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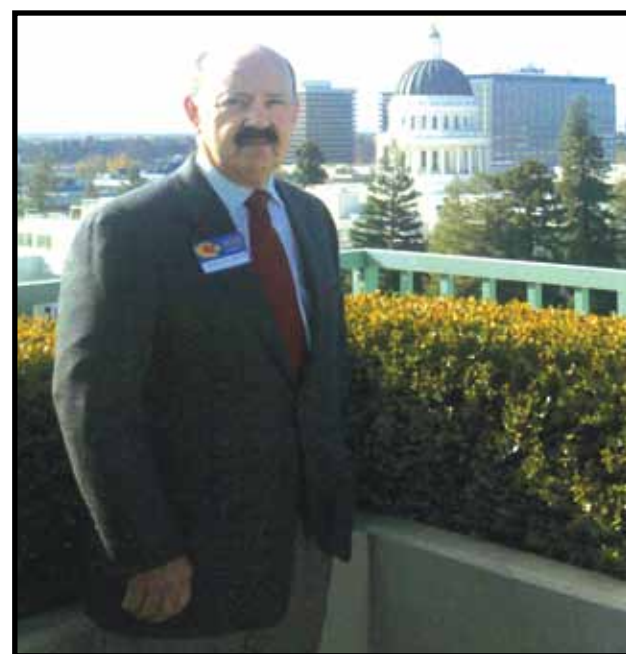
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May is Motorcycle Awareness Month ACR 91 by
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Transportation Jim Frazier (D - Oakley) 11th
District - State Capitol Steps East Side



Lobbyist's Legislative Report



by James Lombardo, Lobbyist

May was Motorcycle Awareness Month in California! ABATE, as part of the California Motorcycle Safety Program Advisory Committee, was successful in getting Caltrans to post Motorcycle Awareness freeway digital sign alerts throughout the Month of May for the 7th year in a row! I hope you all enjoy seeing the signs up as much as I do.

At the State Capitol we were able to get a resolution introduced, ACR 91, declaring "May as Motorcycle Awareness Month". The resolution was introduced by the Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee, Jim Frazier (D - Oakley), coauthored by Assemblymembers Laura Friedman (D - Glendale) and Dante Acosta (R - Santa Clarita). ABATE Chairman Glenn Phillips was introduced on the Assembly Floor (as seen in this month's Bailing Wire Picture) when they presented ACR 91 on May 18th. Other

dignitaries included members of the CHP CMSP Legislative Unit, Chiefs Esmerelda Felat and Chris Costigan. Others introduced included Caltrans Deputy Director, Steve Takigawa, and Director of Office of Traffic Safety, Rhonda Craft.

Over in the Senate we had another resolution, SR 36 "May as Motorcycle Awareness Month", introduced by Senator Anthony Canella (R - Modesto), Vice Chair of the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee and fellow rider. It was cosponsored by Chair of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, Senator Jim Beall (D - San Jose) and Senator Jean Fuller (R - Bakersfield).

The new lane splitting guidelines have not been approved as of this Bailing Wire printing. We will post on our WEBSITE when the guidelines are released by the CHP - **STAY TUNED - WE ARE CHECKING WITH THE CHP DAILY!**

Our legislative program is moving with both bills clearing their respective houses as needed by the Legislative deadlines. They will be heard in June when the policy committees reconvene after the Legislature passes the State Budget. Our sponsored bill, AB 1027 by Assemblyman Acosta, allows riders without a motorcycle license to take either the beginner or intermediate CMSP approved courses. Once riders pass this course, they receive their DL 389 waiver to take to DMV and bypass the legendary DMV lollipop motorcycle riding test.

SB 672 by Senator Fuller extends permanently the bill we sponsored 10 years ago requiring cities, counties and the state to replace sensors in new or repaired traffic lanes to detect the presence of motorcycles and bicycles at traffic signals. This would become a permanent program by removing the sunset - which will END this excellent program on January 1, 2018, without the passage of SB 672.

Thanks again for supporting the dedicated Lobbyist Fund!

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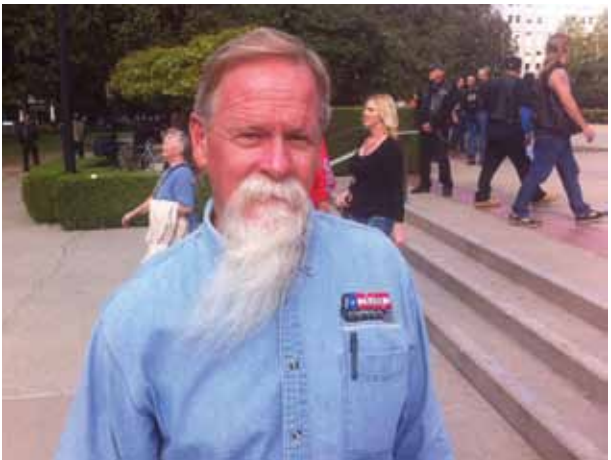
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Executive Director's Report



by Dave Hastings, Executive Director

We have just concluded our 2nd quarter Board of Director's meeting in Fresno and I will give you a quick run-down of the items discussed by your Board of Directors members. The actual minutes of the meeting will be made available later by our Board Secretary so remember this is just my "review" at this time.

We had nine of our eleven Board members, five of our eight Regional Representatives, and fifteen of our twenty active Locals present at the meeting. After opening the meeting, the first order of business was discussion and acceptance of the 2017/2018 ABATE event insurance policy. Every Local President will be receiving information on our new and more simplified, ABATE event insurance policy, as soon as we receive the printed materials from our carrier.

We then held a "Moment of Silence" for ten recently departed members of ABATE of California: Terry Phillips Local 25 (Deacon's son), Diana "Doc" Mason Local 17, Larry Lieswald Local 00, Jack Howell Local 27, Thomas L. Olson Local 11, Melissa Woolery Local 8, Jay Guerro Local 24, Steve Broughton Locals 1 & 40, Jonathan Woolf-Willis Local 38, and Clay West Local 17. May their families and friends accept our heart-felt condolences and know these members will always be remembered and deeply missed by their ABATE family friends also.

Mark "Dogman" Castillero then presented his State Treasurer report followed by my Executive Director report. We were then presented with reports from the Chairs of each standing committee and proceeded into a discussion of alternative/replacement funding to replace our canceled Regional Rally and ABATE State Run. I also discussed the annual "Appeal Letter" that will be going out to our members soon and expressed my hope that our members would step up their donations substantially this year to offset the loss of income from these two events.

Please, if you are reading this, consider what you can do to help fund ABATE of California's dedicated programs, and ensure that those programs continue

to assist the riders of California. Funding always seems to be a problem for our organization (and every other nonprofit statewide for that matter) and this Board is actively looking at new methods that are currently available to ensure we have the cash flow needed to continue to operate and possibly even expand our programs in the future.

The next cost savings items on the agenda were the termination of our "Associate Member" and "ABATE Safety and Awareness" (ASAP) programs. Both programs have been inactive for some time now and the Board of Directors agreed to close both down as part of our corporate operational examination and streamlining process.

