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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Presented To JOE BINISKIEWICH

To acknowledge your Lifetime Commitment to the Motorcycle rights community with your many contributions of time, energy, experience and support. Your efforts have helped all motorcycle riders in ABATE of California and it is truly appreciated.

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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The ABATE Board of Directors is pleased and extremely proud to announce the presentation of our "Lifetime Achievement Award" to one of our longtime members, Joe Biniskiewich, aka "Joe B" to the few ABATE members who have actually met him in person.

Joe B, like so many of our ABATE members, has remained relatively unknown, performing his volunteer work quietly in the background for many years. Joe B. is the person responsible for setting up and maintaining almost every computer based program and system ABATE has ever used in the last twenty five plus years. He is a member and has always been "on call" for any technical assistance we have needed. During that time he has donated an untold number of hours of his expertise, and all at "no cost" to our organization.

Among his many accomplishments, Joe B set up the programs we currently use to send out our Board of Director and PAC emails, our "Call to Action" alerts, our "E-News" reports, our ABATE Discussion Line, and currently he is assisting us with our ABATE web server updates.

He has always been our "phone call away - how can I help today guy" and has managed to come through for our organization every time we have needed him.

Joe B is a well known expert in his field of work and travels extensively while performing technical duties for his corporate clients, yet most of our members have never seen or met the man who has given so much of his time and expertise to ABATE.

With that said, it gives us great pleasure to present him with this small token of our appreciation for his years of dedication and volunteer work for ABATE of California. We are honored and sometimes amazed to have such a quiet and humble man as a "volunteer" in our organization.

From every member of the 2017 Board of Directors and more importantly, every member of ABATE of California, "Thank You" Joe B for your many years of service. You deserve much, much more and our organization is truly honored to acknowledge you with this "Lifetime Achievement Award" for 2017.

Sincerely,

The ABATE Board of Directors and your fellow Members of ABATE of California



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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.

There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclists' rights and safety with payment of the appropriate fees.

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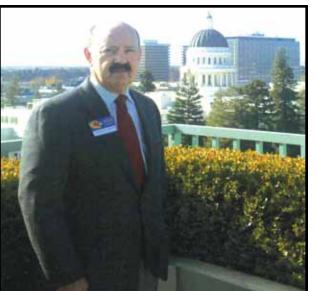
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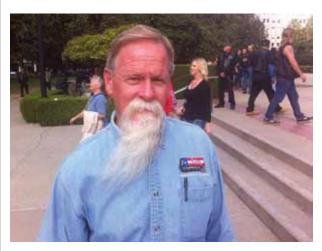
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ABATE OF CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER Lobbyist's Legislative Report



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by James Lombardo, Lobbyist The Lombardo Group – Government Relations <u>info@lombardogroup.net</u>



Executive Director's & PAC Reports by Dave Hastings, Executive Director & PAC Treasurer

The year 2017 is quickly coming to a close. I, and the rest of your Bailing Wire contributors, will take a short break from our posts over the upcoming Holiday season. This will be our last edition of the year and you will not receive another Bailing Wire until the combined January/February edition hits the street in early 2018.

Our magazine has undergone numerous changes while printing articles from many different authors over the years, but ABATE of California has always strived to make this magazine informative, interesting, and ultimately, a useful and educational tool for our riders and those who support our motorcycle lifestyle. We have covered past, current, and upcoming items that have, or will have, an impact on our riders. We cover legislative wins and losses, news and events from our members and Locals statewide, motorcycle maintenance and safety, fundraising, and unfortunately, the untimely loss of some of our members. The Bailing Wire has always been our largest information billboard, but, unfortunately, it has also become our largest, on-going, operational expense. We are suffering from the same slow downward spiral that most printed newspapers and magazines are dealing with and that is declining revenue from advertising and a drop in readership.

Christmas in the Capital; it's the season for tracking Two-Year Bills, Stakeholders meetings and will start to pick up the closer we get to January, when all of the 2017 introduced bills have to pass out of the Assembly and Senate!

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This month staff is running all over to draft amendments to these bills just to pass by the January 31st deadline for clearing out of house of origin! Bills can be gutted and a brand-new bill proposal inserted and that's why you keep us up here, fighting for your Rights!

We are tracking down rumors of bills for next year and will be reading through tons of NEWLY amended bills the first week in January!

See you at the Board of Directors/Legislative meetings January 13th in Cypress. As always, thanks to all that donate to the Dedicated Lobbyist Fund.

A Merry Christmas from us in Sacramento!

Today's world is an electronic, news at your fingertip from a handheld device world, and ABATE is making a firm commitment to establish and maintain a voice and presence in this new world. We now have Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages open and functioning and we are actively encouraging you to visit those sites. In addition our Bailing Wire magazine is available "on-line" so you can use your smart phone to stay current with us each month. I admit that I'm "old school" and still enjoy holding and reading printed articles, but I'm slowly converting to the new formats out of necessity and the slow realization that some information is only available in an electronic format. Some call it progress and some call it every other name in the book, but it is reality like it or not, and it's here to stay.

Where will this leave our beloved Bailing Wire? Only time and money will tell. I'm thinking we may see changes to our format or even a cutback to a quarterly printing schedule to achieve lower printing and mailing costs. We must reach a "break-even point" for our printed magazine's expense. These issues will be examined and addressed in 2018 by the incoming Board of Directors. So, enjoy your printed December Bailing Wire magazine and the upcoming Holidays.

The winter season is upon us and most of us will ride less and spend more time with our family and friends. Winter's slower schedule can be used to rest, restore our strength and stamina, and get ready for the coming spring riding season.

2018 will be an election year and our ABATE PAC will be actively involved in many of the electoral races statewide. In addition we will have many new bills introduced and some important hold-over bills from the last legislative session will be back for a vote also. We are going to have our work cut out for us next year. Enjoy this brief holiday respite and be ready for our next "call to action".

ABATE's agenda goes through seasonal cycles, so enjoy any quiet time you may have now and get ready to resume the battle when called. I sincerely hope you can celebrate the Holiday season with family, friends, and the traditions that make this a special time of year for each of us.

In closing I want to wish everyone a "Merry Christmas" and a "Joyful and Happy New Year" from my family to yours.

"THANKS TO ALL THAT DO, AND TO THOSE THAT DON'T, PLEASE TRY TO!"

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.

2017 Freedom Fighter Nominations

Nomination of Steve Howe, Local #08, by Dan & Linda Kelly

Steve Howe has been an ABATE of California



member for 7 years, and has shown his determination and commitment to spreading awareness of ABATE's mission and ideals.

Steve first joined ABATE as a member of Local 22. With his relocation to the Buena Park area he attended Local 8's meeting in October 2013 where he became involved and jumped in, attending Board meetings and rallies and continued to demonstrate his leadership capabilities by being elected Local 8's President the following year.

By his attendance at the state quarterly meetings he is also a PAC member.

Increasing membership and promoting awareness of issues relevant to the motorcycling community, he galvanized Local 8's members to reach out and develop a forward-thinking, inclusive atmosphere by engaging local and state politicians, business partners and other diverse riding groups. Adhering to the ideas of donating "a penny a mile" ridden and "found money" make him a consistent contributor to ABATE's funding.

