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Lobbyist's Legislative Report

by James Lombardo, Sr.

Well folks, this month's Lobbyist Report is going to be short and sweet — I'm scheduled back at the Capitol to try and round up enough votes to kill a popular (among non-riders) motorcycle noise EPA label matching bill.

As you may, or may not know, Senator Fran Pavley's motorcycle smog check bill was amended on June 10 to take out all of the smog check provisions. Instead, she amended it to provide that all post 1982 motorcycles must have the federal EPA noise labels on their frames and mufflers to be legal.

The fine would be \$300 and the citation would be non-correctable, which a motorcycle noise violation currently is. A point would also be awarded by the DMV, raising insurance rates. My daily lobbying efforts, meetings with staffers, your telephone calls, faxes, letters and e-mails started paying off, because on June 15, Pavley amended SB

435 for the second time in five days. This time, the EPA label matching requirement will only apply to motorcycles model year 2000 and after and it would remain a fix-it ticket citation. Replace the non-EPA labeled pipes, get the legal replacements signed off by the CHP and it'll still cost you only a \$25 fee. No points. Most importantly, you can't be pulled over for an officer to take a look-see, or if you are parked. It will be a secondary offense — you'll have to be stopped for some other violation.

The second time, however, will be a \$250 non-fix-it ticket, and with penalty citations and court costs, it'll total upwards of \$1,000.

We obviously will continue to Oppose SB 435. **PLEASE**, go see your local Assembly Member with our talking points. If your Representative is not in, don't waste your visit — see his Chief of Staff or another staffer. Bring any petitions to them as well.

Recap of How Well ABATEPAC's Endorsed Candidates Did In the June 8 Primary Election —

- Out of 88 Races that ABATE Endorsed Candidates were in, 66 Won or 76%.
- Of the 21 Races that ABATE Endorsed Candidates lost, 5 were in dual or triple endorsement races in which the ABATE endorsed candidate **WON!**

- One race is still too close to call. Out of 33,212 total votes cast for all candidates, only 40 votes separate the top 2 candidates and **one is ABATE Endorsed.**

- An ABATE-Endorsed Candidate, Mike Gatto, won both the Assembly Special Election in the 43rd Assembly District, and the Democratic Primary for the same district.

- An ABATE-Endorsed Candidate, Bill Emmerson, won the Senate Special Election for the 37th Senate District.

JOB WELL DONE! With a 76+% batting average, this is a great start to follow up with in the November General Election.

Rest up from your campaign work, but now let's turn all of our efforts to **KILL SB 435!**



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What is ABATE?

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

Included with an ABATE membership are a sew-on patch, membership card, and our monthly newsletter THE BAILING WIRE. There are no special requirements for joining aside from an interest in promoting motorcyclists' rights and safety with payment of the appropriate fees.

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Executive Director's Report

by Anthony Jaime,
Executive Director

Greetings Brothers, Sisters & Friends:

I'd like to start off by wishing everybody a safe and joyous 4th of July celebration.

The 4th of July marks an occasion that is more than just backyard barbecues, gatherings of friends and families, and fireworks displays, but it also marks the occasion when our Founding Fathers, men of great vision and courage, initiated one of the most profound and far reaching revolutions in the history of mankind. While the history books will tell us about the Industrial Revolution as one of those major historical events, the fact of the matter is it would more aptly be titled the "Industrial Evolution". Even though the introduction of industrial machinery did revolutionize the way manufacturing, agriculture and many other industries mass produced and marketed their goods, products and services, it has been a never-ending and constantly evolving process that has led to a level of "standardization" and saturation of consumer markets never seen before in the history of man. Unfortunately, there has been a never-ending legislative evolution in the way free Americans have been led back to the yoke of oppression.

The American Revolution and subsequent War of Independence, followed by the French Revolution, were entirely different "revolutions" in that the ideas and concepts of freedom, liberty, justice and equality for all men and women were incredibly revolutionary ideas and radically transformed nations, governments, religious institutions and entire populations by virtue of the pledge of freedom and the promise of throwing off the yoke of tyranny and oppression. While many of us are familiar with the words and concepts expressed in the Declaration of Independence,

far too many of us conflate those ideals and concepts with the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The Constitution is nothing more than a document that lays out the structure of the Federal government and the Bill of Rights was added later to insure ratification of the Constitution. So, while the Bill of Rights guarantees our civil liberties, the original introduction of such ideas and concepts came from the Declaration of Independence. That is what we are supposed to be celebrating on the 4th of July. Free men came together united in a single purpose and cause to FIGHT and overthrow the oppressive and tyrannical rule of the British monarchy, the incredibly unfair and unjust economic system of British mercantilism and disproportionate taxation.



Unfortunately, ever since that incredible moment in history, those formerly in power have steadily chipped away at what our forefathers wrought for us with their blood, sweat and tears. Yeah, we've scared them a couple of times since then, what with the Great Civil Rights movements of the Sixties, when many of us marched in the streets demanding change; as some went to jail, some were beaten and some even died for what they believed in. Freedom is indeed a very messy business! The right of the people to peacefully assemble and demand

redress of their grievances is very much under assault today as evidenced by recent occurrences within ABATE. The October 2009 and January 2010 BOD meetings saw law enforcement gathering license plate numbers, taking photos and harassing a veteran's organization for allowing an ABATE meeting to be conducted on their premises. It begs the question what law enforcement is going to do with the intelligence information they gathered during these breaches of our civil liberties and of invasions of privacy by police, not too mention being incredibly poor demonstrations and breaches of etiquette and good taste by the agencies involved.

But those are only small isolated instances of our rights being infringed upon. The real damage is done by those wearing suits and who find themselves in possession of a title either elected or appointed, and of the two, often it is the appointed officials who are the most dangerous. Worse yet, some elected representatives manage to get one of his or her bad ideas passed into law. It is then turned over to some state agency filled with unqualified cronies or termed out legislators and they are then allowed to develop regulations that have not been vetted by the process of traveling through the halls of the legislature. At least with elected representatives, they can be voted out and there is some small measure of accountability. With appointed bureaucrats, it is often hard to determine the chain of command; stonewalling though the employment of recorded messages where you have to Press 1 for English is rampant and passing the buck from one bureaucrat to the next is the name of the game. We are constantly under assault from so many different quarters as to often make it extremely difficult to decide which flank we need to defend!

