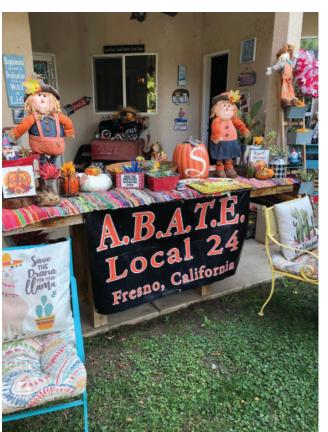
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Membership Chair Report written by Sporty Milligan

Hello All! The topic for this month's report is Retention, Retention, Retention. This is important because there has to be some consistency in your membership. Reaching out to your members will ensure their return of the

blue membership renewal cards when their membership is due. So again, how do we accomplish the retention task? Like I have said again retention task? Like I have said again and again, keeping your members in-formed about what's going on in their Local and ABATE shows you care about them. In Local 1 I have put my members on an email list. I can let Local 1 members know what happens when it happens. Also important in keeping the members informed is sending them a monthly meeting Agenda. Not every a monthly meeting Agenda. Not every member attends meetings so keeping

them informed with a monthly meeting wrap-up lets them know you care about

them. The Membership Drive is about to close for the year, so time is short for signing up new members in 2021. Do your part, keep your renewals and sign-up some new members.

Lobbyist's Legislative Report

by Jim Lombardo Sr., Lobbyist The Lombardo Group - Government Relations info@lombardogroup.net

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! The Legislature returns January 3rd to finish action on Bills not passed in 2021 (Two Year bills). These Bills must pass out of each house by January 31st to stay alive. Many will be amended this month in desperation to move forward! We will be reviewing the amendments to make sure Motorcycles and our Riders are not impacted by these bills.



Ride Safe and often!



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Want more details about a bill? Whether it's in the Senate or Assembly in Sacramento go to:

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Politics - Legislative Bills At A Glance

Presented by The Lombardo Group, ABATE Lobbyist

<u>SR-41 CABALLERO (D – SALINAS) MOTORCYCLE PROFILING</u>: According to the Department of Motor Vehicles, there were 857,273 motorcycles registered in California in 2019. Motorcycle profiling is 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. Rallies to raise awareness and combat motorcycle profiling have been held in multiple states and six times at the California State Capitol since 2011.

*Passed Senate Floor Unanimously 39-0 on 7/12/2021

<u>AB 43 FRIEDMAN (D – GLENDALE, CHAIR OF ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION). TRAFFIC SAFETY.</u> This bill would require, beginning June 1, 2022, and every 6 months thereafter, Caltrans to convene a committee of external design experts to advise on revisions to the Highway Design Manual. This bill would extend the period of time a prima facie speed limit may be justified by an engineering and traffic survey, as specified, if a registered engineer evaluates the section of the highway and finds that there has been an increase in traffic-related crashes. *Signed into Law by Governor 10/8/2021

<u>AB 232 Gallagher (R – Yuba City) Off-highway vehicles: reciprocity.</u> Existing law requires every off-highway motor vehicle that is not registered under the Vehicle Code to display an identification plate or device issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, with certain exceptions, including an off-highway motor vehicle with a currently valid identification or registration permit issued by another state. Except as otherwise specified, a violation of the Vehicle Code is punishable as an infraction.

This bill would permit application of that exception only if the other state recognizes an identification plate or device issued by the department as valid for use in that state. (SUPPORTING)

*Signed into Law by Governor 10/9/2021

<u>AB-1512 BAUER KAHAN (D – ORINDA) OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICULAR RECREATION:</u> <u>CARNEGIE STATE VEHICULAR RECREATION AREA: ALAMEDA-TESLA EXPANSION AREA</u> * Ordered to inactive file at the request of Senator Glazer amended to SB-155 PUBLIC RESOURCES TRAILER BILL.

The bill would require the department to determine the best use of land known as the "Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area," which is currently part of the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area, as provided. The bill would prohibit the land from being designated as a state vehicular recreation area. The bill would transfer \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the State Parks and Recreation Fund for this purpose. The bill would transfer \$29,800,000 from the General Fund to the trust fund to be used for the acquisition and development of properties to expand off-highway vehicle recreation, as provided.