Freedom Fighters are those individuals who are on the front line. That is Steve Howe.

Nomination of Jim Schlachter, Local #17, by Glenn Phillips

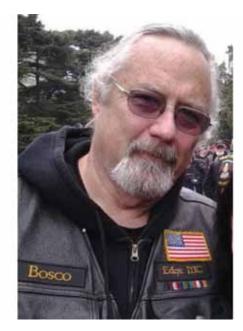
It gives me great pleasure to nominate Jim for the



2017 Freedom Fighter award. Jim has been a dedicated member of ABATE for over 14 years, serving not only as a Local Officer but on the State Board for a time. Jim is currently serving as the Merchandise Officer for our Local and has served as Vice President and Treasurer in the past. He has been an inspiration to me and continues to do so. He is a great example of what being a member is all about-PARTICIPATION.

Jim gives 110 percent. He was a driving leader in our 2013 Bike Raffle serving as Chairman for the process. The work required, along with the stress, was tremendous. He ran a tight ship and the result was a huge success for the entire organization of ABATE! He set the platform which we are using for our upcoming bike raffle. Jim volunteers when he can at anything we ask.

Jim was also instrumental in restoring our Local after a mismanagement period and gaining back our membership as the largest Local in California. He is a dear friend and riding partner to many throughout the Local. Please support me and vote for Jim Schlachter for ABATE of California Freedom Fighter of the Year. Nomination of Mark Loudermilk, Local #23/27, by Dave Hastings



I would like to nominate Mark Loudermilk of Local 23/27 for Freedom Fighter of the Year. Mark has been a member of ABATE since 2009. Many members wear multiple hats with ABATE and Mark has taken many roles. In 2014 seeing a vacancy in the Board and Region 9, his region, he volunteered and filled those positions.

Having a computer degree, in 2015 he approached Carol Cromwell about assisting with the webpage and eventually took over as the webmaster and still does that job. He also setup and administers, with others, the Facebook pages for both Locals 23 and 27.

In 2015 he became Vice president of Local 23 and Treasurer of Local 27 and in 2016 Membership Officer of Local 27. He is also PAC Rep and Safety Officer for both Locals.

In 2016 he worked with Nick Benson and Chuck Pederson in distributing and tabulating the questionnaires sent to candidates and is currently preparing the database for the 2018 election. Recently he was made Assistant to the Legislative Director to aid with communications.

Lastly, when we learned that Deacon was seriously ill and Kay was hoping to find a last ride for him, Mark reached out to people and organizations in Oregon and at this time has two people committed to giving that ride and others offering to visit in support.

He still does ALL 9 jobs, helping to keep the ABATE wheels turning.

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- Scan and email to <u>info@abate.org</u> (write "Ballot" in the subject line)
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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DEADLINES

All run flyers and ad copy will be camera ready. Deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication for ALL material for publication.

Business Card size\$15.00/Mo\$150.00/YRBusiness Card with color\$20.00/Mo\$200.00/YRSuper-Size Business Card with color\$250.00 Yearly only

A Super-Size Business Membership includes Business card on our website with a web link to your business. ALL Yearly rates Includes a Business membership to ABATE Of California.

Business Memberships include two persons at the same mailing address, and a display plaque for the first year. Business cards need to be mailed to the ABATE State Office with membership application and appropriate fee.

Other Business Ads or NON-ABATE Event Flyers Rate:

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BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

\$125 - One Year Business Member Listing, Couple Membership and Display Plaque. Add \$75 per year for color business card.

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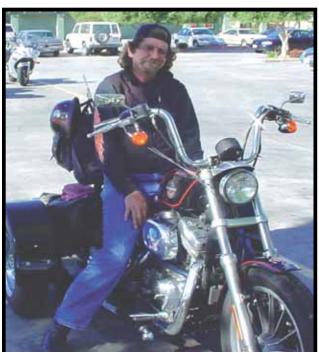
Ads should be submitted electronically – in a jpg or tiff file – email to **bailing.wire@abate.org** and either mail payment to the address below or call with credit card number and billing information.

CLASSIFIED Members may advertise in the Classified Section at no charge.

PHOTOS

If you have any photos of ABATE motorcycle events please send them to us. They will be returned if you ask. Please include name of event, date, sponsor, etc. Must be received by the 10th of the month. You can email pictures in .jpg file to: bailing.wire@abate.org

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by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hello all! This is the last column for 2017. I hope that you are making a last ditch effort to get an elusive person who you have tried to get through the year to be a member or business member. Good luck! To all of you that have signed-up new members throughout the year - Thank you!

Retention of members is the key to keeping your Local and our organization active. Please work on keeping your renewals throughout the up-coming year.

The 2017 Membership drive is coming to a rapid close. Use the Christmas toy runs and Christmas parties to make a last ditch effort to make your pitch to sign-up a new member or two. Remember, there is unity and strength in numbers of members and ABATE is the vital force that protects our right to ride in California. Continue to seek out new members in 2018. Thank you all.

Again, if you have ideas to help make the membership department work better, email me at <u>williammilligan285@yahoo.com</u> with your best shot at making membership better.

Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! Happy Kwanza! Happy New Year!

Regards, Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman



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Local #01 Los Angeles



Our meeting, once again, is after the due date for the Bailing Wire. So here's how the meeting will go: We'll start with the Pledge of Allegiance. Then come the reports: President's, Treasure's, Legislative (inform members about the meeting in San Diego regarding anti-profiling), VP's repot from Jim Nickla, and Membership from Glen Cheslock.

There will be talk about volunteers for the up-coming LA toy run and discussion about our February 2018 Polar Bear run.

I'll remind members about runs to attend: Local 19 & Pomona Valley HOG's toy run on December 3rd and Local 1's LA toy run on December 10th.

We'll ask for members' input on issues regarding Local 1. Meeting will end and, those who are hungry, will have a good breakfast prepared by the great ladies of the Elks Lodge

That's all folks!

Sporty, President ABATE Local 1

Local #02 Semi Valley



It's still tee shirt weather for now. I could smell our fantastic \$5.00 meal deal of BBQ hamburgers and fat footlongs, plus all the fixin's you could want, with a great bar on the other side of the wall. What more could you ask for? How about an ABATE meeting!

We start serving our fantastic \$5.00 meal at 6:45 and stop at 7:20 and our meeting starts promptly at 7:30. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW POST 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Ave.

Thanks to our volunteer cooks Steve and Jim for doing an outstanding job! A big double thanks to the VFW for letting us use their facilities and bar during our most important day of the month.

We started with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pres Guy opened the meeting talking about our Christmas party, instead of a regular meeting, next month - same day and time. We will have a pretty much all you can eat buffet/ potluck dinner and deserts. The meat of the day will be Frank's special BBQ Tri Tip steak!

Pres Guy also talked about riding schools that offer different levels of abilities in training.

We gave a donation to the Live Ride Ministries for their Thanksgiving food sharing program.

Our VP Jim talked about a lot of really important issues, our secretary Jane read the minutes and Pat, our treasurer, updated us on our financial status. PR Norm suggested reading the Bailing Wire on line this month and pretty much all the time. Membership guy Frank gave us his report, Pigface talked about group rides and Local 3/13's Trivia run and a few other runs coming up. He will email info later. We are still selling our great merchandise and will email the list of what we still have.