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Executive Director's Report

All this aside, I am extremely proud of the manner that the membership of ABATE of California has pulled together to fight SB-435, an extremely unnecessary and poorly crafted bill authored by State Senator Fran Pavley. I am in hopes that by the time you are reading this article that ABATE of California has already announced SB-435 went down in flames. For two years ABATE members have risen to the challenge every time Pavley has changed tactics and we have managed to hold this discriminatory, unjust and inappropriate legislation at bay. At the Eleventh hour, after suffering several defeats, Pavley decided to adopt yet another tactic and changed SB-435 to a "noise bill" which is where she was headed all along I suspect.

As I write this the battle still is being waged, but the simple fact is this: Without the incredible outpouring of opposition to SB-435 by ABATE members, SB-435 would long ago have been passed and the California motorcycling community would have been saddled with another piece of burdensome legislation whose only real impact would be to make life more difficult for us and to transfer wealth from our pockets to government coffers. ABATE members statewide have all contributed to the fight against SB-435, and I am very proud of your efforts. Give yourselves a hand! As I close, let me say that should SB-435

pass out of the Assembly Transportation Committee and make it to the floor of the legislature, we still have not lost. We need to keep the pressure on the legislature and keep those letters, calls, faxes and emails coming in to the offices of your district legislators. In addition, I would take this opportunity to once again urge all who are able to make a donation to one or more of the funds which helps keep ABATE defending your rights to Ride Free. The General Fund, the PAC Fund, and the Lobbyist Fund are all in needs of donations to help sustain us through this time of immediate crisis, and beyond that, there is always a new threat too from the legislature and special interests who would rather see motorcycles as museum pieces rather than a form of transportation and recreation.

And lastly, after reviewing much of the background documentation presented by such diligent and stalwart ABATE members as Splatt and Dennis Stalter, it appears to me that there will be sufficient and compelling grounds for legal action to challenge SB-435 in the courts should it come to pass. My suggestion to the membership and to my colleagues on the Board of Directors is that we immediately begin planning to once again implement a "Judicial Fund" should it become necessary to fight SB-435 in the courts system.

As has been stated by so many others, "Let us hope for the best but prepare for the worst".

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Local #01 Los Angeles County

Hello all Local one is alive and well. Our meeting is June 21st Fathers day. I know but with the meeting being the 3rd Sunday it just happens that way. I will be giving the opening remarks and I have crafted a letter to the Assembly Trans chairman Bonnie Lowenthal urging her to vote no on SB 435. Mr. Peter will give us the latest skinny on SB435 and other issues PAC related. Jim Nickla will give our publicity report followed by Glen Cheslock's ever popular membership report. He gets a lot of help from his wife Jan. She insures that the renewals keep coming at a steady pace. Without her guidance on this we might be lost, thanks Jan for your good work. We will also have a raffle for Fathers day prizes. It will then be monkey business time when we pass out the ever popular cookies from Sandy Daniels, Peter's, best one.

So all and all it should be quite an eventful day. Regards, Sporty.

Local #02 Simi Valley



What are the ingredients for making a great meeting? How about this! A place to have the meeting i.e. VFW Post 10049 4242 Los Angeles Ave. Simi Valley, then serve an awesome dinner for \$5 bucks at 6:45 P.M. on the second Tuesday of the month, meeting starts at 7:30. Great weather and camaraderie! We had a full house to include 9 visitors!!! Smells like the riding season is amongst us by the number of bikes parked in front. Thanks to the VFW for their generosity for letting Local 2 use their Post for our meetings.

President Ray got us going again with the "Pledge of Allegiance" then got to se-

rious business with our Sweaty Buns Run information update and other stuff. Our VP Scott talked about other runs in June. Pat-tibock talked about RIPS Bad ride in June. Linda our PAC person talked about Government issues and ABATE patches and their clarifications, another informative message, thanks! ABATE member Jerry said he was going up north to support ABATE at the next rally, thanks for your help and all who go with him ride safe! Our treasurer said we are GOOD! We had 2 renewals they are Brian and Susan Wassell, thanks for your support.

Our faithful Secretary, Jane, read the minutes and kept us informed about what we might have said at the last meeting or? We all thank the volunteer cooks Denny and Frank, I will be cooking next meeting with Frank and there will be some good stuff happening so don't you miss next months meeting, you know who you are. Once a month is nothing compared to the whole year, and if you attend you can make a difference with all that ABATE Local 2 is doing, for ALL us riders out there!

I heard something good in our meeting, about passing out ABATE cards to other motorcyclists. This was good stuff to hear, I was given my first batch of ABATE cards from SPORTY, and they are great tools for us to use in acquiring memberships and awareness as well as using our bikes. The fold out card has everything on it to give potential members all they need to know with a little bit of curiosity and maybe becoming future members! Thanks Jerry! We have made our own personal invite cards for our local to use with a perk of a free dinner while attending our meeting, we just want to get their foot in the door and let them see ABATE in action! In closing, we had just the right ingredients for a real good meeting; we miss all that couldn't attend. Ride in peace, PTL Norm e. New

Local #06 San Diego County



LOCAL NEWS

It was another beautiful San Diego Day for our June meeting at Kate Sessions Park overlooking Mission Bay. We started with reports from Treasurer Michael Decker; from our Membership Coordinator Doc Robinson (welcome to our new members); from Patty Wilber our Recording Secretary; and from Moe Giacalone on Merchandise and Events.

We introduced Douglas Findlay, a transplant from Virginia whose strong suit is working with politicians to get them to see our way of thinking. He will be making Legislative reports at our meeting each month. Check out his Website at www.ride2repeal.com.

We discussed our plans to attempt tapping into the State Motorcycle Safety Fund to access money to keep the Motorcycle Awareness messages posted on the Electronic Message Signs, sending our messages to the driving public at least once or twice each month.

Chop Giacalone, our Local PAC Representative, made a report on SB 435, with a suggestion for everyone to contact Bonnie Lowenthal, the new Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee, letting her know that we oppose SB 435. We passed out slips of paper with her phone number, email address, and mailing address.

Because there is so much going on for the Fourth of July, including the local Helmet Law Protest Run, and our next meeting, The Local 6 Officers voted to cancel that next Local 6 meeting. John, our Safety Guy read a good safety article on safe passing. If you spot any area of the road that appears unsafe for motorcycles, let John know (619 223-0421) the exact location so that we can start the process of rectifying the situation.

