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Bills at a Glance

AB-3195 Acosta (Sponsor) (R - Santa Clar- driver or vehicle, to proceed with caution when ita) DMV: licensing: motorcycle endorsement (ABATE Sponsor)

This bill would, commencing July 1, 2019, require certificate to be submitted electronically to the Department of Motor Vehicles by the operator of an approved motorcyclist training program and would require the department to accept those electronic submissions. Passed out of Assembly Transportation Committee 4/9/18 13-0. Suspense Item, to be heard in Appropriations Committee late May.

Held in Committee, working through Budget and Trailer Bills

AB-2972 Caballero (D – Salinas) Vehicles: enforcement: motorcycle profiling - SUPPORT

This bill would define the term "motorcycle profiling" as the illegal consideration of the fact that a person is riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle or motorcycle club-related clothing as a factor in enforcement decisions and would prohibit peace officers from engaging in motorcycle profiling. This bill would also provide a private right of action for persons who are subcycling Coalition notified Author that per suggested Amended Language to not bring up for Vote again this year.

AB-2761 Obernolte (Cosponsor) (R – Big Bear Lake) Yield: inoperative traffic signal – SUP-PORT (ABATE CoSponsor)

This bill would authorize the driver of a vehicle facing a traffic-actuated signal that displays a steady circular red indication or steady red arrow indication, and that subsequently fails to display a green indication within a reasonable period of time because of a signal malfunction or because the signal has failed to detect the presence of the

it is safe to do so, after having stopped at the intersection, as specified. Heard in Transportation Committee 4/16/18. Informational Hearing Only

SB-1316 Glazer (D – Contra Costa/Alameda) OHV recreation: Carnegie SVRA: Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area. - OPPOSE - Heard 6/26/18 and passed Assembly Water Parks and wildlife by one vote. Currently in appropriations during Legislature July Recess. It will be taken up in August

This bill would authorize the department to dispose of the portion of the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area known as the "Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area" to permanently preserve that land for conservation purposes, as specified, if the department determines that disposing of the land is in the public interest. The bill would authorize the Director of General Services to transfer the land to a local agency for less than fair market value if the local agency agrees to use the land as a park or for another open-space purpose and would require the property interest to revert from the local agency to the state if the land is used for a different purpose during the 25 years after the jected to motorcycle profiling in violation of the transfer date. The bill would require any revenue provisions of this bill. The Anti-Profiling Motor- from the disposition of the land to be deposited in the fund for the purchase of land for off-highway vehicle recreation by the department.

> Check www.abate.org and our Facebook/Instagram @abatecalifornia for most up to date information!

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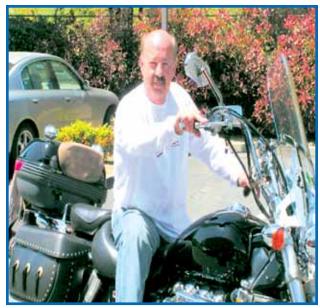
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Lobbyist's Legislative Report

ABATE OF CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER



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As the State Legislature reconvenes on August 6th from Summer July Recess, this final month of the Legislative Calendar will be jam-packed with laws and amendments for us to track as it approaches the Final Recess Deadline on August 31st. All bills/laws will need to be passed by then in order to be presented to the Governor for his signature or veto or he can let it become law if he does neither.

On July 18th Caltrans/DMV/CHP Strategic Highway Safety Plan meet as the Motorcycle Advisory Committee. James Lombardo Jr. attends this on ABATE's behalf and will have an update online and on Social Media - Instagram, Facebook & Twitter @ abatecalifornia as this article's deadline is out to print before the meeting.

Bill Update: OPPOSE - SB 1316 Glazer (D – Contra Costa) Off-highway vehicular recreation: Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA): Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area.

This bill would authorize, but technically does not

require, State Parks to dispose of the 3,100-acre Expansion Area in the Carnegie SVRA and to permanently preserve the land for conservation purposes. The Carnegie SVRA is located in both San Joaquin and Alameda counties.

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ABATE is in Opposition along with the Coalition of Off-Road Groups that made permeant these parks last year (SB 249 Allen) and argue that this area of the state is long overdue for increased motorized recreation opportunities (only 9 SVRA's out of 280 State Parks). The purchase of this land in the 1990s using OHV user funds (\$9 million) necessitates its use as a motorized park. We argue that this property should be managed at the state level regardless of local considerations, and with an estimated low current market value of \$27 million, should not be disposed or sold.

As 2018 is an election year there is still time to volunteer - check your local offices. To find who represents your area and where their office is located: <a href="http://example.com/http://exa www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html.

For reference to our bills through the legislative process find our Bills at a Glance section in the Bailing Wire for all updates.

Stay tuned for future alerts as things keep moving fast at the Capitol!!! Social Media - Instagram, Facebook & Twitter @abatecalifornia.

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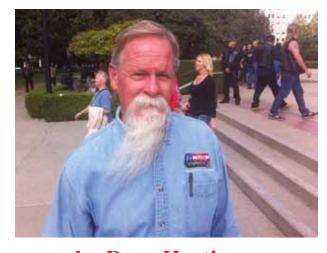
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Executive Director Report



by Dave Hastings, **Executive Director**

We held our third quarter ABATE of California Board of Directors meeting on July 14th in Cypress. The meeting was hosted by Local 20 and very well attended. I would like to say "Thank You" to Local 20 and to all of our members and guests in attendance. I will give a brief recap of the meeting for those who couldn't attend.

I encourage every member to stay involved with the day to day business of our organization by attending our Board of Directors meetings. As I've stated many times before, attendance at a Board of Directors meeting allows you to receive information on planning and strategies our organization is contemplating before it becomes available to the general public. You will be given the opportunity to help shape Board of Director Policies and by doing so, you can both encourage and help implement fresh ideas into our ABATE organization.

Speaking of fresh ideas, one of our members suggested that every item printed for ABATE of California, be it a flyer, business card, etc. should include our State website and Facebook information so nonmembers can follow up on our organization. In addition, if you participate in any type of event you should be asking people to sign-in with a name and email address so we can gather and return information to those in attendance.

These are simple ideas done by every business in California to increase their chance of acquiring repeat customers and enlarging their market reach. Are you currently doing this? If not, please give it a try at your next function and forward your information sheet to the State office so we can start a data base on riders throughout California. Information and shared ideas like this will help you keep current, stay informed, and possibly even grow your Local membership all because you chose to attend a Board of Directors meeting.

The meeting was called to order and every Board of Director member was in attendance. We had representatives from 12 of our 18 Locals present along with 4 of our 6 Regional Representatives.

Sadly we did need to observe a "Moment of Silence" for past members Phil Hohman of Local 33, Glenda Ross of Local 24, Darold Martin of Local 1, Linda Hines of Local 17, and "Moonie" of Local 5. May their families find peace knowing the ABATE family is missing our fellow freedom fighters dearly, too.