In closing I would like to say that I left this meeting with a renewed energy and optimism level. ABATE of California has faced many challenges over the years since I became a member, but I walked out of this meeting confident and reassured in our ability to not only survive, but to prosper in the years to come. We have a very dedicated and hard working membership base and your elected officers are doing a very good job of making the proper choices and correct decisions to ensure the growth and well-being of your organization. ABATE will remain a viable and strong defender of motorcycle rights in California because of this process and I'm proud to be a member.

"Thank you" for allowing me the opportunity to represent you and our ABATE of California as an elected officer. I look forward to seeing you down the road!

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

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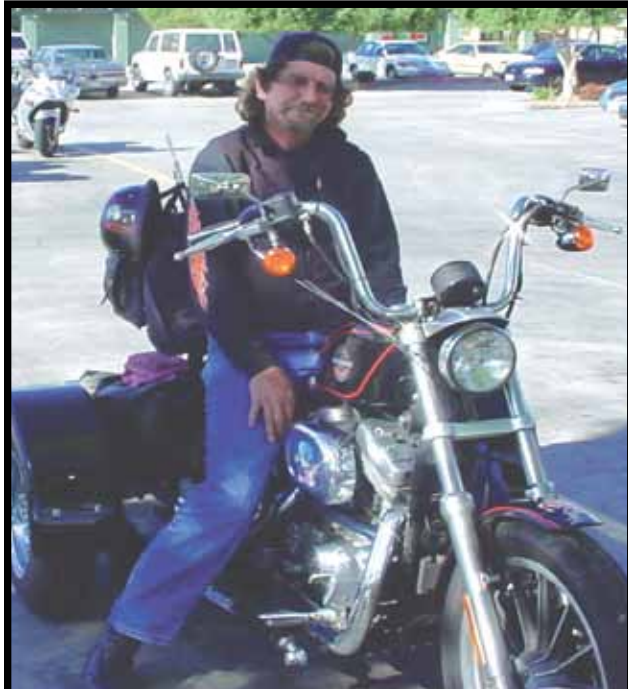
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Greetings all! By the time you will be reading this column we will have had our second Board of Directors meeting in Fresno. At this meeting hopefully we will have come up with ways to improve our membership numbers.

May 6th I attended an ABATE Local 38 run in El Centro. I will just say that it was a good, fun run. (Read more about it in my Sporty's Rides column.)

The reason I am bring this up in my membership article is that at the start, and every stop, I

brought out the yellow membership cards and did a pitch to get Local 38 some business members. I was using my pull as being the ABATE Membership Chairman to get an extra incentive to possibly signing-up new members, especially business members. So it is important to have your yellow membership cards on hand for such an occasion.

I have a request, and you know I don't burden you with a lot of requests. As you know, we're doing a yearly Membership drive. My request is to get members for the drive. It would be really nice if we can come up with some good numbers, member wise, at the end of the year.

Thanks to those who have already sold their allotment of special raffle funding tickets. To those who still have tickets, sell them soon and send the ticket stubs and money to the state office before July 1st.

Be sure to encourage your Local's members to renew their memberships. Remind them of all the things ABATE has done, and will be trying to do, for all motorcyclists.

ABATE can use some help from you by: 1) Getting new members. 2) Keeping your Local's renewals. And 3) Come up with ways to improve the Membership program. Send your clever ideas to my email: williammilligan285@yahoo.com.

Finally, there is unity and strength in number of members. Thanks for reading this column!

Regards, Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman



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LOCAL REPORTS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! We had a small but spirited meeting today. Wow we actually had the meeting before the 15th dead line! Those in attendance were Robbie Freeman, Jim Nickla, Shelia Lindsey, Bob Warren, Deborah Dunn, Odie and myself. Shelia Lindsey renewed her membership! Thank you!

Because they were doing an event at the Elks Lodge, we had our meeting in the basement supply area. That was ok by me. Talked about May being Motorcycle Awareness month. Reviewed PAC issues and determined that we will know more about the PAC issues after the Board of Directors meeting on May 20th in Fresno.

Talked about doing the Elks Lodge poker run, starting at the Elks Lodge on June 11th. We also talked about doing a yard sale at my house in San Fernando on June 24th, which is a Saturday. I will send out the information as the date gets closer. This hopefully will net us some additional revenue that will help us pay our lobbyists funds.

So in closing, look for Local 1 members at your events, when we're able to attend them.

Sporty Milligan, Local 1 president reporting

Local #02 Simi Valley



May is the start of great BBQing and the weather is just getting ripe. We at Local 2 have a great \$5.00 meal of either cheeseburgers or big fat dogs, with all the trimmings you could want. We start feeding around 6:45 until 7:20 Thanks to our volunteer cooks Frank and Jim! We also have a really good bar that's talking distance and let me tell you, it's a great luxury to have, besides that, the camaraderie is great! We meet on the second Tuesday of the month and our meeting starts promptly at 7:30. A real big thanks to ALL the volunteer cooks throughout the year! We do this to create a great environment for all guests and members, and what we do helps out ABATE as well. We meet at VFW POST 10049 at 4242 East Los Angeles Ave. The VFW is always a great host!

Pres Guy got our meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance, after that he went into detail about our upcoming Sweaty Buns run - 22 years' worth! He talked about the need for volunteers and planning that it takes to do this run successfully year after year.

He also talked about what Local 2 did on May 1st. We went to the city hall and received a proclamation for May the Month of Motorcycle Awareness.

We had many guests tonight from as far as Casper, Wyoming!

Our secretary Jane said we still have memorial

patches from past members, then she read our minutes. Our treasurer Pat gave us our treasury report, PR Norm talked about reading the Bailing Wire on line, especially when no hard copies are available.

Frank, our membership coordinator, gave us his report, and announced a new member, John Daniels! John came here as a guest and liked what we are about. Thanks John!

Run coordinator Pigface (Bob) talked about the last runs and events and about up-coming runs as well.

We had our raffles and membership drawing, which was won by VP Jim. Tonight the time flew by real fast - that happens when things are fun and certain information is known.

This is the time of the year where we will get really serious about our Sweaty Buns run! We need as many of our members as possible to get involved. It's for a great cause - ABATE! It's also a day of excitement and fun as well, so please call us or stop by. We miss all who couldn't make it to the last meeting.

Ride safer than the last time, PTL Norm e.

Local #03/13 Thousand Oaks & Ventura County



Our Local 3/13 is growing and evolving. Spreading the word that ABATE's legislative activities help all riders. We've been riding and making new friends in other clubs and groups. It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups and organizations!

Support Your Rights: President Tim "Tiny" Suffolk and his officers are busy planning events, rides, and general fun together, while working towards our goal to support motorcyclists' rights. Supporting ABATE makes a statement and sends money to work towards fair treatment of motorcyclists. Whether you ride with ABATE 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!

Anti-Profiling Bill: Our Past President, and ABATE's California State Legislative Director, Chuck "Chief" Pedersen, and MRO 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 a new "Anti-Profiling" bill.

Activities: Our Local 3/13 is always welcoming new members. Bike Nights are held the 1st Thursday of each month, 7 pm, at Azar's Sport's Bar & Grill in Newbury Park; General Membership Meetings are on the 3rd Thursdays of each month, 7 pm, at the Elks Lodge, 158 N. Conejo School Road in Thousand Oaks; and Sunday rides every Sunday, meeting at Azar's for breakfast around 9:00 am and kick-stands up by 10:15.