We asked for reports on past events, and read a list of upcoming events. There's a lot of good stuff happening this Summer. We advised members to check out our Website at www.abatelocal6.org thanks to Webmaster Rick "Animal" Henry and the State Website at www.abate.org thanks to Webmaster Dennis Stalter.

We had reports from our Liaison members from Local 11, Sweetwater HOG, San Diego HOG, the AMA, CMSP, Brothers of the Third Wheel, and the San Diego Confederation of Clubs. The 50/50 was won by BoozeFighters MC member "Wolf", and he donated his winnings back to the Local 6 Treasury. Thanks, Wolf!

Our meetings happen on the first Sunday of each month, and the next meeting will happen on Sunday August 1st C'mon Down!

Local #11 North San Diego County



We had a great Sunday meeting and Connie had breakfast ready and waiting for us. Our Prez, Tim, was not able to attend because of the passing of his mother, and we started out with a moment of silence.

Dave the V.P. started out the meeting and introduced our new member Douglas Findlay, Douglas is a Freedom Fighter from Virginia where he has been fighting for motorcycle rights. He has moved to San Diego for his job and has offered us his experience on fighting for our freedoms, Thank you Douglas.

The rest of the meeting went very well with the main thrust covering the exhaust/noise Bill. We need to go out and let more riders know about this freedom that will be taken away. A.B.A.T.E. is about Education and a lot of sport riders are not aware that this will affect them too. Go to any motorcycle shop and give them some bailing wires and let's do what we are here to do EDUCATE!

With about 30 + members that showed we had a pretty good 50/50 and Reggie won! He also donated back to the local Thanks Reggie. We also want to thank The Booze-fighters M/C, Combat Veterans Association, American Legion Riders, and the Violators M/C. for attending and showing their support. Till next month, your faithful scribe Jim

Local #13 Ventura County



As most of you know, Local 13 has been taking its show on the road lately. Our meeting place in Camarillo didn't work out, but I have good news. We have a permanent

LOCAL NEWS

Local #14 Alameda County



Hello everyone! Thanks all for attending the May meeting. Thank you Animal and Scott Thayer for your generous donation to our account.

Thanks and good luck to everyone who purchased BIKE RAFFLE tickets. That's one way to help generate revenue for the State.

We had some great discussions on current issues and events. For those who didn't attend the meeting. The State can send a copy of the Bailing Wire to you if you pay an additional \$15.00 per year to cover the cost of mailing.

Check out the ABATE of California website and sign up for Action Alerts. Whenever the State needs help to generate legislative contacts from concerned citizens on issues affecting motorcyclist you will be sent an email with the information.

We discussed how we can get sport bike riders to join. We discussed setting up a Facebook page for our Local, which I see has already been implemented. Thanks to Scott Thayer and Carl Smith "don't you guys ever sleep?" We also discussed: the events of the last Board meeting held in Vacaville and about the next board meeting set for July 24th hosted by Local 19 Pomona Valley which will be held in Ontario, CA.; The voters guide to be out before the Primary Elections; The ABATE Merchandise Patch, to remind everyone, not to place a rocker above or below the ABATE Patch because, we are an Organization and not a Club.

If you have any runs you want to advertise for free, contact Yve at yve@riderag.com and you can get your rides posted in the RIDE RAG.

Please help make a difference. Get involved, promote new membership and attend runs and rallies. There's lots to do at the Local and State levels. So keep current

on your membership, attend the meetings, bring a friend, bring a raffle prize and most of all bring your appetite! It's taco night at The Florence every first Wednesday of every month! Well, until we meet again. RIDE SAFE! Franklin

Local #17 Solano & Napa Counties



June 5th Local #17 put on our Annual Bike show. We would like to thank our sponsors; with out your help this event would not have been possible. For a complete list of winners check out our website at abate17.org

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We also would like to say Thank you to all the volunteers, too many to list, that helped with all the set up and running the event throughout the day.

Our Local in conjunction with Local 28 and 31 are hosting the Northern California Regional Rally on June 16 & 17 @ Kelly's Camp in Upper Lake, Ca. Admission is \$50 in advance \$60 after June 27th that includes 2 nights tent camping, and Saturday night Bar-B-Que. There is a pond for swimming to cool off from the hot sunshine, music Friday and Saturday night from 6-10, raffles, games, tattoos on site, vendors, and on Saturday an Ex-

plorer's ride. Much to do, come join us!!!! Michele Stuart-McInnis

Local #19 Pomona Valley

A Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education is what ABATE is all about. Lately, at Local 19, there's been some discussion about ABATE and the candidates we support. It has been stated repeatedly that our PAC and Lobbyist recommend support of certain candidates based on their history of supporting the rights of motorcyclists and the laws that affect us. Please remember that no one is trying to tell you how to vote or which candidates you have to support. Lists are sent out to provide information to you so you make the decisions YOU feel are proper. We do not all feel the same way regarding some of the various issues out there. Remember that we don't all ride the same type of motorcycle. ABATE will support your rights no matter how you feel on the issues, what type of bike you ride or who you ride with.

We are getting excited at Local 19 as we get closer to the Quarterly Meeting in July. We will be hosting the meeting here, in our neighborhood, at B's Sports Bar and Grill at 1452 W. Holt Blvd in Ontario, CA. again. Last year it seemed that a good time was had by all. I'm looking forward to seeing some of the ABATE family that we don't always get to see. It's always an interesting day with a lot of good information being shared by the different Locals. Come early, stay late, eat, drink and enjoy yourself. We would love to see you there. The date is Saturday, July 24th, and should be fun.

By the time you read this, the fundraiser for Casa Colina Hospital will have taken place. I would like to personally thank each of you who helped in this effort to raise money for the hospital. Some of you helped to put the show on, some helped to raise money from different places and some helped by buying raffle tickets for the motorcycle that was given away. It is my understanding that Local 19 may have infringed on fundraisers for others that we didn't realize at the time. We can only ask for your tolerance and understanding and want to let you know that we will try to do a better job of scheduling when we do this again. Our hearts were truly in the right place.

meeting place at the VFW post in Port Hueneme. It may not be the most convenient location for everybody, but finding a quiet, inexpensive, and large enough meeting place isn't as easy as it sounds. We do have a significant number of active members who live in the South Oxnard/Port Hueneme area. I hope those of you that live in those areas that are not so close will continue to attend the meetings and make your presence known. Local 13 needs each and every one of you in whatever capacity you're comfortable with. As President of Local 13, I appreciate everything you do as members of ABATE of CA and Local 13.

