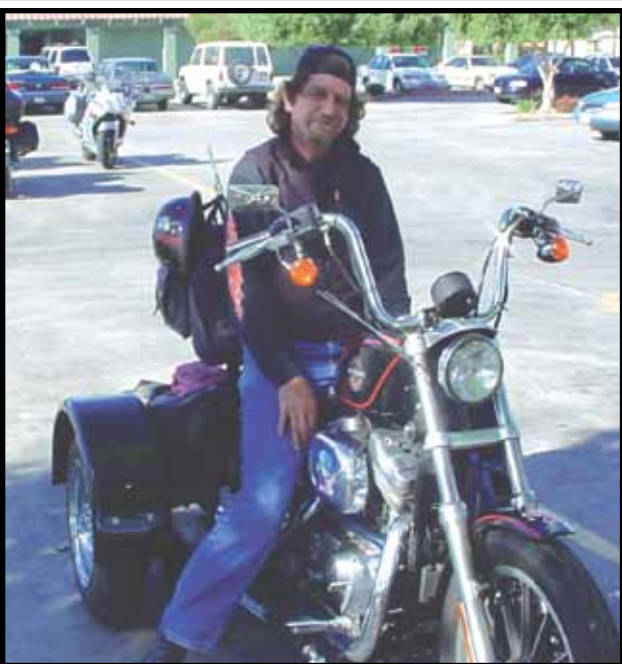


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by Sporty Milligan

Ok folks here it comes, the moment you have been waiting for – Sporty's Rides.

I discussed at our April meeting the results of the Polar Bear run. I also went out on a lark and sold some of the left over run pins as 30th year anniversary run pins for \$5.00 each and so far we have sold about \$35 worth of them. By the way, email me at williammilligan285@yahoo.com if you would like your very own ABATE Local 1 30th anniversary pin.

On March 25th ABATE Local 11 was having their Local 11 & Mooseriders fundraiser. Since it was on Saturday, I went to pay them a visit. It was the same day that Top Rocker HD had scheduled their 1 year anniversary party, which was canceled due to iffy weather and rescheduled for April 29th.

So I took the 2007 1200L because it has a clock on the speedo. I must say I had to wear a neoprene mask over my face as it was a bit chilly. However the run was really nice otherwise, no rain. I found the Moose Lodge and was greeted by ABATE Local 11 president Dan Buse. Also Mr Clark who use to be Local 11's president, and I saw Dogman.

Sporty's Rides

So the Lodge was really set up well and eventually they had a band set up and play some fine music. Bought raffle tickets and won some nifty prizes. The food was very good trip and potato salad – yummy! I also ran into Ed Aranda from Local 38. He had a booth set up selling \$5.00 tickets for the booze cooler they are raffling. I bought a ticket. Local 38 is doing a run in El Centro on May 6th and, if things work out, I am probably going to attend that event.

The Local 11 & Mooserider's event came to a close. I said my farewells and proceeded to ride home. I enjoyed myself and the day.

April 1st I went to the Top Rocker HOG chapter meeting in Canoga Park. They have a good breakfast and then do a meeting where their chapter president Pete lets me say a few words about what is happening in the ABATE political scene. They usually go on a group ride and I usually go back to the dealership to hang out. They have a barbecue from 11 am to 2 pm on Saturdays. \$2.00 gets you a hot dog, chips and a soda or water. So I had a lazy day at the dealership.

April 8th was an important day. I had volunteered to help out the Horses and Hero event. This is an event put on as a tribute to Sgt Don Martin. He was treasurer of ABATE Local 3/13 for at least 23 years. I would be in charge of the bike games. So I met them at the starting place, VFW Post 6685 off Sierra Hwy. I signed up for the run.

Don's brother, Wayne, and I had went round and round about what type of games we would do. We finally came up with the slow race and bag bomb games. But since no one actually signed up for the games, we did the slow race with five computers in the early afternoon.

I spent most of the day at the ABATE Local 3/13 booth. The end spot was at Route 66 Bar & Grill in Santa Clarita. Chuck Pedersen and

the Local 3/13 crew were very happy that I was able to help out.