*SB 155 Signed into Law by Governor 9/23/2021

<u>SB 66 ALLEN (D – SANTA MONICA) CALIFORNIA COUNCIL ON THE FUTURE OF</u> <u>TRANSPORTATION: ADVISORY COMMITTEE: AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY.</u> This bill would require the secretary to establish an advisory committee, the California Council on the Future of Transportation, to provide the Governor and the Legislature with recommendations for changes in state policy to ensure that as autonomous vehicles are deployed, they enhance the state's efforts to increase road safety, promote equity, and meet public health and environmental objectives. The bill would require the council to be chaired by the secretary and consist of at least 22 additional members, selected by the chair or designated, as specified, who represent, among others, transportation workers, various state and local agencies, and a disability rights organization.(SUPPORTING)

** August 26 hearing: Held in committee and under submission

<u>SB 227 Jones (R – Santee) Off-highway vehicles.</u>

This bill would require, for the issuance or renewal of a competition identification, a specified configuration for the vehicle identification number and product identification number for an off-highway motor vehicle or ATV that is model year 2022 or later and is used solely for competition not on a public highway. The bill would impose restrictions on the operation of a competition motorcycle or ATV on public lands, including, among others, a requirement that a rider possess a current and valid competition card from a competition-sanctioning organization when practicing for a sanctioned event on public lands. Because operating a competition motorcycle or ATV on public lands. Because operating a competition motorcycle or ATV on public lands. Because operating a competition motorcycle or ATV on public lands. Because operating a competition motorcycle or ATV on public lands in violation of those requirements would be a crime, the bill would impose a statemandated local program. (SUPPORTING)

*Held in committee, Two Year Bill



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In addition to AB 2761, Abate of California is proposing two other bills for our elected official's to consider this year. Our first bill would require DMV to allow rider's to take both the M/C skill's test and their DMV written exam during their CHP certified M/C training classes. After a rider successfully completes and passes both tests the school would submit the information to DMV and they would issue a valid M/C endorsement card by mail to the rider that is valid for the duration of their current California drivers license. Upon license renewal the M/C endorsement would then be added to their new license thereby saving the student the time and expense associated with visiting and testing at their local DMV office.

Our second bill would seek to exempt all M/C riders and especially our Military Veteran riders from being accessed a toll fee when traveling on a toll road within the state of California.

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When I think of Ed Aranda and ABATE Local 38, I always say, "the little Local that Does" and in addition to the members of our El Centro Local it is in part to its President Ed Aranda.

Ed has been a member of ABATE going on 30 years and has worn many hats during his tenure: Member, Treasurer, Vice President and Current & Past President.

The first turkey run in Imperial Valley was in 1998. 11 people showed up and they contributed 26 turkeys between 3 charities. Now, between 380 to 500 turkeys are distributed to 14 charities. It's been a total of 24 years of blessing the community with these turkeys.

The Imperial Valley Los Nino's Toy Run is in its 30th year. It started as Valley Independent Bikers then Abate 38 took over after the first year. Each year hundreds of toys are handed out to the kids of the Imperial Valley.

Both Runs wouldn't be around as long as they have without Ed at the Helm and the large number of Sponsors that donate money and resources. This extensive list can also be attributed to Ed's dedication to these events and his community.

When I asked him if he has any highlights he recalls about being an ABATE member all these years, he said going up to Sacramento to lobby for the helmet law back in the day and the many bikes that showed up.

He is a great person and has a lot of heart for ABATE. He wants to make sure it keeps going and we keep serving our communities as we have.

I can think of no one more deserving of the Freedom Fighter award. Please join me in voting for Ed!

Submitted by Rocio Green, Co/VP and Board Member ABATE Local 38 El Centro CA communities as we have.

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Mission Statement

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



ABATE Events & Bike Nights for 2021

2021 Events:

December 5th – ABATE Local 19 – 33rd Annual Toy Run (see flyer this issue)

December 18th – ABATE Local 38

30th Annual Imperial Valley Los Ninos Toy Run (see flyer this issue)

December 19th – ABATE Local 1 & Glendale HD

The 34th Annual LA Toy Run (see flyer this issue)

2022 Events:

January 8th – 1st Quarter Board Meeting Simi Valley (see flyer this issue)

April 9th – ABATE Local 23

Event to support Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC)

April 7th - 9th – MRF Meeting of the Minds (Location to be announced)

May 21st – ABATE Local 2

35th Annual Box of Love

Bike Nights:

- ABATE Local 3/13 1st Thursday of the month (see flyer this issue)

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.