Put a fork in it, the 2010 edition of the 13th Annual Callous Cheeks Poker Run is done! I think we're on the right track, since attendance for our little soiree continues to grow. I also believe we made some headway in getting our message out there, as we were able to sign up 10 new members.

Once again, we need to give thanks to Vic Alvarez and Kathy Aschoff for their tireless efforts in coordinating this run. We could in no way put on a run of this level without them, or the rest of the crew, Luci Rojas, Steve and Michelle Deinstadt, Linda Hammer, Bill Crispino, Richard Dinkins, Frank and Julie Hess, and the rest of Local 13. Thank you to all our sponsors and business members: Mark's Custom Cycle, Custom Awards and Engraving, My Garage, O'Leary's Side Bar, Cabo's Baja Grill, The Hut, El Pescador Family Restaurant, Smokey's House of BBQ, Ironhorse Leathers, Diablo Artworks, and Ghost Shield.

We had a pre-run ride, with everybody in the local invited, though only about 8 of us did. Those that showed had a good time, and the route we came up with turned out to be a winner. I just can't wait to get started on next year's run - - Not!

Good thing I put off writing this thing until the last minute. When I started writing this report this morning, SB 435 was scheduled to be heard June 21, which is before our next meeting. It has now been postponed until June 28th, and who knows when it will be heard for sure by the time you read this. Keep up the pressure until this thing is put to rest.

All right, I've hit my word count limit, so be safe out there, and don't let the bastards wear you down. Dave Walsh

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In this warmer weather, stay hydrated and keep up the maintenance on your bike. Keep an eye on your buddy's bike as well. Check each other's tires and lights to have the safest ride possible. I look forward to seeing you out there on the road. In the mean time keep the shiny side UP! Ed

Local #20 Orange County



We had a small meeting with 21 people in attendance.

SB435 – Pavley's smog bill has been amended a couple of times now; from smog to muffler to noise. We made sure that Assemblyman Solorio understood that there are already laws on the books. The bill will be heard on June 28th. Write, fax, phone and email letters to the Transportation Committee to oppose SB 435. We need to be heard once again in Sacramento. 215 signatures were gathered and sent in.

The Red Light Camera bill came up (SB 1362 – Simitian) If you get a ticket for a red light (or any ticket for that matter), contest it and ask for/get a continuance. Let Gill or Spike know and make a copy of the ticket for them. Call the PD and ask if that intersection had a high rate of accidents. If not, there should not be a camera there.

Rip's Bad Ride was June 13th. Edge MC is setting up and volunteers from our local, Gill & Squirt will be doing the bike games. Squirt's friend, Glitter, will be out and about collecting signatures for the smog bill. All the money collected goes directly to American Diabetes.

Spike spoke on the harassment that patch holders and regular bikers received at bike night events and recently during May's MAM campaign. The Gang Task Force was at Good Ol' Boys Saloon harassing people for no good reason. Spike got a letter from the owner of (GOBS) that stated there have never been any problems or complaints

from patrons or the surrounding area. In Long Beach they were measuring the height of engines, handle bars, etc., patting down is one thing but you don't have to disrobe for them. Ask the cop for a business card, name, and badge number so you have some information. Ask for the watch commander to come out to the stop and usually the commander can stop a lot of BS. If you file a complaint, send a copy to Spike or Gill for documentation purposes.

Eye Candy Bikini Bar (Gloria is the owner) is a new business member located in Costa Mesa on Newport Blvd. There are 4 pool tables, and will be having bike nights on Wednesdays, so let's give them our support and help get it rolling.

Gill showed us the Quik Clot patch; place the patch on/in the area pumping the blood and it helps slow it down; Sold at Stater Bros for approximately \$8; a valuable addition to the first aide kit and has a long shelf life.

Cowboy pulled out Cueball's name. So where were you? The money rolls over to next month. Ride Free, Ride Safe. Squirt

Local #25 Sacramento



Here you go Kay. On May 8, 16, & 23rd Local 25 set up a booth at various bike events in our area and collected signatures for the **SB435** petitions. Also sold a few bike raffle tickets.

At our May meeting Jim Lombardo came and spoke to those in attendance about what was going on in the Capitol. Jim also invited Craig DeLuz, Candidate for the 5th Assembly District, who also spoke and sounded like a right on person. They both had a Q & A session afterwards. Ride Safe Gary

Local #27 Riverside



Greetings from the Flush IE! Flush as in packed with Dough, Moolah, Bread, Mazuma, Shekels, or more commonly known as Cash! It would seem that we got about \$900.00 above and beyond our commitments from our Bare Necessities Event. Congrats out again to our Run and Events committee (Jack, Kenny, Greg & Ida). At the June meeting, when this Bonanza was reported, I put forth the idea to send \$700.00 to the State office. It was decided to put it to an E-Vote of the Local so we will know by the July meeting.

We would also like to pass out a grand Local 27 welcome to NEW member Bob Marshall who joined and showed up at our June meeting. He seems like a fine young lad and it is hoped that more young folks will follow. Also newbie's Lee and Lorena have volunteered to man the ABATE table on the 4th of July at the Red, White, and Cruise event at Fontana Raceway. You Go L'n L!

Local 27 has been very active gathering signatures petitions AGAINST SB 435. The final push took place over Memorial Day weekend where we somehow got a vendor space at a Riverside Chili Cook-off and Hot Rod/Bike show. Jack, Kenny, and company set to getting a half bazillion signatures and we got the other half bazillion out at the West Coast Thunder event held out at the Saboba Indian Casino with the help of the able Cox brothers Rich & Ron. While there we received the Riverside County Board of Supervisors MAM proclamation presented by Supervisor Jeff Stone's representative. Jeff is running for our good friend Dennis Hollingsworth State Senate seat. He is a motorcycle friendly candidate but somehow he never received our questionnaire so we wound up endorsing his opponent. This oversight is being rectified by yours truly as we speak.

And the last thing I have to tell you all this month is that due to circumstances beyond my control I will be stepping down as President/PAC Officer for L-27. I am in serious need of "Me" time. I still intend to be involved with MAM and PAC at the State Level. I would also like to thank my Brother from L-44 who gave me a very humbling experience in the waning moments of the West Coast Thunder event. You know who you are and I thank you deeply for your words. C'ya fer now, HR

Local #29 Morongo Basin



At our last meeting we decided to move our meetings to Rattlesnake Jakes, same time and day. Main reason is we keep getting pushed more and more into a corner of the restaurant.