Keith from Local 3/13 talked to us about the MRF and what they are doing - everything from ethanol crap gas to profiling and a bunch of other interesting things at the national level.

This was a good informative meeting tonight. We had good discussions on a lot of topics and time flew by really quickly.

We missed all who could not make it and hope to see

you at our Christmas party! We will have a white Christmas gift exchange, just bring a gift and you'll get a gift. Besides eating we will have some games as well.

Don't stress out this time of the year, enjoy life and ride safely until we meet again!

PTL norm e.

Local #3/13 Ventura



MERRY CHRISTMAS to our ABATE family & friends!

This month's membership meeting will be our Annual Pot Luck Christmas Party. Fun and fellowship, enjoying each other's company, the accomplishments of the year, a 'White Elephant' gift exchange, and installation of our 2018 Officers. All are welcomed ... family, friends, potential new members ... ALL... Thursday, December 21st, (a) 7pm (a) the Elk's Lodge, T. O.

Also, we'll be manning the gates and otherwise helping out, at the Dave Mann ChopperFest, Sunday, the 10th of December. It's a fun day and great event ... and our local gets a couple of bucks for our help. Any last-minute volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

Our Local 3/13 continues to grow and evolve. We've been riding and making new friends in other clubs and groups. Spreading the word that A.B.A.T.E.'s legislative activities helps ALL riders. It's all about motorcyclists' rights ... across all Clubs, Groups and Organizations!

Supporting A.B.A.T.E. makes a statement and sends money to work towards fair treatment of motorcyclists. Whether you ride with A.B.A.T.E. or ride with another group, being a member of ABATE and/or just participating in these events, contributes to the work we do protecting your motorcycle riding rights. The comradery and the interest in our mission is contagious!

Our Past President, and A.B.A.T.E.'s California State Legislative Director, Chuck "Chief" Pedersen, and MRF Rep. Keith "Solo" Johnston, along with some of our officers, continue to network with various other groups, building alliances to assemble a formidable voice in Sacramento. Issues we are working on include an "Anti-Profiling" bill.

Our Local 3/13 is always welcoming NEW members. Bike Nights are held the 1st Thursday of each month @ 7pm @ Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park; General Membership Meetings are on the 3rd Thursdays @ 7pm @ Elk's Lodge, 158 N. Conejo School Rd. in Thousand Oaks; and Sunday-Funday rides EVERY third Sunday.

Come join Us ... to any or all of these events ... and bring your friends ...

Check us out on Facebook @ www.Facebook/ ABATE313 to follow our events and issues.

IT'S ALL ABOUT MOTORCYCLISTS' RIGHTS -ACROSS ALL CLUBS, GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS!

Ride Free! Kathlean "MamaBear" P.R., Local 3/13

Local #08 Orange County



Howdy all from Local 8! First an update on Dan and Linda who went down on Deacon's Final Ride. Linda got some road rash, but is healing well. Dan however suffered

a broken leg and ankle. He is home and recovering. It's now expected he will come off the disabled list in mid-January. Good health to Dan and Linda, and thanks to all who have expressed concern.

Local 8 held our monthly meeting on Monday night. After the President's message and the Treasurer's report, we went into Publicity. A lively discussion ensued regarding recruiting and what we should be planning for next year. We are a small Local, but we are thinking big. Many of us came away with action items to research opportunities to meet the riding pubic, particularly younger sport bike riders.

Daniel made sure we all voted for Freedom Fighter of the year. Carol won the opportunity drawing and donated that small fortune back to the Local. Thanks Carol!

Wishing Happy Holidays and a Joyous and Prosperous New Year to All!

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

Greetings from Local 17! We are selling tickets for our 2017/2018 Bike Raffle! We have procured a new 2017 Road Glide Standard from Iron Steed HD and will be announcing our winner at the annual ABATE Hot Rods & Harleys show on June 3rd, 2018 at Iron Steed HD. See our flyer this issue. Tickets are available through those mentioned on the flyer and Locals 1, 3/13, 8, 17, 20, 23, 24, 25, 27, 31, 44, and 52 with more Locals joining soon.

I will have tickets to sell and distribute at the Board of Directors meeting in Cypress on January 13th. I hope every Local will have representation at the Board meeting and support this fundraiser. You do not have to purchase tickets if you sign for them. Please contact us for more details and we will gladly get tickets sent to you!

There will be awards for the top three sellers of the tickets. This will be determined by how well we do. Every member of ABATE should buy at least one ticket, they make great Christmas gifts too!

Thanks to all that have already sold tickets, we have been able to make a good down payment on the bike!

Our annual Holiday party is coming up on December 2nd and tickets are on sale. Our Toy run is set for December 9th. This is our 30th toy run and we voted to join the B.R.O. toy run/Give-Away this year. Hope to see all our members there. We will meet at the Hide-A-Way for breakfast in Vacaville at 9 am. Bring an unwrapped toy. Then around 11 am we will proceed to The Edge Community Church at 1101 Horizon Dr., Ste. #104, in Fairfield. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be there with all the elves.

Our 2018 tentative run dates are: Freeze Your Ass Off March 3rd, Spring Bingo Run April 21st, Texas Hold 'Em Tournament May 5th, Ride in Bike Show (Hot Rods and Harlevs) June 3rd, Summer Bingo Run July 21st, Sarah's Memorial Run August 25th, Memorial and Fall Bingo Run October 7th or 13th, Holiday party December 1st, and Toy run December 2nd.

We hopefully will have filled our open board spots by this publication - Membership, Raffle, Event and Run Coordinator and Merchandise positions are open. Please show up at our December 17th meeting, 10 am at Judy's Wild Wrangler to volunteer!

Please take this time to get any necessary repairs or upgrades done to your bikes during the cooler months ahead. Most importantly enjoy your families and friends!

Ride Safe and Free and I will see you around the next

corner. Glenn

Local #20 Orange County



November was a short meeting with 14 members and 6 guests. Spike covered Waco (www.wacotrib.com) and other topics happening.

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Elections were held: Gill - President, Boomer - VP, Spike - PAC Rep, Moonie & Shim - Membership and Squirt - Secretary.

Hope y'all had a great Thanksgiving. Now on to Christmas! We will be having our annual Christmas buffet, families welcome.

Kandu missed out on \$45.

Non Politically Correct Gill/Squirt

Local #25 Sacramento



Lil' David called the meeting to order at 6:57. There were 7 members present and no visitors. Lil' David updated us on our financial situation. We re-

ceived \$25 in donations.

It was noted that we have a new member from Roseville. Deacon's last ride was led by the Patriot Guard. There were about 40 people and 20 motorcycles.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

Happy New Year to everyone! David Smart

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE Members! We have a couple of new members! They are Rocio and Edward Green. Welcome! By the time you read this, the 20th Annual Turkey Run will be in the books. Next report I will have all of our sponsors, and tell you how the Turkey Run went, and if we were able to meet our goal.

We are putting the finishing touches on our 26th Annual Los *Niños* Toy run on December 16th. Bob Brown always does a great job with this event.

For a small Local we have a lot of hardworking people that help get the job done. I wouldn't be able to do this without them.