Come Join Us: To any or all of these events and bring your friends. Check us out on Facebook at www.Facebook/ABATE313 to follow our events and issues.

It's all about motorcyclists' rights across all clubs, groups & organizations!

Ride Free! Kathleen "MamaBear" B, PR Local 3/13

Local #08 Orange County



Howdy all! Things have been hopping in the last month at Local 8. We attended a sport bike oriented Bike Night at Lamp Post Pizza in Yorba Linda. Making some new friends and generating some interest in maintaining rights and privileges.

We had a booth at Third Friday Bike Night Lifestyle Cycles in Anaheim. Very much an HD event where we campaigned for new members.

We also attended Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva's (D-65th Assembly District) community outreach event at the Albertson's market in Fullerton. She faced several hostile constituents who were angry about the recent gas and vehicle registration tax hikes. Some were concerned with the potential for highway funds being hijacked other purposes. It was getting somewhat ugly when a CHP officer arrived. His presence seemed to calm some of the louder, angrier voices.

Because Gill and Spike from Local 20 made friends with Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva during the election, she is very aware of ABATE, and gave us a lot more time than she might have otherwise. Local 8 raised objection to AB-342, the San Francisco/San Jose speed camera scheme. This was the first time most of the cagers in the crowd had heard of this outrage, and most were very, very interested.

We continue to plan our annual sale/outreach at the SoCal Cycle Swap Meet on July 30th in Long Beach. We are looking for 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. You could also bring donations to the 3rd quarterly Board of Directors meeting on July 15th in Cypress. We will have a truck there to pick up whatever you have to give.

We held our Local meeting Monday night, enjoying the company of new member Jeff, and guest Sergio. Jeff told us how he recently beat a helmet ticket, and Sergio said he had one in process, too.

The meeting continued with the announcement that we have acquired our new PO Box. We sold the last of our Membership Raffle tickets, approved our new banner design, arranged our next Bike Night booth at Lifestyles, presented our new membership reminder letters (thanks for the help Local 17!), discussed Costa Mesa Speedway and raffles... it was a busy evening.

Hawgette noted that when taking the motorcycle written license test it is best to ask for the paper version, which gives the opportunity to review and correct your answers before you turn it in.

Per tradition, we ended the meeting with the opportunity draw. Rich won, but was not present. Opportunity rolls to next month.

That's all for now, Ride Safe! Steve

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LOCAL REPORTS

Local #11 North San Diego County



Another beautiful day in southern California, yet chilly by San Diego standards. Our secretary could not make today's meeting. I guess I drew the short straw and was "elected" to submit this report.

It's Mother's Day and it certainly seems odd not to be at an ABATE Regional Rally. The consensus in Local 11 is that cancelling both the regional and the state rallies does not bode well for the future of ABATE of California. Hopefully this is a short term move and someone will soon step up to the plate and volunteer to take charge of getting at least one of these back up and running. Any thoughts from the other Locals?

The March fund raiser held at the Escondido Moose Lodge (our regular meeting place) was small but successful. A good time was had by all and we are now able to continue with our Lobbyist donations for the near term, but we need to be thinking about how to keep it going.

Several Local 11 members were seen at the Yuma Prison Run, including Rick Wilson, Steve Schmitt, Joe Dobbs and Tim & Cheryl Clark. Our presence won the Local a "participation" trophy. I made a motion (approved) to award the trophy to whichever of the above is the first to show at an upcoming Local meeting. Rick, Steve, Joe, who will it be?

We meet on the second Sunday of each month, but for as long as I can remember our May meeting was always held at the Regional Rally, so attendance was very low this month. Let's make the June meeting a huge one. Haven't been for a while? Come on back. Not a member, but want to know what ABATE is all about? Come and sit in. Longtime regular member? You are the backbone to this organization so keep on coming, and try to bring a friend. Together we can grow ABATE. That's it for now, see you on the road.

Tim, your reluctant substitute scribe.

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



Greetings! Our Spring Bingo run was a success with fun had by all. Thanks to business member Sgt. Peppers, Haley and Jeff, for opening early for us! Congratulations to Ray Pever, Dodie Dillon, Traci Oates, William Smith and Matt Grulick who were all winners. Special thanks to Teasa for setting up the stops and Danny and Gilbert for helping me

with the games. If you have not been on one of these run events, our next one is our Summer Bingo run on July 22nd starting at our business member, STR8 Shooter in Vacaville at 9 am. See flyer this issue. Be sure to stop in STR8 Shooter and meet Ed Baon, the new owner. He is a great guy and doing lots of remodeling to the establishment!

We also had our 6th Annual Texas Hold-Em Tournament, honoring our late member Anthony "Sonny" Zappatta. We miss ya Brother! This is a great event held at our business member, Vacaville's Moose Lodge. Thanks Traci and Greg for keeping up with the beverage orders! Special thanks to Ron Vonsild for managing this event! There were great prizes and great food provided by business member Vacaville BBQ – thanks Hayleigh and crew! Thanks also to Mike Todd, Cathy O'Connell, Paula McBride, Gilbert Camou, and Debbie for helping with the tournament. Congratulations to 1st place winner Chris Reynolds, 2nd place Ray Fox, 3rd place Wanda Whatley and 4th place Rich Ottis! See you again next year.

Upcoming is our 20th annual Hot Rod and 23rd Annual Ride-In Bike Show – Hot Rods and Harleys - held at our business member Iron Steed Harley-Davidson on June 4th here in Vacaville. This is our biggest event of the year and couldn't be done without the help and support of Iron Steed! Thanks in advance to Dave Allen, Danielle Adkins and Jenna from Iron Steed! This show features over 50 Hot Rods and over 50 Bikes for judging and "People's Choice" voting from the public, a great raffle, great food and merchandise vendors. A real treat is having Terry Sheets Band this year. Please come check them out as this will be one of the last chances to see this great band. They feature rockin' country music and keep the crowd entertained. Register your bike or hot rod now. See flyer in this issue. We need lots of volunteers for this event so show up and support your Local!

Always remember to support not only our Local 17 events, but other clubs and chapters having events as often as you can. It goes a long way and most certainly is noticed! I will see you around the next corner – Glenn.

Local #20 Orange County



Get those letters and emails out to let our voice be heard on AB-342. We need to do this.

Spike has kept us in the loop about what's been happening around the country.

31 members including 3 guests were at the meeting. Kenneth Wagner lost out on the \$68.

Non Politically Correct Gill / Secretary Squirt

Local #25 Sacramento



Lil' David called the meeting to order at 7:00. There were 8 members present and no visitors. Our treasurer, Joe, updated us on our balance. Lil' David received a new membership list from the state office, which he turned over to Theresa. A considerable number of our members live outside the immediate Sacramento area.

Jim Lombardo attended a recent CHP meeting; the notes are on the ABATE website. The CHP is still working on their lane sharing guidelines.

Activities and runs: There was a memorial for Frisco John at Miller Park. The Sierra Riders are having a poker run on June 4th. The Sons of California are planning an October food drive and poker run.