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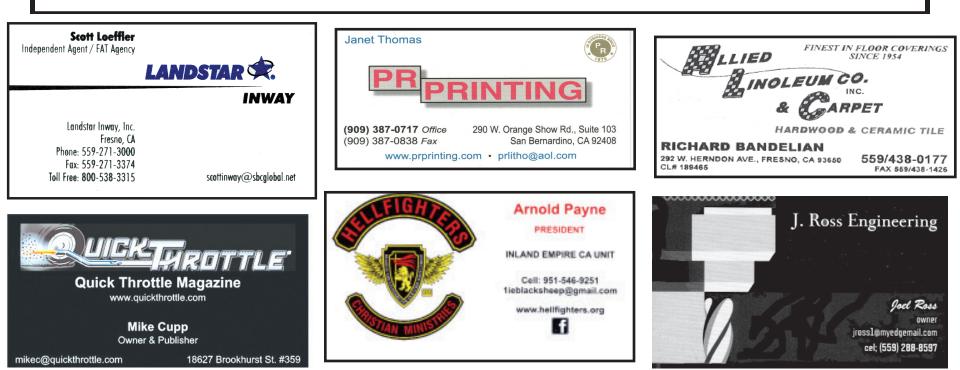








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ABATE of California appreciates their extra support.

Executive Director's Report

ABATE of California Members, as 2021 comes to an end I want to thank every one of you for your efforts to continue to be a part of ABATE.

In October we had our 4th quarter



In October we had our 4th quarter Board of Directors meeting in Clovis, California. Thank you to those of you that attended. It was a good meeting and we discussed many topics. We also elected a new State Secretary, and one new Board member. The facility was one of the best facilities I have been in. It was held at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District. The facility was a great Memorial to all Veterans! If you are a Veteran, Thank You for your service. Moving into 2022 ABATE will be facing some of the same problems we have had in 2021. We need more membership and more involvement in Local meetings. I have talked to a couple of Locals that are not meeting in person. I think meeting in person is the best way to retain members and get new ones. I have said this in the past, the key for Local meetings is to make sure you stay on topic. I also have a raffle that helps with our contributions to ABATE. Member retention is very important to ABATE of California. For me

with our contributions to ABATE. Member retention is very important to ABATE of California. For me and my Local I reach out to each member via email or phone call when their membership is up. This way they feel connected with their Local. I carry blue membership cards with me wherever I go in my travels. I have also put out a challenge to every member of Local 20 to bring someone to each meeting that is not a member of ABATE to check out the meeting. I believe getting them to the meeting is the hardest part, once they get there it's so much easier for them to join once they learn what ABATE is about. On another note; if your Local needs help with an event, please reach out to ABATE of California. Russ Brown is here to help all of ABATE with any kind of ABATE event. You can email the state office and let us know what you need from Russ Brown and we will try to make it happen. Also, if you have any ideas for Balling Wire content or you would like to write an article for the Balling Wire feel free to reach out to me local20abate@ gmail.com

gmail.com

I am looking forward to 2022 and all the great things ABATE can

accomplish with the help of each and every member. I hope your Holiday Season is filled with Joy, Happiness and Family! Remember this is a "we" organization not a "me" organization.

Rick, Executive Director ABATE of California, Local 20 President

Introducing Our New State Officers'



Hello my name is Gina Gilliam. I am a member of ABATE Local 1. I was elected ABATE of Califor-nia State Secretary at the October Board of Directors meeting.

I have grown up around the MC world my entire life, but have also enjoyed riding in the dirt. I have been riding since I was 5 years old and bought my first bike when I was 16. I have recently started riding with the Mended Sister's MC Los Angeles Chapter. We are a clean and sober club of women with like minds - riding. Whether it be riding with my sisters my husband

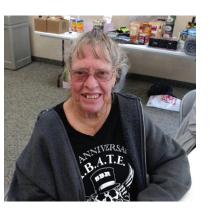
Whether it be riding with my sisters, my husband or by myself, I'm happiest on my bike - but who isn't?