Everyone at Local 38 hopes your Thanksgiving was great and that you have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Bye for Now.



ABATE of CA Bills at a Glance

The Lombardo Group info@lombardogroup.net

CHP Lane Splitting Guidelines (FOR):

ABATE's Lobbyist, The Lombardo Group, delivered our response to CHP Commissioner on proposed guidelines - We are a Voting member of this Committee.

California Air Resource Board (CARB) Red Sticker Program & Motorcycle On-Road Emissions (AGAINST):

The Red sticker program established in 1998 states that beginning with the 2003 model year, OHRVs that do not meet emissions standards receive a red registration sticker from the DMV. During peak ozone season, the red sticker limits operation at certain off-highway recreational vehicle parks.

CARB is discussing getting rid of this program and Banning Red Sticker Bikes all together. They will be looking at this sometime in 2018, we are Monitoring.

SB 660 Newman Vehicle exhaust systems: exemption (FOR – TWO YEAR BILL):

This bill would amend the existing law that allows CARB to regulate pollution control devices. The amendment would create the Aftermarket Parts Account in which monies deposited would be used for the purpose of hiring additional staff for the implementation of approved devices.

This would get aftermarket parts approved quicker for sale.

Stakeholder Meetings taking Place at Capitol, ABATE's Lobbyist is Attending/Monitoring California Motorcycle Safety Program (CMSP) Hi-Vis Subcommittee (CHP) (AGAINST):

The committee is recommending that all riders wear Hi-Vis vests. ABATE's Lobbyist has emphatically voiced that we are against this and is a waste of the CMSP Fee that Motorcyclists pay during Registration.

We will have more of an update in March once Bills have been presented and sponsored

Want more details on a bill? http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/ Join or Donate TODAY www.abate.org



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ABATE OF CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER

Sustaining ABATE Members aka V.I.P. THANK YOU!! For the Extra Support!!!

ABATE Local #01 Gordon Baldwin Lisa Garber & Bruce Hersch Sporty Milligan Bob Warren

ABATE Local #02 Patti Bock Scott & Pat Burton

ABATE Local 3/13 Chris Hodapp Keith & Sharon Johnston Mike & Mary Osborn

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Statement of Intent: Board of Directors 2-Year Term 2018-2019 – Even Candidate – David "D-Man" Seiler

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I have been involved in various levels of political actions for years. I joined ABATE three years ago and found a group of passionate leaders working hard to both revive membership while vigilantly watching over the rights that we already have. I have served as the PAC officer for Local 8 for at least two years. I have been up to the state capital many times visiting and representing ABATE's position on various issues.

In general, my position is: I would like to continue to see diversity within our ABATE officers and membership. It doesn't matter what you ride, be it touring, cruiser or sport bike, be it American, European or Metric, in a club or as an independent, it's that you ride and are one of the proud few that are willing to stand up and defend the lifestyle we hold dear.

I believe we need to rebrand ourselves. I feel the general motorcycle community has the misconception that ABATE is "a bunch

of old Harley riders that want to repeal the helmet law". I feel we need to get the message out that we are "an organization focused on protecting the right to freely own and ride your motorcycle".

I feel we need to understand, communicate and attract both the Gen-X and the Millennial generation riders. This is not an easy task. If any has done any work with or research on Millennials, you will understand this statement. But we MUST focus on these generations to ensure the future preservation of our rights to freely own and ride our motorcycles.

Let's look to expand ABATE in membership and continue to increase the diversity. Diversity should unite and strengthen us as an organization and a political influencer. We are all brothers and sisters in the wind. One Team – One Goal!

Thanks, D-Man, ABATE Local 8, PAC Officer Horsemen, President



David "Deacon" Phillips Final Ride – October 14, 2017

Pictures courtesy of: Wendy Woodward, William Gould and Jean-Pierre Dumur

The Patriot Guard Riders have been requested by the family of David "Deacon" Phillips on his final ride from the Elks Lodge in Tujunga, CA to a location on Angeles Crest Highway at GPS coordinates 34.261852, -118.112538, where his wife and friends will honor his last request. (Distance of approximately 20 miles).

The Patriot Guard Riders are honored to participate in what is what is being called "Deacon's Last Ride."

David "Deacon" Phillips. Age 76; served honorably in the United States Navy, E2 (maybe E3) rated Yeoman in the Vietnam Era from 1958-1961. He succumbed to complications of his battle with Parkinson's disease recently.

He is survived by his significant other of 16 years, Lady Kay Deli, his cousin Joe Dorsey and family of Bristol Pennsylvania, his faithful cat "Goldie", as well as many brothers & sisters in the biker community. Deacon is predeceased by his parents, Dan & Mary Phillips of Pennsylvania, and his son, Terry Phillips (2016).

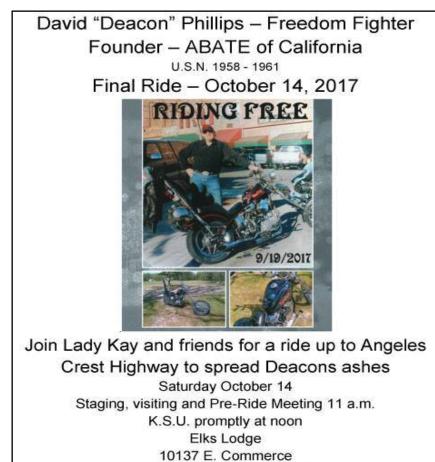
In civilian life he was a retired commercial artist, known for his murals, signs, and pin striping. He's built & painted custom motorcycles.

During the early 60s he was a member of the Philadelphia Police Department on their motorcycle highway patrol, during which time he received multiple commendations.

His main love in life was his 1949 Harley Davidson Pan head, that he bought at age 15 & chopped in the 70s. Throughout his life he rode hundreds of thousands of miles, until 2013 when Parkinson's took him out of the saddle. To say he was involved in motorcyclists' rights would be a huge understatement. In 1982 Deacon founded ABATE of California. He was inducted into the Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame in 2006. That ceremony is on YouTube @ https://youtu.be/-fYAIRrY2-Q Deacon also authored and self-published a book "The Adventures of Sledge Hammer; 'The Old Outlaw'" by "the Deacon", David D. Phillips.

Steve Blumenfeld USAF SSGT (E-5), 1970-1974 SoCal PGR Ride Captain









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NCOM Biker Newsbytes



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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

HUNG JURY FORCES MISTRIAL IN FIRST WACO CASE: It's been over two years since the bloody Twin Peaks melee in Waco, Texas, and the first trial of more than 150 of those arrested and charged has ended in a mistrial when the jury was hopelessly split on multiple counts.

Dallas Bandidos leader Jake Carrizal was charged with three criminal counts, including murder and racketeering, stemming from the May 17, 2015 brawl and gunfight with rival Cossacks members during a meeting of the Texas Confederation of Clubs and Independents that left nine bikers dead and 18 seriously injured, most shot by responding police.

The prosecution had hoped a conviction in this first "big test case," considered the state's strongest, would serve as an indicator of how solid the government's cases might be going forward, and could be used to generate plea deals amongst the remaining 153 bikers indicted, explained A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) Attorney Bill Smith of Texas. Smith, who also serves as legal counsel for the Confederations of Clubs (COC) in Texas, gave a muchanticipated update to bikers from across the U.S. during a recent National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Regional Meeting in Oklahoma City.