We all bought membership raffle tickets. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

David Smart

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE Members! We had a blast at the Local 38 Fun Run on May 6th. We Started at Coyne Powersports, where the staff showed up at 6:30 am and started cooking their amazing breakfast. We showed up at 8 am for breakfast burritos galore. There was chorizo con huevos (eggs) and eggs scrambled with ham and veggies. They also served beans. Our Local brought a few dozen donuts.

There were members of other Locals as well as a bunch of riders from Yuma. The one and only Sporty Milligan from Local 1 was there.

Kickstands went up at 10 am. We rode to Fat Daddy's Cycle - a frequent supporter of our events! Sporty and I were the sweep riders for the event. We then travelled to the home of the Pinche Cucaraches (Damn Cockroaches) in Westmoreland where Salazar's Cycle shop is located. Then to the Alamorio Store on the outskirts of Brawley. After stretching our legs for a bit we travelled to the Carrot Capital of the world, Holtville, and Hot Rods and Beer. Cold Beer and Good food.

We did our blue ticket raffle and the winner was Mikki from Yuma - one lucky gal! High hand went to Jerry Jones from the Sunrunners Car Club. Low hand went to Fred Bryant my VP. Our Ice Chest was raffled off next. The winner was from Holtville, his name is Charlie Torres. When we called him he was on his way back from San Diego in the rain. The Vegas Trip was won by yours truly. It was a fun time!

Well that's it for now. Bye! Ed Aranda, President Local 38

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ABATE Events for 2017

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

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

June 24 – Sporty’s Yard Sale

July 15 – ABATE of CA 3rd Quarterly

Meetings – Cypress – American Legion

July 22 – ABATE Local 17 – Summer Bingo DTBA (see flyer in this issue for details)

July 23 – ABATE Local 2 – 22nd Sweaty Buns Run (see flyer in this issue for details)

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

August 26 – ABATE Local 17 – Sarah Renee Phillips Run

October 1 – ABATE Local 17 – Memorial

October 7 – ABATE Local 17 – Fall Bingo

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

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.

**ALL ABATE Events must have event insurance
contact the ABATE State office for information.**

RIP Clay West

Local 17 has lost Clay West who passed early in May. This is sad news for our Local. Our thoughts and prayers go to his wife, Judy, and their families during this time.

Judy and Clay have been a business member, Judy’s Wild Wrangler Saloon, for 17 years and host our monthly meetings.

This is a terrible loss as Clay was a dear friend, always calling me “Mr. President”. We will all miss you Clay.

Glenn Phillips, President ABATE Local 17

BARE Necessities 2017

ABATE Local #27, Riverside

BARE Necessities XV, our ABATE Local 27 annual fundraiser for The Salvation Army, was held on April 9. The main objective of this event (other than getting a group of bikers and friends together) is to collect and provide under garments for the Salvation Army to distribute to the less fortunate. What a HUGE success we had this year. A total of 24 large plastic trash can bags were collected and passed along for the needy.

I would like to thank those that have so generously contributed funds and/or merchandise to make this event a success. Special thanks to The Geezers M.C. for their fundraising efforts. The Geezers collected over \$500.00, which ABATE Local 27 matched. Armed with over \$1,000.00 they had their annual “run to the garment district” the day before the event. From this adventure, they returned with 18 of the 24 bags full of a variety of items. As requested by Veronica from The Salvation Army, a good percentage of product was men’s socks!

Of course, it could not have been a success without the attendance and support of area motorcycle enthusiasts and the general public! We had over 75 paid entrances and each one brought at least one unopened package of underwear. The Black Sheep won the largest “club” award with 14 members participating. I would like to recognize the Midnight Riders for coming in a close second. I can always count on Tom L. and the group! Geezers M.C. had a massive turn out as usual, but removed themselves from the club participation because of their heavy involvement with the event. Way to go, guys! Several members of other ABATE Locals showed up as well, including some all the way from Local 1. 10,000 THANKS TO YOU ALL!

Ride safe, Kenny Nuttall, President ABATE Local 27



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NCOM Biker Newsbytes



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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

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BIGGEST LITTLE NCOM CONVENTION IN RENO:

Like "The Biggest Little City in the World," this year's 32nd annual NCOM Convention in Reno, NV may have experienced a slight reduction in numbers, but it continues to be the largest gathering of bikers' rights advocates on the planet with hundreds of representatives from Motorcyclists Rights Organizations (MROs), clubs and associations across the country.

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Board of Directors moved to broaden the spectrum of programs aimed to assist bikers' rights groups while expanding outreach to active segments of the motorcycling community such as the Confederations of Clubs, women riders, clean & sober, Christian Unity, sportbikers, tourers and veterans. The NCOM Legislative Task Force likewise took action to provide supportive services on the legislative front, while the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) nationwide network of biker attorneys continually develops new strategies for litigation on a litany of motorcycling issues.

In addition to meetings and breakout sessions conducted Mother's Day Weekend, May 11-14 at the Silver Legacy casino, the NCOM Convention featured seminars on Federal Anti-Profiling Legislation, Civil Rights And How To Protect Them, Driverless Vehicles, and a special presentation by Sr. EMT Instructor Slider Gilmore on "The Diabetic Rider".

During the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, several honorees were recognized for their contributions to "Improving The Image of Motorcycling", including; GOVERNMENT: U.S. Senator Jodi Ernst of Iowa; MEDIA: Scott & Denise High of Thunder Roads Magazine - Tennessee; LEGAL: Christopher Slater, AIM Attorney for Oregon & Washington; ENTERTAINMENT: Frank Fritz of "American Pickers" TV Show; SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Stephen Stubbs, NCOM Attorney - Nevada; and NCOM's highest honor, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award, was presented to Boar, NCOM Liaison for Confederation of Clubs.

Next year's 33rd Annual NCOM Convention will be held May 10-13, 2018 at the Renaissance - Riverview Plaza Hotel in Mobile, Alabama. For further information, contact NCOM at (800) ON-A-BIKE or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

ANTI-PROFILING LEGISLATION FILED IN U.S.

HOUSE & SENATE: A bipartisan, bicameral group of lawmakers introduced a resolution to address the issue of motorcycle profiling and promote collaboration between the motorcycle and law enforcement communities. U.S. Representatives Tim Walberg (R-MI), Mark Pocan (D-WI), Michael C. Burgess, M.D (R-TX) and Collin Peterson (D-MN) led the effort in the House (H.Res. 318), and U.S. Senators Ron Johnson (R-WI) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) introduced the Senate version (S.Res.154).

"This bipartisan resolution should send a clear mes-

sage to relevant regulatory and law enforcement agencies across the country: motorcycle profiling has no place on our roads. Instead, we must foster collaboration and cooperation between these agencies and the riders in order to promote safety and ensure all motorists are treated fairly under the law," stated Rep. Pocan in a press release issued by Rep. Walberg, co-chair of the House Motorcycle Caucus.

"From coast to coast, Americans of all backgrounds responsibly ride a motorcycle as their means of transportation or simply to enjoy the open road. This bipartisan resolution aims to raise awareness about the reality of motorcycle profiling and foster an open dialogue between motorcyclists and law enforcement," said Walberg.