I look forward to serving as the Secretary of ABATE of California. Thank you for electing me.

My name is Jane Warthen. At the October Board

of Directors meeting, the Board elected me to fill a vacant seat on the Board of Directors for the re-mainder of 2021 and then 2022-2023 I have been an ABATE Local 2 member for 19 years and Secretary for Local 2 for 17 years. I have been involved in the Local 2 Sweaty Buns run for 19 years. I was voted to be the 2020 Freedom Fight-er of the year er of the year.

I rode as a passenger with my husband, Frank, for 55 years until he passed away in 2020.



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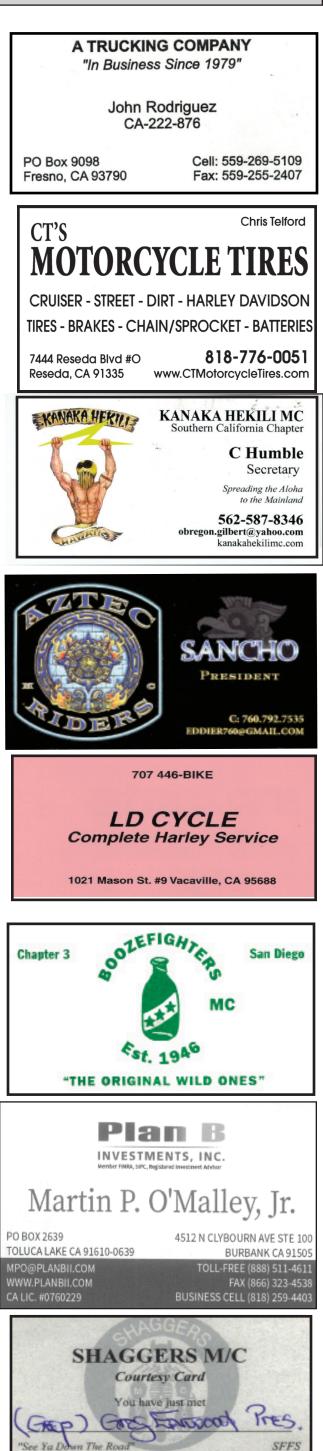
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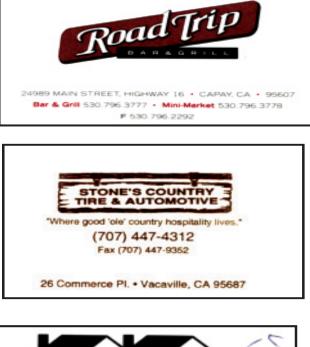


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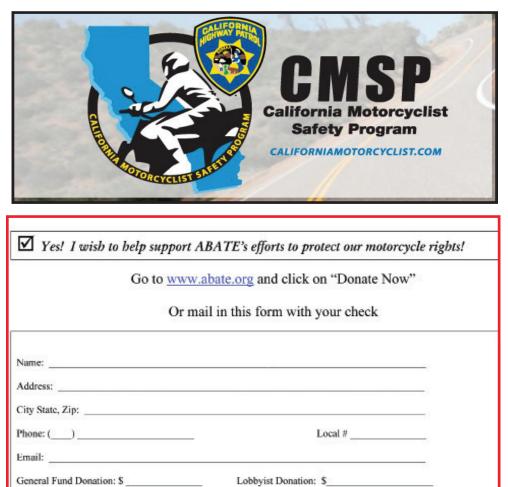
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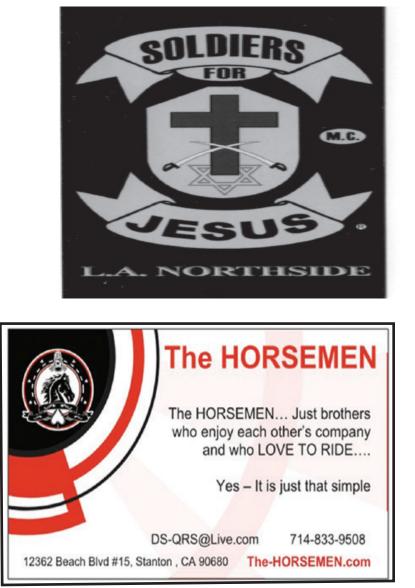
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Sporty's Rides

Hello all within the sound of this column! As you saw on the front page last month's ABATE Bailing Wire, we were awarded a Plaque for getting the Anti-Profiling Resolution, SR-41, passed 39 to 0. This is a big, big deal as we have been working on this for quite some time now. Hopefully before my lifetime goes away, we'll have a bill in place that prohibits profiling for the type of clothing you're wearing and the type of vehicle you ride. Thanks goes to the MRF for our getting recognized for this award.