I'd like to thank Steve Urbin for the raffle prizes he has been collecting for our poker run in October at the Aquarius in Laughlin. Flyer's have been mailed out to all of last year participants.

Also I'd like to thank our guest Tom Jackson for his support in our group, before he returns to Afghanistan for another tour of duty; and Ron Davis and his wife as a new join to our ABATE Local.

Ride Hard Johnson would have won the membership drawing if he would have been there. So it pays to attend the meeting. Marty

Local #33 Yuba City

Thank goodness the rain has finally stopped! Unfortunately, we went directly into summer with high winds and hot temps. Whew!

Speaking of heat, we had some hotly contested elections recently. If you think your vote doesn't count, you are wrong. The 5th District Supervisors Primary race was decided by 3 votes! ABATE Local 33

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Sporty's Rides

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan

Hi all, Sporty here, with the latest happenings in my world. It's been a busy time at work with the clearance season in full swing. I am doing my tractor disking portion of the season and it's been hard going. One of our new employees just quit, so next week we will have to go to South Gate and work some areas there for the next week. OK, sporty go ahead and bitch about your job. WE all have it tough at times. Jeez. OK enough of my bitching about the job.



As you may or may not have known we just completed the primary election season. Ask Jim, our Lobbyist, and he will tell you our endorsements did well. I worked for Mike Gatto in the Assembly district 43. It's not actually my district but its closer than others. I worked for him solely because he sent us a good questionnaire. I am not that good with phone banking so I volunteered to do a precinct walk. Since I could not get any one to help me out I went out with a gentleman who seems to do this stuff a lot. Our job was to do an area in Burbank and along with two women we took the area and split it up so we would have an equal amount of houses to go to. This worked OK. It was Memorial Day weekend so a lot of the folks we needed to talk to were either out for the day or out of town. After we completed this assignment it was back to campaign central to tally up our visits to the houses. With this done I planned to return a week later and precinct

walk again, hopefully with more ABATE folks. Well I was able to show up and work, and a little bit embarrassed, as I was the only ABATE member to show up on Saturday June 4th. Well, when I arrived that morning there were lots of union carpenter guys there, so now I'm extra embarrassed, but any way I went out with a retired carpenter union guy and we got another area in Burbank to canvas. It took us several hours to complete our task and when we did that was it.

Folks, an early reminder, it is not that hard to work a campaign, and we as ABATE members elect a motorcycle friendly candidate. God knows we need them with the revised SB435 bill on the horizon.

Well, now it is time to do some fun writing and riding. Saturday June 12 I went on the Boozefighters 101 poker run. It started out with sign in at Glendale Harley-Davidson. My Local 1 pal, Jim Nickla, decided to go with me for the ride. It was pretty interesting. The route was similar to the Polar Bear route. Actually, it went to roads that the Polar Bear route avoids. But because it was spring it was a pretty entertaining route and I enjoyed it very much. At the end I had a shock, Nancy Nemecek from Local 6 showed up, I did not recognize her at first, but then I did, and we embraced, it was good.

I handed out our "No on SB435" flyer (at the beginning and end of this run) and was a little surprised that more folks didn't know about this pending piece of legislation. Well that is about all for this run. Nice ride, ok food (ate the tri-tip, shouldn't have, but if that's all they have, eat or starve.) and a chance to inform the riders of the dangers of SB 435.

The very next day (Sunday) was Local 13's 13th annual Callous Cheeks ride. My partners in crime for this ride were Steve B and Bob Warren. We assembled in the morning at the world famous Micah McCloskey's in Canoga Park. So off we went with me being the leader of course, this trip I am on my 2002 883 Sporty. It has over 80 thousand miles on it and has not been opened up. It's running ok. Well when we got to Ventura I sort of got mixed up direction wise and we got lost. Bob called up the president of Local 13, Dave Walsh, and when he stopped laughing, got the right directions and bam we're there. I got signed in and within about 20 minutes we were off. Route was good as always, the guys liked it as

well. I did not get a good hand and Bob and Steve's hands sucked as well. Once again they served Tri-tip and rice and beans. So I ate the tri-tip and it was OK. The ending was at a place called O'Leary's Pub. Guess it's an Irish pub. One of their vendors was world famous Iron horse Leathers. It was great to see the folks who work there and they fixed my patch vest once again. Sweet. I broke down and bought a new leather wallet biker style. I did not win any raffle prizes or the 50/50 raffle but never the less had a good time. As I was getting ready to fire up the bike it developed a battery arcing of the frame short. After dick-ing around with it, it fired up and I went straight home. I will fix the problem. Thanks to Dave and Local 13 members for a pleasant day.

Well, I have faxed all the assembly Transportation committee members to suggest they say No to SB 435. The hearing is the end of the month, June 28, to be exact.

Till next time, be cool and attend the best runs in town - ABATE runs! Regards, Sporty

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by Dave Hastings, Treasurer

Pac/Lobbyist Report

Just a few quick thoughts this month and more to follow. First, Thank You! Thanks to all who have sent in either a donation from their Local or their personal, hard earned change out of their pockets. When times are tough, we just seem to get tougher. Every dollar contributed buys us face to face time with candidates we support, but more importantly it gives us the opportunity to offer more help on a personal basis in that candidate's election bid and ultimately the opportunity to assist them and their staff in the day to day chores related to winning an elected seat. These working relationships earn us more dividends than we could ever buy with our meager monetary investments. Win or loose, most candidates never forget who their friends are and always remember that today's staff member may turn out to be tomorrow's candidate! Most people who play the game we call politics are there to

further an agenda and it may be one that includes the learning curve and name recognition that will be required to seek an office of their own down the road. How many times have you seen a staff worker run for the office vacated by an incumbent? If they have the drive, the blessings of their party, and can raise the enormous sums of money required to mount a successful campaign, they have a good chance of success because of their prior work in the field and offices of the incumbent. ABATE has always been there and our help will be appreciated and sought out again. Nothing buys us more respect and face to face time with a candidate than a mutual friendship and a working relationship that ultimately benefits everyone involved. Who knows - maybe one of our own members will work a campaign and decide that the political arena is calling their

name! Stranger things have happened in all of our lives.