H.Res.318 - "Promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling," has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee, and defines profiling as; "motorcycle profiling means the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States."

CONGRESSIONAL MOTORCYCLE CAUCUS SEEKS MEMBERS:

Since 2009, the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus has provided a forum for members of Congress who ride to support motorcyclists "through education and awareness in order to encourage responsible motorcycling." The CMC also "serves to ensure that the motorcycling community is treated equitably by Congress as it considers infrastructure and environmental policies, as well as safety and education programs."

U.S. Representatives Tim Walberg (R-MI) and Michael C. Burgess, M.D. (R-TX) head the caucus, and with the new Congress being recently seated the two sent a "Dear Colleague" letter to their peers in the U.S. House of Representatives soliciting CMC memberships from those who ride or have an interest in motorcycle issues: "We invite you to join the CMC to help promote these and other initiatives," and in addition to promoting sound policy, "CMC members can help highlight the safety of motorcyclists through the recognition of Motorcycle Awareness Month, hosting and participating in industry fly-ins, drawing attention to the national 'Ride to Work Day,' promoting rider awareness and safety at national events -- such as the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and Summer X Games -- ensuring motorcycle safety is remembered in the transportation reauthorization process, and working to remind operators to be aware of motorcycles with whom they share the roads and highways."

If he or she rides, please encourage your Congressional Representative to join the CMC by contacting Rep. Burgess' office at 5-7772 or Rep. Walberg at 5-6276.

HISTORIC VEHICLE REGISTRY: A federal bill has been introduced in the 115th Congress "to establish a program to accurately document vehicles that were significant in the history of the United States."

The National Historic Vehicle Register Act of 2017 (S.966) was introduced April 27, 2017 by U.S. Senators Gary Peters (D-MI) and Rob Portman (R-OH) and would require the U.S. Department of the Interior to create a register housed in the Library of Congress to preserve examples of historically significant automobiles, motorcycles, trucks and commercial vehicles.

This project is the first of its type to create a permanent archive of significant historic vehicles that would include short narratives, photographs and engineering drawings of each vehicle. To be eligible for the register, vehicles must be connected to a significant person or event in American history, have a unique design or be a rare model.

The Senate bill has been referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

LIQUOR SALES CHARGE AGAINST MOTORCYCLE CLUB DISMISSED:

A North Dakota district court judge has dismissed a liquor sales charge against a Minot motorcycle club, following motions to dismiss filed by Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Justin Vinje and the prosecuting attorney.

The Ice Cold Ryders Motorcycle Club had been charged with engaging in the unlicensed sale of alcohol at their clubhouse. A police investigation of a nearby disturbance during the morning of November 29, 2015, led law en-

forcement to peer inside the clubhouse during a social gathering.

Inside, officers saw a large number of people socializing and drinking alcoholic beverages. Law enforcement concluded that unlicensed liquor sales were occurring. One officer testified in support of a search warrant, falsely claiming to have also seen a cash register in the clubhouse.

Law enforcement received a search warrant and entered the clubhouse later that morning, seizing the club's security equipment, sound system, coolers, alcoholic beverages, and paper documents. Law enforcement also froze the club's bank accounts.

On October 6, 2016, nearly a year after the raid, law enforcement charged the club with the unlicensed sale of alcohol. A.I.M. Attorney Justin Vinje represented the club and requested law enforcement's investigative reports. Those reports mainly consisted of an analysis of the club's banking records and an inventory of items seized. The reports also revealed that law enforcement never seized a cash register from the premises.

During the case, a confidential informant with ties to local law enforcement contacted Vinje, telling the club's lawyer that law enforcement asked her to attend club gatherings and wear a wireless recording device to capture proof of unlicensed alcohol sales.

The informant wore a wire and attended two club gatherings in the spring of 2016. A SWAT team stood at the ready to raid the club in the event of illegal activity. No unlawful alcohol sales took place, but the government failed to provide any records of this to the defense.

Attorney Vinje filed a motion to dismiss the charge, due to the government's failure to turn over records related to the confidential informant's activities. Vinje also filed a motion to suppress evidence from the search, arguing that law enforcement testified falsely about the presence of a cash register during its application for the search warrant.

Three days later, the government filed a motion to dismiss the charge, citing insufficient evidence to proceed and that dismissal would serve the interest of judicial economy. The case was dismissed.

NEW HAMPSHIRE REPEALS HANDLEBAR HEIGHT LAW:

Without a federal standard, the regulation of handlebars on motorcycles rests with the states, and until recently New Hampshire was among more than 30 states that limit the height of handlebars.

On May 15, 2017 N.H. Governor Chris Sununu signed SB27; "RSA 266:77, relative to grips and handlebars on motorcycles, is repealed."

The Granite State began regulating handlebars in 1967, a time when many state legislatures associated motorcycling with the counter-culture captured by films like "The Wild Ones" and "Easy Rider," explained Charlie St. Clair, executive director of the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association. "Law enforcement pulled people over for high bars as a tool for probable cause," he said in applauding the bill's passage, adding, "I have never heard of handlebars presented as a safety issue."

Unfortunately for attendees of this year's Laconia Motorcycle Week, held annually since 1923 during the nine days in June ending on Father's Day, the law becomes effective 60 days after passage, which will be July 11, 2017.

BILL ADDRESSES "MASKED" MOTORCYCLISTS BEING CITED IN LOUISIANA:

Louisiana has a law prohibiting the wearing of masks in public, and according to an article in the Baton-Rouge Times-Picayune, motorcycle riders are being "pulled over and ticketed under the mask-wearing law because they were wearing helmets that concealed their faces." Louisianans are banned from "concealing their faces with masks or hoods, except during Mardi Gras, Halloween or for religious reasons."

Now a bill authored by Rep. Alan Seabaugh (R-Shreveport), HB161, would revise the law to exempt motorcycle safety helmets. By all indications, the bill will pass, and it is currently pending Senate final passage. Speaking before the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, Rep. Seabaugh said his bill arose out of complaints from motorcyclists in his district who said they have been harassed by "overzealous law enforcement officers." Riders have been pulled over at random, according to testimony by ABATE of Louisiana, claiming one officer in particular has targeted motorcyclists whose helmets and face shields concealed their faces.

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Apparently recognizing the absurdity of ticketing motorcyclists for wearing helmets, when helmets are required by law, committee members unanimously agreed that the mask-wearing ban needs revision. They tacked on an amendment "clarifying that the exemption only applied to motorcycle helmets being used during a ride," then recommended the bill for full House approval.

Rep. Terry Landry (D-New Iberia), a former Louisiana State Police superintendent, thanked the committee for supporting the bill. "I think it corrects a wrong."

WEIRD NEWS: MAN ATTEMPTED SEX WITH MOTORCYCLE: A man has appeared in court in Canterbury, England for allegedly attempting to have sex with Suzuki's most alluring model, a GSX-R. Mechanophilia, where a person is sexually attracted to cars, motorcycles, helicopters, ships, planes and other vehicles, is a crime in the U.K. and if found guilty, perpetrators can be placed on the sex offenders' register.