Mark "Dogman" Castillero presented his State Treasurer report and I followed up his report with an affirmation of our financial stability. ABATE of California has lowered state operating expenses substantially in the last few years by eliminating programs that were not financially prudent and reducing our day to day operational costs, but unfortunately our income has also dropped steadily from past years. Dogman and I both advised the Board of Directors and members present to be diligent in keeping a close eye on our income and expense columns to assure the long term sustainability of our organization. I also encouraged every President and Local member present to continue to support our dedicated State Fund Accounts in every way possible. By doing so they will guarantee ABATE of California will continue to be the premier "grass roots" motorcycle rights organization in California for years to come.

Sporty, our Membership Chairperson, then announced that Larry Pfaffley of Local 8 was the winner of our annual Membership Funding raffle. Congratulations Larry!

Keith Johnston gave us a detailed accounting of his trip to Washington, D.C. to represent ABATE of California at the MRF meetings and in the halls of Congress. This was his second trip in two years and he presented a very interesting and sometimes amusing recap of the trip. In addition, Spike, our fellow Board of Director member who

was also in attendance at the MRF meetings, compliment-

ed Keith on what a wonderful job was being done by our

"rookie" MRF ambassador.

That is what truly makes ABATE so effective. We have such talented people who voluntarily step up and give us their time, energy, and expertise for free. Unfortunately we all know freedom is not free and we can't thank our members enough for the personal and financial sacrifices they make to ensure the rest of us can continue to ride safely another day. Thank you to every member who donates their time and money to our organization.

The big excitement of the day was Glenn Phillips' recap of our statewide motorcycle raffle. Happily, he was able to present a substantial check to our State Treasurer for the proceeds from our motorcycle raffle along with a check from Local 17 from another event they had held earlier in the year. In addition, Local 3/13 and Local 1 also made generous contributions to our State treasury.

Thank you to the members of Local 17 for spearheading the bike raffle and assuming responsibility for our successful outcome. Even though tickets were sold statewide by all of our Locals, you guys and gals did most of the work and worrying for this event. Nothing is ever certain with an endeavor like this and this Board of Directors and every member statewide is grateful for the successful outcome you have brought to the raffle again.

Thank you Local 17 and the members of Local 3/13 and Local 1 for the contributions you made at the meeting. It certainly was a nice way to close out a meeting and hopefully we will see Local donations and individual member donations continue to come in to the State treasury.

One other item that was discussed was the opening of nominations for the 2019 Board of Directors and also our 2018 "Freedom Fighter of the Year". Please consider running for a state position in 2019 or if you know an individual that you would like to represent you on the Board of Directors, please encourage them to consider a run for office. In addition, nominate and send in a short bio to the State office for an individual who you think should be our 2018 "Freedom Fighter". We will then place their name on the ballot and members statewide will have the honor of selecting our 2018 winner.

The last item of the day was a decision by the Board of Directors to implement an "on-line" meeting format for the last Board of Directors meeting to be held in 2018. We will then evaluate whether we wish to continue to use an "on-line" format with the goal of holding two "live format" and two "on-line" meetings in 2019. If successfully implemented, and given final approval by the Board of Directors, this strategy could substantially lower our meeting costs and travel times

In closing I want to thank all of those in attendance and ask you to do your best to help increase our income flow while your Board of Directors does its best to keep the operating expenses of your organization as low as possible. This Board is committed wholeheartedly to fulfilling our obligations to our members and the riders of California. ABATE was started out of a shoe box of 3 x 5 cards that held members information, so we all know we can do much with little, but we also know we can do so much more if we have the additional funds to do it with.

Help us reach our goal of representing every rider in California, not just our members. Attend ABATE events, sign up a new member, contribute your time and funds and let's get back on track in 2019.

We have a lot of things to accomplish next year and I want to have some fun while we're doing it. So let's rev up our old motorcycle freedom machine and get back out on the road again!

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

HELP WANTED - STATE TREASURER

Effective immediately ABATE of CA needs a State Treasurer. Training to be provided this year and term would start in 2019. If interested, please contact Dave Hastings (760)954-6463 or Glenn Phillips (707)624-6310.

The State Treasurer (ST) is responsible for keeping a complete, accurate account of all ABATE monies. The ST shall furnish a quarterly internal financial statement and distribute to the Board of Directors. The ST also provides additional reports when required. Other duties include the preparation and filing of taxes, keeping track of ABATE's tax and corporate status, as well as providing guidelines and assistance to locals when needed. The ST reports directly to the

Board of Directors.



2018 Local 17 Bike Raffle

by Glenn Phillips

Our 2017 Road Glide bike raffle has come to a close at the Hot Rod & Harley Show on June 3rd with 3467 tickets sold. Thanks so much to all the Locals throughout the state that supported these sales and made this raffle possible. The state organization made a nice income from this fundraiser!

Leading tickets sales were Glenn Phillips from Local 17 with 884, Bill McBride from Local 17 with 702 and third place was Sporty from Local 1 with 200.

The winner of the motorcycle was Randal Spence from Vacaville with ticket #4943. Randal and Tammy were just married the day before so they got a very special wedding gift! He took delivery of the bike the following day. (See pictures this issue.)

The winning ticket was pulled by an innocent young man by the name of "Angel" with no affiliation to us as many of the attendees in the crowd that day had purchased tickets.

Thanks to Steve Howe from Local 8 for paying for Randal and Tammy's first year membership to ABATE!



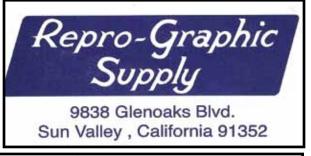
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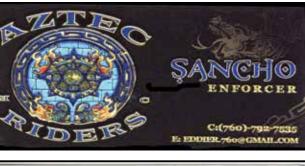
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2018 Q3 Board Meeting Cypress CA Pics by Gill Mellen