The primary elections are over and now the real hand to hand combat between the primary winners will begin. I'm sure by the time the November elections are over we

will all be relieved but right now we have our work cut out and have the opportunity to make a tremendous contribution and possibly a huge change in the political future of California. ABATE members need to get involved now to ensure a promising outcome or at least a practical compromise in the November elections. Seek out the motorcycle friendly candidates in your area and offer your help with their campaign. The return on our time investment will be enormous when compared to the amount of money we actually invest in their campaign coffers. I personally think the average taxpayer (and that includes most of our ABATE members) are going to demand change and accountability from all candidate's and all parties this November. We were promised a change in business as usual, we were promised a more open government, and a say in how this state and our country is run, and I think most of us are truly disappointed in what we have seen so far no matter who you voted for. So please continue sending in your change and I promise you that ABATE PAC and our Lobbyist Jim Lombardo will do our best to give you value, honest information, and a concerted effort to achieve a return on your hard earned dollars. Invest in your motorcycling future and ABATE will strive to turn your change into reality!

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is endorsing Rachel Farrell for Yuba County Supervisor. She is the Founder and CEO of Harmony Health Medical Clinic in Linda and is active in several councils which promote and protect the family and children's health. Rachel has been helpful to the motorcycle community in many ways, so we will be helping her campaign to win the November election.

Hopefully, there will be a huge uprising June 21st (28th) against SB-435 which has morphed from a Smog Check bill into a Noise bill. Senator Pavley just won't let us alone, continuing to attack motorcyclists with discriminatory legislation. Let's keep fighting to win our freedom from this type of negative legislation and work to remove these people from office.

Members of our Local will be attending The Americans M/C bike and car show at the American Legion Hall Post 807 on June 26th. They always do great things for the local charities in the Yuba/Sutter area. July 10th is the VNV/LV M/C Y Chapter poker run starting at Righteous Ink in Yuba City and ending at the Willow Glen Restaurant in Oregon House. Don't forget the Nor Cal Regional ABATE Rally at Kelly's Kamp in Lake County sponsored by Locals 17, 28, and 31. Hope to see y'all at these events.

President Steve Katen wanted to be sure and give a special thanks to The Americans M/C and Devils Horseman M/C. Their generous donations saved the 40 and 8 nursing program fundraiser. With their help, the American Legion Hall was able to donate \$700.00 to the program.

Our next meeting is Sunday, July 18th noon at the American Legion Hall. Please come early to enjoy a fundraising breakfast to help Post 807 keep the lights on. Sister Grumbles

Local #44 High Desert



ABATE Local 44 will be setting up our "Adopt a Street" program soon and I will have more info at our July Meeting. This program will give us the opportunity to enhance our public image and make a much needed contribution to the neighborhood well being. Good motorcycle publicity is hard to find any more and Local 44 will have the opportunity to achieve much for a small expenditure of our time. Please sign up and help out - ultimately we will help all of the riders in our area.

2010 ABATE Events

July 15 – ABATE Local 27 & Jay Gordon and the Penetrators – Party in the Park – American Legion Post #79 at 2979 Dexter Dr; Fairmont Park; Riverside 6pm – 11pm \$10.00 Cover charge/person

July 16 – 18 - Northern California Regional Rally – Kelly's Campground, Lake County 95485. Flyer page 4.

July 24 – ABATE Of California, Inc., Quarterly Meetings – Hosted by ABATE Local 19, Ontario.

Will be at B's Sports Bar & Grill; 1452 W Holt Blvd; Ontario, CA 91762. Motel & Meeting information, listed separately in this issue and posted on our web site www.abate.org

abate.org Click on Events & July 24 to download.

July 25 – ABATE Local 2 – Annual Sweaty Buns Poker Run – Simi Valley, CA. Flyer this issue.

August 19 - ABATE Local 27 & Jay Gordon and the Penetrators – Party in the Park – American Legion Post #79 at 2979 Dexter Dr; Fairmont Park; Riverside 6pm – 11pm \$10.00 Cover charge/person

August 28 – ABATE Local 52 – Annual Mystery Run – Starts at Renegade Classics; 744 Maltman Dr; Grass Valley. Registration from 9 to 11 am. Call Steve for more info 530/798-0001.

At this writing we still do not know who will be running to replace Assemblyman Anthony Adams in our November election - the official vote count is still being conducted and the two leaders are only separated by about 40 votes. It's elections like this where YOUR vote really makes a difference - hopefully you did vote and we will have a motorcycle friendly candidate on the ballot in November! Regardless of the outcome of our primary we need to be involved with our local candidates and ensure we have a sympathetic ear and a sure vote on anything that affects our motorcycle lifestyle. Make a difference - get involved and stay abreast of legislative events that affect you and your life on a daily basis. The best way to prevent a legislative disaster from impacting us is to prepare for it and possibly even prevent it from happening by being vigilant and assertive with the elected officials at home who we always have the best chance of meeting on a face to face basis.

With the onset of the summer riding season we will all spend more time in the saddle. Please slow down and enjoy the scenery. Ride safely, be extra vigilant of things going on around you, and don't ride while impaired. We want to see you at our next meeting, not at the hospital or possibly even worse! Speaking of meetings, please try to find time to attend. We are only sending out an e-mail newsletter now at both the Local and State level so if you cannot attend then contact one of our officers and we will either update your e-mail address or make

arrangements for you to receive a copy of both. If you haven't already done so, go to www.ABATE.org and sign up for the ACTION ALERTS and you will receive info on all of the important legislative happenings in our state. It's a free, quick, and easy way to stay informed on important information concerning you and your motorcycle in our "golden state". You can also download the State newsletter at this site and keep up with happenings all over California. So, ride safe, get educated and involved, and have fun - summers finally here! Dave H.

Local #47 Barstow



Howdy All, its July. Time for all you Southern Cal ABATE Members to get up North and have a Great time at the Northern Regional Rally. What a Fun Ride, you must go!

Ok, let's have fun, its summer time. "Let's Ride". Don't forget the ABATE Board Meeting on July 24th in Ontario; Come join in and be part of ABATE, we need you. yermoeddy

September 12 – ABATE Local #27 – 2nd Annual Poker Run - Sign-in 9am – 10:30 am \$15/person (includes Lg or XLG Tee-shirt to first 100 at sign-in) American Legion Post #79; 2979 Dexter Dr.; Riverside. More Info: Ken at Kennuttall@aol.com or 951/377-5772 OR Greg at gmcvl@yahoo.com

September 16 - ABATE Local 27 & Jay Gordon and the Penetrators – Party in the Park – American Legion Post #79 at 2979 Dexter Dr; Fairmont Park; Riverside 6pm – 11pm \$10.00 Cover charge/person

September 17, 18 & 19 ABATE State Run – Kernville. (Flyer page 5)

September 18 – ABATE Bike Raffle Drawing - Frandy Campground, Kernville.