The 33-year old chap reportedly exposed himself in public and tried to engage in a tempestuous relationship with his motorcycle, after previously being seen punching and kicking the bike on the same day. Apparently drunk and on drugs, he claimed in court to remember dropping his trousers, but denied exposing himself and has pleaded not guilty to indecent exposure and criminal damage.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The one thing that doesn't abide by majority rule is a person's conscience." ~ Harper Lee (1926-2016) author of the classic novel "To Kill a Mockingbird"

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Tech Tips by Craig Griswold

Shop Safety

This monthly column is mostly focused on helping the home mechanic with repair and maintenance. Even if you don't spin your own wrenches, it's always good to have a little knowledge when somebody else is doing the work. All of that said, if you are a shop dweller, safety shouldn't be an afterthought.

Just about everybody uses a grinder/wire wheel. Get the safety glasses on! Wire wheels will shed pieces of wire at speed and catching one in the eye will ruin your day. Grinding wheels can spin debris and even worse, come apart and produce shrapnel. Murphy's Law will also dictate that any fastener being cleaned with a wire wheel will be grabbed and thrown at a high velocity. Take a good look around your work area. The custom chopper with a ten thousand dollar paint job should be moved WAY back. Think worse case and add about 50 feet! Also, nothing says situational awareness like a gas can behind the grinding wheel. Clean that work area!



Welding can be even more hazardous. Sparks and slag will travel a great distance.



Combustibles, vehicles, PEOPLE, yada yada yada, get them out of the way. Retinal arc burn protection via quickly closing your eyes looks cool as hell on American Chopper, but blow it a few times and the eye doc is going to be pissed. Wear the welding helmet EVERY TIME! Hate the head nod? Get an auto-darkening type. They're awesome! Also, cover your skin. Long sleeves and gloves are not always enough. Any exposed skin can burn from extended exposure from arc welding.

You know the old saw about the person mixing ammonia and chlorine bleach while cleaning the bathroom. There are things you have to be aware of in the shop. I used to use carb cleaner and brake cleaner to remove oil residue from metal before I hit it with the smoke wrench. After reading one of my favorite bi-monthly columns from Steve Garn (Brew Dude) I found out that the chemical tetrachloroethylene in brake cleaner turns to phosgene gas when exposed to intense heat and argon gas (used in MIG and TIG welding). The long term effects, if you survive, from exposure to phosgene gas are horrific! I got lucky, Steve did not.

It's all about risk management. Keep the fuels in a cool, ventilated space outside of your shop. Fuel vapors can migrate to ignition sources (hot water heaters, battery chargers, etc.) Get rid of the greasy, oily rags (in accordance with local HAZMAT disposal guidelines of course). They can combust and burn the joint down!

Work safe!

(Craig Griswold and Mary Kirby are the owners of Two Gunners Custom Iron in Penn Valley, CA. Questions and comments can be sent to e-mail: craig@twogunnerscustomiron.com, or call 530-263-8071. Additional information can be found on the web at: twogunnerscustomiron.com and Facebook).



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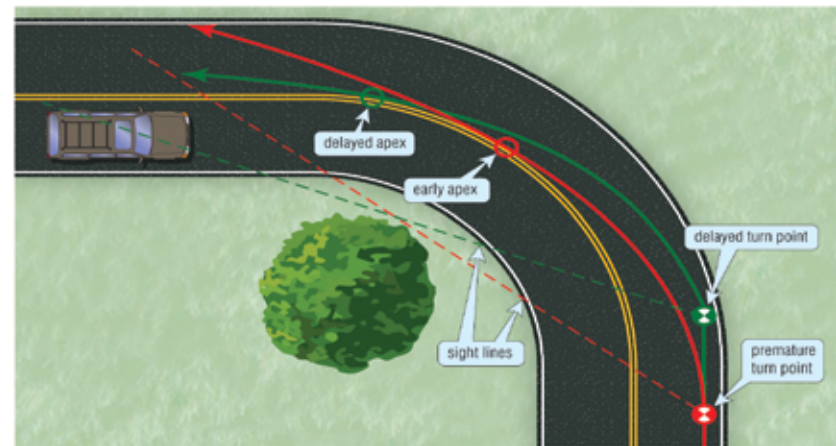
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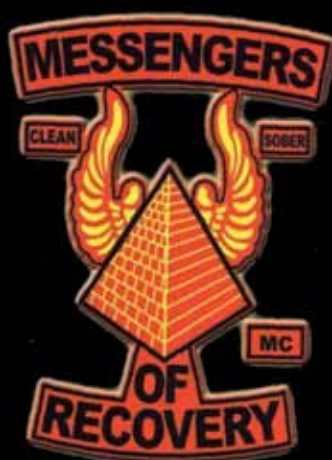
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Sporty's Rides

by Sporty Milligan

Hi all! This is the second writing of this month's column as the first attempt vanished! So I will again attempt to write my column.

This is a public awareness announcement from Sporty: May is Motorcycle Awareness month, but there has been quite a number of mishaps on the road regarding bikers. Please be prepared and be careful out there.

In the first leg of the journal I will detail my April 23rd ride with Local 1 members Glen Cheslock, riding a BMW 1200 sport touring, Vince Alvarez, riding an HD Road Glide, Odie aka Dale Ferrans on a HD Super Glide and me on the ever popular Sporty 2007 1200L model. I met the guys at the Park and Ride at Winnetka Ave and Victory Blvd, across from Pierce Jr College.

Our object was to do the Local 3/13 Leather Weather poker run. The run started from Azar's Sports bar. in Newbury Park. To get to the first location was more freeway on the 101 to Ventura HD. We got there and the dealership was not quite open. The checkpoint guy had the run stop card draw set up on one of the tables the dealership has set up for their customers outside the store. Coffee was available shortly after the store opened, so we felt better. At this point my card draws were looking bad.

We adjourned to our bikes and pressed on. More freaking freeway, but ok, we're off again. Route took us to Ojai exit of the 101 and now we're going to go through Santa Paula towards the 118. To get there we were put on some winding routes and, lucky for me, I

did not get us lost! We entered check point 3, the Nut House off 118 in the town of Somis. No checkpoint guy or gal was to be found.

After the guys bought some nuts and things we pressed on 8.5 miles to the next checkpoint. It was in located in a shopping mall. There we drew two cards to make up for the last stop goof-up. Good deal. Pressed on to the end spot at Chuy's in Simi Valley. Lunch time as we had our meal tickets. Yea baby! Surprise I did not get the crew lost. Sweet.

In the silent auction, I won the motorcycle jacket and Glen won the bike lift. He left before he was awarded the prize, so they have to figure out how to get to Glen's house in Encino. Vince won \$125 in the 50/50. Bitchen.

So we had a nice ride, got to see some nice scenery and had a good day with the ABATE members from Local 3/13. Thanks to all who made it happen.

In March at Local 11's Moose house run I met Ed Aranda, president of Local 38. He invited me to his annual Ice Chest Fun run in El Centro. So May 5th I took off to go to El Centro to spend Friday night in a motel so I would be fresh for the run on Saturday.

To get there I took the 210 fwy to the 57 fwy to the 71 fwy to the 60 fwy to the 10 fwy then routes to El Centro. This was a 237 mile ride. Got a bit breezy at times, but it was not that unbearable. Arrived in El Centro about 315 pm. After riding around a bit I took a room at the Super 8 motel. Cost \$55 per night - not bad. Ate dinner at Denny's. They were showing the Cleveland & Kansas City baseball game on the TV. Room was ok, clean, but had a few minor things wrong.