Don Martin was a good man and a great ABATE freedom fighter. He believed in what ABATE stood for. It was my honor to help out. I had a swell time, good food and good memories. Thanks for the nice day.

The last item on this month's agenda was ABATE Local 27's annual Bare Necessities run. I had asked those folks who were able to attend to meet the group at Peter Daniel's house in Glendale. However due to some lack of communications, no one showed up at Peter's house, so I went to the event on my own.

Not to be deterred by a bad start of no-shows, I pressed on and arrived at the event at Dexter Park. I like going to ABATE events and this was no exception. We had a day of hanging out with Local 27 members and the Geezer club. Oh! I should mention that I ran into Keith Johnston and his wife from Local 3/13. Some of us like to go other folk's events! I also ran into Diana Davis, Honda Ray and other members of Local 23 and Local 27.

By the way, I won some nice raffle prizes, like a nice pair of gloves, and ate a good burrito. Thank you Kenny and Mark for doing an event that helps the homeless and gives me a chance to catch up with my ABATE friends in the area - plus get a couple of nice prizes. You guys rock!

Well folks that about raps up this month's Sporty's Rides. Again attend ABATE runs and events. Answer the political call when asked to do so. And finally never let the idiots get you down.

Regards, your ABATE scribe, Sporty Milligan

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Portions of this law went into effect on January 1, 2013 and all parts of the law were enforced on July 1, 2013. AB 1595 had an immediate and very negative impact on side-by-side safety and prevents the use of many of these family recreational vehicles that have been upgraded with additional safety equipment.

Please join ABATE of California in our quest to repeal this poorly written legislation and help us restore the rights of side-by-side owners statewide who use these vehicles for safe and responsible family off-road recreation.

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Motorcycle Safety Report

by **Norm e. Newiger,**
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The BIG Stuff

It is still springtime as I write this article, and I've had my fill of bugs and whatever else I have inhaled. Although I haven't been able to ride as much as I would love to, the only excuse I have is not just my age, but what comes with the aging process. The good thing about being 60 is that I'm the young one in the crowd of who I ride with mostly. Those older farts are a funny group, because they want to know the dinner schedule as well as where all the rest stops are and any exit that has restrooms for their loose bowels and weak kidneys! True story.

Although we succumb to our aging process, we still ride. It might be shorter day runs or really long weekend excursions (slower riding and motels close enough to make sure we don't ride past our senior discount dinner specials time) that make it seem like we went really far but in all actuality, we haven't crossed a county line yet.

At my age busting a 400-mile day meant that I was cruising around 90+ mph! I don't do that anymore because when you forget your wife at the last stop you lose more than just a day of riding! Since she has the credit cards, I thought I'd better go back and get her! That's one of the big stuff I'm talking about - it's serious.

I have always stated that you need to be in as good shape as your bike. Just remember your old bones are like cracks in your frame or better yet, your leaking body like your oil leaking hog. This is not really a big issue for all of us, but for some of us this crept on us like grey hair, we got to this stage in our lives! I did not wake up old one day (although it feels like it sometimes) and said man, I'm an old fart, it just seems like life speeds up as you age and your memory slows down, true story!

After all the surgeries and mishaps of life to include organ removal surgery, our body changes fast, we get to the point where we have to think about our overall health as a number one priority and if you are younger you have to start thinking in advance about where you might be in 10 years. I'm talking about the 40 - 50 zones adults. We become higher risks, as they say in medical terms, and I believe them a 100%. It's a sucky truth, but for some of us this is how we live.

I know there are quite a few riders out there that are impervious to some of the issues we have to deal with, but as you age there is this thing that I can't quite explain, yes I can, it's called getting old, get over it! I know the old cliché that all the old people use, it's better to be riding at my age than some of my good friends who are not with us anymore. You figure that one out.

Our mental health is also at a higher risk due to aging. It's not always because of drug or alcohol use, but it could be. I've seen all 3 at the worst and best and let me tell you, Yikes! The third one is senility in seniors. Have you ever heard this before, why that old fart is crazier than a coon dog caught in a skunk trap eating fox poop! And yes, I love getting old, having a senior moment is the best excuse you get to use.