Carrizal faces life in prison if found guilty, but following more than a month of testimony in proceedings that cost the Waco community over \$2 million to date, the three woman, nine man jury deliberated for just under 15 hours over two days before notifying Judge Matt Johnson they were irrevocably deadlocked and unable to reach a verdict.

Judge Johnson sent the jury home on Friday, November 10, and declared a mistrial. The State has reportedly announced they will retry the case, but at this point it is unclear if the case will be retried on the same or amended charges, or how it will affect others under indictment.

"Just by attending a regularly scheduled monthly meeting, many of these bikers lost their jobs, lost their motorcycles, lost homes, or lost custody of a child because of their arrest for engaging in criminal activity," said Attorney Smith, "spending days, weeks or months in jail under million dollar bail bonds."

In early 2016, several of the bikers filed a civil rights lawsuit against the District Attorney, the Chief of Police and other Waco officials, and "if acquitted, they can succeed in civil action."

NCOM MEETING REPORT FROM OKC: "Many thanks to all that attended the NCOM Board of Directors meeting and NCOM Region 2 Conference this past weekend in Oklahoma City, and to all OK COC (Confederation of Clubs) Member Groups that worked so hard to ensure its success," wrote NCOM Board member Tiger Mike Revere, Liaison for the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs, in his recent OKCOC Liaison Report.

"Lots of valuable information was shared that will ul-

timately help improve our Motorcycling Quality of Life," Tiger Mike continues... "The seminar dealing with RICO and Biker Judicial Rights, the Texas AIM/NCOM Attorney update on the Waco Situation, and the presentation addressing profiling and police harassment of Motorcyclists were educational. The Regional Motorcyclist Rights Forum and Multi-State COC Symposium afforded Rights Activists and Club Members from all over the Nation the opportunity to share informational updates and legislative strategy for the future. The Regional Christian Unity Meeting featured Spiritual riding groups from many states sharing their faith and community outreach experiences."

Revere goes on to say that, "The NCOM Board of Directors continues to be impressed with the degree of enthusiasm and involvement Region 2 Members demonstrate for being educated on critical issues. Particular recognition goes to those that staffed the Hospitality Room, handled logistics for the hotel and transportation, and to the vendors that took part. The Saturday Night Camaraderie Party and Dinner was a Blast! Thanks to our OKCOC Lawyers for providing the food. It was great to see how many riders showed up for Sunday's OKCOC Meeting as well--the Biltmore Hotel's Ballroom was packed with well over 400 Riders!"

He concludes with; "I deeply appreciate your passion and commitment to defending Biker Liberty, in Oklahoma and Nationwide. Be sure to put the 33rd Annual National Coalition of Motorcyclists Convention on your Calendar. It's scheduled for May 8-13, 2018 in Mobile, AL at the Riverview Plaza Renaissance Hotel, and it's going to be a great one! The Region 2 Conference was also a Veterans' Day celebration, and 150 bikes rode to the Oklahoma State Capitol on November 11 to take part in the ceremonies. Thanks very much, attendees, for honoring our Armed Forces!"

BIKERS ASSIST DISASTER VICTIMS: U.S. De-

fenders and the Facilitators at Camp Ironhorse have been deeply involved not only in assisting Hurricane Harvey Disaster relief efforts in Texas, but also in traveling to Puerto Rico for disaster relief aid following Hurricane Maria. "Texas Defenders and Camp Ironhorse volunteers alternate every other week delivering supplies and support equipment," reports NCOM Board member Tiger Mike Revere, Liaison for the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs. "Multiple agencies in our area have donated to support efforts which benefit our fellow Americans victimized by the storms and enhance a Positive Biker Image." A critical need continues, so anyone interested in providing any support or donations, assisting in Relief Efforts, or desiring more information can contact Monte "Stick" Keiner at: wizzardproduction@yahoo.com.

NCOM Christian Unity also continues to be very responsive in meeting Disaster Victims' needs, as updated at the recent Region 2 Conference in Oklahoma. "They are working with an effort led by Central Harley-Davidson out of Austin, TX," reports Revere, "and the assistance they provided is much appreciated by our awesome Motorcycling Community." For more information or to contribute, contact Louie Nobs, NCOM Christian Unity Liaison, at <u>ncom.christianunity@gmail.com</u>.

BIKING PASTOR SHEPHERDS TEXAS CHURCH,

SITE OF MASSACRE: Pastor Frank Pomeroy oversees the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, where a crazed gunman opened fire on Sunday, November 5th and slaughtered 26 people, one unborn, and injured 20 others inside the church. "Rev. Pomeroy, a motorcycle enthusiast, also runs a ministry for bikers," and the following information was submitted to NCOM Biker Newsbytes by Becky Cakes, recipient of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists' 2013 NCOM Silver Spoke Award for Media.

The First Baptist Church has a YouTube Channel where it posts videos of worship services and events, and in the last sermon posted online, Rev. Pomeroy -- the church's motorcycle-riding pastor -- used the imagery of a Harley-Davidson to illustrate his theme for the service, entitled "You Don't Need Training Wheels, You Need Christ!"

Ms. Cakes continues her post; "The pastor brought his bike into church last Sunday, set it in front of the altar and used it as a metaphor. It was safer, he said, to lean into turns on the bike, even though it felt less safe, a lesson he was trying to teach his daughter Annabelle Pomeroy, 14, on the ride there that morning, when it was only 34 degrees.

"We had a beautiful ride," he said. "She was back there

cuddled behind me, and when I pointed at the temperature gauge, I felt her snuggle in even tighter."

Annabelle was shot and killed on Sunday. Mr. Pomeroy and his wife, Sherri, were out of the state. ..." (Excerpted from The Wall Street Journal, <u>www.wsj.com</u>).

U.S. INTERIOR DEPT CREATES RECREATION

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: On November 7, 2017, Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke announced the creation of a Recreation Advisory Committee to help improve visitor experiences on America's public lands and waters through expanded public-private partnerships. "We used to have a Bureau of Recreation – we're bringing recreation back," Zinke said, adding that "I look forward to hearing from the best and the brightest in our private sector on how to improve the public experience on our federal lands and waters by expanding access for all Americans."

According to the Outdoor Industry Association, outdoor recreation generates \$887 billion in economic impact and supports 7.6 million jobs across the country. "The creation of the Recreation Advisory Committee – combined with meetings, declarations and events – is an important step in harnessing the might of the outdoor recreation economy and shows the department's commitment to supporting its continued growth," reports the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) in announcing the formation of the committee.

The committee will offer new opportunities for experienced and committed supporters of the Great Outdoors to collaborate with the secretary and other Interior officials on a range of issues, including expansion of world-class visitor services and infrastructure, skillful management of peak visitation, improving fee collection, incorporating new technologies and much more.

This action is the result of numerous meetings between the Department of the Interior, the Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable (ORIR), of which the MIC is a member, and others.

"Creation of the Recreation Advisory Committee is great news for the outdoor recreation industry," said MIC president and CEO Tim Buche. "We are excited to work with the Department of Interior to address issues facing outdoor recreation, including trail maintenance and expanding access to public lands."