Next morning went to the run starting point, which was Coyne Powersports in El Centro. There I met Ed Aranda and his small crew that did the run start sign-ins. The dealership provided us with coffee and breakfast, which were good. Because I did not know the area I road the route with Ed and a small group. This run also draws folks from Yuma, AZ. Most of the riders belonged to Christian motorcycle groups that came in from Yuma.

So we were off to the first stop at Fat Daddy's in El Centro. I bought a small cube that you use when you get fidgety. I also gave the owner one of our membership cards and a Bailing Wire. Maybe he will join ABATE. Next stop was Salazar's Cycles in Westmoreland. I also gave the owner a membership card and encouraged him to sign up as a business member. We

rode next to a place called the Alamorio on the outskirts of Brawley. It never opened, so we pushed on to the end spot, Hot Rods and Beer in the town of Holtville.

I did not win any prizes or cash money. Food at the end was good. They have a bar that was made out of two 1956 F-100 Ford front ends put together. It was 2 pm when the run was getting over. I asked what would be the best way home under the circumstances, as it was getting windy outside. Ed suggested 1-8 to El Cajon. If I went the way I had come the previous day, I would have gotten a sand blast as it was really windy. I made my good byes and headed to the I-8 and the journey home.

It was really windy and, as expected I needed gas. I managed to get gas at a Chevron station. Gas was \$4 per gallon for premium. I asked how many more miles the heavy wind would be on for and she stated about 40 more miles then lighten up some. She was right.

I was approaching the Cleveland National Forest and the clouds were getting dark and it was raining lightly. Eventually I had to stop and put more layers of clothes on as it was getting cold. It was also getting foggy as well as windy and hard to see. I had to stop a couple of times to dry my glasses off. I also must have rode about 60 miles with my flashers on! I finally had to stop at a turn off and put on my rain pants. On a dry day you could ride to Julian but not this day. I kept saying I going to take a motel in El Cajon, but when I got down to 1000 feet the wind dried my clothes and I decided to just go home.

Got gas in Carlsbad and called my wife to let her know I was ok. Took the 5 fwy to the 57 fwy to the 210 fwy. In Sylmar I went to an AA meeting before going home. Arrived home at 10 pm safe and sound.

The final adventure of this month's journal of Sporty's Rides was the Messengers of Recovery ride on Saturday, May 13th. This was a run put on by the Messengers of Recovery SCV chapter. They are a Local 1 business member. Run started in Canyon Country at the VFW post 6885. \$25 entry fee got you in and it included lunch. I met up with my Shagger buddies and joined them on the route. This route was better marked then last year's route so there was no screw- ups. I won a raffle prize, a made in USA Guardian Angel bell. It was a swell, fun day. Thanks to the Messengers of Recovery SCV chapter.

Ok folks, I have spent the better part of an afternoon putting this column together. Hope you enjoyed it! If you feel like on commenting on it, please drop me a line at my email williammilligan-2852yahoo.com.

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Motorcycle Safety Report

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

Our Riding Season is Coming

Just like sports or other activities our time is coming very soon. The start of summer is our season. For the lucky some, it's year round and their only worries are the change of clothes for the new season. There are some states that provide year round riding and there are states that say pack it up because the white stuff is coming and it usually hangs around for months, just like a visiting mother in law!

Being a long time So Cal man, I can claim riding year round can be sporadic, if you are weather sensitive, before it's an everyday thing. I guess it's all about tolerance and the love of riding because on any given day I'm on my bike and I'm not the only one.

In regards to motorcycle safety and such, it all starts in your garage, house or wherever your bike resides. Actually it starts with you first! In my previous articles I've written about age, health, your old body and modified bodies due to unforeseen mishaps of life - read them it's the truth!

As you get ready for this new season, the first thing to do is to make sure your bike is as safe as it can be. Stuff happens all the time and usually what you don't know can hurt you or make a bitchen day a very sucky day (breaking down out in the middle of nowhere etc). This we all know because we've been rolling on these highways of life for quite some time and experience is our best teacher.

The most important thing I do for my safety is do what I call a hard detail of my bike with tools as well as the cleaners, wax etc. For me it's a day long process unless I have to make a parts run, then it could takes longer. You all know that if you go to a Harley dealership for a part you can get side tracked very easily - it's our candy store! If we want to look at stuff we can't buy, that's the place to go to. What's nicer than seeing row after row of new Harleys?

I like to do my hard detail 3 times a year, about every 4 months. Minor stuff will happen in between these days, but that's motorcycle life. I like to do this in stages. I start with detailing my front end from the handle bars to the front tire. As soon as she's clean, I start the mechanical aspects of the front end. There are many nuts, bolts and screws of all types to check out. Vibrations is the heart beat of a Harley and with that comes loose anything, chrome disappears, a nut here, a bolt there, it just sheds iron parts as you ride. You'd be surprised to see what's loose and what's



rock steady. This you will definitely find out as you do this more often. There are many bolts/nuts that are not affected by vibrations, but still needs to be inspected.

After I'm done, I check out my cables, lights and brake pads. Then I make sure that I have the correct tire pressure. I move to the rear tire and do the same. I do a quick check on my spokes as well and inspect my belt visually. There is a lot to look at in regards to the rear tire. It is also good to inspect how your rear tire lines up. By this I mean is your rear tire in line with your frame? Do you have a friend that can roll your bike while you watch your rear tire rotate to see if there is sideways travel on your tire? It's an easy adjustment that's very important. Nobody wants to ride side by side with their rear tire!

The middle of the bike is the internal organs of our bike. There are many types of nuts and bolts and hex heads and screws to inspect, let alone all the chrome replacement parts that cover our bike. Besides changing the fluids, check out all the cable connections and your foot pegs as well. If you ever lost a foot peg while riding you know how bad that sucks!

Your engine cases and tranny always needs a thorough look see. Your engine is vulnerable to its own vibrations. Once a year, usually during winter, I take off my seat and gas tank and check out the wiring and gas lines. Then I check the nuts, bolts and screws and clean the areas under the seat and gas tank.

I always inspect my frame for cracks due to this vibration phenomenon. The reason I do this is because I know vibrations! I was a tank commander in the army for 4 years and let me tell you, the tank is num-

ber one in my book for vibrating machines! The tank required that for every hour of operation, there was 10 hours of preventive maintenance and 9 of those hours were inspecting and tightening bolts, nuts and anything loose, true story!

When I do the detail work, I feel confident in my bike. I don't ride with worries of a possible breakdown or possibly crashing due to mechanical failure that could have been prevented. I know things happen all the time in which there is no predictability, but it's the chance I will always take. All my biker life I know this one thing, a clean bike is just a clean bike. If you crash it, then it's a clean bike that's been in a crash! I am not a clean freak, spit polish type of person, but I always wanna make sure my bike is safe and ready for any type of road adventure, not a participant in a bike show, you know... let's ride!