The good thing about getting old is you have something to say or share. Believe it or not, we have the best thing that younger riders could crave and that's knowledge thru experience. Sharing this info is the best thing we can do, no matter the age differences. We get to talk to the younger generations so they can pass it along as well. This is important, I've experienced it a lot as a kid with my dad and his buds. Sometimes it came with a sucker punch or a Charlie horse and names that I cannot print but it was valuable and I knew it. I never went to therapy just for the record. These were some of the big things I learned along the way.

Now as we roll to today, here are some other "big stuff" things I'd like to share. We are getting polluted, not the standard pollution stuff, but the standard psychological/mental pollution of advertisements. Also known as lies, deceit, frivolous ads, deceit, and more deceit! Look up deceit in the dictionary and you'll see deceiving, deception, trick, cheating, dishonesty etc. and pretty much most of the commercials on TV or radio ads if you have a picture dictionary, it's true! It's worse than California claiming it to be a tax-free state!

I'm zeroing in on insurance. Yes this has something to do with motorcycle safety, kinda like an after the facts thing. We all need it and then some. Thanks to non-insured drivers and riders and fraud we pay for it, Big time. The deceit in advertising is something you need to know. Do you know what an underwriter does for insurance? One thing I know is that they will change your policy and premiums without worrying about what the insurance quote was, because you already bought into it. Yes you can change agents or companies, but it's your finances now. The big lie, here's one, you can save \$500 if you switch to - you know who! Every company is doing it. They are not comparing apples to apples, but finding you a cheaper coverage by doing what they do. They will stretch minimums and raise deductibles or eliminate coverages, they all do this, and the thing is that they hooked you!

In the insurance world, this is the one quote they will tell you, you get what you paid for, period! It's a numbers game. They are hoping you don't read the fine print of your coverage, because if you want the whole package you'll be surprised at the price they would charge you and I know most of us can't afford that. The newest motorcycle insurance commercial I saw recently

was this person saying they got full replacement for their totaled bike. First of all, the person saying that looked like a non-rider and if you totaled your bike, well you know what you'd look like. Then they streamed really fast an almost transparent line, saying for bikes 1 or 2 years old and depending on your policy. Yep I caught that lying line, but they are exonerated (to themselves) because they posted it and you didn't pay attention to it. You were transfixed on the pretty lady in the commercial, true story! I call it deception, they call it a sales tactic.

What's important about this is not the deceit or fraudulent way they hooked you, it's about YOU, it's always going to be about you. I wonder how many people know they have insurance, but don't know what their coverage covers? Most people get the cheapest allowable insurance rates that the law requires you to have. A lot of these people are doing whatever it takes to survive, and insurance is a nuance because food and shelter and beer comes first. Another true story?

You need to know what your motorcycle insurance covers. Accidents happen all day every day and when it involves a motorcycle it's usually very costly to devastating, and sometimes both. Your personal bike insurance should be for the maximum, if you can afford it. Un-insured insurance should be at maximum as well. Make sure you understand your policy. The insurance companies want to always pay the least amount out of any type of accident and the first thing they do is see who is covered and what their policy covers.

There are too many people out there who think that they won the lottery after an accident when their coverage pays the minimums per the law. You can't sue somebody that has nothing and your cheap coverage will only pay the minimums, ask any lawyer. They are strapped these days because we think we will get rich when we didn't even read our policy. They will tell you that by the law this is all we can get because it's what you were paying for in the first place.

Nowadays you need a lawyer to explain your coverages and what you could possibly get after a serious accident. A good agent will talk to you about your insurance and the costs. It's hard to decipher and understand all this stuff because it gets complicated and only you are at risk. I have the best insurance I can get, full replacement and maximum payouts for medical and property damage, my cars, another story.