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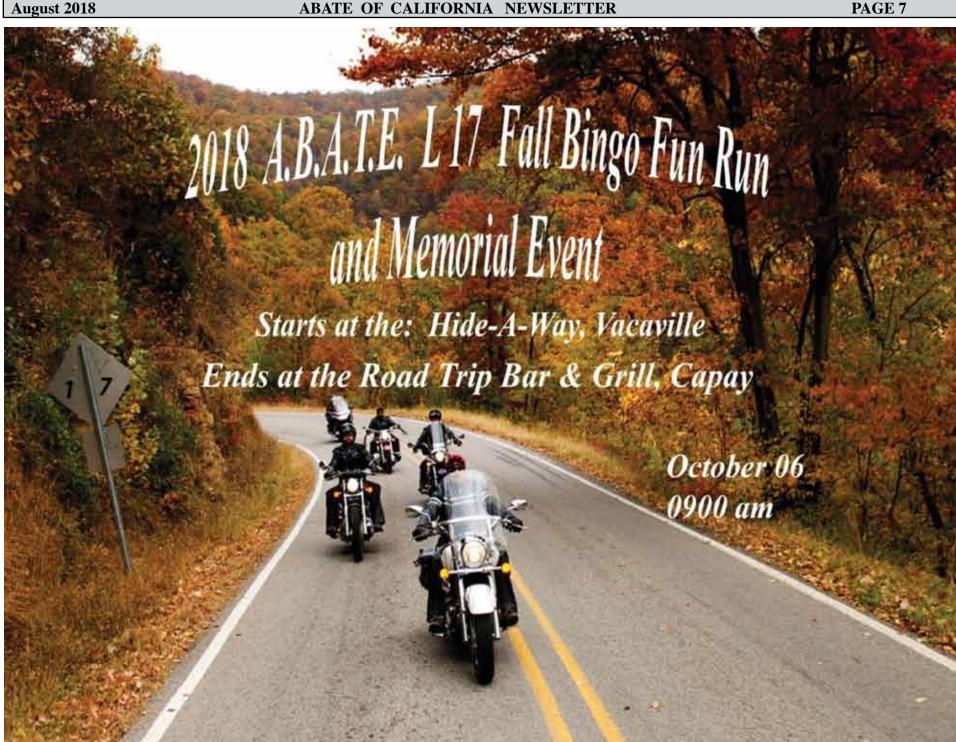














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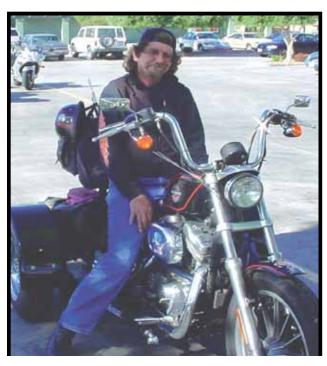
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT



by Sporty Milligan, Membership Chairman

Greetings All! At the July 14th Board of Directors meeting I drew the winning ticket for the Membership Funding raffle - Larry Pfaffly, Local 8 Orange County. Congratulations! And Thank You!

Weather has been good for riding so hopefully you're making the rounds and trying to sign-

up new members and new business members.

It is important to visit your business members' shops. Make the rounds to support their events. Local 1 has three local Harley Davidson shops as business members that I visit on a rotating basis. How you handle the business members determines whether they will sign up for another year.

Also please take care of your renewals. They are the life of the ABATE organization. I gave some of my members tickets for the Membership Funding raffle as a way of thanking them for their renewals and being part of the ABATE Local 1 family.

To help keep your members, make sure that they are informed on the issues. At Local 1 I send out information via emails on stuff relevant to the motorcycling community. Use the BCC format, undisclosed recipients.

I have a question to ask: Are you ok with the way we are doing the Membership Drive? Or do you have a better way to reinvent the Membership Drive wheel? If you have any suggestions that you think might help make the Membership Drive better, send an email to me at williammilligan285@yahoo.com.

With that all said I shall close. Ok let's get busy, keep your renewals, get new members and attend ABATE events.

Regards, Membership Chair Sporty Milligan



CONGRATULATIONS

2018 Membership Drive Raffle Winner Local 8 Larry Pfaffly

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LOCAL REPORTS

Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! Guess what folks? This report is the day of our meeting July 15th. I was pretty burned out from Yesterday's ABATE Board of Directors meeting so I got to the meeting at the Elks Lodge with little time to spare before the actual meeting that starts at 9 am. I set up the meeting agenda, which was a cover page and copies of the PAC and Board meeting agendas.

The meeting was small, but the attendees were enthusiastic about what I had to say. We talked about our Local 1 member, Scott DeYoung's generous donation to the lobbyist's fund. Thanks Scott!

I went over the bills that are covered in the first page of the Bailing Wire every month. We discussed what went wrong with AB 2972, the anti-profiling bill. We're going to revisit it next year as a bill. Also discussed a possible attempt to come up with a toll bill that would exempt motorcycles from having to pay a toll.

For the upcoming elections I relayed that the questioners have been sent out and we will have a voter's guide. Also that the candidate, Ricardo Benitez, running for assembly 39 District has been sent an email so we can meet.

We discussed how the Board might take steps to streamline ABATE.

Jim Nickla did the VP report and talked about the traffic accident on the 210 early last week out in Ontario. Our membership chair Glen Cheslock has sent out the renewals for this quarter and brought to our attention an article in the Daily News about the increase in deaths from motorcycle accidents.

Shelia Lindsey is working on a project that will help us get a percent of the food we purchase on a certain day (Thursday) in the near future at a restaurant in Glendale. We will either buy a meal as a group or buy as a single couple (more on that later) during the restaurant's business day.

Finally we will be assembling a group of members to ride to Local 2's Sweaty Buns ride on July 22nd. This run is one of the highlights of the Local runs we attend.

With all that said and done those members that were hungry were able to buy breakfast, which was prepared by the Elks Lodge staff and the nice young lady who made sure we got coffee, decaf and regular, orange juice and water. That was after we had our raffle drawing. The money collected from it goes to the General Fund.

Report submitted by Sporty Milligan, President ABATE Local 1.

Local #02 Simi Valley



We are in a temporary heat wave. For tonight it was cooler, still hot though, but without the bite of 112 like last week. And it was hot at the BBQ! Cooking

for us this meeting was VP Jim and his wife Betty, and they did a great job! Thanks to the first husband and wife team, I was told, that cooked for us at Local 2. We still serve a great \$5.00 meal deal with BBQ hamburgers and footlongs with all the fixing's you could eat.

We meet at VFW Post 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Avenue, on the second Tuesday of the month. We serve our great meal deal from 6:45 until 7:20 then our meeting starts at 7:30 promptly.

VP Jim opened our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pres Guy started the meeting right after. Pres Guy talked about our upcoming ride, our 23rd Sweaty Buns run on July 22nd. We discussed the shirts for the run and we went over all the necessary parts of all who's volunteering and the logistics for our run. We had to push and pull and give or take on a lot of things that had to be finalized before our run. We can only hope for the best because we all did our best to make this run work!

We had visitors this month. The first was Keith and Sharon from Local 3/13. Keith talked about MRF issues, ethanol gas, about consumer education regarding ethanol and the oil companies. Keith also talked about his Local 3/13's Trivia run.

Sporty came over to talk about the upcoming (July 14th) ABATE Board of Directors meeting. Also, his club, the Shagger's, run in August.

Secretary Jane read the minutes, treasurer Pat gave us an update on where we stand with our finances, PR Norm talked about solidarity within our group and updated everyone with his health issues of late, membership officer Frank gave us his report and Group Rides by our Run coordinator Pigface talked about our ride this month and other rides as well.

We, in general, had a good meeting tonight. Yes, there was bickering amongst us, but we worked out all the differences and will continue as planned. I would like to thank ALL Local 2 members and officers for the really hard work it takes to do a run like ours. If it was easy we would have one every month of the year, Not!