NEW YORK TO REQUIRE MOTORCYCLE SAFE-TY SAVVY BEFORE LICENSURE: Those seeking a drivers license in the state of New York will soon be required to take and pass a series of Motorcycle Safety scenarios. A7486/S2119, signed into law on October 23, 2017 by Governor Andrew Cuomo, establishes a motorcycle safety awareness component as a requirement for licensing.

Introduced by Assemblyman Marcos Crespo (D-S Bronx), the legislation creates a "Motorcycle Safety" component to licensure, and requires "The commissioner to provide in the pre-licensing course, a mandatory component in "Motorcycle Safety" awareness education as a prerequisite for obtaining a license to operate a motor vehicle. The purpose of the component is to educate prospective licensees on the potential dangers to persons operating motorcycles on the roadway."

So "Motorcycle Safety" will now join alcohol and drug education, "Road Rage" awareness and "Work Safety Zone Safety" as subject matters for the pre-licensing course.

FRAUDULENT MOTORCYCLE ENDORSE-MENT DOCUMENTS IN INDIANA: "It has come to our attention that some Indiana residents have been caught up in a scam regarding documents necessary to obtain a motorcycle endorsement," reports Jay Jackson of ABATE of Indiana (<u>www.abateonline.org</u>), which "represents all Hoosier motorcyclists and is very concerned anytime one of us is harmed."

Although details from the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) are incomplete, "it appears that someone has made copies of the state form used to issue a waiver for skills test and forged the signature of a former ABATE instructor. This unlawful act of greed casts an ugly and undeserved shadow on the instructor's reputation, as well as that of ABATE of Indiana."

Jackson related stories of people caught up in this

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situation, with some paying money for these documents or attending and "passing" makeshift classes. If the BMV is unable to confirm that the applicant had successfully completed a legitimate rider course, "they suspend not only the motorcycle endorsement, but also the operator's license, and in some cases the Commercial Driver's License (CDL), of the individual."

If you have any information related to this situation, please reach out and contact the Indiana State Police, or call the ABATE office at (317) 422-8040 (Indiana residents call (800) 23-ABATE). "We want to get to the bottom of this in hopes that it may assist those that were victimized."

HUMANITY TRIUMPHS OVER MACHINERY:

Humans have been getting their tails handed to them by computers, as artificial intelligence (A.I.) has been regularly trouncing humanity in classic games like chess, Go, and Mortal Kombat, but at least there's one area where we still reign supreme (for now): motorcycle racing!

In a tale bearing striking resemblance to that of folk hero John Henry, the "steel-driving man" who proved his human prowess in a race against a steam-powered contraption, an A.I.-piloted motorcycle recently lost a race against a modern-day riding champion.

Renowned MotoGP racer Valentino Rossi outperformed MOTOBOT, a motorcycle-riding robot from Yamaha that controls six actuators aboard a non-modified motorcycle; steering, throttle, both brakes, clutch and gearshift.

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ABATE Events for 2017 & 2018

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

December 2 – ABATE Local 17 – Christmas Party **December 3** – ABATE Local 19 – 30th Annual Toy Run (see flyer this issue) **December 9** – ABATE Local 17 – 30th Annual Toy Run **December 9** – ABATE Local 44 – Holiday Party December 10 – ABATE Local 1 – Toy Run (see flyer this issue) **December 16** – ABATE Local 38 – 26th Annual Los Niño's Toy Run **December 25** – ABATE Local 6 – Christmas With Kids (see flyer this issue) **February 25** – ABATE Local 1 – 31st Annual Polar Bear Run March 3 – ABATE Local 17 – Freeze Your Ass Off Run **April 21** – ABATE Local 17 – Spring Bingo April – ABATE Local 27 – BARE Necessities Run May 5 – ABATE Local 17 – Texas Hold 'Em June 3 – ABATE Local 17 – Ride In Bike Show and Bike Raffle Drawing (see flyer this issue) July 21 – ABATE Local 17 – Summer Bingo August 25 – ABATE Local 17 – Sarah's Scholarship Run October 7 or 13 – ABATE Local 17 – Memorial Run & Fall Bingo **December 1** – ABATE Local 17 – Holiday Party **December 1** – ABATE Local 19 – 31st Annual Toy Run **December 2** – ABATE Local 17 – Toy Run

Bike Nites:

ABATE Local $3/13 - 1^{st}$ 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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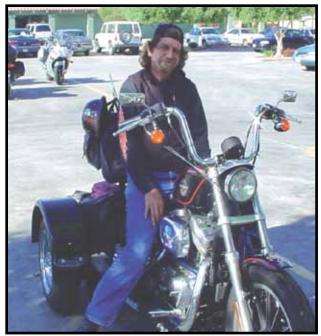


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by Sporty Milligan

Hello again! It is time for my thrilling adventure packed Sporty's Rides. This is where I take you through the adventures of me, Sporty Milligan. So much for my ego building.

This month's rides start out on a somber note as Saturday, October 14th, we did the "Deacon" David Phillips memorial ride. This ride started at ABATE Local 1's meeting location, the Elks Lodge in Tujunga. When I arrived at the hall, there was already a gathering of riders. We were to assembly by 11 am and leave the Elks Lodge by 12 noon. Before we left the hall, we had a briefing and welcome because some of us had never been on a Patriot Guard Ride. We had received our first dog tag.

Lady Kay, Little David and Chaplain Dave Drenth road in the car that followed my bike which was preceded by the lead Patriot Guard folks. Lady Kay had asked me to carry the urn with Deacon's ashes in it. Behind the car was the rest of the riders. It was a somber ride. The Patriot Guard, under Captain Steve Blumenfeld's direction, were doing a masterful job of bringing the group along Little Tujunga. The ride was going along smoothly until we got to Little Tujunga and Angles Crest. It was there at the turn that somebody in a car could not wait and tried to pass the group of riders. That caused a mishap which caused Dan and Linda Kelly to take a spill. Lucky for us Steve Miller, who works for Richard Lester, got the license plate number of the car. Dan suffered a broken fibula and ankle and Linda had road rash.

We arrived at our location and parked the bikes. There were 52 folks that came out to say good-bye to Deacon, the founder of ABATE of California. Chaplain Dave said some nice stuff and we saluted our departed leader. Lady Kay took the ashes and spread them out. We will be joining Deacon

Sporty's Rides

in the years ahead, but for now he will be riding in the clouds of heaven. Deacon's beloved 49 Panhead chopper is going to be put in the Sturgis Hall of Fame.

The group departed; some had stuff to do, others, including myself, rode to Newcomb's Ranch to have a nice lunch. Vince Alvarez and I rode back followed by Debra and Sheila, members of Local 1, in their car.

The following week, October 19th, I was packed up and ready to go to Fresno to for the 4th quarterly Board of Directors meeting. However I had another hearing aid appointment to go to before I left for Fresno. Weather was a little overcast in the valley. I usually take a leisurely ride to Fresno because it is only a couple of hours ride. Got gas in Castaic and proceed up the Grapevine towards Gorman. It was a bit windy and cold, but I have gotten accustomed to riding in the wind. It is treacherous at times, but not that bad. The weather was getting a bit nasty with needle rain coming down. Passed a poor guy riding a Heritage Softail and he looked pretty miserable. Anyway, stopped at the Grapevine rest stop to check my gear. No coffee at this stop.