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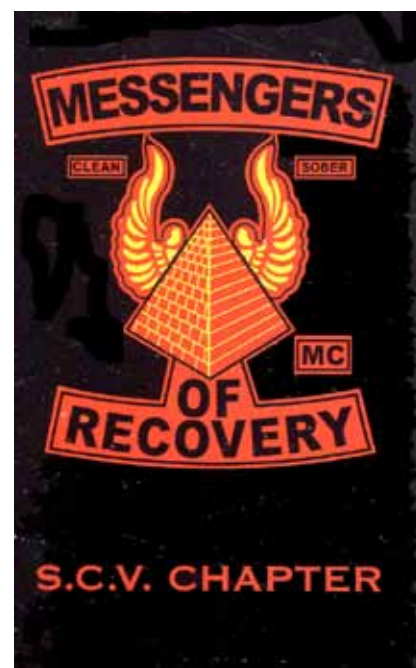
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Costa Mesa 92627 5646 Corporate Ave.
949/632-9787 Cypress CA 90630



ABATE MEETINGS

Antelope Valley - Local#21 -Reg#8
Meet With Local 1- Los Angeles County

San Bernardino - Local#23-Reg#9
Ron Morris 1st Sun 9:00 AM
909/794-6563 Vicky's Restaurant
502 S Waterman Ave
San Bernardino CA 92408

Fresno - Local#24-Reg#6
Ed Rodgers 1st Tues. 7:00 PM
559/264-2891 High Sierra Gill House
www.abatelocal24.org 2003 W Bullard Ave.
Fresno 93711

Sacramento - Local#25-Reg#2
Lil' David Morena 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
916/616-9605 Denny's
3520 Auburn Blvd.
Sacramento 95821

Riverside - Local#27-Reg#9
Kenny Nuttall 1st Tues - 7:00 PM
P.O. Box 7070 American Legion
Riverside CA 92513 2979 Dexter Dr.
951/377-5772 (in Fairmont Park)
Riverside, CA 92501

Morongo Basin - Local#29-Reg#13
Marty Rapp 2nd - Thurs - 6:30 PM
P.O. Box 2334 Odd # Months
29 Palms CA 92277 Call Marty for Location
760/367-1694

North Valley - Local #31-Reg#2
Larry James 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM
Panighetti's
530/893-4827 2760 Esplanade
Chico 95973

Yuba City - Local #33-Reg#2
Steve Katen 2nd Tues. - 7:PM
530/749-1003 American Legion
5477 Feather River Blvd.
Olivehurst 95961

Imperial Valley - Local#38-Reg#12
Ed Aranda Last Thurs - 6:30 PM
Edward_A12@yahoo.com
La Fonda Bar & Grill
1950 South 4th St.
El Centro, CA 92243

Bakersfield - Local#40-Reg#6
Robert Northam 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM
Kilroy16@yahoo.com Rusty's Pizza
5430 Olive Dr
Bakersfield 93308

High Desert Local 44/47-Reg #13
Dave Hastings 2nd Sat. 9:30 am
16782 Danbury Ave. Eagles Order #4181
Hesperia, CA 92345 16195 Main St
760/947-4700 Hesperia 92345

Grass Valley - Local#52-Reg#2
Craig Griswold 3rd Wed - 6:30 PM
21183 State Hwy 20 Alta Sierra
Penn Valley Pizza & Grill`
530/263-8071 15690 Johnson Place
Grass Valley 95949

Ridgecrest - Local #58-Reg#13
Meet with Local#44

Regions With Local info:
Region 2: Regional Representative
Craig Griswold 25, 31, 33 & 52.
Region 3: Vacant
Region 6: Regional Representative Ed
Rogers
24 & 40.
Region 7: Regional Representative -
Chuck Pedersen 2 & 3/13.
Region 8: Regional Representative
Sporty Milligan
1 & 19.
Region 9: Regional Representative
Mark Loudermilk 23, & 27
Region 11: Regional Representative
D-Man 8, & 20.
Region 12 Regional Representative
Locals 6, 11 & 38
Region 13: Regional Representative
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FIRST-EVER MOTORCYCLE CAUCUS FORMED IN U.S. SENATE:

In a rare bipartisan effort, motorcyclists are getting a very special form of representation in the U.S. Senate as two Senators are reaching across the aisle to establish the first Senate Motorcycle Caucus. Kickstarting this unique legislative road trip, Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) and Gary Peters (D-Michigan), both lifelong motorcyclists, will serve as co-chairs of the caucus, which will advocate on behalf of both motorcycle riders and manufacturers.