We missed all who couldn't be here and hope to see everyone at our 23rd Sweaty Buns run.

Ride safe and stay cool! PTL norm e.

Local #08 Orange County



As Local 8 gathered for our monthly meeting, we had just one focus in mind - our representation at the So Cal Cycle Swap meet at Long Beach Veterans Stadium on Sunday, July 29th, from 7 am to 1 pm rain or shine.

Every year we gather up our treasures and welcomed donations and man a booth at this event. All proceeds go directly back to ABATE.

We have the opportunity to share ABATE with others and always seem to welcome a few new members. If you're not a member, you should stop and ask, "Why not?"

After all the plans were buttoned down with donations tucked neatly in the truck bed, the meeting came to a close with us all having a renewed excitement about the upcoming swap meet and all the people we can educate about ABATE.

We encourage you to visit the swap meet and drop by the ABATE booth and shop our gathered treasures. I would also encourage you to stop by the ABATE. org website and take the 2018 National Motorcycle Profiling Survey.

Remember, with this heat, stay hydrated while rid-

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Brought to you by Local 8's very own Hawgete

Local #11 North San Diego County



We had our meeting today despite the heat wave and discussed fund raising issues and voted to again contribute to the lobbyist fund.

I indicated that the Local would need to get a new Secretary and PAC rep as I will be leaving to live in Spain. The meeting was thorough, but short as neither the President nor the VP were able to attend.

Dogman Mark Castillero

Local #20 Orange County



Spike briefed us on Waco, the biker documentary and profiling. Flyers are being sent out re profiling.

Gill said if you feel you were stopped erroneous, ask for a business card from the cop and file a complaint in the city. It's legal to video tape cops but illegal to take pictures. Witness an accident, you don't have to give your info to others. Always be polite and respectful as it goes a long way. Turned away or refused service because of your patch, get the name of the place, a receipt or menu and report to Spike or Gill. This info helps us. Working on getting no tolls for bikes.

Doreen spoke of the various programs that she works with and the difference it's making in people's lives.

Bikers for Christ Downed Bikers' rally is 13 October.

16 members and 8 guests were in attendance. Bill Rowan missed out on \$62.

Non-Politically Correct Gill & Squirt

Local #25 Sacramento

Lil' David called the meeting to order at 7:01. There were 5 members attending and no guests. Copies of the prior meeting minutes were passed out.

Treasurer Joe gave us our balance and reported that nothing was paid out in the prior month. Last month's



donations were turned over to Joe. Vice President Ruby stressed that our Local needs to send in our quarterly reports.

The Redwood Run has been pushed back to August. The American Legion Poker Run is the same weekend as the Board of Directors meeting in Orange County.

It was noted that David Barnett became a life member of ABATE. Congratulations David.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

ABATE Events for 2018

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

July 29 – ABATE Local 8 – So Cal Cycle Swap Meet, Long Beach Veteran's Stadium 7am – 1pm

August 25 – ABATE Local 17 – 19th Annual Sarah's Scholarship Run (see flyer this issue)

October 6 – ABATE Local 17 – Memorial Run & Fall Bingo Fun Run (see flyer this issue)

October 6 – ABATE Local 24 – End of Summer Run

October 20 – ABATE Board of Directors meeting - Piccadil-

ly Inn, Fresno
October 21 – ABATE 3/13 –
10th Annual Trivia Run (see flyer this issue)

November – ABATE Local 38 - 21st Annual Turkey Run

November – ABATE Local 24 – 28th Annual Turkey Run

November 11 – 28th Annual Totally Kids "One From The Heart" Run

December 1 – ABATE Local 17 – Holiday Party December 2 – ABATE Local 1 – 30th Annual Harley Davidson of Glendale and ABATE Local 1 Toy Run

December 2 – ABATE Local 19 – Toy Run

December 2 – ABATE Local 17 – Toy Run

December 25 – ABATE Local 6 – Xmas with Kids

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.

and purposes along with a jpg format. Email your no to bailing.wire@abate.org.

Past Winners are: John Loudermilk; Mike Osbo Paliwoda; Dave Hastings; Jean Hughes; Leon Daile

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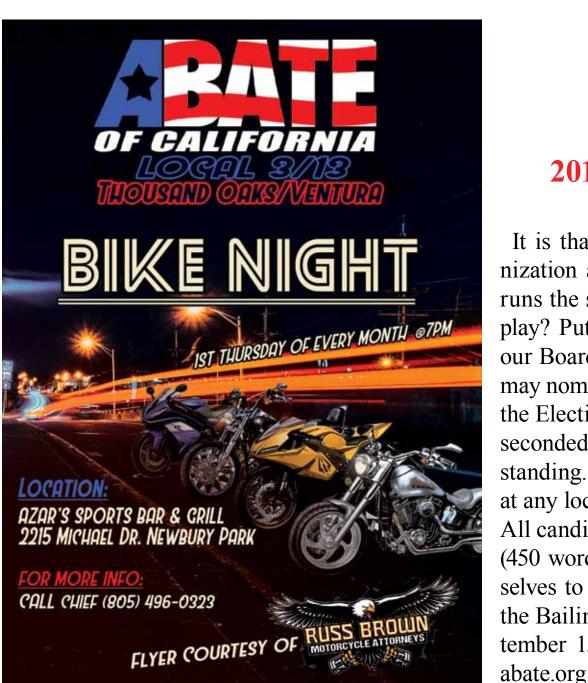
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Know someone that goes above and beyond for the organization? Nominate them for the 2018 Freedom Fighter award. Candidates for the ABATE of California **Freedom Fighter for 2018** need to be emailed in by September 15th, 2018. Please write something about your nominee describing their contributions to promoting ABATE's aims and purposes along with a photo in jpg format. Email your nomination to bailing wire@abate.org

Past Winners are: John "Milky" Loudermilk; Mike Osborn; John Paliwoda; Dave Hastings; Bill Bish; Jean Hughes; Leon Dailey; Nancy Nemecek; Rex Foreman; Lee "Sporty" Milligan iii (twice); Beverly Lieswald; "Lil' David" Morena; Cynthia Witthans; John Del Santo; Nick Benson Sr.; Ruby Weber; Glenn Phillips; Anthony "Sonny" Zappetta, Gene (Geno) Hamrick and Mark Loudermilk.