ABATE has had successful days in the legislature, such as the passing the lane sharing bill. That bill alone makes riding in traffic easier for motorcyclists, especially on our congested freeways. With groups like ABATE we can get issues that deal with motorcycling accomplished through our lobbyists' efforts.

My point, readers of this column, is that you should consider joining ABATE! you're already a member, please keep your membership current.

My sermon is complete! Now on to the ride portion of this extravaganza. am starting with the Local 19 meeting ride that was held October 27th. Every month I travel to the Local 19 meetings as Regional Director for Local 1 and Local 19. They have finally returned their meetings to the Round Table Pizza in Ontario. The recent time change means that it is dark when I get there. It also means a lot of lane sharing on the 210 Fwy. I made the trip on time for the meeting. We started with the Toy run information then got going with the ABATE meeting. This meeting I had a chicken salad without cucumbers

mushrooms and diet root bear. It was tasty. The meeting lasted about an hour and a half. By 8:15 or so I was on the road again. Stopped at the Mobile gas station in Pasadena for a cup of decaf Joe. While there I got a chance to figure out where to pass out Local 19 Toy run flyers.

The next day, October 28th, after my afternoon AA meeting I was off to drop off flyers. First stop was Laidlaws HD. Got a cup of coffee there and a tank sticker. I am collecting dealership stickers and placing them on the gas tank of my 2007 1200 L. (A side note: I had to replace the starter on my 2002 883/1200 Sporty so I have been riding my 1200L and racking up miles on it. Yeaks!)

The next stop was Bert's Mega Store. Dropped off flyers there. They were nice to me so mission accomplished. Final stop of the day was Cycle Gear in Azusa. They were nice as well, another mission accomplished without the theatrics. On October 29th I got up and rode to LA HD of Anaheim near Fullerton, Orange County HD in Irvine, Riverside HD and finally Quaid HD

in Loma Linda. At all the dealerships I could not resist checking out the 2021 Sportster 48. Pricey is the word. Factory had a price of \$12,600 however the dealership mark-up is \$4,000 and that makes the bike cost about \$16,600 or so. That is why I am sticking with my old ones for now. Well by the time I left Loma Linda it was about 4:40. I texted the wife letting her know my whereabouts and my intentions. Traffic was so crowded that it took over an hour to get to the AA Hall in San Fernando. In fact, I got there by 6:45. Come to find out my wife, Renee, had called

the AA Hall to see if I was there. The next day, October 30th, I met up at the dealership for a HOG ride. About 8 of us went to a Bistro in Santa Paula called Rabalais'. It's a burger joint. The route to Rabalais' was a canyon ride. It was a stretch of road that I had ridden before. We finally arrived at Rabalais' Bistro.

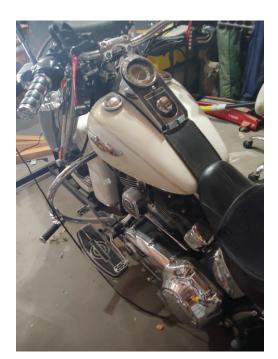
The food was good. Our HOG Chapter President, Linda Duran, gave out awards to the members who came in costume. That was a good deal! I left the run with great memories. Thanks Linda! November 10th was a night ride to Santa Clause Inc in Ontario for a Local 19's Toy run meeting. It was dark when I arrived at Santa

Clause Inc. The meeting lasted about 2 hours because we had to assemble 8 bikes. Afterwards I headed home, stopping at the Mobile station in Pasadena for gas, but no coffee this run. Was tired by the time I got home.

I am going to save the report on the two club events for the next Sporty's Ride column. Happy Holidays! Be good to yourself and be safe.

Scribe Sporty Milligan ABATE Local 1 President reporting.