October 9 - ABATE Of California, Inc. Quarterly Meetings – Hosted by ABATE Local 28, Lake County.

October 16 – ABATE Local 29 – Annual Laughlin Run.

Please email your ABATE Event information (in Microsoft word document) and Flyers (in a JPG file) to bailing.wire@abate.org by the 15th of the month to be listed in the next issue. Your flyers MUST be in a jpg file to be used in the Bailing Wire.

Vote No On SB 435 As Amended – Now It's a Motorcycle Exhaust Noise Enforcement Bill!

SB 435, as Amended, will be heard in the Assembly Transportation Committee by the end of June. Due to strong ABATE opposition, all of the motorcycle smog check provisions were stripped out and SB 435 reportedly will be amended to provide that if bikes don't have mufflers with matching federal EPA noise standard labels, they can be cited for a \$300 *non-fix-it ticket*. That's if you're riding it or it's just parked, anywhere.

California Vehicle Code Sections 27150 and 27151 have already been on the books for 40 years and are used routinely for loud motorcycle exhaust violations. Why enact overlapping existing law in a state with a \$20 billion budget deficit. Isn't that irresponsible? Besides, the EPA muffler label stamps on mufflers are the equivalent of the tags on bed mattresses — they are manufacturers' warranties. In this case, the labels mean that the muffler complies with the federal noise standard for new motorcycles for one year or 3,730 miles, whichever comes first. After that, due to wear and tear or damage, compliance with the noise standard no longer applies.

Under current law, if the mufflers are replaced with noise compliant ones, labels or not, and verified by peace officers, the citations are written off with a \$25 court fee. This way, a proper correction to a violation is accomplished.

The aftermarket muffler industry has supplied replacements due to wear and tear or damage for decades. For the tens of thousands of aftermarket catalytic mufflers that wear out, where does one get a replacement, if stock parts aren't available, since CARB reportedly has approved only *one* aftermarket replacement, so far? What happens to the owner of a bike that they bought used with a non-labeled muffler? Should they be cited for something they are not responsible for?

Send a message to the Transportation Committee — **Vote No on SB 435!**

*Write, Fax, Call & E-mail the Chair and Members of the Assembly Transportation Committee, **Today**, Telling Them to **Vote NO on SB 435**, Using the Contact Numbers and Talking Points Below!*

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Vote No on SB 435 Because:

- Laws have been on the books for almost 40 years that require all motor vehicles (including motorcycles) to have properly maintained and legal exhaust systems and mufflers.
- Vehicle Code Sections 27150 & 27151 already are used to cite loud mufflers.
- Spending the money to enact redundant vehicle noise control laws when the state has a \$20 billion deficit is irresponsible.
- The EPA noise labels on motorcycle mufflers are nothing more than new bike manufacturer warranties, good for just one year or 3,730 miles.

• Noise laws from all sources, like autos with noisy boom boxes or mufflers, loud house parties and construction equipment need to be enforced, not just targeting motorcyclists for subjective and discriminatory prosecution.

• The EPA noise labels on aftermarket replacement mufflers are nothing more than manufacturer warranties, good only at time of purchase.

• I bought my bike used and it doesn't have a muffler stamp. Is it fair that I should get a ticket for that?

• My muffler just wore out. My dealer or manufacturer doesn't have any more stock ones. What do I do, stop using my motorcycle?

Reach the Transportation Committee Chairman at:
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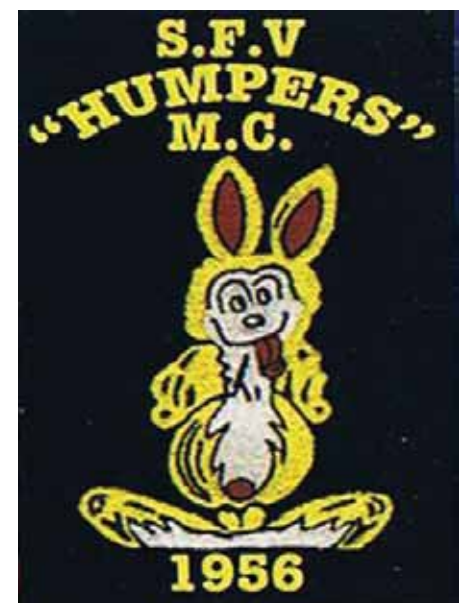
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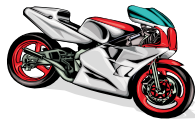
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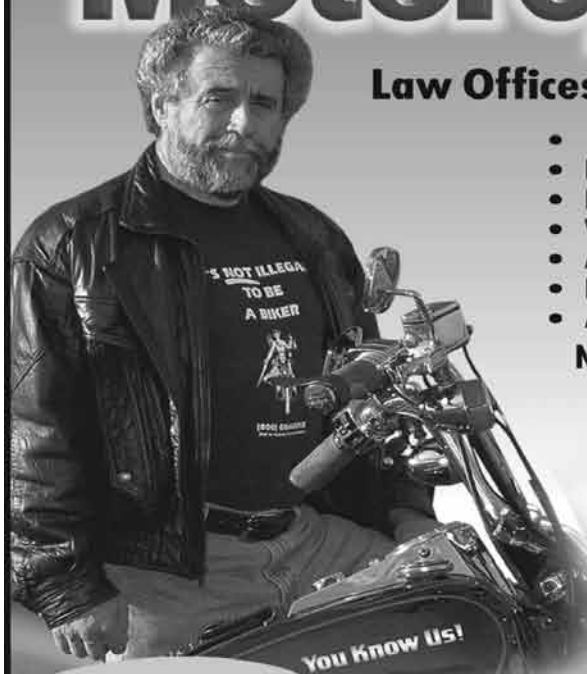
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Tech Tips by Craig Griswold Tires

Now that the riding season is in full swing, folks are breaking out their scoots and hitting the road. It's always good to do a visual inspection before getting underway, and one of the most critical safety items on your bike is your tires. This month we'll cover some basic maintenance issues and a few points on selection as well.