2019-2020 ABATE Board Elections

It is that time again... This is YOUR organization and your time to have a say in who runs the ship. Have ideas you want to put into play? Put those ideas to work by running for our Board of Directors. Any current Member may nominate another member to be placed on the Election Ballot. The nomination must be seconded by another ABATE Member in good standing. These nominations should be made at any local meeting preceding the cutoff date. All candidates are asked to submit a biography (450 words or less) and picture (.jpg) of themselves to be published in the October issue of the Bailing Wire. The deadline for this is September 15, 2018. Send both to bailing.wire@



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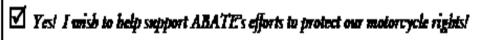
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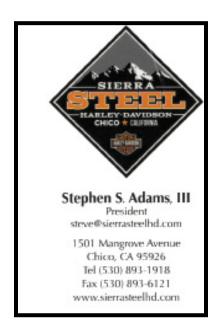






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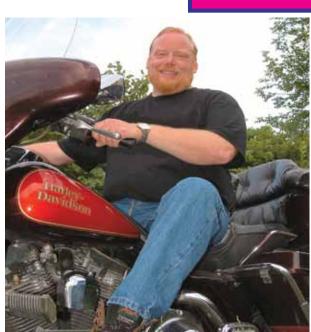
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Final Stop - Moose Lodge 6585 Gibson Canyon Rd. Vacaville, Ca. 95688 Please join us for a day of reflection & fun in the name of our daughter. God bless us all!

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NCOM Biker Newsbytes



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

NEW 'A BIKER'S GUIDE TO MAKING LAW' BROCHURE AVAILABLE FROM NCOM: The latest in a line of "BIKER'S GUIDE" brochures was recently unveiled during the Mock Legislative Session at this year's NCOM Convention in Mobile, Alabama. Conducted by the National Coalition Of Motorcyclists' Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF), the seminar was a hands-on demonstration of passing legislation, providing a perfect opportunity to unveil the new "A BIKER'S GUIDE TO MAKING LAW" educational brochure of similar topic.

The new tri-fold brochure was produced by the NCOM-LTF to explain how to get a bill introduced and lobby for pro-motorcycle legislation, and is being provided free of charge to any Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO), Confederation of Clubs (COC), NCOM Member Group, club or organization, through Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) and the Law Offices of Richard M. Lester.

"The Biker's Guide was well received," said Frank Ernst, Chairman of the NCOM-LTF following the mock session on May 12th. "After we passed them out, many attendees came up and asked if they could have additional copies, and most agreed it is a valuable tool and will give people help on how to get started in the process."

A BIKER'S GUIDE TO MAKING LAW joins previous titles in the educational series which includes; RUNNING FOR PUBLIC OFFICE, COMMUNICATING WITH GOVERNMENT, and NEWS MEDIA RELATIONS, and for free copies for you and your motorcycle group, call A.I.M./NCOM at (800) ON-A-BIKE (800-662-2453)

MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES TREND DOWNWARD: Nationwide motorcycle traffic fatalities dropped by 5.6% from 2016 to 2017, a new report shows. The Governors Highway Safety Association released a report in May showcasing preliminary data on last year's motorcycle

fatalities by state. Per the report, U.S. motorcycle fatalities dropped by 296 deaths - from 5,286 in 2016 to a projected 4,990 last year. That's coming off a 5.1% increase in such road fatalities from 2015 to 2016, the report states.

The figures reported are projections based on preliminary data provided for 2017 from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Compared with 2016, motorcyclist fatalities are estimated to have decreased in 30 states, remained the same in two states, and increased in 18 states.

E15 ETHANOL PROTECTION PROPOSED IN CONGRESS: U.S. Representatives Austin Scott (R-GA) and Lois Frankel (D-FL) have introduced the bipartisan "Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2018" to require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to expand consumer awareness on how to safely use fuel containing more than 10% ethanol.

Since motorcycle and ATV engines are prohibited from using fuel with more than 10% ethanol content, namely E15 (fuel containing 15% ethanol), improved labeling, fuel pump safeguards, and education outreach are key to protecting consumers. E15 fuel is sold at many retail gas stations, and currently 63% of consumers assume all products sold at these stations are safe for their engines despite the fact that high ethanol fuel blends can damage smaller engines and void manufacturer warranties.

RETALIATORY TARIFFS WOULD 'SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT' HARLEY-DAVID-

SON: With the full support of all 28 member states, the European Union will impose "rebalancing" tariffs on U.S. imports ranging from Harley-Davidson motorcycles to Levi's jeans beginning in July in retaliation over President Donald Trump's decision to put duties on European aluminum and steel. After failing to win trade concessions, on June 1st the Trump administration withdrew exemptions given to imported metals from the EU, Canada and Mexico from global tariffs imposed in March, citing "national security" interests.

Harley-Davidson has warned of a "significant impact" on its sales from reprisal duties, saying in a statement; "We believe a punitive, retaliatory tariff on Harley-Davidson motorcycles in any of our major markets would have a significant impact on our sales, our dealers, our suppliers and our customers in those markets."

The Milwaukee-based Motor Company claims such tariffs on raw materials would inflate its costs by an additional \$15-20 million this year.

Likewise, India is countering the Trump tariffs by proposing an increase on import duty on 30 American products, including "specific motorcycles imported from the U.S.", by up to 100%.

MIC, CONGRESSIONAL MOTORCYCLE CAUCUS CONFER ON AUTOMATED TECH:

The Motorcycle Industry Council, in coordination with the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus, hosted a briefing on "Intelligent Transportation Systems and Automated Vehicle Applications Impacts on Motorcycle Safety" on May 22nd. Caucus co-chairs, U.S. Representatives Tim Walberg (R-MI) and Michael Burgess (R-TX) addressed the Caucus's mission to support riders through education and awareness, the potential for technologies to improve the riding experience and bring in new riders, and why the discussion

on how motorcycles will factor into a connected and autonomous world is so important.

The briefing, moderated by Callie Hoyt, MIC's manager of federal affairs, featured a panel of industry and research experts: Sam Campbell, BMW Group; Gary Higgins, American Honda Motor Company, Inc.; Shane McLaughlin, Virginia Tech Transportation Institute; and Eric Teoh, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

"Visibility on the road can equate to life or death for motorcyclists, and human error is a major factor in that equation. If emerging connected and automated technologies are developed to correctly detect and respond to motorcycles, their deployment holds the potential to considerably decrease motorcyclist injury and fatality rates," Hoyt said.

Panelists discussed how connected and autonomous applications relate to motorcycles, how the applications can supplement one another, and the overall effect that widespread connected and automated technology can have on motorcycling.

Both the House and Senate have been developing legislation that would establish the first federal regulatory framework for autonomous vehicle (AV) technologies. The briefing recognized the importance of ensuring that the needs of everyone on the road - particularly motorcyclists - are addressed in AV legislative and regulatory landscapes, as well as in real-life applications.

Advanced technology will also affect motorcycle rider training programs, and the panel talked about the need to train riders on how to interact with connected and automated vehicles.

AUTOMATED VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY SHOWING UP ON MOTORCYCLES TOO: It's not only cars and trucks: automated tech is starting to show up wherever there are wheels, and companies are starting to focus on making motorcycles safer with automated-driving technology. Exposed to the elements and operating on two wheels instead of four, motorcyclists are particularly defenseless in the event of a crash. Yet there's been little innovation in the

motorcycle safety industry until recently.