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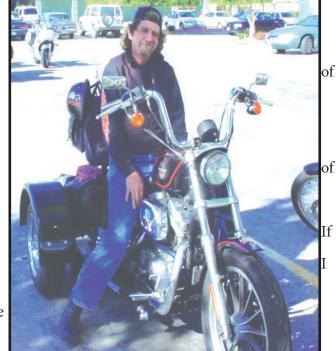
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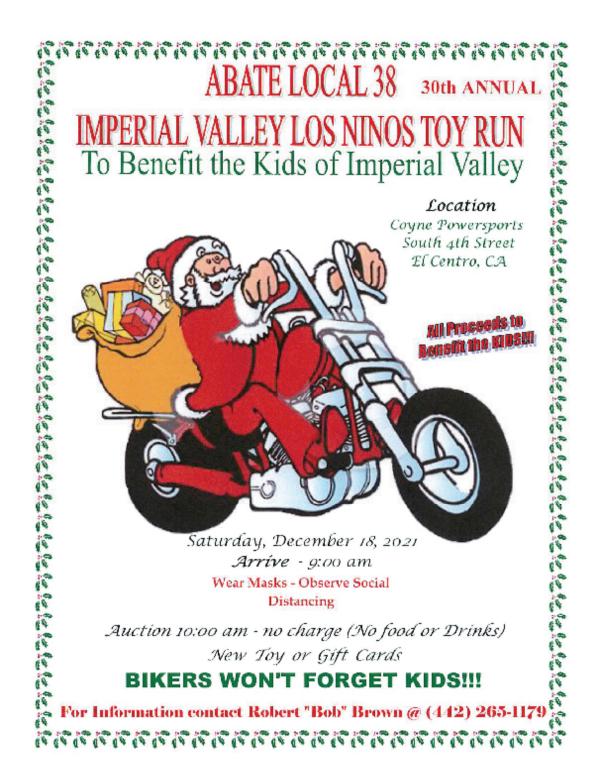
If you're like me, you really enjoy receiving The Bailing Wire either electronically or in hard copy. Our publication contains a lot of good information, from what is going on legislatively, fundraising events, or just plain fun things to do as a member of our beloved motorcycle community. I hope that we support our advertisers as they are instrumental and keeping our organization vibrant.

I want to respond to Sporty's Rides article in the last issue regarding how we feel about his column. Sporty, your good column each issue is my special treat to read. Seriously, for those of us who are still working, we live vicariously through your adventures and travels. Your column is always entertaining and we feel that we actually get the experience of being there with you without actually being there.

Actually, someday I hope to be you, when I am retired, and enjoy the rides and camaraderie that you experience. We are fortunate that our motorcycle community is a very special and caring community that we hope to be a part of until our final days. You get to enjoy the community a lot more than I do and for that I am jealous.

Until I can join you, please keep on your rides and adventures and, most importantly, keep telling us about them because we never get tired of hearing about them.

Yours in motorcycling, Nicholas Novosel III VIP, Local 1



OCAL NEWS

Local #01 Report - Los Angeles

Change is sometimes necessary when the situation dictates it to be changed. Ergo the change in meeting venues. The reason for this change is that the breakfast at the Elks Lodge was changed from the third Sunday to second Sunday. We were not notified about it till after the September meeting. So, we're doing the meetings at the North Hollywood Club house of the Devil's Disciples.

Our meeting this month will again focus on plans for 2022 Polar Bear run. The starting point of the run, the end place, raffle, prizes, tickets etc.

After this we'll discuss the political issues that ABATE is following with information from the Lobbyist's report. After this we'll take questions from the members attending. Then close the meeting. So, there you have it. Report submitted by Sporty Milligan, President ABATE Local 1

Local #08 Orange County

Season's Greetings from Local 8! We have a new member! Welcome Jessika! Our Local's meeting was held last week and we were honored to have Steve Barnes from Local 38 stop by. We went through the usual previous minutes, treasurer's report, and a report of the Quarterly Board of Directors meeting held in Clovis last month.

Steve chimed in with a few questions about Local 8 membership, attendance at other Local's events, and things we were doing to attract new members. He suggested several venues where we could probably set up a table. Everyone's spirits seemed lifted, and the conversation will certainly continue.