At the top of the maintenance list is tire inflation. The majority of bikes that roll into our shop have under inflated tires. The best case scenario is premature wear and some minor handling issues. Worst case can be increased operating temperatures and blow

outs. Keep in mind that different brands have different specifications, so check the data for that manufacturer. The rule of thumb is to check pressure before every ride. A quick visual is good too. Look for damage in the tread and sidewall. Bikes that don't see a lot of mileage or sit for prolonged periods, especially out in the weather, can have a tread that looks acceptable, but the sidewalls can be cracked. Most tires have tread wear indicators; however, a service manual will give the minimal tread depth. If in doubt, replace it!

If you change your own tires, remember that *most* motorcycle tires are directional, and almost all are front and rear specific. Additionally, remember to mount the tire with the "balance dot" in line with the valve stem. The dot is usually yellow or red, and it indicates the light spot of the tire that is identified during manufacturing. It's a good idea to replace the tube and rim strip (if applicable) every tire change. A little off topic, it doesn't hurt to check/service wheel bearings at the same time. Always refer to your service manual for specific procedures and specifications.

The great tire brand debate is almost as varied as the synthetic oil debate. We have had great success with all of the major brands and even some of the discount brands. Some are reportedly constructed of softer materials than others, offering better traction at the expense of some mileage. The best thing to do is ask a few reputable shops and also

check information available from the manufacturer.

For all of you custom bagger guys and gals, a popular look these days are the low profile tires on taller rims. A word of caution with that set up: All tires have a load rating and all bikes have axle weight limits that correspond with those load ratings. ***Most of the low profile tires do not have a load rating that is sufficient for Harley-Davidson Touring models.*** This may not be an issue for a show bike, but for your daily rider with the occasional passenger and load of luggage, it could spell trouble. Your owner's manual and chapter 2 in your service manual have your bike's GAWR (Gross Axle Weight Rating). Compare these numbers with those of the tire load ratings on your bike.

Next month we'll cover other items to check before blasting off for that next road trip. Ride safe!

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Membership Report by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan, Membership Chairman

Hi all, Sporty here, it's been a busy month at work, but I finally sent Carol the last of my Membership funding raffle stubs in. I hope along with the Bike raffle you have again sold your allotment of tickets. Like I have said before you can use the Membership tickets for renewal trinkets. Hope you have done just that. Anyway some lucky winner will walk away with 250 dollars cash. Sweet if you ask me and it also helps fund the membership drive in its entirety.

Hope you have been trying to recruit new members and retain your renewals. As always the state office has all the tools necessary to help you get new members and retain the renewals. So again, when we have a good sized membership it insures that we can be the well oiled machine we're meant to be. So to summarize this piece I will say do your part and go get a new member or two, like local 13 did at there Callous Cheeks run, they got 10 new members. Nice going guys & gals!

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Chuck Pedersen 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
 842 E Avenida De Las Flores Elks Lodge
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Tom Lubbers 3rd Mon - 7:00 PM
 626/335-6508 Peppertree Restaurant
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John Del Santo 1st Sunday - 12 Noon
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 1354 W. Olive St VFW Post #3935
 Oxnard 805/486-1093 300 Surfside Dr.
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Joe Schwirian 1st Wed 7:30 PM
 510/683-9304 The Florence
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Bob Blatz 3rd Tues - 7:00 PM
 P.O. Box 269 Fuddrucker's
 Concord CA 94522 1975 Diamond Bl. #E260
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 P O Box 148 Judy's Wild Wrangler Saloon
 Vacaville 95696 4826 Midway Rd.
 707/688-8874 Vacaville CA

San Francisco - Local #18-Reg#3

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 P O Box 4664 B's Sports Bar & Grill
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 909/910-1369 Ontario, CA 91762

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 2104 Continental Ave. Good Ol' Boys Saloon
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 949/632-9787 Garden Grove 92840

Antelope Valley - Local #21-Reg#13

Ron Sundquist 1st Thurs - 7:00 PM
 37230 52nd St. East Primos
 Palmdale 93552 Valley Central near Walmart
 661/586-5555 Lancaster
 ron.sundquist@sbcglobal.net



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 suzpalmiere@aol.com 700 W. Paseo Del Mar
 San Pedro

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Kevin Sorrell 1st Sun 9:00 AM
 Jenny's Family Restaurant
 909/793-1112 7750 Palm Ave, Highland

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Ed Rogers 1st Wed. 7:00 PM
 559/264-2891 Cedar Lanes
 3131 N. Cedar, Fresno

Sacramento - Local#25-Reg#2

Gary Haller 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM
 916/726-6703 Denny's
 3520 Auburn Blvd.
 Sacramento 95821

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Honda Ray 1st Tues - 7:30 PM
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 29 Palms CA 92277 51572 29 Palms Hwy
 760/367-1694 Morongo Valley 92256

North Valley - Local #31-Reg#2

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Yuba City - Local #33-Reg#2

Steve Katen 3rd Sun. - Noon
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 5477 Feather River Blvd. Olivehurst

Hanford - Local #34-Reg#6

Meets with Local#24 1st Wed - 7:00 PM
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 3131 N. Cedar, Fresno

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John "Grumpy" Grubb 4th Sunday - 8:30 AM
 P.O. Box 460 American Legion
 Rancho Mirage 92270 400 N Belardo Rd.
 760/564-4336 Palm Springs
 jgrubb123@aol.com

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 El Centro CA 1151 S 4th St.
 760/996-2093 El Centro

Bakersfield - Local#40-Reg#6

Omar Macias 1st Monday 7:00PM
 661/832-5240 Magoo's Pizza
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High Desert - Local#44-Reg#13

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 P.O. Box 3094 Eagles Fraternal Order
 Victorville CA 92392 16195 Main St.
 760/868-5042 Hesperia

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 760/323-9860 67387 Mission Dr.
 Cathedral City 92234

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Steve Shoemaker 3rd Wed - 6:30 PM
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 Chicago Park 95712 15690 Johnson Place
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Meet with Local#58

West San Fernando - Local#54-Reg#8

Meet with Local #1

Visalia - Local #57 - Reg#6

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 559/936-5909 Meet with L#24

Ridgecrest - Local #58-Reg#13

Tony Jaime 3rd Sat 10:00 AM
 760/371-5136 Mickey's Pub
 1661 W. Triangle Dr.
 Ridgecrest

Kern River Valley Lake (KRV Lake) Local#59-Reg#13

Meet with Local 40 or Local 58

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