Sen. Ernst said her concern for motorcycles and motorcyclists started when she was a child. "Some of my most cherished memories include motorcycles, from delivering messages as a young girl to my dad while he was working out in the fields, to riding through the rolling hills of Northeast Iowa with family and friends," Ernst said. "Throughout my 99 county tour of Iowa, I have heard from many of these folks about some of their priorities, including improving safety, infrastructure and energy efficiency. These concerns are shared by folks across our great state and country, and I look forward to working with Sen. Peters toward solutions."

Sen. Peters bought his first motorcycle at age 11. "I've loved motorcycles since I was a kid, and I started a newspaper route to buy my first motorcycle at age 11. To this day, I believe there is no better way to see Michigan's beautiful scenery than by bike, whether I'm riding to meet with constituents and small businesses or taking my bike out on the weekend," Peters said. "Motorcyclists come from all walks of life, and I can't think of a better way to bring together a diverse and dedicated group of advocates to discuss everything from safety concerns to manufacturing. I'm looking forward to working with Sen. Ernst as co-chair of the bipartisan Senate Motorcycle Caucus to foster these important discussions and find common ground with motorcycle lovers across the country."

SECURITY AND PRIVACY IN YOUR (SPY) CAR STUDY ACT:

With motorcyclists sharing the road with a growing number of Smart vehicles, security from cyber-intrusion is a significant safety concern, and U.S. Reps Joe Wilson (R-SC) and Ted Lieu (D-CA) have introduced H.R. 701; the Security and Privacy in Your Car Study Act of 2017 ("SPY Car Study Act") to address automotive software safety, cybersecurity and privacy regulations.

This bill would require the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to conduct a study to determine and recommend standards for the regulation of the cybersecurity of motor vehicles manufactured or imported for sale in the United States. The study shall identify:

- isolation measures that are necessary to separate critical software systems that can affect the driver's control of the movement of the vehicle from other software systems;
- measures that are necessary to detect and prevent or minimize anomalous codes, in vehicle software systems, associated with malicious behavior;
- techniques that are necessary to detect and prevent, discourage, or mitigate intrusions into vehicle software systems and other cybersecurity risks in motor vehicles; and
- best practices to secure driving data about a vehicle's status or about the owner, lessee, driver, or passenger of a vehicle that is collected by the electronic systems of motor vehicles; and
- a timeline for implementing systems and software that reflect such measures, techniques, and best practices.

POLICE MOTORCYCLE HIT BY AUTOPILOT TESLA:

According to a report in the Arizona Republic, a Phoenix police motorcycle was hit by a Tesla Model X operating on autopilot. Police said the officer and the Tesla exited a freeway with the motorcycle in front. When the rider stopped for a light, the car stopped as well, but then started moving forward. The officer jumped off the bike, which was struck at low speed by the car.

The driver reported having the car on autopilot at the time. The officer was uninjured and the car driver wasn't ticketed.

Tesla has warned customers in the past that its autopilot mode does not mean a driver can completely disengage, but increasingly it seems customers are unwilling to listen. Tesla's website specifically states that drivers are in command of their vehicles after exiting freeways.

The company announced in October that it would soon begin including hardware in its vehicles that could make them fully autonomous. Currently, the vehicles are simply equipped with driver aids like forward collision warning, automatic braking and auto steering.

"AUTOCYCLES" NO LONGER CONSIDERED MOTORCYCLES IN TWO MORE STATES:

Colorado and Wyoming are the latest states to reclassify their licensing requirements which allow drivers of so-called "Autocycles", such as the Polaris Slingshot, to operate the vehicle with a valid state driver's license instead of requiring a motorcycle endorsement or license. Drivers under the age of 18 will still be required to wear a helmet, in accordance with the states' motorcycle helmet laws.