Earlier this year, major auto parts supplier Bosch announced it was working on driver-assistance systems for motorcycles, like adaptive cruise control, which accelerates and decelerates to avoid potential collisions. Before that, a Canadian startup called Damon X Labs also launched with the intention of creating a similar system for motorcycles.

Now, Israel-based startup Ride Vision is also working on rider safety features for motorcycles, creating an alert system that uses relatively inexpensive front and rearview cameras to give a 360-degree view of the motorcycle's immediate surroundings. The system uses lights attached to the motorcycle's rearview mirrors to alert the motorcyclist when there is a chance of collision - whether there's a car passing or if the rider is leaning too hard.

Skully Technologies, an Atlanta-based wearable tech company, is introducing a DOT certified motorcycle helmet that has augmented reality and artificial intelligence features including a heads-up display, rearview camera, Smart Phone and Bluetooth integration, with hands-free control and other smart technology.

While some of the self-driving sensors and systems are the same between cars and motorcycles, it's a notably different product says recode.net; "While the mechanics are different, the automated motorcycle industry will likely move in a similar direction as the autonomous car industry. Startups and suppliers alike will rush to partner with major motorcycle manufac-

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turers to begin testing and then eventually producing vehicles with this technology."

NEW HAMPSHIRE BANS MOTORCYCLE-ON-LY ROADSIDE CHECKPOINTS: Motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints first appeared in New York in 2009; functioning like sobriety checkpoints, motorcycle-only checkpoints (MOC) allow law enforcement to pull over motorcyclists without cause, for an onthe-spot safety, license, and helmet inspection. Since then, these so-called safety checkpoints have popped up across the country and have spiked controversy as opponents claim invasion of privacy and discrimination against motorcyclists over the operators of other motor vehicles.

Nineteen states now bar such roadblocks either through legislation or judicial proceedings (AK, CA, IL, ID, IA, LA, MD, MO, MI, MN, NC, NH, OR, RI, TX, VA, WA, WI & WY), and in 2015 Congress banned the use of federal funds for MOCs as part of the FAST Act highway bill. Yet they continue to be a problem for bikers in some states.

Although in 2011 New Hampshire became the first state to prohibit the use of federal funds to conduct discriminatory motorcycle-only stops by police, the "Live Free Or Die" state recently enacted Senate Bill 516 to prohibit motorcycle-only checkpoints outright.

Signed by Governor Chris Sununu on May 30, 2018, effective immediately; "No law enforcement officer or agency shall establish or conduct motorcycle-only checkpoints."

PHILIPPINE RESOLUTION CALLS FOR RE-VIEW OF ALL ANTI-BIKER LAWS: Senator Grace Poe of the Philippines has recently filed a resolution in the Senate to look into legislation and ordinances that lead to the discrimination of motorcycle riders. The resolution notes the prevalence of, "stricter checkpoints specifically targeting motorcycle riders and the latter are now perceived by the community as reckless riders and/or prone to criminal activities."

It cites the following activities as discriminatory to riders: "a. irregular PNP checkpoints; b. national laws that penalize motorcycle riders excessively; c. high fines being imposed against motorcycle riders; and d. local ordinances that have overlooked the income of minimum wage-earning motorists."

The resolution is hoped to review current legislation, ordinances, and law enforcement practices that specifically target motorcycle riders. Riders of the Philippines recently united several groups to ride in protest of such discriminatory practices, and drew several thousand attendees.

The resolution, filed on May 28, 2018, ends with the statement, "that while it intends to substantially bring down the number of accidents and crimes involving motorcycles, the State shall not do so to the detriment of the rights of motorcycle riders who seem to be treated with automatic disdain and "Harassment" at times."

MOTORCYCLE RACING ENDANGERED BY INSURANCE IN ENGLAND & THE EU: Motorcycle racing is in danger in the U.K. and across Eu-

rope as new insurance rules loom, and the Motor-cycle Industry Association (MIA) has called on EU member governments to reject the latest European Commission proposals, which have the potential to end all competitive motorsports across England... "Even if this means defying Brussels."

The EU directive amends aspects of the Motor Insurance Directive, responding to the so-called 'Vnuk' judgment from 2014 which ruled that all mechanically propelled vehicles must have third-party insurance, even if they are only used on private land.

The insurance industry has already made it clear that it would be difficult to provide such insurance given the risks involved with racing and that doing so could be incredibly expensive and lead to "catastrophic damage inflicted on motorsports across the board if this ruling becomes law," according to the MIA. In other EU countries where this has already been applied, premiums have risen dramatically making many events unsustainable.

The proposals represent a complete U-turn from the European Commission's previous position in 2016, when it proposed to exclude vehicles not being used 'in traffic'. This would have made all forms of motorsports exempt from the impact of the ruling, impacting around £11 billion (\$14.6 billion USD) to the U.K. economy alone.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Disobedience is the true foundation of liberty." ~ Henry David Thoreau (1817-62), American Essayist, Philosopher







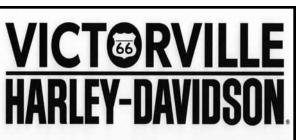












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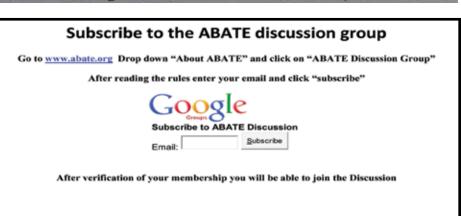
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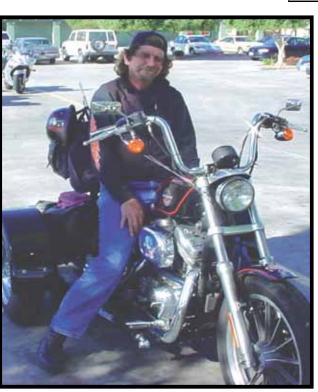
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Sporty's Rides



by Sporty Milligan

Greetings All! This month's rides and the reasons for the rides comes to you from the scribe of the year, world famous Sporty Milligan.

We're looking for things to do to make ABATE better and more cost efficient, so I have to put my thinking cap on and try to figure out how to get this done. Kind of like trying to keep two high mileage Sportys running decent without spending a lot of money. That in itself can be an all-consuming task. I am retired now and I have some time on my hands.

I am still a little disappointed that our antiprofiling bill, AB 2972, had to be pulled. I put my heart and soul into it with the phone calls, letters and faxes to the assembly members. Oh well we're going to have to once again put on out thinking caps and try to reinvent the bill wheel. By the way, if you made calls, wrote letters and faxes when asked to do so - thank you! At some time we might getter-done.

Now on to the show. June 24th I went on the Tujunga Elks Lodge poker run for Vets. We started at the Elks Lodge and, after having a nice continental breakfast (they had decaf), I drew my first card. This run was special because we had an ABATE Local 1 information booth, which was manned by Miss Debra Dunn and Cathy Edwards. Thanks Debra and Cathy for doing a good job! Also on the run was Glen Cheslock, Jim Nickla, Buz Youclson, Sarge and his lady friend. They had me lead the group.