Safe Holidays, Steve H

Local #23 San Bernardino

Happy Thanksgiving to all! Local 23 had a good meeting today - a good show of members and a guest who is a former member (we are after him to re-up) were there.

The Secretary's report was not read due to too much noise in the restaurant. The Treasurer's report was read showing our contribution to the ABATE General fund. The VP's report was short. Liz read the Lobby report to fill us all in on the activity in Sacramento.

Ron gave the President report, giving us an update on the two events we are trying to put on next year. The first will be for the Pregnancy Resource Center or PRC on April 9th and The Box of Love will be May 21st. New Business! Oh boy! We voted to keep/retain the officers we had last year, no changes. The Totally Kids event will be on November 14th in Loma Linda. We will be doing a drive by to drop off supplies and money donations they need to take care of all the kids. We took a vote and Local 23 will donate \$100.00 to help them out. After the December 5th meeting, we will ride to the ABATE Local 19 Toy run in Ontario. Look in the Bailing Wire for a map, times etc. Hope to see you there! Be Blessed and Be a Blessing, Greg, ABATE Local 23 Secretary.

Local #25 Sacramento

Lil' David called the meeting to order at 7:00. There were 6 members attending and one guest. The Treasurer submitted an e-mail report. We have a small balance after paying insurance and making donations to the state. Lil' David gave an explanation of our insurance bill and the various funds. Also gave an update on the various bills

ABATE is following. Runs/Events: The MMA Toy Run will be on November 28th, Auburn Toy run is December 4th, and the Nevada County Toy run is on December 11th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Local #38 Imperial Valley

Hello ABATE Members! We are just a few days away from our 24th annual Local 38 Turkey Run. We pre-ran the route, had the shirts printed, the run insurance is paid, a large part of the 400 turkeys we need have been pre-ordered as well. Everything seems to be going according to plan. We have had calls from various groups saying they will be attending such as San Diego, Escondido, and of course Yuma, AZ. We are expecting great weather too. We will let you know how everything turned out. After this run, we immediately turn our focus to the annual Los Ninos Toy Run. This run turns 30 this year! We will have an auction before we go deliver the toys. You never know what has been donated to buy as Christmas gifts at the auc-tion. Last year besides tools, gift cards and booze, we also had Victoria Secret items. Please see the flyer for this event in the Bailing Wire the Bailing Wire.

The Midnite Society will be hosting their 1st annual Toy Run in honor of their VP, Jesus Palos, who passed away earlier this year. The first three Saturdays of December are booked for toy drives. I want to thank everyone who has helped, donated, and participated in our events. See you down the road. Stay safe. Thanks, Ed Aranda, President ABATE Local 38





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

SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES COMING YOUR WAY: Circling back to the NCOM Legislative Task Force Meeting during the recent NCOM Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, examining existential threats to motorcycling, NCOM-LTF Member Ed Schetter notified the NCOM Board of Directors that "Mercedes Benz is claiming the first Level 3 autonomous technology will be in production for their 2022 EQS equipped with Drive Pilot."



Level 3 is known as conditional driving automation, and it uses various driver assistance systems and artificial intelligence to make decisions based on changing driving situations around the vehicle. People inside the vehicle do not need to supervise the technology, meaning they can engage in other activities.

During the NCOM-LTF's presentation on "The Demise of Gas-Powered Vehicles," Schetter reported that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is investigating 11 crashes since 2018 in which a Tesla vehicle with "Autopilot" has struck one or more vehicles involved in an emergency response situation.

Tesla currently operates at Level 2, partial driving automation, which falls short of self-driving because it comes with the expectation that a human will always be alert and ready to take over.

"We will keep you updated on the quickly changing technology on the road today," notes Schetter, who in addition to serving on the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Board of Directors and Legislative Task Force, is Executive Director of ABATE of Ohio.