Because of the three-wheeled configuration and characteristics of autocycles, determining how to classify them has been a challenge for state governments. Polaris calls the Slingshot a "three-wheeled moto-roadster." Initially, when it was introduced to the market in 2014, consumers were required to have a motorcycle endorsement or license to operate the Slingshot, which offers a distinct ride through its open cockpit and side-by-side seating.

Currently, 30 states, including the District of Columbia, require only a driver's license to drive an autocycle. The remaining states require a motorcycle endorsement, but Polaris says efforts are being made to reclassify the vehicle to gain full conformity throughout the United States.

"As we educate state officials on the unique attributes of this category-creating Slingshot, they are realizing that the licensing requirement for the roadster are more similar to that of a driver's license than of a motorcycle endorsement or license," said Rachael Elia, Slingshot Marketing Manager. "Our goal is to gain a unified classification across the country to provide more opportunity and driving freedom for consumers looking for the ultimate thrill experience."

DRIVER WHO "DIDN'T CARE" HE HIT MOTORCYCLIST GETS 15 YEARS:

Remember the Texas driver who was filmed deliberately swerving across centerline into a passing motorcyclist and then said "I don't care" that he'd knocked the rider and his girlfriend to the ground?

The heartless car driver is 69-year-old William Crum and following a two-day trial at 355th District Court in Hood County, Texas, he's been sentenced to 15 years in prison after being convicted on one count of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon causing bodily injury.

The 15-year sentence means that Crum, who was arrested soon after the incident in Granbury, TX in October 2015, will be in prison until he's 84.

HARLEY PULLED INTO POLITICAL FIGHT OVER LEATHER PRODUCTS:

Many challenges face motorcycle manufacturers selling their products in other countries; and a strange example of this is Harley-Davidson facing a public relations issue in India over leather, something as closely associated with bikers as the bikes they ride.

Leather comes from cows, which are revered and even worshiped by many in the Hindu community, and according to the Hindustan Times a well-known Bollywood actor is taking on the iconic American motorcycle-maker over religious principles.

Popular actor and producer Ajaz Khan is urging India's Prime Minister to impose a ban on Harley-Davidson products, claiming they're made from cow hide. "I just bought a leather belt from Harley Davidson," Khan is quoted by the Hindustan Times as saying. "This is a cow leather belt. It's being sold in the entire world. If you really consider yourself men, then I request [the Prime Minister] shuts down Harley Davidson."

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS RALLY PUT ON HOLD AFTER LONDON TERROR ATTACK:

A mass London "Awareness Ride-Out" to be held a day after a deadly terrorist attack in the vicinity of the Palace of Westminster, seat of the British Parliament, had to be rescheduled in the wake of the Wednesday, March 22 car attack that killed four and injured more than 50 pedestrians.

The campaign group "We Ride London," which aims to be the "main lobby group for riders of motorcycles, scooters and mopeds in London," had invited thousands to join a ride at 1 pm on Thursday April 23, from Regents Park through central London to City Hall, but had to call the event off. A statement on the group's Facebook page said: "We have decided to cancel tomorrow's awareness ride in light of the terrible events in our capital today. Now is not the time to be hindering the emergency and security services as they investigate and recover from this."

ROLLING INTO RENO FOR NCOM CONVENTION:

With the 32nd Annual NCOM Convention in Reno just weeks away, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MROs, Motorcycle Clubs, & riding associations submit the names of those members & supporters who have died this year, so that we may honor their memories during the traditional "Ring of the Bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies. Dedications can be hand-delivered at the Convention to "Doc" Reichenbach, NCOM Chairman of the Board, or e-mailed in advance to Bill Bish at NCOMBish@aol.com.

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

The 32nd annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 11-14 at the Silver Legacy Resort-Casino, 407 N. Virginia St. in Reno, NV, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$99 by calling (800) 687-8733 and mention "GNCOM17". Pre-register for the 2017 NCOM Convention at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Among individuals, as among nations, respect for the rights of others is peace." ~ Benito Juárez (1806-1872), President of Mexico