The first portion of the route went through Big Tujunga and Angeles Crest Hwy and the 2nd stop was the 49ner Saloon. From there we rode down the Sierra Hwy and made it to the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge. After staying there awhile, we back tracked to Sand Canyon and check point 4 that was at Bergie's Bar & Grill. Leaving the bar we headed down Sand Canyon Road and instead of going right on to Placerita Canyon we continued to Little Tujunga Canyon Road which went to Foothill and eventually back to the Tujunga Elks Lodge.

They had raffle prizes plus a silent auction. I bid on a few and won a basket that had Italian food stuff that was donated from Trader Joe's. They served chicken, beans, cold slaw, soda and water. We actually signed up one new business

member! I left the Elks Lodge happy and my bike loaded up with auction stuff.

Not much more to report on ride-wise except the usual bike ride to Round Table Pizza for Local 19's monthly meeting on June 28th. That was an hour and 15 minutes of lane-splitting going and a night ride coming home.

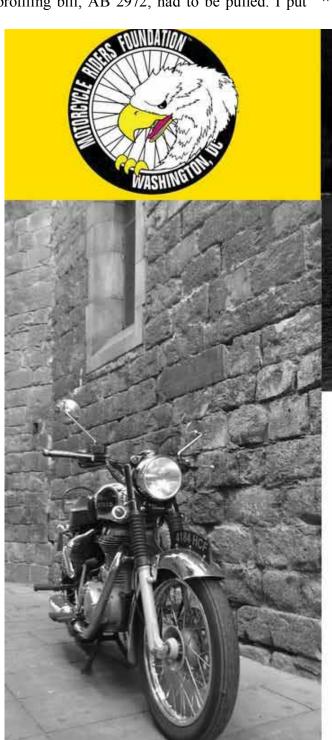
On Saturday, July 1st, I went to the Top Rocker HOG meeting at the Canoga Park Elks Lodge. I get to share ABATE legislatives info. Then Sunday was the ride to the Shaggers club house to attend their monthly meeting. I sold membership raffle tickets at both meetings. So it made the rides worth doing.

Finally the ride to the ABATE Board of Director's meeting in Cypress on July 14th. That was an early morning ride that was ok. I had to stop for gas in Montrose, then on the 606 Fwy I got sand blowing in my face from a truck. Nothing else exciting about that ride.

Now the ride home, well that was a little ego booster! I did not take the route I came down on. I was heading up Long Beach Blvd when a chick in a VW convertible, probably a 1972, flashed me a red toothy smile and said, "Nice bike dude!" I wound up on the 5 Fwy and stopped off at Glendale HD for a cup of decaf coffee. Had two cups then split for home. My best one, Renee, had made a delicious pork roast dinner! I am lucky! We have been together 35 years and married 30 of those years.

So that's it for this month's installment of Sporty's Rides. You know the drill, sign-up new members, keep your renewals and attend ABATE events.

Your faithful scribe, Sporty.





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by Norm e. Newiger, Safety Officer

July Cooks

I wasn't going to write about hot weather riding this month but, July is cooking! With one of the best June riding weather in a long, long time, we were deceived. June this year was a great riding month, so alluring that I never thought about July. Then came July and I wished June would come back! But no matter how much I yearned for June to come back the heat of July fried my thoughts. So I guess 11 months is the choice, no options just time. Sounds like a soap opera from the '60s

We can all relate to the sometimes intolerable

change because most of us have decades of this love/hate relationship. But it is summertime and we all know it's officially riding season. I was bold enough to ride in 110 plus weather to provide you all with this valuable lesson that I relearn every year. It's the research that I volunteer to give, to everyone. Am I freeking nuts? Or what? Who rides when it's that hot? I think the devil came to So Cal to warm up! I'm riding in an oven. You know the latest food cooking trend is the Air Fryers - deep frying with blown hot, hot air. That's how it feels to ride here in July, let alone the high humidity. Just another So Cal day.

This is not an anti-ride campaign and I'm not a beach dweller. I'm the average rider about 30 - 35 miles from the ocean of coolness. It's a lot tougher because of my age and how I my body has changed over the years I've ridden. And it's very important info because the majority of riders I ride with here and there are my age or older. Your body will change and you will become more sensitive to everything, especially hot weather. So here is a redo of some of my previous articles to hopefully remind you of your age or how thick yer skull is.

Have you ever been riding in hot weather and started to feel lightheaded, a little faint, or maybe tired and or weak all of a sudden? How about getting a headache or hallucinating as well? If so, any of these conditions could lead you into making a life threatening decision for you and or a friend! Riding in hot weather, 90+ degrees, can be a challenge to your body without you knowing it.

Your body has natural means of regulating its own temperature, but failure to do so in the face of extreme heat is called heatstroke! Depending on the severity it could lead to organ damage and possible death - everyone is susceptible! It doesn't matter if you are in a desert, jungle, mountains or in your backyard! It doesn't matter if you're walking, jogging, doing yard work, working out doors or even riding your bike, you could be in the shade or on a hot tin roof, and heat exhaustion can and does happen real quick if you're not paying attention to your body. Heat waves result in more deaths in the USA than hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, lightning, and earthquakes combined.

Here are some examples of possible heat exhaustion/heat stroke symptoms: Headache, nausea, muscle cramps, profuse sweating, dizziness, confusion, exhaustion, high body temperature, rapid heartbeat, dry skin and hallucinations. Some symptoms can be more prevalent than others, everybody's body is different, as well as the



location in which you are at. You also have to factor in your medical condition as well, i.e. certain medications you are on play a big role in how your body reacts to hot weather. For example, I have a thyroid issue and riding in hot weather is a big deal to me.

Heat exhaustion can progress to heat stroke when the body's temperature regulation fails. The affected individual develops a change in mental status, becomes confused, lethargic and may have a seizure, the skin stops sweating and the body temperature may exceed 106 F (41 C). This is a life-threatening condition and emergency medical attention is needed immediately. If you or someone you are with are experiencing any of these symptoms here's what you should do: Get yourself or the person into a cool shady area or an air-conditioned building. Remove clothing to include boots and socks and apply cool water to their skin or if possible a cool bath or shower. Possibilities are endless, but sometimes you have to use what you have at the location that you are at, even a cool concrete floor helps. You can accelerate body cooling by using a fan to blow cool air on the person. Drinking cool water will help with hydration and certain sports drinks can help

Riding in hot weather above 90 degrees can be dangerous if not properly addressed. You could be riding and not notice any sweat on your arms or head, but you have to think about evaporation as you ride, (remember dry skin). You could be blow drying yourself at any speed, and this is very misleading to your brain because other symptoms may happen in due time when you think it's all right, that is for now. Wearing shorts, no helmet, or no shirt will not make you any cooler than if you were fully dressed. In fact, it's better if you knew you were sweating than not knowing, i.e. you sweat because your body is trying to cool down and now you know it. At this point you can make a decision to prevent heat exhaustion or heat stroke. If you or anyone riding with you feel unsure about yourself or the other person, always call 911, the severity of heat exhaustion may be unknown at the time and it's better to be safe than sorry.