Again it was raining off and on until I got to Bakersfield HD where I ran into Steve Miller, who works for Richard Lester. We had a conservation with the sales manager and I was also there to check on my bike raffle poster. I inquired about the price of a 2014 Triumph T100 Bonneville that has 11,004 miles on the speedo. My investment counselor, Marty O'Malley, got the bike because he is the court appointed conservator and has to dispose of property. So if you're interested in the bike, it's for sale for \$5,000. Email me, Sporty Milligan, at <u>williammilligan285@yahoo.</u> <u>com</u>.

After a couple of cups of Joe, I said good-bye to the salesman and Steve and pressed on. Tried to get more coffee at the Phillip S Raine rest stop in Tulare. No dice. No coffee. Moving on I stopped at the Nut Shop before Visalia to buy something to use as a raffle prize to help pay for the room we are using for the meeting at the motel. I found two motorcycles that looked like Deacon's old Panhead so I bought them plus a bag of nuts. Stopped at the Visalia HD shop to check on my bike raffle poster. Also got coffee again.

The rest of the ride to the motel was a breeze. I got a handicap room and ate a burger at the motel bar, it was ok.

Next day we had our quarterly meetings. The turnout was small. The meetings lasted until 3 pm. I had to hurry home as I was doing Local 3/13's Trivia run the next day. Ride home was ok and pleasant. I made my Saturday 8 pm AA meeting on time.

The next day I planned to be at the Park & Ride off Winnetka and Victory to meet those from Local 1 who might like to ride to Azar's Sports bar in Newberry Park. The only one that showed up was Glen Cheslock. So after waiting until 9 am we took off. Arriving at Azar's Sports bar, we paid our admission fee. Glen then said he was not going to do the route as he had stuff to do at home. I wished him a good day and started off on the route.

The first stop was the Ventura pier. Wrong! When I got there they had an event that caused me to go round and round. The event was a running race. They had the streets blocked off. So after much duress, I said #\$@* and proceeded to the next stop. This was the Gas and Oil museum in Santa Paula. It was bitchin! They answered my questions and I enjoyed my stay there.

Next stop was the bar of Imported Beers. It is located in an industrial park in Oxnard. I had trouble getting there because after I left the Oil museum I misread my run sheet and was trying to find the end spot instead of the bar in the industrial park. I finally figured out my goof and got to the right check point. I had the bartender help me with the answers.

The final spot was a bar in Point Hueneme, I think it was called Top Dog. I had lunch and listened to the music provided by the deejay. Won a raffle prize! Thanks Local 3/13 for an interesting day.

The last item is the trip to San Diego to attend a coffee meeting with Assemblyperson Dr Shirley Weber. The meeting was to start at 10 am. I got up early and left to go to San Diego. It was a breezy ride, to say the least. I got there in plenty of time. Dan Buse, president of Local 11 (North San Diego County) was there as was Nancy from Local 6 and other club riders from the area. Chuck Pederson, ABATE's Legislative director and his girlfriend, Kathlean, both from Local 3/13, were there as well.

We were there to get a feel for our anti-profiling issue and what possible approaches we might take to get it done. Assemblyperson Dr Weber talked, we listened. Good deal. So I came away from this with a good feeling. We have much work to do to accomplish our goal. The ride home was nice.

Well that's it folks! Hope you enjoyed this month's column about Sporty's rides. And you know the drill, look for new members, keep your Local's renewals and go to ABATE events.

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Motorcycle Safety Report

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Closing 2017

It's another year that's coming to an end and, for better or worse, all who read this has another year notched on their belt of riding life. For most of us, we rode unscathed, for some a minor accident or a whoops - a whoops is a minor accident that is self-inflicted, usually because of showing off or some other silly reason, some got broken bones and scars, and for some it was their last ride.

Accidents can change lives. The severity of an accident will leave permanent scars on the mind rather than just scars on the body. I have seen people quit riding because of that. I cannot blame them, we are all different and how we deal with the violence of an accident is as different to each of us as east is to west.

I know a few people that quit riding out of fear, not because of an accident or disability, but because they think it's just too crazy out there and have decided not to risk their lives. I do disagree though. Fear is a disease you get when you have no confidence in your abilities. We are not taught fear, we let it manifest in our brain to the point where it stops you from taking risks! Risk is chance that equals freedom, chance is opportunity to enjoy all that you risk! We all hope to be careful, especially when we ride, but is taking the risk worth it? I say yes 100%! My love for riding is coming home safe so that I can do it another day. The pleasures, the joy and the mysteries are worth the risks for me, period!

Motorcycle riding is a life style no matter what you ride or how long you've ridden. The love of an open road with the wind in your face is priceless. The more experience you get riding only makes you more road worthy, because you have to constantly educate yourself to make motorcycle safety a priority, I have seen too many road dawgs get plowed because of overconfidence or because they trusted other people on the road of life. It's not our road only, it's for every one of all skill levels and vehicles. It's only scary if you say it is.

I'm confident with my level of safety awareness in all that I do. I need to enjoy the freedom you get while riding, there is no other choice for me. I am limited in what I can and cannot do and, as long as I can ride, I won't worry about flying that plane I dreamed of or chase the sound of speed etc. My financial status and age lets me know of my reality, and there is nothing wrong with it!

Let's start from ground zero, not as a child growing up but as a young person starting a family. Say you're in your mid-20s for example (this is my concept but unlimited in thoughts). You ride here and there and mostly on weekends because of life during Monday thru Friday. You have a couple of kids and being a father or mother, and being a parent cuts into your riding time and you know it. It eats at you from time to time, but you still ride here and there. This is the big question or questions I now present: What should I teach my children? And maybe, how should I teach my children? Do they want to know? Do they need to know? Or should I think they need to learn life on their own? Or should I be that person who is more than just a parent?

In today's technology, we go after what satisfies our curiosity. We have the ultra-high tech super



phones and so on, we have newer and greater vehicle safety features every year and it's not stopping even if we have driverless cars etc. We are so engaged in technology that it's mind boggling. It has its prejudices, age is one of them, second is the money - can you afford progress?

I'm dumbstruck because I like progress, but I don't like what it takes to be current in that world of thought. I just need to get by on what's important to me and not worry about what the neighbor has. The techno world has us all spinning, but it boils down to you and you alone. You will have a choice to make to one person or persons and that's this: Will you impact that one person whether child or friend? Or will you distract that one person whether child or friend? This is not a lost art or some kind of new thing, it's about living.

Let's talk about impact; raising a child to learn how to ride and explore life on two wheels, devoting your time and energy throughout their lives, constantly teaching them discipline and safety while riding, whether on the dirt or asphalt or maybe both. This is not about just kids or teenagers. People start doing things later in life that they couldn't do at a younger age. The need to ride has no age limit! Being a riding mentor is a great thing and even if you are just talking to someone about motorcycle life wherever you may be, the conversations could be priceless, just try it! When you impact someone with knowledge and understanding, they will have the positive confidence to ride the roads of life.