INFRASTRUCTURE BILL SIGNED BY PRESIDENT BIDEN: In addition to providing billions in new funding to rebuild America's deteriorating roads and bridges, improve airports and rail services, and expand high-speed internet access, the infrastructure bill still offers several pro-motorcycle provisions such as expanding prohibitions on motorcycle-only checkpoints, prohibiting law enforcement activities that profile motorcycle operators, evaluating biker profiling by law enforcement, specifies that motorcycles must be considered in autonomous vehicle operation, allocates increased motorcyclist safety funding, and reauthorizes the Motorcyclists Advisory Council at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

<u>KAWASAKI MOTORCYCLES TO GO FULLY ELECTRIC BY 2035</u>: It seems that all vehicles, including motorcycles, are destined to become battery-powered in the near future. Honda, BMW, as well as Yamaha, have all announced their plans to go full electric by 2050. But for Kawasaki, their self-imposed deadline is coming much sooner, being in 14 years' time, and by 2035 all of their motorcycles sold will be electric-powered.

To help maximize resources and increase management flexibility, Kawasaki Heavy Industries (KHI) has spun off its motorcycle division into the aptly named Kawasaki Motors, which will focus solely on the motorcycle business. KHI, meanwhile, will continue to oversee the company's interests in producing aircraft, ships, industrial equipment, and trains.

"Outdoor leisure activity has been popular during the COVID pandemic," said Yasuhiko Hashimoto, KHI President, adding that "We will strengthen our environmental efforts with our sights set on post-pandemic lifestyles."

These electric motorcycles in the pipeline for 2035 are so far intended for markets in developed nations, like Japan, the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Australia.

MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURERS PLACE ONUS ON INDIVIDUALS IN NOISE DEBATE: The ACEM - European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers – has spoken out on the noisy motorcycle debate, issuing its response to growing efforts across the continent to ban bikers from certain routes over complaints motorcycles exude too much noise.

The union, which represents 18 manufacturing companies and 20 national industry associations, is concerned bikers are being unfairly singled out for an issue that is endemic across all road users, saying modern motorcycles don't exceed the permitted decibel levels compared with many four-wheel alternatives.

Interestingly, the ACEM also supports the use of devices that measure noise and issue fines, since it places the onus on the individual potentially abusing the regulations, rather than the industry as a whole.

The debate over noisy motorcycles has stepped up in recent years, with the issue leading to a number of measures being implemented across popular routes throughout Europe. Germany and Austria have been particularly pro-active in introducing rules seemingly aimed specifically at the motorcycle industry, going so far as to ban motorcycles entirely from certain stretches.

However, as the ACEM points out, Euro4 and Euro5 motorcycles are already designed not to exceed the permitted 77dB of noise (on average), but, that said, these machines can be altered by various customization techniques, just as with cars.

With this in mind, the ACEM's position is that manufacturers, the industry in its entirety and every biker shouldn't be unfairly targeted with specific motorcycling bans since the issue comes down to individual practice and can just as easily be mirrored across all modes of transport, thus applicable to all road users or none.

As such, the ACEM has taken the stance of supporting the use of noise pollution devices, despite them coming in for sharp criticism from bikers, so long as the devices are placed in key locations, shifting the onus back onto the individual - regardless of machinery - and without using the sweeping brush of preventing all bikers from using certain routes.

PRICES INCREASE ON BIKE PARTS DUE TO RAW MATERIALS SHORTAGES: The world may be getting back on its feet, notwithstanding the ongoing effects of the global pandemic, but the manufacturing sector in particular will surely struggle to go back to normal. With mass lay-offs following months of closure, companies around the world are finding themselves severely undermanned as business begins to open up, and demand increases.

Furthermore, the already problematic shipping container shortage further aggravated by the Suez Canal blockage in March 2021, parts shortages, supply chain breakdowns, and backlogs of cargo ships waiting to dock, continues to present challenges to global trade.

As such, multiple industries -- the motorcycle and automotive industries, particularly -- are experiencing production delays brought about by raw materials shortages, such as with the semiconductors and microchips in recent months. Now, price hikes in materials have hit the tire industry, with the cost of producing rubber increasing.

As expenses go up, so do prices across industries, as inflated tire pricing not only affects motorcycles, but costs for heavy industry machinery such as trailers, airplanes, and trucks.

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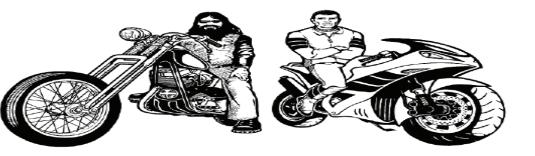
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