Hot weather truths or myths, for example: #1 - Mesh gear will keep you cooler, Yes and No is the right answer! Mesh gear will keep you cooler to a certain degree and provide just a little relief from the heat, in the temperate zone. In the 80s mesh type clothing works well, but in the 90s it's a different story. Riding in temperatures in the 90s won't provide any cool options that your thy-

roid can work with - your thyroid regulates your body temperature. While riding in temperatures at about 90 plus degrees you need some skin surface moisture (sweat) and some air. Remember this, lots of hot air and no skin moisture is potentially a very bad thing that can happen to anyone. It could lead to dehydration and or heat exhaustion/heat stroke. As you ride with mesh type clothing on your body, the air is quickly wicking away any moisture coming to the surface of the skin which will leave you dry and hot!

#2 - Riding with no shirt or sleeveless type of clothing and no helmet will not keep you cooler. You see this all the time (mostly male riders). This could promote dehydration and heat exhaustion faster, plus, you can get sun burnt, which will raise your body temperature as well. Keeping your skin covered will help reduce the chances of skin cancer down the road if you do this quite often. Sweating is good, moisture is released through the surface of your skin and transfers excess heat away from you via the needed air flow

cess heat away from you via the needed air flow. #3 - Will a cool wet neck tie or wrap cool me down? Yes and No are partially correct but No is truer! While riding in real hot weather a neck tie/ wrap cools you down just a little bit and it might feel good but your body's still hot. The body's core is what is really hot, from your shoulders to your waistline. If your body's core is hot, and I mean Hot, then the blood moving to all your extremities is overheated. You need relief at the core not your neck! An evaporative type of cooling vest that allows you to control airflow will assist your thyroid and body with keeping your blood at a far more acceptable temperature than any type of wet neck tie or wrap. Try it, your body will thank you.

#4 - Can you drink too much water? Yes, drinking a lot of water real fast can make you sick at first, so be careful on your intake. You should drink water continuously throughout the day. When you are riding in extreme hot weather, pull over and drink water even if you feel okay. You have to be smart and remember everybody's body is different and you might be feeling okay, but the other person(s) may not. The worst that could happen is that you pee more, but that's better than being whisked away in an ambulance with intravenous lines in your body. Yes, you do need electrolytes in your body while sweating your ass off! Be careful of what you put into your body. Sports drinks can help, but read the ingredients so as you know what you put into your body. A lot of energy drinks pump you up with caffeine and sugar which promote dehydration. Beer is not the answer because the alcohol will help in dehydrating your body as well, true! The key word is electrolytes; you can get the sport drinks that provide them as well as additives that you can add to any drink. I know not drinking ice cold beer is an unpopular answer, but you have to be smart about this and know when it's the proper time to drink.

Riding in hot weather is not a bad thing and having common sense is one of the most important things one can possess. If you have saddle bags, then use them as a cooler for water, or whatever you drink, and having extra bottles of water can help out anyone you may see broken down, car or motorcycle. It's a good thing to give someone water who's broken down out in the middle of nowhere. Being generous to anybody in time of need is always a great thing and they will remember it. Tell them it's an ABATE thing!

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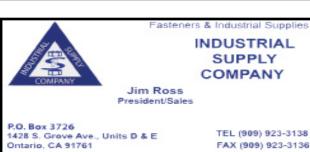
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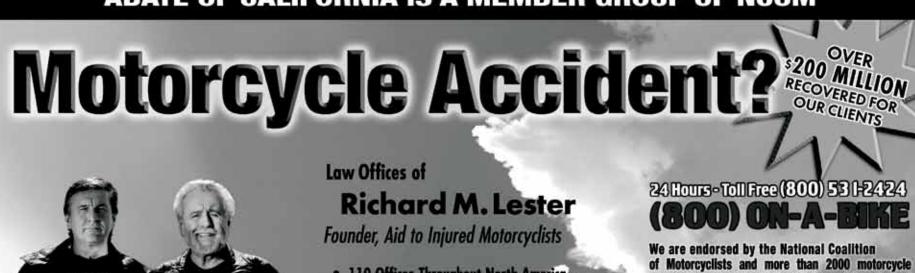
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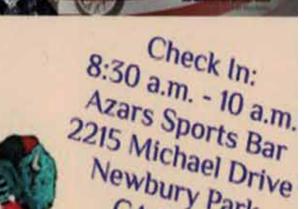
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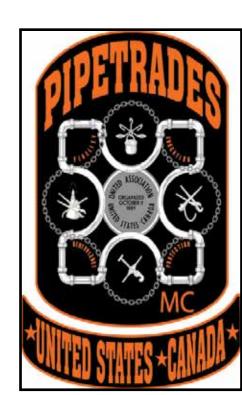


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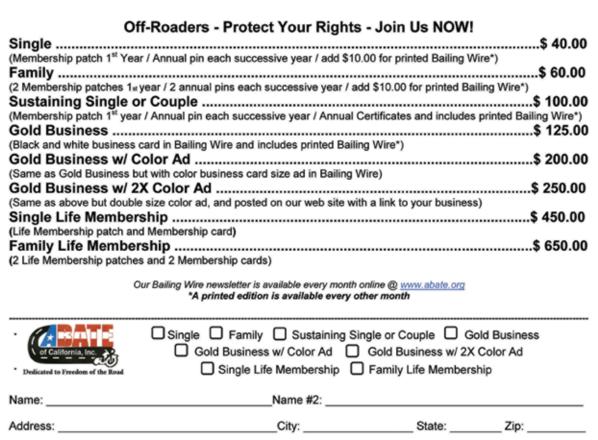
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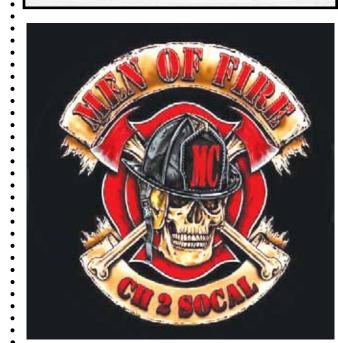




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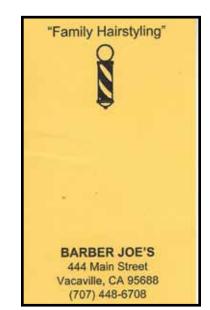
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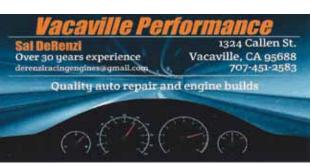
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