Let's not gloat on how nice our bikes are. Here's some thoughts on what to do when stuff happens. Getting a flat tire can be routine or a nightmare. The routine part is when you can safely pull over because of where you are and there is no traffic whatsoever. The nightmare part is when you're riding in heavy, but fast, traffic such as a freeway and blamo, you get a flat tire at 65 mph. You are wrestling your bike as you slow down but some people think you're spazing out and honk and hand gesture you because they just don't know what you're dealing with. Sometimes you can't even get to the side of the road and this is when it gets serious because people are more worried about themselves rather than you. You cannot let panic overtake your mind and you must think about your safety first. You have to be patient and hope people recognize your situation and assist you in getting to the side of the road. There are good Samaritans that drive and will shield you lane per lane until you are safely on the shoulder. Don't make any driver panic, possibly causing an accident. Eye contact is very important and maybe others will notice and help you. I've had a flat tire on every kind of road there is and to include the nightmare of all nightmares. Just be patient and be extra safe because it's you that's in this situation. Your attitude is important as well. You're in a very stressful situation and if you are cool headed people will know. Giving a thumbs up to a driver is a great way to say thanks and they know it. If you're being an asshole and blaming and cussing at other people they also know it! Your safety is your priority and that's the bottom line.

I've littered the highways, byways, and freeways with almost every piece of chrome I ever bought. My bike is lightly chromed now and I refuse to replace any missing chrome because it affects my beer budget, true story! I have had and fellow riders have had mechanical failures while riding. This is nothing new. It's location and traffic that can make a difference. Have you ever lost all power while cruising around 65 mph? Your bike gets real heavy fast. It's kind of like the flat tire syndrome, you've got to make it to the side of the road as safe as possible. I think we have all had issues before. You can lose a nut and your oil as easily as breaking your clutch cable etc. while riding. This list can go on and on.

We mostly ride the V-twin machine and with that you get no assurance of being maintenance free, but if you do the best you can to insure riding safely, then you have a chance. The percentage of breakdowns of any type are practically zero and that's the good news, but just because you did your best doesn't mean it won't happen to you. One of my friends who's a great mechanic will tell you that he's been there and done that.

I am truly excited to do some serious riding this summer and my bike will be as good as I can get it, for now anyway. Have a great positive attitude, it shows, people are always looking at you, not just traffic cameras! Ride safe!




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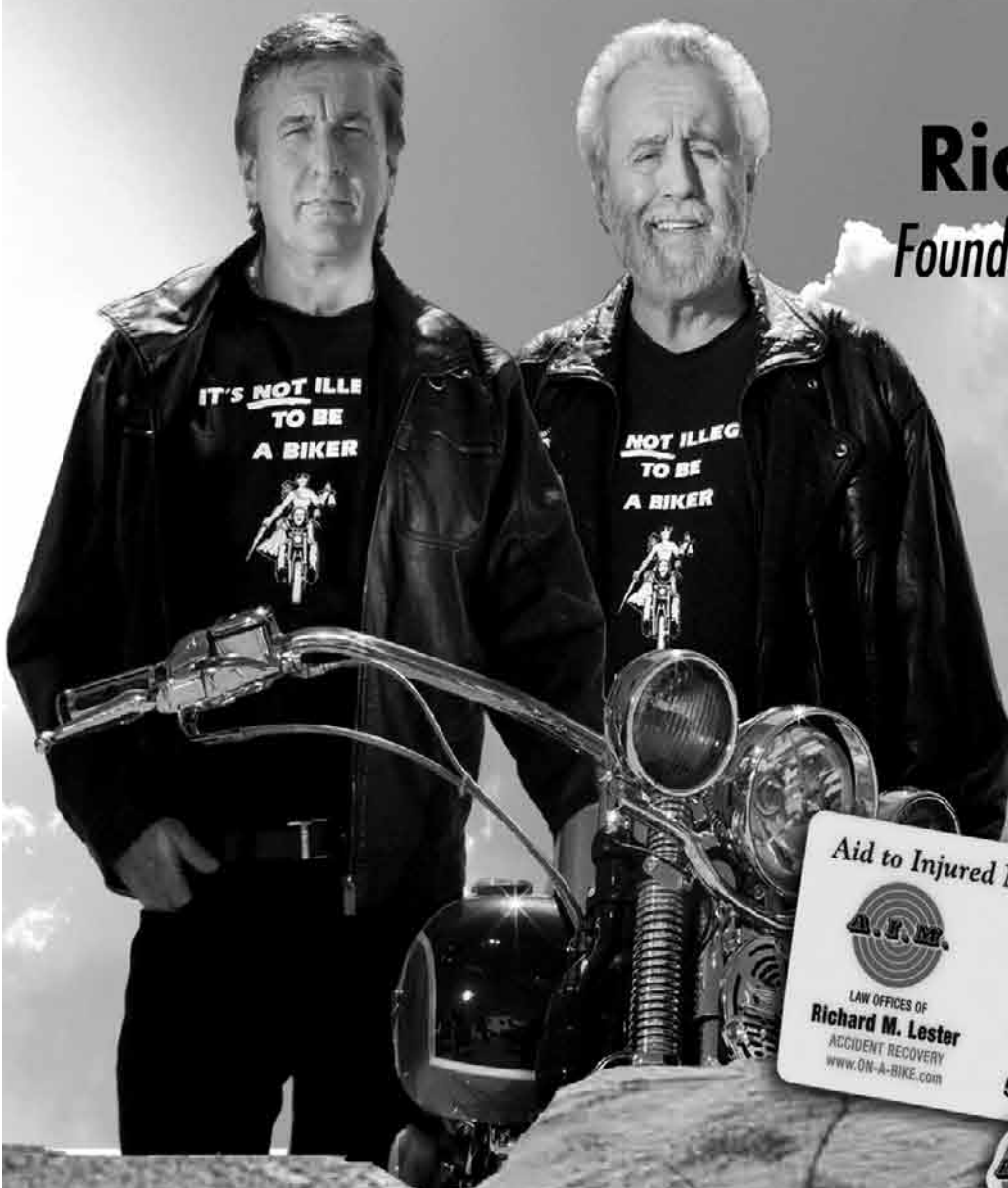
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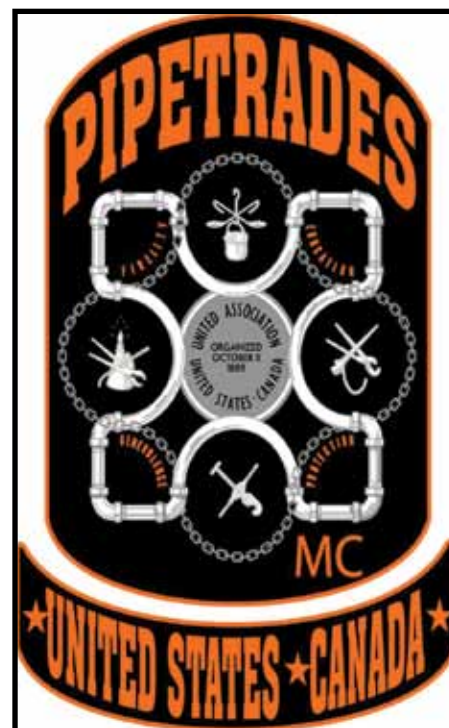
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