Now let's talk about distract, or I should say distraction. It's not a negative word. It is really more of a cop-out when you think about it. To divert one's attention so you can do something else without said person or persons. I'm partially guilty of this. I had the chance to raise my kids with motorcycles being a part of their lives, but chose not to. I helped them with other important things in life like being a musician. I was a rockin' dad that had a Harley and music was very important to me and to pass on to my kids. But I had a chance ... all said and done. I found ways to distract them while I scooted. Buying them gaming systems and any type of new techno gizmo that was the latest fad for the month - you know.

If I had a friend that wanted to learn how to ride, I'd be the first in line to help them. I grew up learning since I was 12 or 13 and absorbed as much as I could till today! Teaching has always been a constant with



me, no age limit or what you ride, as long as you want to ride. Great conversations can be found everywhere when you ride and you'll learn more than you think if you engage with others and they will too! The choice is yours - impact or distract!

As we get to the end of the year it's time to be extra safe. So-Cal traffic will be a bitch and people get frenzied during the holidays like no other time of the year. I think modern technology will increase the tension this time of year as well. The cell phone will still be used while driving and even if you are hands free, you still get distracted by conversation or map reading and so on. Another important distraction that happens all the time is the eater-driver. We have many excuses as drivers, but eating and driving is done by all at any given time. A lot of people work while on the road and eating while driving is as natural to them as eating at a table. I'm guilty of driving with my knees while eating, you? Music, horseplay, and even having a bad morning or day can be a distraction while driving, there are just too many examples of distraction to list.

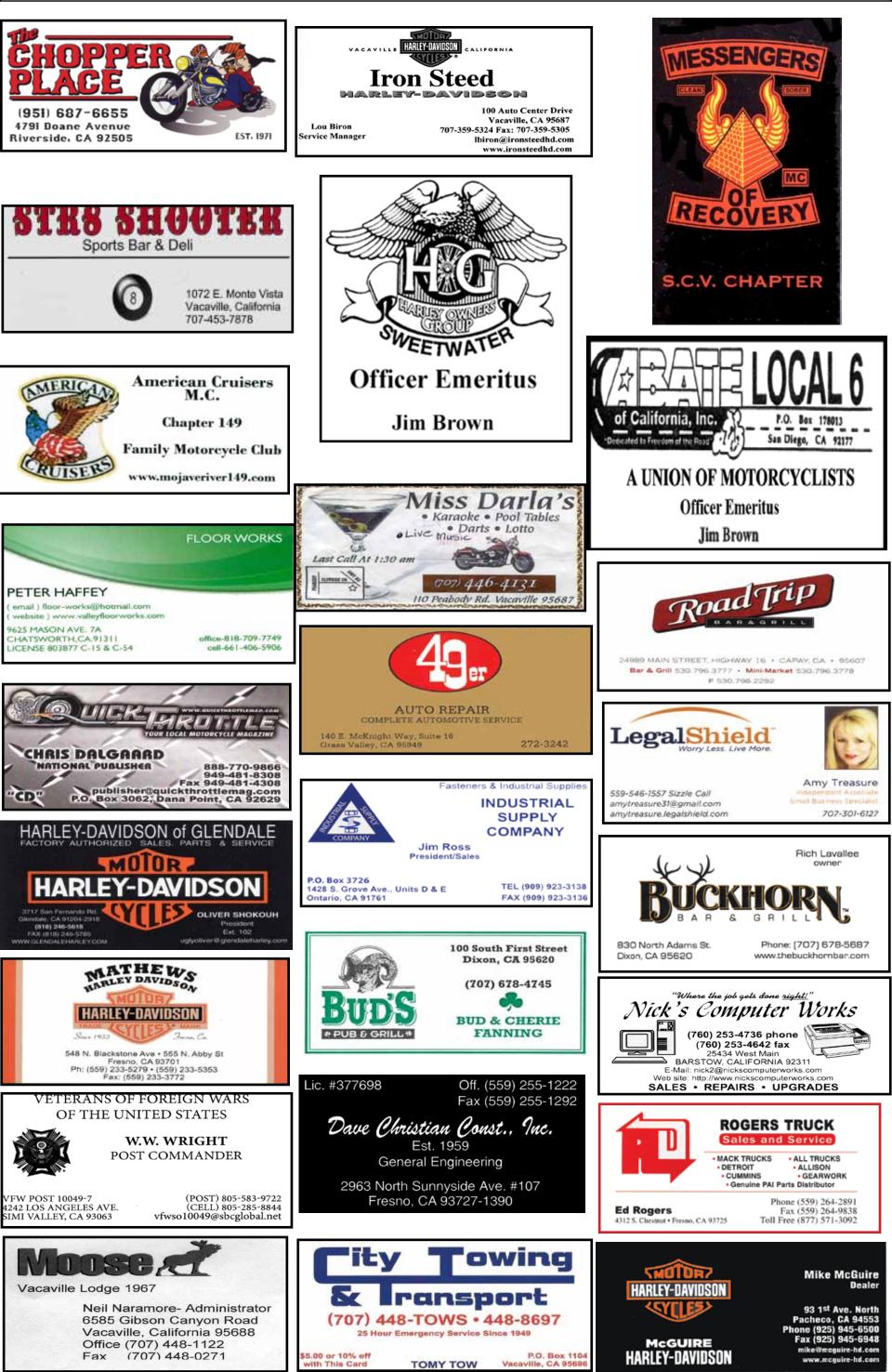
In my research over the last year, this has been from local research to major news studies and the latest statistical quotations, one thing that stuck out and had me thinking. There has been a drop in newer motorcyclists, and will continue over the years. This was my article's main focal point - what are we teaching? How to amuse yourself on the 3"x5" phone of life? How to use your cell phone for all things in life and not really enjoying life? The gaming world has exploded with amazing graphics that are so mind boggling you'd think they were real!

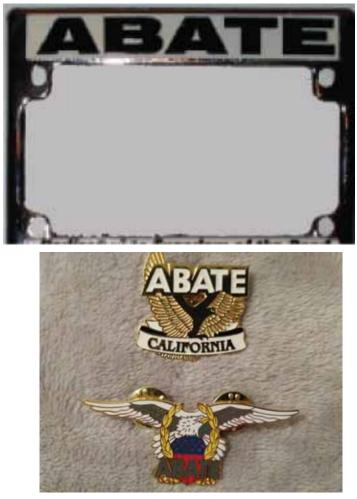
Are we pushing our children and/or friends into this new technology so that we can escape? We tend to distract other people because we don't want to deal with them (not in a negative way of course!) or what their interests might be. But given that one chance at being an impact on a person can be very vital in their life. To ride or not to ride is the question. Cell phone or motorcycle? Hard choice? Most would prefer both. Teach all who are willing that waking up in your sleeping bag in the dirt next to your bike is an amazing memory to have and that hitting the road to anywhere is better than a fake game on your cell phone.





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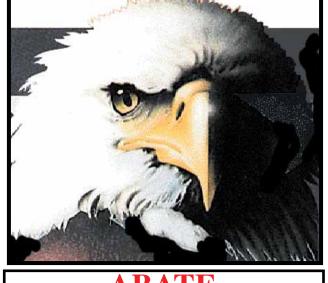
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